

Mathematics : Product Formulae

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Session Objectives

At the end of this chapter, candidates should be able to use the product formulae to solve trigonometric problems.

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Product Formulae

First Expression

Recall that from the addition formulae,

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

And

$$\sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

Adding the two expressions together will give us;

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

+

$$\sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

$$\sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B + \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

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

Second Expression

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

And

$$\sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

Subtracting the two expressions will give us;

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

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$$\sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

$$\sin(A + B) - \sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B - (\sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B)$$

$$\sin(A + B) - \sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B - \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

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

Let

$$X = 2\sin A \cos B,$$

$$Y = 2\cos A \sin B$$

$$P = \sin(A + B)$$

$$Q = \sin(A - B)$$

Hence,

$$X = P + Q \text{ and,}$$

$$Y = P - Q$$

$$X + Y = P + Q + P - Q$$

$$X + Y = 2P$$

Make **P** the subject of the formula;

$$X + Y = 2P \text{ [top?](#)}$$

$$P = \frac{X + Y}{2}$$

$$X = P + Q$$

$$Y = P - Q$$

$$X - Y = P + Q - (P - Q)$$

$$X - Y = P + Q - P + Q$$

$$X - Y = 2Q$$

Make **Q** the subject of the formula;

$$Q = \frac{X - Y}{2} \text{ Recall that from the first expression;}$$

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

And

$$Q = \frac{X - Y}{2} \text{ } 2P = X + Y \text{ then,}$$

$$\sin X + \sin Y = \frac{1}{2}(2\sin P + Q \cos P - Q)$$

Recall that from the second expression;

$$\sin(A + B) - \sin(A - B) = 2\cos A \sin B \text{ [top?](#)}$$

And

$$Q = \frac{X - Y}{2} \text{ } 2P = X + Y \text{ then,}$$

$$\sin X - \sin Y = \frac{1}{2}(2\cos P + Q \sin P - Q)$$

Also,

$$\cos(A + B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$$

And,

$$\cos(A - B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$$

If we put $X = P + Q$, and $Y = P - Q$
then,

$$Q = X - Y \quad 2P = X + Y \quad \text{2top?}$$

Hence,

$$\cos X + \cos Y = \frac{1}{2}(2\cos P + Q\cos P - Q)$$

$$\cos X - \cos Y = \frac{1}{2}(2\sin P + Q\sin P - Q)$$

All the above formulae that we just expressed are called **Product Formulae**

Now let look at 2 or more examples,

Examples Of Product Of Two Trigonometric Ratio

Example 1

Express $\sin 4x + \sin 2x$ and $\sin 8x - \sin 2x$ as product of two trigonometric ratios.

Solution 1

To solve this question, you don't need any calculations just follow the expressions that will have analyse above and input the parameters.[top?](#)

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 4x + \sin 2x &= \frac{1}{2}(2\sin 4x + 2x \cos 4x - 2x) \\ &= 2\sin 3x \cos x\end{aligned}$$

Solution 2

Also use the same procedure

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 8x - \sin 2x &= \frac{1}{2}(2\cos 8x + 2x \sin 8x - 2x) \\ &= 2\cos 5x \sin 3x\end{aligned}$$

Example 2

Express $\cos 6x + \cos 4x$ and $\cos 4x - \cos 2x$ as product of two trigonometric ratios.

Solution 3

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 6x + \cos 4x &= \frac{1}{2}(2\cos 6x + 4x\cos 6x - 4x) \\ &= 2\cos 5x \cos x\end{aligned}$$

Solution 4

$$\cos 4x \cdot \cos 2x = \frac{1}{2}(\sin 4x + 2x \sin 4x \cdot 2x) \\ \sin 3x \sin x$$

Examples Of Sum Of Two Trigonometric Ratio

Example 1

Express $\sin 5x \cos 3x$ as a sum of two trigonometric ratio. [top?](#)

