

LESSON #6: DERIVING, SIMPLIFYING & PROVING TRIG IDENTITIES

Do Now:

a. If $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$, then what do you think $\sec^2 \theta = ?$ $\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$	b. If $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$, then what do you think $\csc^2 \theta = ?$ $\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta}$
c. If $\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$, then what do you think $\cot^2 \theta = ?$ $\frac{1}{\tan^2 \theta}$ or $\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$	d. If $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$, then what do you think $\tan^2 \theta = ?$ $\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$

THE MAIN TRIG PYTHAGOREAN IDENTITY:

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

Deriving the 4 other Pythagorean identities:

a) Solve for $\cos^2 \theta$ $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$ $\quad \quad \quad - \sin^2 \theta \quad - \sin^2 \theta$ $\boxed{\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta}$	b) Solve for $\sin^2 \theta$ $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$ $\quad \quad \quad - \cos^2 \theta \quad - \cos^2 \theta$ $\boxed{\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta}$
c) divide each term by $\cos^2 \theta$ and simplify $\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$ $\boxed{1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta}$	d) divide each term by $\sin^2 \theta$ and simplify $\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta}$ $\boxed{\cot^2 \theta + 1 = \csc^2 \theta}$

TRIGONOMETRIC IDENTITIES

QUOTIENT IDENTITIES	RECIPROCAL IDENTITIES	PYTHAGOREAN IDENTITIES
$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$ $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$	$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$	$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$
$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$	$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$	$\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$
$\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$	$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$	$\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$
		$\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$
		$\csc^2 \theta = 1 + \cot^2 \theta$



PRACTICE WITH IDENTITIES

1) Rewrite the expression $\cos \theta - \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$ in terms of a single trigonometric function.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta - \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \\ \cos \theta - \cos \theta + \cos^3 \theta \\ \boxed{\cos^3 \theta} \end{aligned}$$

2) Rewrite each of the following expressions as a single term.

$$a) \frac{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{\tan^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\tan^2 \theta} = \boxed{\cot^2 \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) \left(\frac{1}{1 - \sin(x)} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 + \sin(x)} \right) &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \boxed{\sec^2 x} \\ (1 - \sin x)(1 + \sin x) & \\ 1 + \sin x - \sin x - \sin^2 x & \\ 1 - \sin^2 x = \cos^2 x & \end{aligned}$$

★ CONVERT TO SIN θ + COS θ ★

3) Prove that the equation is an identity:

$$\begin{aligned} a) \cos^2 \theta (\sec^2 \theta - 1) &= \sin^2 \theta \quad \rightarrow \quad \sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta \\ \cos^2 \theta (\tan^2 \theta) &= \sin^2 \theta \quad \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta - 1 \\ \cos^2 \theta \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \right) &= \sin^2 \theta \\ \sin^2 \theta &= \sin^2 \theta \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

b) $\tan(\theta) \sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta) = \sec(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{1} \right) + \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{1} \right) &= \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \\ \cos \theta \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{1} \right) &= \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \\ \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta &= 1 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

PARTNER PRACTICE:

Rewrite each of the following expressions as a single term.

4) $(\csc^2 \theta)(\sin^2 \theta) - \sin^2 \theta$
 $\left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta}\right)\left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1}\right) - \sin^2 \theta$
 $\frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$

5) $\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{1 - \cos^2 \theta}$
 $\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} = \boxed{\cot^2 \theta}$

6) $1 - \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{\sec^2 \theta}$
 $1 - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$
 $\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$
 $1 - \sin^2 \theta$
 $\boxed{\cos^2 \theta}$

7) $\frac{\cot^2 \theta}{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$ is equivalent to ...

a) $\cos^2 \theta$ c) $\csc^2 \theta$

b) $\tan^2 \theta$ d) $\sin^2 \theta - 1$
 $\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} = \csc^2 \theta$

Prove the identity:

8) $(1 + \cos \theta)(1 - \cos \theta) = \sin^2 \theta$
 $1 - \cos^2 \theta = \sin^2 \theta$ ✓
 $\sin^2 \theta = \sin^2 \theta$

9) $\sec^2 \theta(1 - \cos^2 \theta) = \tan^2 \theta$
 $\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1}\right) = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$
 $\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$ ✓

10) $\tan x = \frac{\sec x}{\csc x}$
 $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sin x}}$
 $\frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{1}$
 $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ ✓

11) $\cot x + \tan x = (\sec x)(\csc x)$
 $\cos x \sin x \left[\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sin x}\right) \right]$
 $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$
 $1 = 1$ ✓

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1. Rewrite the expression $(1 - \cos^2 \theta)(\csc \theta)$ in terms of a single trigonometric function

2. Rewrite $\sin x - \sin x \cdot \cos^2 x$ as an expression containing a single term.

3. If $\tan A = .8$, and A is in Quadrant III, find the $\sec A$ using the identity. $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$
(HINT: Change .8 to a fraction)

4. Prove: $\frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \cdot \sec \theta = \cot \theta$

5. Prove: $\sin \theta(\csc \theta - \sin \theta) = \cos^2 \theta$

