

# Notes

## Pre-Calculus Sec. 5.2 Sum and Difference Formulas

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Condenses  $\longleftrightarrow$  Expands

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The Two Main Purposes for the Sum/Diff. Formulas:

- 1) Finding the **exact** values of trigonometric expressions with non common angles.
- 2) Simplifying expressions to obtain other identities.

Same sign  
opposite sign

non-calc

Ex. 1: Find the exact value of each of the following:

$$a) \cos 15^\circ$$

$60^\circ - 45^\circ$   
 $45^\circ - 30^\circ$

$$= \cos(\overset{\alpha}{45^\circ} - \overset{\beta}{30^\circ})$$

expand

$$= \cos \overset{\alpha}{45^\circ} \overset{\beta}{\cos 30^\circ} + \overset{\alpha}{\sin 45^\circ} \overset{\beta}{\sin 30^\circ}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

Done  
another  
way

$$45^\circ + 240^\circ$$

(60°)

$$b) \sin 285^\circ$$

$$315^\circ - 30^\circ$$

(45°)

$$225^\circ + 60^\circ$$

(45°)

$$= \sin(\alpha + 240^\circ)$$

expand w/ rule

same

$$= \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

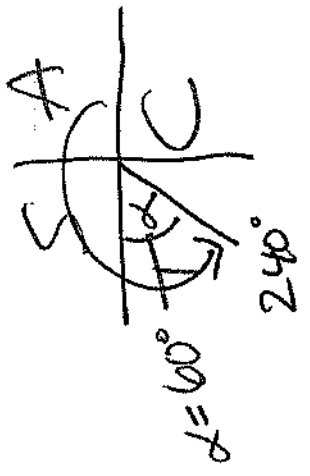
$$= \sin 45^\circ \cos 240^\circ + \cos 45^\circ \sin 240^\circ$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}\right)$$

combine  
signs

$$= \frac{-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}$$



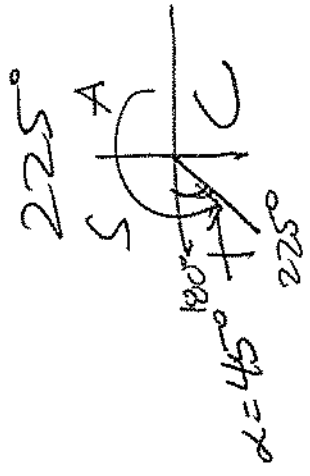
Don't  
another

b)  $\sin 285^\circ$

$$45^\circ + 240^\circ$$

$$315^\circ - 30^\circ$$

$$225^\circ + 60^\circ$$



$$= \sin(225^\circ + 60^\circ)$$

expand

same  
sign

$$= \sin 225^\circ \cos 60^\circ + \cos 225^\circ \sin 60^\circ$$

$$= \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}\right)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4} \right]$$

$\swarrow$  Quadrant  $\searrow$  reference angle  
 $b) \sin 285^\circ = -\sin 75^\circ$

$\alpha = 75^\circ$   
 $270^\circ$

$\frac{S}{+} \frac{A}{-} \frac{C}{+}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -[\sin(30^\circ + 45^\circ)] \\
 &\quad \text{expand w/ rule} \quad \text{same} \\
 &= -[\sin 30^\circ \cos 45^\circ + \cos 30^\circ \sin 45^\circ] \\
 &= -\left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\right] \\
 &= -\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}\right] \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex.2: Simplify each of the following expressions.

