

## L2 – 4.4 Compound Angle Formulas

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**Compound angle:** an angle that is created by adding or subtracting two or more angles.

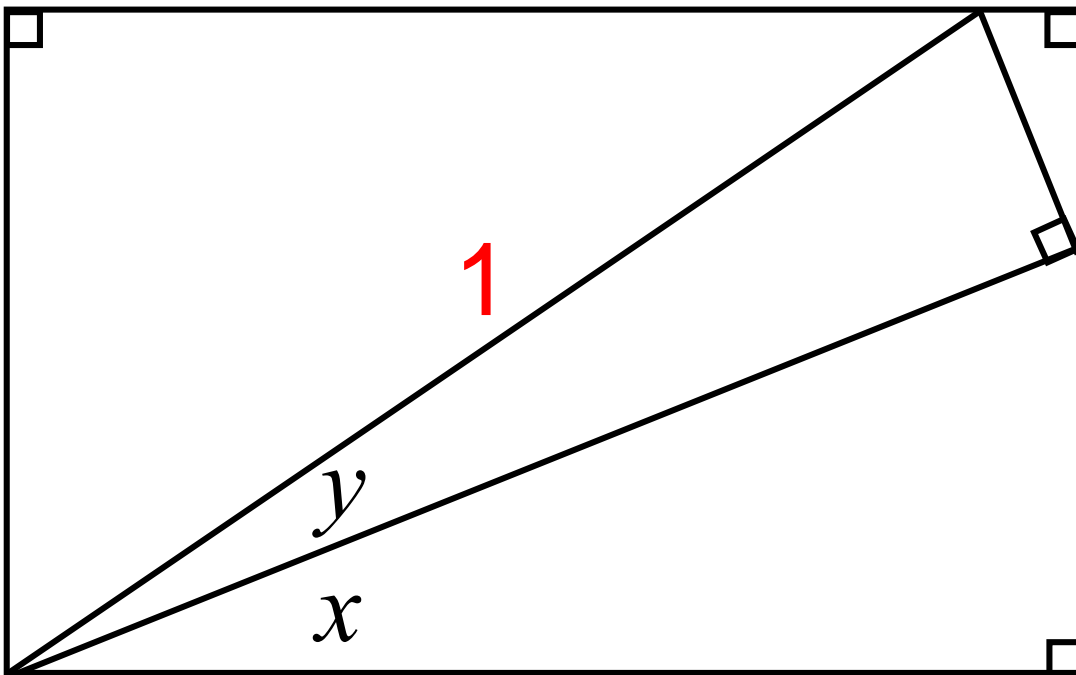
Normal algebra rules do not apply:

$$\cos(x + y) \neq \cos x + \cos y$$

### Part 1: Proof of $\cos(x + y)$ and $\sin(x + y)$

So what does  $\cos(x + y) = ?$

Using the diagram below, label all angles and sides:



$$\cos(x + y) =$$

$$\sin(x + y) =$$

**Part 2: Proofs of other compound angle formulas**

**Even/Odd Properties**

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

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

**Example 1:** Prove  $\cos(x - y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$

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**Example 2:**

a) Prove  $\sin(x - y) = \sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y$

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### Compound Angle Formulas

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

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

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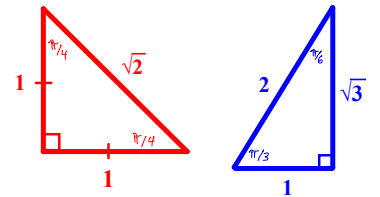
$$\cos(x - y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$$

$$\tan(x + y) = \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y}$$

$$\tan(x - y) = \frac{\tan x - \tan y}{1 + \tan x \tan y}$$

### Part 3: Determine Exact Trig Ratios for Angles other than Special Angles

By expressing an angle as a sum or difference of angles in the special triangles, exact values of other angles can be determined.



**Example 3:** Use compound angle formulas to determine exact values for

a)  $\sin \frac{\pi}{12}$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{12} =$$

b)  $\tan \left( -\frac{5\pi}{12} \right)$

$$\tan \left( -\frac{5\pi}{12} \right) =$$

#### Part 4: Use Compound Angle Formulas to Simplify Trig Expressions

**Example 4:** Simplify the following expression

$$\cos \frac{7\pi}{12} \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} + \sin \frac{7\pi}{12} \sin \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

#### Part 5: Application

**Example 5:** Evaluate  $\sin(a + b)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are both angles in the second quadrant; given  $\sin a = \frac{3}{5}$  and  $\sin b = \frac{5}{13}$

Start by drawing both terminal arms in the second quadrant and solving for the third side.