



# Multiple-angle formulas of generalized trigonometric functions with two parameters <sup>☆</sup>



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## ABSTRACT

Generalized trigonometric functions with two parameters were introduced by Drábek and Manásevich to study an inhomogeneous eigenvalue problem of the  $p$ -Laplacian. Concerning these functions, no multiple-angle formula has been known except for the classical cases and a special case discovered by Edmunds, Gurka and Lang, not to mention addition theorems. In this paper, we will present new multiple-angle formulas which are established between two kinds of the generalized trigonometric functions, and apply the formulas to generalize classical topics related to the trigonometric functions and the lemniscate function.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$  be any constants. We define  $\sin_{p,q} x$  by the inverse function of

$$\sin_{p,q}^{-1} x := \int_0^x \frac{dt}{(1-t^q)^{1/p}}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

and

$$\pi_{p,q} := 2 \sin_{p,q}^{-1} 1 = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{(1-t^q)^{1/p}} = \frac{2}{q} B\left(\frac{1}{p^*}, \frac{1}{q}\right), \quad (1.1)$$

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where  $p^* := p/(p - 1)$  and  $B$  denotes the beta function. The function  $\sin_{p,q} x$  is increasing in  $[0, \pi_{p,q}/2]$  onto  $[0, 1]$ . We extend it to  $(\pi_{p,q}/2, \pi_{p,q}]$  by  $\sin_{p,q}(\pi_{p,q} - x)$  and to the whole real line  $\mathbb{R}$  as the odd  $2\pi_{p,q}$ -periodic continuation of the function. Since  $\sin_{p,q} x \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ , we also define  $\cos_{p,q} x$  by  $\cos_{p,q} x := (\sin_{p,q} x)'$ . Then, it follows that

$$|\cos_{p,q} x|^p + |\sin_{p,q} x|^q = 1.$$

In case  $p = q = 2$ , it is obvious that  $\sin_{p,q} x$ ,  $\cos_{p,q} x$  and  $\pi_{p,q}$  are reduced to the ordinary  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$  and  $\pi$ , respectively. This is a reason why these functions and the constant are called *generalized trigonometric functions* (with parameter  $(p, q)$ ) and *the generalized  $\pi$* , respectively.

Drábek and Manásevich [5] introduced the generalized trigonometric functions with two parameters to study an inhomogeneous eigenvalue problem of  $p$ -Laplacian. They gave a closed form of solutions  $(\lambda, u)$  of the eigenvalue problem

$$-(|u'|^{p-2}u')' = \lambda|u|^{q-2}u, \quad u(0) = u(L) = 0.$$

Indeed, for any  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , there exists a curve of solutions  $(\lambda_{n,R}, u_{n,R})$  with a parameter  $R \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$\lambda_{n,R} = \frac{q}{p^*} \left(\frac{n\pi_{p,q}}{L}\right)^p |R|^{p-q}, \tag{1.2}$$

$$u_{n,R}(x) = R \sin_{p,q} \left(\frac{n\pi_{p,q}}{L}x\right) \tag{1.3}$$

(see also [12]). Conversely, there exists no other solution of the eigenvalue problem. Thus, the generalized trigonometric functions play important roles to study problems of the  $p$ -Laplacian.

It is of interest to know whether the generalized trigonometric functions have multiple-angle formulas unless  $p = q = 2$ . A few multiple-angle formulas seem to be known. Actually, in case  $2p = q = 4$ , the function  $\sin_{p,q} x = \sin_{2,4} x$  coincides with the lemniscate sine function  $\text{sl } x$ , whose inverse function is defined as

$$\text{sl}^{-1} x := \int_0^x \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1-t^4}}.$$

Furthermore,  $\pi_{2,4}$  is equal to the lemniscate constant  $\varpi := 2 \text{sl}^{-1} 1 = 2.6220\dots$ . Concerning  $\text{sl } x$  and  $\varpi$ , we refer to the reader to [11, p. 81], [15] and [16, §22.8]. Since  $\text{sl } x$  has the multiple-angle formula

$$\text{sl}(2x) = \frac{2 \text{sl } x \sqrt{1 - \text{sl}^4 x}}{1 + \text{sl}^4 x}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\varpi}{2}, \tag{1.4}$$

we see that

$$\sin_{2,4}(2x) = \frac{2 \sin_{2,4} x \cos_{2,4} x}{1 + \sin_{2,4}^4 x}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi_{2,4}}{2}.$$

Also in case  $p^* = q = 4$ , it is possible to show that  $\sin_{p,q} x = \sin_{4/3,4} x$  can be expressed in terms of the Jacobian elliptic function, whose multiple-angle formula yields

$$\sin_{4/3,4}(2x) = \frac{2 \sin_{4/3,4} x \cos_{4/3,4}^{1/3} x}{\sqrt{1 + 4 \sin_{4/3,4}^4 x \cos_{4/3,4}^{4/3} x}} \quad 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi_{4/3,4}}{4}. \tag{1.5}$$

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