

Section 5.1 & 5.2

Using Trigonometric Identities

Part 1

Objective: Given an **equation** students will be able to prove/verify the equation is true by using the **fundamental** trig identities.

Study problems

Trigonometry II Part 1wks

Reciprocal Identities

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

Quotient Identities

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

Pythagorean Identities $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

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

$$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta \rightarrow \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta - 1, \quad 1 = \sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta$$

$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

Cofunction Identities

$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sec\theta$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cos\theta$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \csc\theta$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sin\theta$$

$$\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \tan\theta$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cot\theta$$

Even and Odd Identities

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$$

$$\csc(-\theta) = -\csc \theta$$

$$\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta$$

$$\cot(-\theta) = -\cot \theta$$

$$\sec(-\theta) = \sec \theta$$

$$\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$$

odd functions
reflect the
across the
origin

even
function across
the y-axis.

Type I: Identities with multiplication & division:

In these proofs, you will need to convert everything to sine and cosine, then use fraction multiplication & division to simplify.

$$\tan x \cot x = 1$$

$$\frac{\cancel{\sin x} \cdot \cancel{\cos x}}{\cancel{\cos x} \cancel{\sin x}}$$

$$1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Fraction Review

Multiplying Fractions:

To multiply fractions, simply multiply the numerators together, and the denominators together.

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

Fraction Review

Canceling:

When multiplying fractions you will frequently find factors that can be cancelled. You can cancel something on top with something identical on the bottom.

$$\frac{\cos x \sin^2 x}{\sin x \cos x} = \frac{\cancel{\cos x} \sin^2 x}{\cancel{\sin x} \cancel{\cos x}} = \sin x$$

Dividing Fractions:

When dividing fractions, rewrite the top fraction, then multiply by the reciprocal of the bottom fraction.

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \times \frac{1}{\cos x} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x}$$

Example

Use the trig identities to transform one side of the ~~equation~~ ^{identity} into the other.

$$\cos \theta \sec \theta = 1$$

$$\cancel{\cos \theta} \left(\frac{1}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} \right)$$

~~cos~~

$$\frac{1}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} \sec \theta$$

$$1 = 1 \checkmark$$

Example

Use the trig identities to transform one side of the equation into the other.

$$\sin \theta \sec \theta = \tan \theta$$

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

Example

Use the trig identities to transform one side of the equation into the other.

$$\csc \theta \tan \theta = \sec \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{\cancel{\sin \theta}} \cdot \left(\frac{\cancel{\sin \theta}}{\cos \theta} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\sec \theta = \sec \theta \checkmark$$

Example

Use the trig identities to transform one side of the equation into the other.

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

$$\frac{\tan x \cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{\cancel{\cos x}} \right) \cancel{\cos x}}{\sin x}$$

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

$$= 1$$



other.

$$\frac{\csc x}{\cot x} = \sec x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\csc x}{\cot x} &= \frac{1}{\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cancel{\sin x}} \times \frac{\cos x}{\cancel{\sin x}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos x} \\ &= \sec x \end{aligned}$$
