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PCH: Trigonometric Identities and Proofs

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The Pythagorean Identities:

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

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

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

Double Angle Formulas:

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

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

$$\tan 2x = \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x}$$

You are familiar with the following reciprocal identities:

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}, \cos \theta \neq 0 \quad \csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}, \sin \theta \neq 0 \quad \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}, \tan \theta \neq 0$$

And the quotient identities:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}, \cos \theta \neq 0 \quad \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}, \sin \theta \neq 0$$

An identity is an equation that is true for all permissible replacements of the variable.

Proving an identity:

To prove that a trigonometric statement is an identity, note:

1. The object is to show that the two sides of the statement are equivalent.

⇒ You may work on only one side and show that it is equivalent to the other.

➤ Work on the more complicated side.

⇒ You may work on the two sides independently until you arrive at equivalent expressions.

➤ You may not perform operations involving the two sides simultaneously. You are not solving an equation. That is, never cross the equal sign for any purpose. As a reminder, use a line between sides.

2. Use the basic identities to transform one or both sides of the proposed identity.

⇒ A general starting point is to rewrite expressions in terms of sine and cosine, but be alert to situations when a Pythagorean substitution is appropriate.

3. After replacements have been made, do the algebra suggested by the form of the expression.

⇒ If there is a complex fraction, simplify it.

⇒ If there are two fractions, combine them.

⇒ Look for possibilities of factoring.

Classwork

1. Simplify the expression: $\cos t + \tan t \sin t$

2. Simplify the expression: $\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta}$

3. Verify the identity: $\cos \theta(\sec \theta - \cos \theta) = \sin^2 \theta$

4. Verify the identity: $2 \tan x \sec x = \frac{1}{1 - \sin x} - \frac{1}{1 + \sin x}$

5. Verify the identity: $\frac{\cos u}{1 - \sin u} = \sec u + \tan u$

6. Verify the identity: $\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{\sec \theta - 1}$

7. Verify the identity: $(\sin x + \cos x)^2 = 1 + \sin 2x$

7.1 Exercises

1–10 ■ Write the trigonometric expression in terms of sine and cosine, and then simplify.

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| 1. $\cos t \tan t$ | 2. $\cos t \csc t$ |
| 3. $\sin \theta \sec \theta$ | 4. $\tan \theta \csc \theta$ |
| 5. $\tan^2 x - \sec^2 x$ | 6. $\frac{\sec x}{\csc x}$ |
| 7. $\sin u + \cot u \cos u$ | 8. $\cos^2 \theta (1 + \tan^2 \theta)$ |
| 9. $\frac{\sec \theta - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$ | 10. $\frac{\cot \theta}{\csc \theta - \sin \theta}$ |

11–24 ■ Simplify the trigonometric expression.

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| 11. $\frac{\sin x \sec x}{\tan x}$ | 12. $\cos^3 x + \sin^2 x \cos x$ |
| 13. $\frac{1 + \cos y}{1 + \sec y}$ | 14. $\frac{\tan x}{\sec(-x)}$ |
| 15. $\frac{\sec^2 x - 1}{\sec^2 x}$ | 16. $\frac{\sec x - \cos x}{\tan x}$ |
| 17. $\frac{1 + \csc x}{\cos x + \cot x}$ | 18. $\frac{\sin x}{\csc x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sec x}$ |
| 19. $\frac{1 + \sin u}{\cos u} + \frac{\cos u}{1 + \sin u}$ | 20. $\tan x \cos x \csc x$ |
| 21. $\frac{2 + \tan^2 x}{\sec^2 x} - 1$ | 22. $\frac{1 + \cot A}{\csc A}$ |
| 23. $\tan \theta + \cos(-\theta) + \tan(-\theta)$ | |
| 24. $\frac{\cos x}{\sec x + \tan x}$ | |

25–88 ■ Verify the identity.