Solution

Recall,

$$\sin X + \sin Y = \frac{1}{2}(2 \sin X + Y \cos X \cdot Y)$$

Agree that

$$\frac{1}{2}[\sin X + \sin Y] = \frac{1}{2}(\sin X + Y \cos X \cdot Y)$$

Put

$$5x = X + Y \quad 2$$

And

$$3x = X \cdot Y \quad 2$$

then cross multiply,

$$X + Y = 5x \times 2$$

$$X + Y = 10x \dots \dots \text{eqn (1)}$$

$$X \cdot Y = 3x \times 2$$

$$X \cdot Y = 6x \dots \dots \text{eqn (2)}$$

Solving the two equation simultaneously

$$X + Y = 10x$$

$$X \cdot Y = 6x \text{ [top?](#)}$$

Making X the subject of the formula in equation 2

$$X \cdot Y = 6x$$

$$X = 6x + Y$$

Put $X = 6x + Y$ into equation 1

$$X + Y = 10x$$

$$(6x + Y) + Y = 10x$$

$$6x + 2Y = 10x$$

$$2Y = 10x - 6x$$

$$2Y = 4x$$

$$Y = 2x$$

Put $Y = 2x$ into equation 2

$$X - Y = 6x$$

$$X - (2x) = 6x$$

$$X - 2x = 6x$$

$$X = 6x + 2x$$

$$X = 8x$$

So if $X = 8x$ and $Y = 2x$ then,

$$\sin 5x \cos 3x = \frac{1}{2}[\sin 8x + \sin 2x]$$

Example 2 Express $\cos 7x \sin 5x$ as a sum of two trigonometric ratio.

Solution

Similar to the first example,

$$\cos 7x \sin 5x = \frac{1}{2}[\sin X - \sin Y]$$

Put

$$7x = X + Y \quad (1)$$

And

$$5x = X - Y \quad (2)$$

then cross multiply,

$$X + Y = 7x \times 2$$

$$X + Y = 14x \dots \dots \text{eqn (1)}$$

$$X - Y = 5x \times 2$$

$$X - Y = 10x \dots \dots \text{eqn (2)}$$

Solving the two equations simultaneously,

$$X + Y = 14x$$

$$X - Y = 10x$$

Making X the subject of the formula in equation 1

$$X + Y = 14x$$

$$X = 14x - Y$$

Put $X = 14x - Y$ into equation 2

$$X - Y = 10x$$

$$(14x + Y) + Y = 10x$$

$$14x + Y + Y = 10x$$

$$14x + 2Y = 10x$$

$$2Y = 10x - 14x$$

$$2Y = -4x$$

$$Y = -2x$$

Put $Y = -2x$ into equation 1

$$X + Y = 14x$$

$$X + (-2x) = 14x$$

$$X - 2x = 14x$$

$$X = 14x + 2x$$

$$X = 16x$$

So if $X = 16x$ and $Y = -2x$ then,

$$\cos 7x \sin 5x = \frac{1}{2}[\sin 12x - \sin 2x]$$

Example 3

Express $\cos 9x \cos 3x$ as a sum of two trigonometric ratio.

Solution

Same procedure,

$$\cos 9x \cos 3x = \frac{1}{2}[\cos X + \cos Y]$$

Put

$$9x = X + Y \quad 2$$

And

$$3x = X - Y \quad 2$$

then cross multiply,

$$X + Y = 9x \times 2$$

$$X + Y = 18x \dots \dots \text{eqn (1)}$$

$$X - Y = 3x \times 2$$

$$X - Y = 6x \dots \dots \text{eqn (2)}$$

Solving the two equations simultaneously

$$X + Y = 18x$$

$$X - Y = 6x$$

Make **X** or **Y** the subject of the formula in any of the equation. (Your choice)

Making **X** the subject of the formula in equation 2 [top?](#)

$$X \text{ ? } Y = 6x$$

$$X = 6x + Y$$

Put **X = 6x + Y** into equation 1

$$X + Y = 14x$$

$$(6x + Y) + Y = 14x$$

$$6x + Y + Y = 14x$$

$$6x + 2Y = 14x$$

$$2Y = 14x \text{ ? } 6x$$

$$2Y = 12x$$

$$Y = 6x$$

Put **Y = 6x** into equation 2

$$X \text{ ? } Y = 6x$$

$$X \text{ ? } (6x) = 6x$$

$$X \text{ ? } 6x = 6x$$

$$X = 6x + 6x$$

$$X = 12x$$

So if $X = 12x$ and $Y = 6x$ then,

$$\cos 9x \cos 3x = \frac{1}{2}[\cos 12x + \cos 6x]$$

Question Of The Day

Express $\sin 3x \sin x$ as a sum of two trigonometric ratio? Submit your answer through the comment box.

Jokes Of The Day

I can't stop laughing when I saw this picture, lol, it is true tho...

Is this true? [top?](#)

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