

N TR.1 * Trig Identities

↳ Use skill + strategy to determine if trig equation is true for all values of the variable.

WARMUP:

Solve, $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

a) $2\cos\theta + 1 = 0$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta_1 = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\theta_2 = \pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

b) $\sqrt{3}\tan\theta = 1$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\theta_1 = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

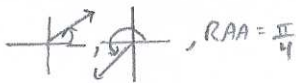
$$\theta_2 = \pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

c) $\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{\cos\theta}{\cos\theta}$, divided both sides by $\cos\theta$.

$\tan\theta = 1$, ah ha! From 3U, left side $\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \tan\theta$.

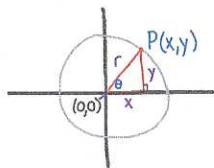
$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$$



An **identity** is an equation which is **true** for all values of the variables

An example of an algebraic identity is $x^2 - 9 = (x+3)(x-3)$

Eg₁ Show that $\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$ **Pythagorean Identity**



$$\cos\theta = \frac{x}{r}; \sin\theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$r\cos\theta = x; r\sin\theta = y, \text{ multiply by } r$$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$\therefore (r\cos\theta)^2 + (r\sin\theta)^2 = r^2$$

$$r^2\cos^2\theta + r^2\sin^2\theta = r^2, \div r^2$$

$$\therefore \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1, \div \cos^2\theta$$

$$1 + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta}$$

$$1 + \tan^2\theta = \sec^2\theta$$

$$\div \sin^2\theta \quad \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta} + 1 = \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}$$

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

Eg₂ Show that $\tan = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$ **Tan Identity**

Consider the unit circle, where $P(x,y)$ is on the terminal arm of θ and on the circumference of the unit circle. We know, from example 1, $x = (1)\cos\theta$ and $y = (1)\sin\theta \therefore P(x,y) = (\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$. Now $\tan\theta = \frac{y}{x}$.

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

Algebraic skills to prove identities

1. Change all trig ratios to sin and cosine
2. Factor when available
3. Sub using identities above
4. Common denominator

Strategies in making a formal proof

1. Choose one side, manipulate til both sides look the same
2. Choose most complex side
3. Work on both sides simultaneously

Ex, Prove these identities. [Tip: Use skills and strategies listed above, together with 4 boxed trig identities above, to prove Left Side = Right Side. NEVER cross the equal sign. Work on each side alone until you have L.S. = R.S.]

a) $\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\tan^2 \theta} = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$

Proof

L.S. = $\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}\right)}$ sub

R.S. = $(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) - \sin^2 \theta$, sub using Pythagorean Identity.
 $= \cos^2 \theta$, collected like terms

$= \frac{\sin^2 \theta \times \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$, multiply by reciprocal

$\therefore LS = RS$

\therefore Proven.

$= \cos^2 \theta$, divided common factor to 1

b) $1 + \cos \theta = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}$

If $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$, Pythagorean Identity
 then $\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$
 and $\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$ } I call these available substitutions "twisted pythagoras". They are useful!

Proof L.S. = $1 + \cos \theta$. R.S. = $\frac{(1 - \cos^2 \theta)}{1 - \cos \theta}$ sub twisted pythag

$= \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)(1 + \cos \theta)}{(1 - \cos \theta)}$, difference of squares factoring in numer.

$= (1 + \cos \theta)$, divided common factor to 1.

$\therefore LS = RS$

\therefore Proven.

c) $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$

Proof

L.S. = $\left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}\right) + 1$ sub
 R.S. = $\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$

$= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$

$= \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$

$= \frac{(1)}{\cos^2 \theta}$

$\therefore LS = RS$

\therefore Proven

d) $(\sin x - \cos x)^2 = 1 - 2\sin x \cos x$

Proof

LS	RS
$\sin^2 x - 2\sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x$	$1 - 2\sin x \cos x$
$(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x) - 2\sin x \cos x$	
$(1) - 2\sin x \cos x$	

Expanded the binomial using FOIL and collected like terms

Sub in using Pythagorean Identity

$\therefore LS = RS$

\therefore Proven

W.S. "1-23 odd numbers."

Proving Trig Identities Worksheet

Prove the following identities using proper form and showing all steps:

1. $\cot x = \csc x \cos x$

2. $\cot x \sin x = \cos x$

3. $\frac{\tan x}{\sec x} = \sin x$

4. $\tan x \cos x = \sin x$

5. $\frac{\cot x}{\csc x} = \cos x$

6. $\sin x \sec x = \tan x$

7. $\tan x \csc x = \sec x$

8. $\sec x(1 + \cos x) = 1 + \sec x$

9. $\sin x(1 + \csc x) = \sin x + 1$

10. $\tan x(1 + \cot x) = 1 + \tan x$

11. $\cos x(\sec x + 1) = \cos x + 1$

12. $\csc y(\sin y - 1) = 1 - \csc y$

13. $\cot z(1 - \tan z) = \cot z - 1$

14. $\sin y \tan^2 y \cot^3 y = \cos y$

15. $\sin^2 x \sec^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$

16. $(1 + \tan^2 x) \cos^2 x = 1$

17. $(1 + \tan y)^2 - \sec^2 y = 2 \tan y$

18. $(\cos x - \sin x)^2 = 1 - 2 \sin x \cos x$

19. $(\sin y + \cos y)(\sin y - \cos y) = 1 - 2 \cos^2 y$

20. $\frac{\tan^2 x - 1}{\cot^2 x - 1} = 1 - \sec^2 x$

21. $\frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 y} + \frac{1}{1 + \cot^2 y} = 1$

22. $\frac{\tan^2 z}{1 + \tan^2 z} = \sin^2 z$

23. $\frac{1 + \cos x}{1 - \cos x} = 1 + \frac{2 \cos x(1 + \cos x)}{\sin^2 x}$

24. $\frac{\sec z}{\csc^2 z} = \sec z - \cos z$

25. $\csc^2 y - \csc y \cot y = \frac{1}{1 + \cos y}$

26. $\frac{1 + \sin^2 x \sec^2 x}{1 + \cos^2 x \csc^2 x} = \sin^2 x \sec^2 x$

27. $2 + \frac{\sin^4 y + \cos^4 y}{\sin^2 y \cos^2 y} = \sec^2 y \csc^2 y$

28. $(1 + \tan^2 z) \cos^2 z = 1$

29. $(1 - \cos^2 x)(1 + \tan^2 x) = \tan^2 x$

30. $\sin^2 x \sec^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$

31. $\frac{\sin y + \cos y}{\sec y + \csc y} = \frac{\cos y}{\csc y}$

32. $\cot t + \sin t = \frac{1 + \tan t}{\sec t}$

33. $\frac{1}{1 - \sec x} + \frac{1}{1 + \sec x} = -2 \cot^2 x$

34. $\frac{(\sin x + \cos x)^2}{(\sin x - \cos x)^2} = \frac{\sec^2 x + 2 \tan x}{\sec^2 x - 2 \tan x}$

35. $\frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\sin x} = \sin x$

36. $1 + \frac{1}{\tan^2 x} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$

37. $\frac{1}{\cos x} - \cos x = \sin x \tan x$

38. $\left(1 + \frac{1}{\tan^2 x}\right)(1 - \cos^2 x) = 1$

39. $\frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = 1 + \tan^2 x$

40. $\cos^2 x + \frac{\sin x \cos x}{\tan x} = 2 \cos^2 x$

41. $(1 - \cos^2 x)(1 + \tan^2 x) = \tan^2 x$

42. $\frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x} - \frac{1 + \cos x}{\sin x} = 0$