Can you condense using a sum/difference formula?

$$a) \cos 50^\circ \cos 40^\circ - \sin 50^\circ \sin 40^\circ \quad \text{Pattern?}$$

$$\text{Rule: } \cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= \cos(50^\circ + 40^\circ)$$

$$= \cos 90^\circ$$

$$= \boxed{0}$$

$$b) \sin \frac{11\pi}{30} \cos \frac{\pi}{5} - \sin \frac{\pi}{5} \cos \frac{11\pi}{30}$$

Pattern?

$$\sin \frac{11\pi}{30} \cos \frac{\pi}{5} - \cos \frac{11\pi}{30} \sin \frac{\pi}{5}$$

Sine Sandwich

→ same

$$= \sin(\alpha - \beta)$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{30} - \frac{\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{30} - \frac{6\pi}{30}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{30}\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$



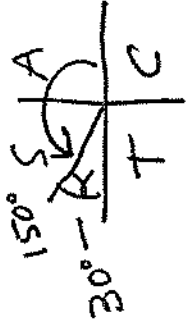
## The Sum and Difference Formula for Tangent

$$\text{Sum: } \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

Condense  $\longleftrightarrow$  Expand

$$\text{Difference: } \tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

Ex. 3: Find the exact value of each of the following:



$$a) \tan 195^\circ = \tan (150^\circ + 45^\circ)$$

$$= \tan (150^\circ + 45^\circ) = \frac{\tan 150^\circ + \tan 45^\circ}{1 - \tan 150^\circ \tan 45^\circ}$$

expand w/ rule

$$= \frac{(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}) + (1)}{1 - (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3})(1)}$$

$$= \frac{3 \cdot 1 - \sqrt{3} \cdot \cancel{3}}{3 \cdot 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\cancel{3}} \cdot \cancel{3}}$$

$$= \frac{(3 - \sqrt{3}) \cdot (3 + \sqrt{3})}{(3 + \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})} = \frac{9 - 3\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3} + 3}{9 - 3\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3} - 3} = \frac{12 - 6\sqrt{3}}{6} = \boxed{2 - \sqrt{3}}$$

conjugate

Done  
another  
way

$$\tan 195^\circ = + \tan 15^\circ$$

Quadrant  
↙ reference  
angle

$$= \tan (45^\circ - 30^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{\tan 45^\circ - \tan 30^\circ}{1 + \tan 45^\circ \tan 30^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{(1) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)}{1 + (1)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)}$$

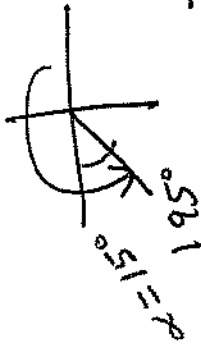
$$= \frac{3 \cdot 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot 3}$$

$$= \frac{(3 - \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})}{(3 + \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})} = \frac{9 - 3\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3} + 3}{9 - 3\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3} - 3}$$

conjugate

$$= \frac{12 - 6\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{6(2 - \sqrt{3})}{6} = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}}$$



S/A  
C

quadrant ↙ reference angle ↘

$$\tan 345^\circ = -\tan 15^\circ$$

$$= -\tan(45^\circ - 30^\circ)$$

$$= -\left[ \frac{\tan 45^\circ - \tan 30^\circ}{1 + \tan 45^\circ \tan 30^\circ} \right]$$

$$= -\left[ \frac{(1) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)}{1 + (1)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)} \right]$$

$$= -\left[ \frac{3 \cdot 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot 3}{3}}{3 \cdot 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot 3}{3}} \right]$$

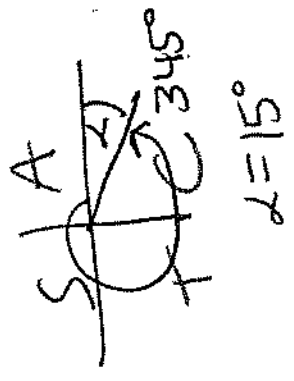
$$= -\left[ \frac{(3 - \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})}{(3 + \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})} \right]$$

$$= -\left[ \frac{9 - 3\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3} + 3}{9 - 3\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3} - 3} \right]$$

$$= -\left[ \frac{12 - 6\sqrt{3}}{6} \right] = -\left[ \frac{6(2 - \sqrt{3})}{6} \right]$$

