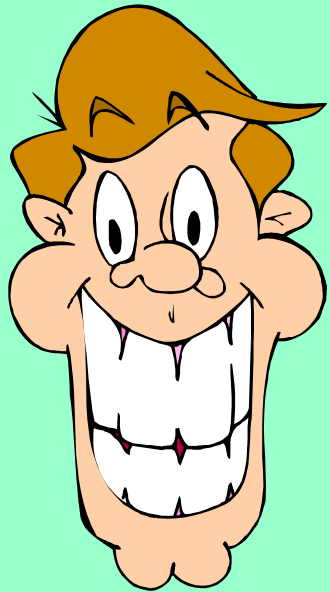


3. Double Angle Formulae



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By modifying addition equations 1(a) and 2(a) we get the following “double angle” equations

3. $\sin 2A = 2\sin A \cos A$

4. $\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$

or $2\cos^2 A - 1$

or $1 - 2\sin^2 A$

These are on the formulae sheet.

We now look at why ...

Recall that $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$

So $\sin^2 A = 1 - \cos^2 A$ and $\cos^2 A = 1 - \sin^2 A$

$$\sin 2A = \sin(A + A) = \sin A \cos A + \cos A \sin A = 2\sin A \cos A$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2A &= \cos(A + A) = \cos A \cos A - \sin A \sin A \\ &= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A \quad (\text{version 1}) \\ &= \cos^2 A - (1 - \cos^2 A) \\ &= \cos^2 A - 1 + \cos^2 A \\ &= 2\cos^2 A - 1 \quad (\text{version 2}) \\ &= 2(1 - \sin^2 A) - 1 \\ &= 2 - 2\sin^2 A - 1 \\ &= 1 - 2\sin^2 A \quad (\text{version 3})\end{aligned}$$

Example 1

Simplify:

$$(a) \quad 2 \cos^2 15^\circ - 1 \quad \longleftarrow \quad \boxed{\cos 2A = 2\cos^2 A - 1} \quad \text{Rule 4. (version 2)}$$

$$= \cos (2 \times 15^\circ)$$

$$= \cos 30^\circ$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Example 1

Simplify:

$$(b) \quad 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \longleftarrow \sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A \quad \text{Rule 3}$$

$$= \sin\left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$$

$$= \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Example 2

Express $\sin 6H$ and $\cos 6H$ in terms of $\sin 3H$ and $\cos 3H$

Solution:

$$(a) \sin(6H) = 2\sin(3H)\cos(3H) \longleftarrow$$


$$\sin 2A = 2\sin A \cos A$$

$$(b) \cos(6H) = \cos^2(3H) - \sin^2(3H)$$

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

$$= 2\cos^2(3H) - 1$$

$$\cos 2A = 2\cos^2 A - 1$$

$$= 1 - 2\sin^2(3H)$$

$$\cos 2A = 1 - 2\sin^2 A$$

Example 3

Express $\sin P$ in terms of $\frac{P}{2}$

Solution:

$$\sin(P) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{P}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{P}{2}\right)$$


$$A = P/2$$


$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

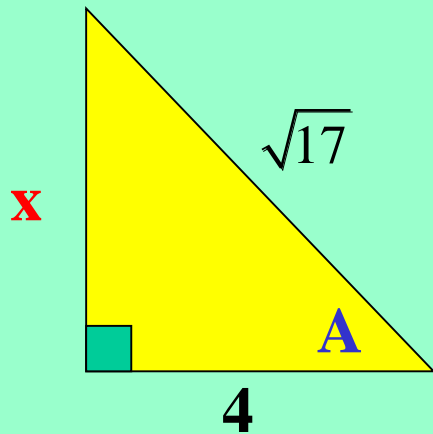
Example 4

$$\cos A = \frac{4}{\sqrt{17}} \quad \text{where} \quad 0 < A < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Calculate the exact values of $\sin(2A)$ and $\cos(2A)$

Solution:

$$\cos A = \frac{4}{\sqrt{17}} = \frac{\text{adj.}}{\text{hyp.}}$$



$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

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$$x^2 = (\sqrt{17})^2 - 4^2$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x = 1$$

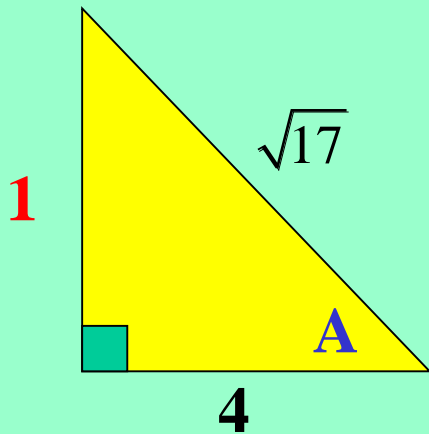
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$$\sin 2A = 2\sin A \cos A$$

$$\sin(2A) = 2 \times \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \right) \times \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{17}} \right)$$

$$\sin(2A) = \frac{8}{17}$$

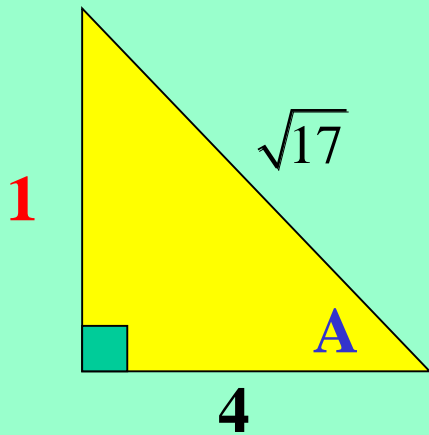
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$$\cos 2A = 2\cos^2 A - 1$$

$$\cos(2A) = 2 \times \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{17}} \right)^2 - 1$$

$$\cos(2A) = 2 \times \left(\frac{16}{17} \right) - 1$$

$$\cos(2A) = \left(\frac{32}{17} \right) - \left(\frac{17}{17} \right)$$

$$\cos(2A) = \frac{15}{17}$$

Heinemann,
p.196, EX 11G, Q2, 3, 6, 7, 8,10,11