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| 25. $\frac{\sin \theta}{\tan \theta} = \cos \theta$ | 26. $\frac{\tan x}{\sec x} = \sin x$ |
| 27. $\frac{\cos u \sec u}{\tan u} = \cot u$ | 28. $\frac{\cot x \sec x}{\csc x} = 1$ |
| 29. $\frac{\tan y}{\csc y} = \sec y - \cos y$ | 30. $\frac{\cos v}{\sec v \sin v} = \csc v - \sin v$ |
| 31. $\sin B + \cos B \cot B = \csc B$ | |
| 32. $\cos(-x) - \sin(-x) = \cos x + \sin x$ | |
| 33. $\cot(-\alpha) \cos(-\alpha) + \sin(-\alpha) = -\csc \alpha$ | |
| 34. $\csc x [\csc x + \sin(-x)] = \cot^2 x$ | |
| 35. $\tan \theta + \cot \theta = \sec \theta \csc \theta$ | |

$$36. (\sin x + \cos x)^2 = 1 + 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$37. (1 - \cos \beta)(1 + \cos \beta) = \frac{1}{\csc^2 \beta}$$

$$38. \frac{\cos x}{\sec x} + \frac{\sin x}{\csc x} = 1$$

$$39. \frac{(\sin x + \cos x)^2}{\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x} = \frac{\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{(\sin x - \cos x)^2}$$

$$40. (\sin x + \cos x)^4 = (1 + 2 \sin x \cos x)^2$$

$$41. \frac{\sec t - \cos t}{\sec t} = \sin^2 t$$

$$42. \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x} = (\sec x - \tan x)^2$$

$$43. \frac{1}{1 - \sin^2 y} = 1 + \tan^2 y \quad 44. \csc x - \sin x = \cos x \cot x$$

$$45. (\cot x - \csc x)(\cos x + 1) = -\sin x$$

$$46. \sin^4 \theta - \cos^4 \theta = \sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta$$

$$47. (1 - \cos^2 x)(1 + \cot^2 x) = 1$$

$$48. \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$$

$$49. 2 \cos^2 x - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$$

$$50. (\tan y + \cot y) \sin y \cos y = 1$$

$$51. \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{\sin \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha}$$

$$52. \sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha + \tan^2 \alpha = \sec^2 \alpha$$

$$53. \tan^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta$$

$$54. \cot^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta = \cot^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta$$

$$55. \frac{\sin x - 1}{\sin x + 1} = \frac{-\cos^2 x}{(\sin x + 1)^2} \quad 56. \frac{\sin w}{\sin w + \cos w} = \frac{\tan w}{1 + \tan w}$$

$$57. \frac{(\sin t + \cos t)^2}{\sin t \cos t} = 2 + \sec t \csc t$$

$$58. \sec t \csc t (\tan t + \cot t) = \sec^2 t + \csc^2 t$$

$$59. \frac{1 + \tan^2 u}{1 - \tan^2 u} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 u - \sin^2 u}$$

$$60. \frac{1 + \sec^2 x}{1 + \tan^2 x} = 1 + \cos^2 x$$

$$61. \frac{\sec x}{\sec x - \tan x} = \sec x (\sec x + \tan x)$$

$$62. \frac{\sec x + \csc x}{\tan x + \cot x} = \sin x + \cos x$$

63. $\sec v - \tan v = \frac{1}{\sec v + \tan v}$

64. $\frac{\sin A}{1 - \cos A} - \cot A = \csc A$

65. $\frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sec x + \csc x} = \sin x \cos x$

66. $\frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x} = 2 \csc x$

67. $\frac{\csc x - \cot x}{\sec x - 1} = \cot x$ 68. $\frac{\csc^2 x - \cot^2 x}{\sec^2 x} = \cos^2 x$

69. $\tan^2 u - \sin^2 u = \tan^2 u \sin^2 u$

70. $\frac{\tan v \sin v}{\tan v + \sin v} = \frac{\tan v - \sin v}{\tan v \sin v}$

71. $\sec^4 x - \tan^4 x = \sec^2 x + \tan^2 x$

72. $\frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \sin \theta} = \sec \theta + \tan \theta$

73. $\frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \sin \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta - \csc \theta}{\cos \theta - \cot \theta}$