$$= -(2 - \sqrt{3})$$

$$= \boxed{-2 + \sqrt{3}}$$



S/A  
T/O

30° - 45°

45° - 60°

$$b) \cot(-15^\circ)$$

$$= \cot(45^\circ - 60^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}$$

$$= \frac{1 + \tan 45^\circ \tan 60^\circ}{\tan 45^\circ - \tan 60^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{1 + (1)(\sqrt{3})}{(1) - (\sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \frac{1 + \sqrt{3} + 3}{1 + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3} - 3}$$

$$= \frac{4 + \sqrt{3}}{-2 - \sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{4 + \sqrt{3}}{-2 - \sqrt{3}}$$

For  $\cot(\alpha - \beta)$

Use  $\tan(\alpha - \beta)$

$$= \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

flipped to the reciprocal

conjugate

$$\frac{(1 + \sqrt{3})(1 + \sqrt{3})}{(1 - \sqrt{3})(1 + \sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{3}}{-2}$$

$$= \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{-1} = \boxed{-2 - \sqrt{3}}$$

## Finding the Exact Value

Ex. 4: If  $\sin \alpha = \frac{12}{13}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and  $\sin \beta = \frac{3}{5}$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \beta < \pi$

\* You don't know the angles, so use  $\Delta$ 's and values.

