

Trigonometry / Pre-Calculus CRT Formula Sheet

The formulas below may be helpful in answering some of the questions on the Trigonometry / Pre-Calculus Assessment.

Trigonometry Formulas/Identities

1. Sum and Difference

a) $\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$

b) $\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$

c) $\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha \pm \tan \beta}{1 \mp \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$

2. Double Angle

a) $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$

b) $\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$

c) $\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$

3. Half Angle

a) $\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}}$

b) $\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}}$

4. Pythagorean Identities

a) $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$ $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$
 $\cot^2 \theta + 1 = \csc^2 \theta$

5. a) Law of Sines $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

b) Law of Cosines $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$

6. Area of Triangles

a) $A = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$

b) $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$, $s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$

7. Arc Length $S = r\theta$

Area of Sector $A = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$

Inner Product of Vectors in a Plane

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2$$

Inner Product of Vectors in Space

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$$

Cross Product of Vectors in Space

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k}$$

Complex Numbers

1. Products $r_1(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) \cdot r_2(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta) = r_1 r_2 [\cos(\alpha + \beta) + i \sin(\alpha + \beta)]$

Quotients

$$\frac{r_1(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)}{r_2(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta)} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) + i \sin(\alpha - \beta)]$$

Powers $[r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)]^n = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$

Roots $[r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)]^{\frac{1}{n}} = r^{\frac{1}{n}} (\cos \frac{\theta}{n} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{n})$

Converting Rectangular Coordinates to Polar Coordinates

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\theta = \text{Arctan} \frac{y}{x}, \text{ when } x > 0$$

$$\theta = \text{Arctan} \frac{y}{x} + \pi, \text{ when } x < 0$$

Converting Polar Coordinates to Rectangular Coordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

Power-Reducing Formula

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

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$$

$$\tan^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta}$$

Product-to-sum Formula

$$\sin \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha - \beta)]$$

$$\cos \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(\alpha + \beta) - \sin(\alpha - \beta)]$$

Sum-to-product Formula

$$\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$$

$$\sin \alpha - \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}$$

$$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$$

$$\cos \alpha - \cos \beta = -2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$$

Roots

$$z_k = \sqrt[n]{r} \left[\cos \left(\frac{\theta + 2\pi k}{n} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{\theta + 2\pi k}{n} \right) \right]$$