

Half-Angle Identities

$$\sin \frac{u}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos u}{2}}$$

$$\cos \frac{u}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos u}{2}}$$

$$\tan \frac{u}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos u}{\sin u} = \frac{\sin u}{1 + \cos u} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos u}{1 + \cos u}}$$

Your answer will NOT be both \pm .
The signs of $\sin(u/2)$ and $\cos(u/2)$ depend on the quadrant in which angle $(u/2)$ lies.

$$1105(2) = 210^\circ$$

Ex. 1: Use the half-angle formula to find the exact values of ...

Pos

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \sin 105^\circ &= \sin\left(\frac{210^\circ}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 210^\circ}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}}{\sqrt{4}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Neg

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \cos 105^\circ &= \cos\left(\frac{210^\circ}{2}\right) = -\sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos 210^\circ}{2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{\frac{2}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2}} \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{\frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2-\sqrt{3}}}{\sqrt{4}} = \boxed{-\frac{\sqrt{2-\sqrt{3}}}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Neg

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } \tan 105^\circ &= \tan\left(\frac{210^\circ}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos 210^\circ}{\sin 210^\circ} = \frac{1 - \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}}{-1/2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{2}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{-1/2} = \frac{\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2}}{-1/2} = \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{(-1)}{1} = -1(2+\sqrt{3}) = \boxed{-2-\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{8} \cdot 2 = \frac{2\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\pi}{4}}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{8}$$

Ex. 2: Use the half-angle formula to find the exact values of ...

Pos a) $\sin \frac{\pi}{8} = \sin \left(\frac{\pi/4}{2} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}}$

BS $= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2}}$

b) $\cos \frac{\pi}{8} = \cos \left(\frac{\pi/4}{2} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2}}$

$= \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2}}$

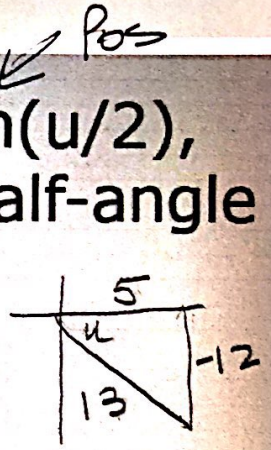
Pos c) $\tan \frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{4}}{\sin \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = \frac{\frac{2}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$

$= \frac{(2 - \sqrt{2}) \cdot \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2} - 2}{2} = \sqrt{2} - 1$

$$\frac{\frac{3\pi}{2}}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

Ex. 3: Find the exact values of $\sin(u/2)$, $\cos(u/2)$ and $\tan(u/2)$ using the half-angle formulas.

neg → $\cos u = \frac{5}{13}$ $\frac{3\pi}{2} < u < 2\pi$



$\frac{3\pi}{4} < \frac{u}{2} < \pi$
Q2

① $\sin \frac{u}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos u}{2}}$
 $= \sqrt{\frac{1 - 5/13}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{13/13 - 5/13}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{8/13}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{13}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{13}} = \boxed{\frac{2\sqrt{13}}{13}}$

② $\cos \frac{u}{2} = -\sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos u}{2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{1 + 5/13}{2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{13/13 + 5/13}{2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{18/13}{2}}$
 $= -\sqrt{\frac{18}{13} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{9}{13}} = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{13}} = \boxed{-\frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13}}$

③ $\tan \frac{u}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos u}{\sin u} = \frac{1 - 5/13}{-12/13} = \frac{13/13 - 5/13}{-12/13} = \frac{8/13}{-12/13}$
 $= \frac{8}{13} \cdot -\frac{13}{12} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{3}}$