

Challenge: Skills and Applications

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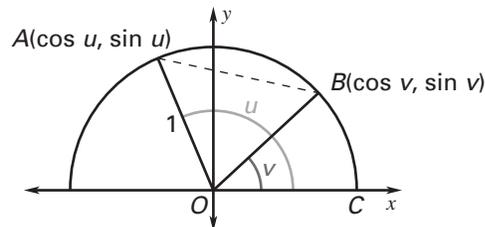
1. Simplify the expression $\sin 4x \cos 3x - \cos 4x \sin 3x$.
2. In this exercise, you will derive the formula for $\cos(u - v)$.

a. In the diagram, what is the measure of $\angle AOB$, in terms of u and v ?

b. Use the law of cosines to find $(AB)^2$, in terms of u and v .

c. Calculate $(AB)^2$, in terms of u and v , using the distance formula.

d. By setting equal the two expressions for $(AB)^2$ that you found in parts (b) and (c), prove the formula for $\cos(u - v)$.



3. In this exercise, you will write $A \sin u + B \cos u$ as the sine of a sum.

a. Show that $P\left(\frac{A}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}, \frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}\right)$ (with A and B not both 0) is a point on the unit circle. (*Hint:* Show that this point satisfies the equation of the circle.)

b. Let v be the angle formed by the radius drawn to P and the positive x -axis. Write the coordinates of P as trigonometric functions of v .

c. Write $A \sin u + B \cos u$ as $\sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \left(\frac{A}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \sin u + \frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \cos u \right)$. Rewrite this expression using the sum formula for sine.

4. Sometimes it is helpful to write the product $\sin u \cos v$ as a sum.

a. Add the formulas for $\sin(u + v)$ and $\sin(u - v)$ and solve for $\sin u \cos v$.

b. By adding the formulas for $\cos(u + v)$ and $\cos(u - v)$, find a similar formula that converts the product $\cos u \cos v$ into a sum.

c. How do you think you might be able to write $\sin u \sin v$ as a sum? Find a formula for this product.