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1. Simplify $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1-\cos 4A)}$

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(4A)\right) = \boxed{\sin 2A}$$

2. $\csc x = \frac{13}{5}$ $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi$

Find $\sin \frac{1}{2}x$, $\cos \frac{1}{2}x$, $\tan \frac{1}{2}x$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \frac{1}{2}x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1-\cos x)} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \left(-\frac{12}{13}\right)\right)} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{13}{13} + \frac{12}{13}\right)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{25}{13}\right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\pi}{4} < \frac{1}{2}x < \frac{\pi}{2} &\Rightarrow \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{25}{26}\right)} \\ \frac{\pi}{4} < \frac{1}{2}x < \frac{\pi}{2} &\Rightarrow \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{26}} \\ \text{Sinx} &\text{ QI} \\ \text{Tanx} &\text{ QI} \\ \text{Cosx} &\text{ QII} \\ \sin \frac{1}{2}x &= \boxed{\frac{5}{\sqrt{26}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}x = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}x}{\cos \frac{1}{2}x} = \frac{\frac{5}{\sqrt{26}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}}} = \frac{5}{1} \neq 5$$

3. If $\cos x = -\frac{1}{9}$ with $180^\circ < x < 270^\circ$, find $\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \frac{1}{2}x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1+\cos x)} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{9} + \left(-\frac{1}{9}\right)\right)} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{8}{9}\right)} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{8}{18}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{9}} = \pm \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

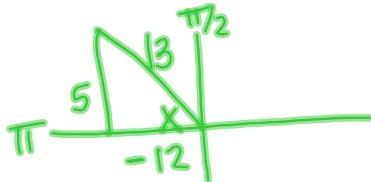
Half Argument

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1-\cos x)}$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1+\cos x)}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}} = \frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x} = \frac{1-\cos x}{\sin x}$$

Picture



$$\cos x = -\frac{12}{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \frac{1}{2}x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1+\cos x)} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(1 + -\frac{12}{13}\right)} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{13}{13} - \frac{12}{13}\right)} \\ &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{13}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{26}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}x = \boxed{\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}}}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\frac{180}{2} < \frac{x}{2} < \frac{270}{2}$$

$$90 < \frac{x}{2} < 135$$

$$QII$$

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