

There are 3 Cosine Double Angle Formulae but only one Sine? Why?

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2\theta &= 1 - 2\sin^2\theta \\ &= 2\sin^2\theta - 1 \\ &= \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta\end{aligned}$$

but only

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 2\theta &= \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta &= -2 \sin\theta \cos\theta\end{aligned}$$

This is a specific of the power series where we can express

\cos^n in cosines (n odd or even)
 \sin^n in cosines (n even)
 \sin^n in sines (n odd)

but **not**

\cos^n in sines (n odd or even)
 \sin^n in sines (n even)
 \sin^n in cosines (n odd)

The same asymmetry is reflected in all hyperbolic relationships. It also surfaces in the seemingly innocuous

if

$$\begin{aligned}\sinh x &= \tan y \\ \cosh x &= \sec y \\ \tanh x &= \sin y\end{aligned}$$

Why does the cosh invert?

Because we already know

$$\cosh x = \cos ix$$

and the introduction of i gives the clue to the asymmetry.

We have to move everything into the complex plane to see the full picture

Circular functions have period 2π

Hyperbolic functions have period $2i\pi$

In establishing our sin cos relationships we allocate sine to the IMAGINARY (the y) axis.

$$\text{Now } e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

$$\text{let } x = 2A$$

$$e^{i2A} = \cos 2A + i \sin 2A$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{but } e^{i2A} &= e^{iA} \times e^{iA} \\ &= (\cos A + i \sin A)^2\end{aligned}$$

Thus we multiply out and equate real and imaginary parts to reveal

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

which we manipulate to produce the other two but

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

which we're stuck with.

$$\text{As we have } \cos ix = \cos x$$

$$\sinh ix = i \sin x$$

and whenever we square up the $i \sin$ function the i disappears to give us $-\sin$ which is Osborne's rule.

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