a) Find  $\cos(\alpha + \beta)$

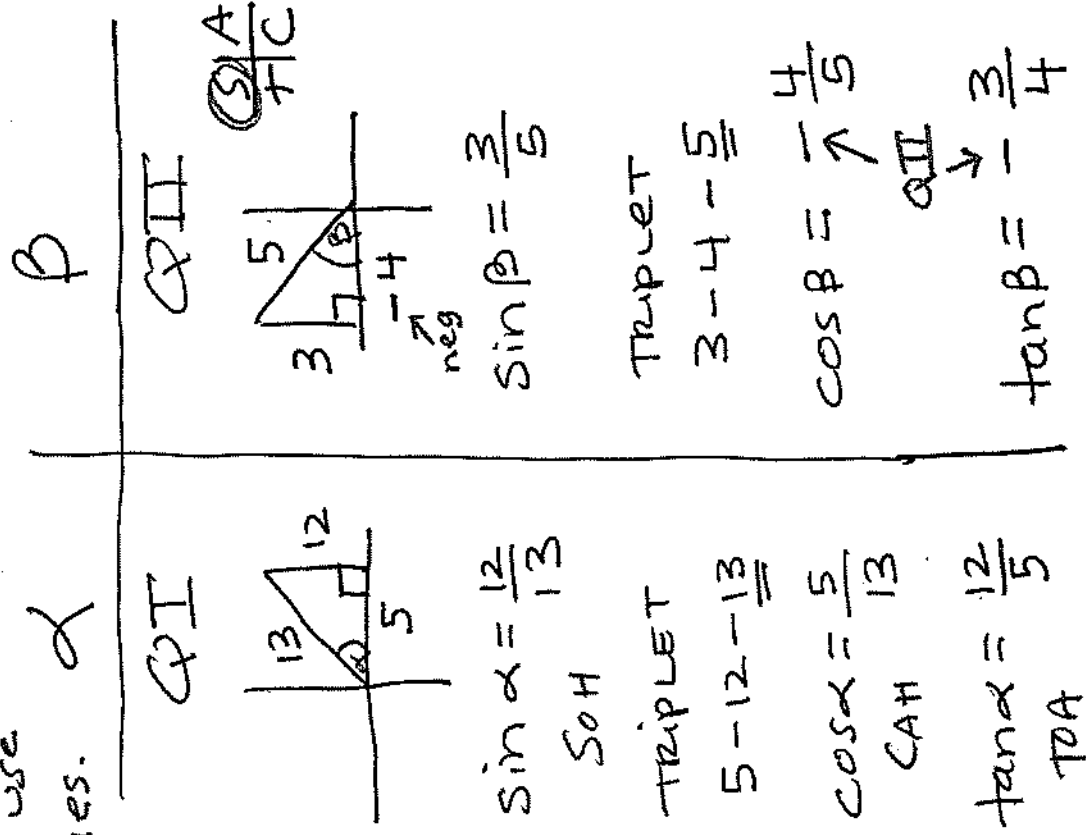
expand

$$= \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$= \left( \frac{5}{13} \right) \left( -\frac{4}{5} \right) - \left( \frac{12}{13} \right) \left( \frac{3}{5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-20}{65} - \frac{36}{65}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{56}{65}}$$



b) Find  $\tan(\alpha + \beta)$  for example 4.

expand

$$= \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) + \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{12}{5}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{20} \frac{12}{5} - \frac{3}{\cancel{4}} \cdot \frac{5}{\cancel{20}}}{20 \cdot 1 + \frac{36}{\cancel{20}} \cdot \cancel{20}}$$

$$= \frac{48 - 15}{20 + 36} = \boxed{\frac{33}{56}}$$

Ex. 5: Find the value of the expression without a calculator.

$$a) \cos \left[ \cos^{-1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) + \sin^{-1} 1 \right]$$

$$= \cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= \cos(120^\circ + 90^\circ)$$

$$= \cos(210^\circ)$$

$$= \cos 30^\circ$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

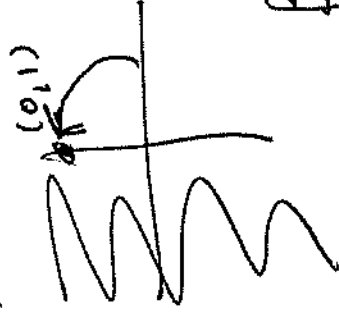
$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$



$$\text{ref } \angle = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ or } 60^\circ$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ or } 120^\circ$$

$$\beta = \sin^{-1} 1$$



QA Value

$$\beta = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } 90^\circ$$



$$b) \tan \left( \sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5} - \cos^{-1} \frac{5}{13} \right)$$

$$= \tan(\alpha - \beta)$$

Expand b/c we will not find these angles

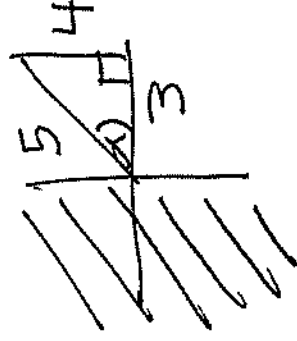
$$= \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{12}{5}\right)}{1 + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\left(\frac{12}{5}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{5} \cdot \frac{4}{\cancel{3}} - \frac{12}{\cancel{5}} \cdot \cancel{3}}{15 \cdot 1 + \frac{48}{\cancel{15}} \cdot \cancel{15}}$$

$$= \frac{20 - 36}{15 + 48} = \boxed{\frac{-16}{63}}$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \frac{4}{5}$$



so...

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{4}{5}$$

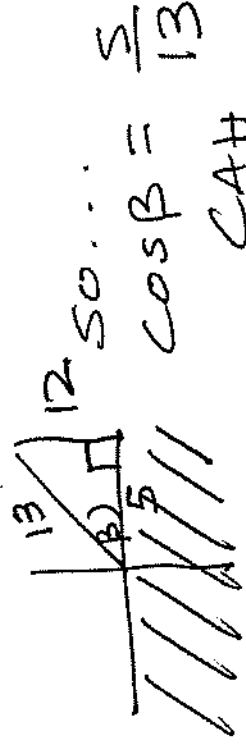
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TRIPLET 3-4-5

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{4}{3}$$

TOA

$$\beta = \cos^{-1} \frac{5}{13}$$



so...

$$\cos \beta = \frac{5}{13}$$

CAH

TRIPLET 5-12-13  $\tan \beta = \frac{12}{5}$

The sum/diff. formulas can be used to verify many identities that we have seen, such as the cofunction rule  $\sin(90^\circ - \theta) = \cos \theta$ , and to derive new identities.