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

75. $\frac{\cos^2 t + \tan^2 t - 1}{\sin^2 t} = \tan^2 t$

76. $\frac{1}{1 - \sin x} - \frac{1}{1 + \sin x} = 2 \sec x \tan x$

77. $\frac{1}{\sec x + \tan x} + \frac{1}{\sec x - \tan x} = 2 \sec x$

78. $\frac{1 + \sin x}{1 - \sin x} - \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x} = 4 \tan x \sec x$

79. $(\tan x + \cot x)^2 = \sec^2 x + \csc^2 x$

80. $\tan^2 x - \cot^2 x = \sec^2 x - \csc^2 x$

81. $\frac{\sec u - 1}{\sec u + 1} = \frac{1 - \cos u}{1 + \cos u}$ 82. $\frac{\cot x + 1}{\cot x - 1} = \frac{1 + \tan x}{1 - \tan x}$

83. $\frac{\sin^3 x + \cos^3 x}{\sin x + \cos x} = 1 - \sin x \cos x$

84. $\frac{\tan v - \cot v}{\tan^2 v - \cot^2 v} = \sin v \cos v$

85. $\frac{1 + \sin x}{1 - \sin x} = (\tan x + \sec x)^2$

86. $\frac{\tan x + \tan y}{\cot x + \cot y} = \tan x \tan y$

87. $(\tan x + \cot x)^4 = \csc^4 x \sec^4 x$

88. $(\sin \alpha - \tan \alpha)(\cos \alpha - \cot \alpha) = (\cos \alpha - 1)(\sin \alpha - 1)$

89–94 ■ Make the indicated trigonometric substitution in the given algebraic expression and simplify (see Example 7). Assume $0 \leq \theta < \pi/2$.

89. $\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, \quad x = \sin \theta$ 90. $\sqrt{1+x^2}, \quad x = \tan \theta$

91. $\sqrt{x^2-1}, \quad x = \sec \theta$ 92. $\frac{1}{x^2\sqrt{4+x^2}}, \quad x = 2 \tan \theta$

93. $\sqrt{9-x^2}, \quad x = 3 \sin \theta$ 94. $\frac{\sqrt{x^2-25}}{x}, \quad x = 5 \sec \theta$



95–98 ■ Graph f and g in the same viewing rectangle. Do the graphs suggest that the equation $f(x) = g(x)$ is an identity? Prove your answer.

95. $f(x) = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x, \quad g(x) = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$

96. $f(x) = \tan x(1 + \sin x), \quad g(x) = \frac{\sin x \cos x}{1 + \sin x}$

97. $f(x) = (\sin x + \cos x)^2, \quad g(x) = 1$

98. $f(x) = \cos^4 x - \sin^4 x, \quad g(x) = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$

99. Show that the equation is not an identity.

(a) $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x$

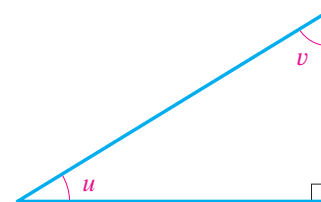
(b) $\sin(x + y) = \sin x + \sin y$

(c) $\sec^2 x + \csc^2 x = 1$

(d) $\frac{1}{\sin x + \cos x} = \csc x + \sec x$

Discovery • Discussion

100. Cofunction Identities In the right triangle shown, explain why $v = (\pi/2) - u$. Explain how you can obtain all six cofunction identities from this triangle, for $0 < u < \pi/2$.



101. Graphs and Identities Suppose you graph two functions, f and g , on a graphing device, and their graphs appear identical in the viewing rectangle. Does this prove that the equation $f(x) = g(x)$ is an identity? Explain.

102. Making Up Your Own Identity If you start with a trigonometric expression and rewrite it or simplify it, then setting the original expression equal to the rewritten expression yields a trigonometric identity. For instance, from Example 1 we get the identity

$$\cos t + \tan t \sin t = \sec t$$

Use this technique to make up your own identity, then give it to a classmate to verify.