

Precalculus Honors
Some review questions 5.1-5.4

Name key

Prove the following identities:

1. $\sin 4x + \sin 2x = 2\sin 3x \cos x$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin(3x+x) + \sin(3x-x) \\ & \sin 3x \cos x + \sin x \cos 3x + \sin 3x \cos x - \sin x \cos 3x \\ & 2\sin 3x \cos x \end{aligned}$$

2. $\cos 4\theta = 1 - 8\sin^2 \theta + 8\sin^4 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos(2(2\theta)) \\ & 2\cos^2(2\theta) - 1 \\ & 2(\cos(2\theta))^2 - 1 \\ & 2(1 - 2\sin^2(2\theta))^2 - 1 \\ & 2(1 - 4\sin^2 2\theta + 4\sin^4 \theta) - 1 \\ & 2 - 8\sin^2 \theta + 8\sin^4 \theta - 1 \\ & 1 - 8\sin^2 \theta + 8\sin^4 \theta \end{aligned}$$

3. $\frac{\sin x - \cos x}{\sin x + \cos x} = \frac{2\sin^2 x - 1}{1 + 2\sin x \cos x}$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \frac{(\sin x - \cos x)(\sin x + \cos x)}{(\sin x + \cos x)(\sin x + \cos x)} \\ & = \frac{\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x + 2\sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \frac{\sin^2 x - (1 - \sin^2 x)}{1 + 2\sin x \cos x} \\ & = \frac{2\sin^2 x - 1}{1 + 2\sin x \cos x} \end{aligned}$$

4. $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \cos x$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin\frac{\pi}{2} \cos x - \sin x \cos\frac{\pi}{2} \\ & 1 \cdot \cos x - \sin x \cdot 0 \\ & \cos x \end{aligned}$$

Find the exact value.

5. $11\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right)\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right)$

$$\frac{11}{2} \left(2\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right)\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right) \right)$$

$$\frac{11}{2} \sin\left(2 \cdot \frac{5\pi}{12}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{11}{2} \sin\frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\frac{11}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{11}{4}$$

Solve the following:

7. $3\sin x = 2\cos^2 x$ for all values of x

$$\begin{aligned} 3\sin x &= 2(1 - \sin^2 x) & \sin x &= \frac{1}{2} \\ 3\sin x &= 2 - 2\sin^2 x & x &= \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi k \\ 2\sin^2 x + 3\sin x - 2 &= 0 & x &= \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi k \\ (2\sin x - 1)(\sin x + 2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

8. $2\sin^4 x - 3\sin^2 x + 1 = 0$ over the interval $[0, 2\pi]$

$$\begin{aligned} (2\sin^2 x - 1)(\sin^2 x - 1) &= 0 \\ 2\sin^2 x - 1 &= 0 & \sin^2 x - 1 &= 0 \\ \sin^2 x &= \frac{1}{2} & \sin x &= \pm 1 \\ \sin x &= \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4} \\ & \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

6. $\cos 157.5^\circ$

$$\cos \frac{315^\circ}{2} = + \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos(315^\circ)}{2}}$$

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

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