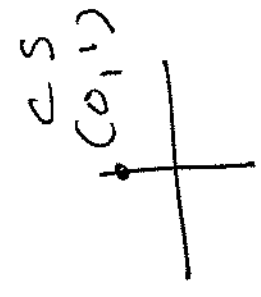
Ex. 6: Verify the identity:  $\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \csc x$  ✓

Take reciprocal

$$\frac{\cos(\alpha - \beta)}{1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)} =$$

now expand



$$\frac{1}{\cos\frac{\pi}{2}\cos x + \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\sin x} =$$

$$\frac{1}{(0)\cos x + (1)\sin x} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin x} =$$

$$\csc x =$$

Ex. 7: Write the trigonometric expression as an algebraic expression.

$$\cos(\underbrace{\arccos x}_{\alpha} - \underbrace{\arcsin x}_{\beta})$$

$$= \cos(\alpha - \beta)$$

expand (don't know angles)

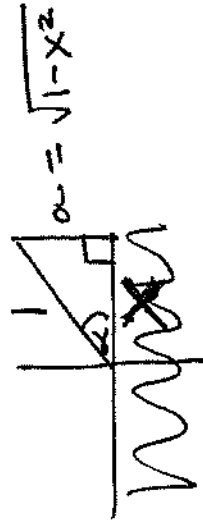
$$= \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$= \underbrace{(x)}_{\cos \alpha} \underbrace{(\sqrt{1-x^2})}_{\cos \beta} + \underbrace{(\sqrt{1-x^2})}_{\sin \alpha} \underbrace{(x)}_{\sin \beta}$$

$$= |x\sqrt{1-x^2} + |x\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$= \boxed{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\alpha = \arccos x$$



$$\text{so... } \cos \alpha = \frac{x}{1}$$

CAH

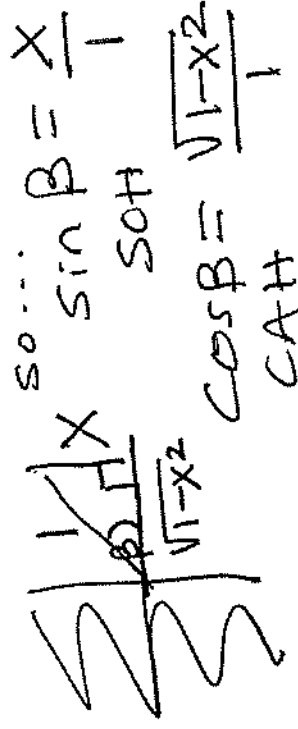
$$\alpha^2 + x^2 = (1)^2$$

$$\alpha^2 = 1 - x^2$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1}$$

$$\beta = \arcsin x$$



$$\text{so... } \sin \beta = \frac{x}{1}$$

SOH

$$\cos \beta = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1}$$

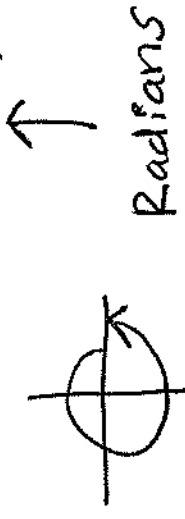
CAH

Find "X"

Ex. 8: Find the solutions of the equation in the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$

$$\cos\left(x + \frac{a}{6}\pi\right) - \cos\left(x - \frac{b}{6}\pi\right) = 1$$

expand



(\*)



$$\cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} - \left( \cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 1$$

$$\cancel{\cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{6}} - \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} - \cancel{\cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{6}} - \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = 1$$

$$-2 \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = 1$$

$$\sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin x \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

~~x~~  $\cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$   
 $\sin x = -1$

