

Lesson #8 Intro to Trigonometric Identities

My Copy

- similar to proofs

* $[\sin(x)]^2 = \sin^2 x \rightarrow$ more common b/c easier to work

I. Reciprocal Identities

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cross mult. $\rightarrow \csc \theta \sin \theta = 1$

II. Quotient Identities

$\sin \theta$ in unit circle

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

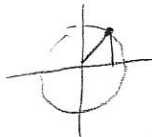
$x = \cos \theta$

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

III. Pythagorean Identities

- in unit circle $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

a) $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$



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

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

in unit circle $r=1$ $\sin \theta = y$
 $\cos \theta = x$

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

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

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

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

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

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

or $\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$

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

- $\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = -1$ Are they?

all used

* not $1 - \sin \theta = \cos \theta$
 $1 - \cos \theta = \sin \theta$

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{5^2}$$

$$3 + 4 \neq 5$$

have them put this in lower corner or -

* $\frac{x+y}{y}$ vs. $\frac{xy}{y}$ back p.

② $\frac{xy}{x} = \dots$

③ $\frac{x+y}{x} = \dots + \dots$

Strategies for Simplifying Trig Identities

Simplify all the following trigonometric expression into a SINGLE trig function or number

Strategy #1: Write all trig functions in terms of sines and cosines (look for Pythagorean identities)

a) $\cos x \csc x \tan x$

$$\cos x \left(\frac{1}{\sin x} \right) \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right)$$

$$= 1$$

b) $\frac{\csc \theta}{\cot \theta}$

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

c) $\frac{\cot^2 x}{1 - \sin^2 x}$

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

Strategy #2: Find a common denominator

a) $\tan \beta \sin \beta + \cos \beta$

$$\frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta} \cdot \sin \beta + \cos \beta$$

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

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

b) $\sin \theta + \cos \theta \cot \theta$

$$\sin \theta + \cos \theta \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right)$$

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

$$\csc \theta$$

c) $\frac{\sec x - \cos x}{\sec x} \cdot \frac{x-y}{x}$

$$\frac{\sec x}{\sec x} - \frac{\cos x}{\sec x}$$

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

$$1 - \cos^2 x$$

$$\sin^2 x$$

Strategy #3: Factoring (or FOIL'ing)

a) $\csc^2 x \cot x - \cot x$

$$\cot x (\csc^2 x - 1)$$

$$\cot x (\cot^2 x)$$

$$\cot^3 x$$

b) $(1 + \tan x)^2 - 2 \sin x \sec x$

$$1 + 2 \tan x + \tan^2 x - 2 \sin x \sec x$$

$$1 + 2 \tan x + \tan^2 x - 2 \sin x \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

$$1 + 2 \tan x + \tan^2 x - 2 \tan x$$

$$1 + \tan^2 x$$

$$\sec^2 x$$

c) $\csc^2 \beta - \cot^2 \beta$

$$\frac{\cos^2 \beta}{1 - \sin^2 \beta} - \frac{\cos^2 \beta}{1 - \sin^2 \beta}$$

$$\frac{\cos^2 \beta - \cos^2 \beta}{1 - \sin^2 \beta}$$

$$\frac{0}{1 - \sin^2 \beta}$$

$$\frac{(1 - \sin^2 \beta)(1 + \sin^2 \beta)}{(1 - \sin^2 \beta)}$$

$$(1 + \sin^2 \beta)$$

$$1 + \sin^2 \beta$$

try indep.

d) $\sin^2 x + \sin^2 x \tan^2 x$

$$\sin^2 (1 + \tan^2 x)$$

$$\sin^2 x (\sec^2 x)$$

$$\sin^2 x \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{\tan^2 x}}$$

$x^4 + 2x^2y^2 + y^4$ $4x^2 + 12x + 9$
e) $\cos^4 \theta + 2\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta$ $(2x + 3)^2$

$$(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$1 \cdot 1$$

$$\boxed{1}$$

Independent Practice

Simplify each trigonometric expression

1) $\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha \tan \alpha$

$$\cos \alpha + \sin \alpha \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \right)$$

$$\frac{\cos \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$\frac{\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} = \boxed{\sec \alpha}$$

2) $\cos x \cot x + \sin x$

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

$$\frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin x}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin x} = \boxed{\csc x}$$

3) $\sin x \cot x$

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

$$\boxed{\cos x}$$

4) $\frac{\sec x}{\csc x}$

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

$$= \boxed{\tan x}$$

5) $\sin x - \sin x \cos^2 x$

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

$$\sin x (\sin^2 x)$$

$$\boxed{\sin^3 x}$$

6) $\sin^3 x + \sin x \cos^2 x$

$$\sin x (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)$$

$$\boxed{\sin x}$$

7) $\frac{\csc x - \sin x}{\csc x}$

$$\frac{\csc x}{\csc x} - \frac{\sin x}{\csc x}$$

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

$$1 - \sin^2 x = \boxed{\cos^2 x}$$

8) $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} + \frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x}$

$$\frac{\sin x (1 + \sin x)}{\cos x (1 + \sin x)} + \frac{\cos x (\cos x)}{(1 + \sin x)(\cos x)}$$

$$\frac{\sin x + \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\cos x (1 + \sin x)} = \frac{\cancel{\sin x} + 1}{\cos x (1 + \cancel{\sin x})} = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

$$= \boxed{\sec x}$$

Use an identity to find the value of each expression or to simplify completely. Do NOT use a calculator

9) $\tan 6.5 \cot 6.5$

$$\frac{\tan 6.5}{\tan 6.5} = 1$$

10) $\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{8} + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{8} = 1$

11) $1 - \cos^2 \frac{5\pi}{7}$

$$\sin^2 \frac{5\pi}{7}$$

12) $\cot^2 \frac{8}{9} (1 - \cos^2 \frac{8}{9})$

$$\frac{\cos^2 \frac{8}{9}}{\sin^2 \frac{8}{9}} \cdot \sin^2 \frac{8}{9}$$
$$\cos^2 \frac{8}{9}$$