

**C3 help sheet on Trigonometry**

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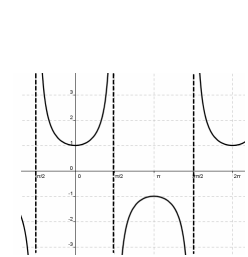
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$$\operatorname{cosec}(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$$

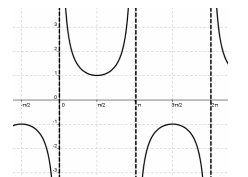
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$$\cot(x) = \frac{1}{\tan(x)}$$

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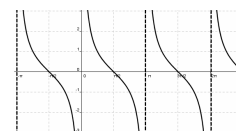
$$\cot(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$$

Domain :  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$

$x \neq n\pi$

Range :  $y \in \mathfrak{R}$

Where  $\sin(x)$  and  $\tan(x) = 0$  draw an asymptote!



$$\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) \equiv 1$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^2(x) \equiv \cot^2(x) + 1$$

$$\sec^2(x) \equiv \tan^2(x) + 1$$

These are reciprocal trig identities. You can derive the 2nd two by dividing through by  $\sin^2 x$  or by  $\cos^2 x$

$a \cos(bx + c) + d$  Graph transformations!

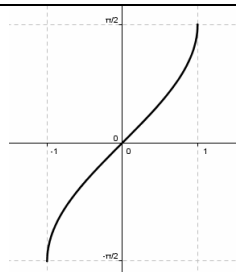
Be careful with multiple transformations in the same direction. Carry out 'a' followed by 'd' with vertical transformations and 'c' followed by 'b' with horizontal!

$$y = \arcsin(x)$$

Domain :  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$\text{Range : } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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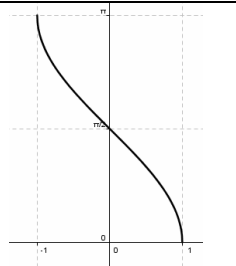


$$y = \arccos(x)$$

Domain :  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

Range :  $0 \leq y \leq \pi$

This is the inverse of cos. To have an inverse you must restrict the domain to make it a 1-2-1 Reflect  $\cos(x)$  in the line  $y = x$

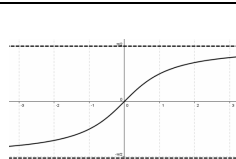


$$y = \arctan(x)$$

Domain :  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$

$$\text{Range : } -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

This is the inverse of tan. Be careful with the asymptotes!



The addition formulae below are given in the exam.

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

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

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

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

$$\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\tan(A-B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B}$$

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

The Double angle identity for sin. This can be derived from the addition formulae but are given in the formula book.

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

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

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

The double angle for cos. This too can be derived from the addition formulae. The second two versions come from swapping the sin or cosine in the previous one.

$$\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$$

The double angle identity for  $\tan(x)$ . Look out for equations or identities with  $\cot(2x)$  in them!

$$\sin A = 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

This is the half angle for sin. It can be derived from the double angle by swapping A for 1/2 A

$$\cos A = \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\cos A = 2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1$$

$$\cos A = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

Half angle identity for cos. The same applies for  $\tan(x)$

$$\tan A = \frac{2 \tan \frac{A}{2}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}$$

Remember! If you are solving equations with 1/2x or 2x you will need to consider the interval you are solving for.

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

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

$$\cos P + \cos Q = 2 \cos \left( \frac{P+Q}{2} \right) \cos \left( \frac{P-Q}{2} \right)$$

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

These formulae are given in the exam but can be derived from the addition formulae. Examples of equations related to these identities could be an equation such as  $\sin 6x + \sin 4x = 0$  for example.

The form  $R \sin(x \pm \alpha)$  and  $R \cos(x \pm \alpha)$

$$R > 0, \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$R = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a}{b} \right) \text{ or } \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)$$

R gives the stretch in the y direction a gives the horizontal shift

Use the addition formulae to expand either form (which will be given) and equate the coefficients.

Equations in the form  $a \cos(x) + b \sin(x)$  will be solved using this method.

Often sketching the new graph can help solve problems. The value of R, in general, will give the maximum/minimum value and the phase shift will tell you how far the maximum point has move horizontally. Sketch it!

$\cos(x)$  is an even function which means:

$$\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

Both  $\sin(x)$  and  $\tan(x)$  are odd functions which means:

$$\sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$$

$$\tan(-x) = -\tan(x)$$

This also holds true for the corresponding reciprocal functions.

Trig Values from  $0-90^\circ/\pi/2$

(invert the fraction for reciprocal functions)

x	cos(x)	sin(x)	tan(x)
0	1	0	0
$\frac{\pi}{6} / 30^\circ$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
$\frac{\pi}{4} / 45^\circ$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	1
$\frac{\pi}{3} / 60^\circ$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\sqrt{3}$
$\frac{\pi}{2} / 90^\circ$	0	1	$\infty^+$

The same rules apply for positive and negative values:

All values are positive in the 1<sup>st</sup> quadrant

$\sin(x)$  and  $\operatorname{cosec}(x)$  are positive in the 2<sup>nd</sup>

$\tan(x)$  and  $\cot(x)$  are positive in the 3<sup>rd</sup>

$\cos(x)$  and  $\sec(x)$  are positive in the 4<sup>th</sup>

The unit circle giving values for cosine and sine.

