

If  $\theta$  is an acute angle and

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

Find  $\tan(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{We have } \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right) &= \sqrt{1 - \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)} \\ &= \sqrt{1 - \frac{x-1}{2x}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2x - (x-1)}{2x}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{2x}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and so } \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) &= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{2x}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2x}{x+1}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}\end{aligned}$$

Use the Double Angle Formula:

$$\tan(\theta) = \tan\left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\theta\right)$$

$$= \frac{2 \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)}{1 - \tan^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}}{1 - \frac{x-1}{x+1}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}}{\left[\frac{x+1 - (x-1)}{x+1}\right]}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}}{\left[\frac{2}{x+1}\right]}$$

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

$$= \sqrt{(x-1)(x+1)}$$

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