

LESSON

**Practice C****14-3 Fundamental Trigonometric Identities**

Prove each trigonometric identity.

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

2.  $\tan \theta \sec \theta = \frac{\sec \theta + \tan \theta}{\cos \theta + \cot \theta}$

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

4.  $1 + \cot^4 \theta = \csc^4 \theta - 2 \cot^2 \theta$

Rewrite each expression in terms of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$ . Then simplify.

5.  $\frac{\cot \theta}{\sin \theta}$

6.  $\cot^2 \theta - \cos \theta \cot^2 \theta$

7.  $\tan^2 \theta + 4 \sec^2 \theta + 1$

**Solve.**

8. Alan is using the equation  $mg \sin \theta = \mu mg \cos \theta$  to determine the coefficient of friction,  $\mu$ , between a flat rock and a metal ramp. Find  $\mu$  to the nearest hundredth if the rock begins to slide at  $19^\circ$ .

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$$1. \frac{\sin\theta}{1 - \cos^2\theta} = \csc\theta$$

- a. Modify the left-hand side. Replace 1 with a known identity.

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

$$\frac{\sin\theta}{\sin^2\theta}$$

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

- b. Simplify the denominator.

- c. Keep simplifying and substituting identities until the left side matches the right side.

$$2. \cos^4\theta + \cos^2\theta \sin^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\cos^4\theta + \cos^2\theta \sin^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1 \\ &\cos^2\theta(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) + \sin^2\theta = 1 \\ &\cos^2\theta(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) + \sin^2\theta = 1 \\ &\cos^2\theta(1 + \sin^2\theta) = 1 \\ &\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1 \\ &1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$3. \cot\theta = \frac{\csc\theta}{\sec\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cot\theta &= \frac{\csc\theta}{\sec\theta}; \cot\theta = \frac{1}{\sin\theta}, \\ \cot\theta &= \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}; \cot\theta = \cot\theta \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite each expression in terms of  $\cos\theta$ . Then simplify.

$$4. \frac{\cot\theta}{2\csc\theta}$$

- a. Rewrite each function in terms of  $\sin\theta$  or  $\cos\theta$ .

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

$$\frac{2}{\sin\theta}$$

- b. Rewrite the fraction in simplest form.

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

Solve.

8. Use the equation  $mg \sin\theta = \mu mg \cos\theta$  to determine the angle at which a desk can be tilted before a paperback book on the desk begins to slide. Assume  $\mu = 1.11$ .

$$48^\circ$$

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

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

$$2. \tan\theta \sec\theta = \frac{\sec\theta + \tan\theta}{\cos\theta + \cot\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan\theta \sec\theta &= \frac{\sec\theta + \tan\theta}{\cos\theta + \cot\theta} \\ &= \frac{\sec\theta + \tan\theta}{\cos\theta + \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\cos\theta} + \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}}{\cos\theta + \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1 + \sin\theta}{\cos\theta}}{\frac{\cos\theta + \cos\theta}{\sin\theta}} \\ &= \frac{1 + \sin\theta}{\cos\theta + \cos\theta} \\ &= \frac{1 + \sin\theta}{2\cos\theta} \\ &= \frac{1 + \sin\theta}{\cos\theta(1 + \sin\theta)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{\sec\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$3. \tan^2\theta - \sin^2\theta = \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^2\theta - \sin^2\theta &= \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta \\ \frac{\sin^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} &= \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta \\ \frac{\sin^2\theta(1 - \cos^2\theta)}{\cos^2\theta} &= \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta \\ \frac{\sin^2\theta(\sin^2\theta)}{\cos^2\theta} &= \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta \\ \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} \cdot \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} &= \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta \\ \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta &= \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite each expression in terms of  $\sin\theta$  and  $\cos\theta$ . Then simplify.

$$5. \frac{\cot\theta}{\sin\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cot\theta &= \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \\ \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} &= \frac{\cos\theta(1 - \cos\theta)}{\sin\theta(1 - \cos\theta)} = \\ \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\sin\theta(1 - \cos\theta)} &= \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta(1 - \cos\theta)} = \\ \frac{1 - \cos\theta}{\cos\theta(1 - \cos\theta)} &= \frac{1}{\cos\theta} = \cot\theta \end{aligned}$$

Solve.

8. Alan is using the equation  $mg \sin\theta = \mu mg \cos\theta$  to determine the coefficient of friction,  $\mu$ , between a flat rock and a metal ramp. Find  $\mu$  to the nearest hundredth if the rock begins to slide at  $19^\circ$ .

$$0.34$$

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Prove each trigonometric identity.

$$1. \sin^2\theta + \sin^2\theta \cot^2\theta = 1$$

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

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

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

$$3. \tan^2\theta - \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta = \sin^2\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^2\theta - \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta &= \sin^2\theta \\ \tan^2\theta - \tan^2\theta \sin^2\theta &= \sin^2\theta \\ \tan^2\theta(1 - \sin^2\theta) &= \sin^2\theta \\ \tan^2\theta(\cos^2\theta) &= \sin^2\theta \\ \cos^2\theta &= \sin^2\theta \\ (\sin^2\theta) \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} &= \sin^2\theta \\ \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta} &= \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \\ \sec^2\theta &= \csc^2\theta \\ \frac{1}{\sec^2\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} &= \sec\theta + \csc\theta \\ \frac{1}{\sec^2\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} &= \frac{1}{\sec^2\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \\ \sec^2\theta + \csc^2\theta &= \sec\theta + \csc\theta \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite each expression in terms of  $\cos\theta$ . Then simplify.

$$5. 2\sin\theta \cos\theta \cot\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6. \frac{1 + \cot\theta}{\cot\theta(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)} &= \\ \frac{1 + \cot\theta}{\cot\theta(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)} &= \\ \frac{1 + \cot\theta}{\cot\theta(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)} &= \\ 2\sin\theta \cos\theta \cot\theta &= \\ 2\sin\theta \cos\theta \cdot \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} &= \\ 2\cos^2\theta &= \\ \frac{\sin\theta + \cos\theta}{\sin\theta + \cos\theta} &= \frac{1}{\cos\theta} \\ \cos\theta(\sin\theta + \cos\theta) &= \cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

- Solve.
8. Use the equation  $mg \sin\theta = \mu mg \cos\theta$  to determine the angle at which a waxed wood block on an inclined plane of wet snow begins to slide. Assume  $\mu = 0.17$ .

$$9.6^\circ$$

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To prove a trigonometric identity, use the fundamental identities to make one side of the equation resemble the other side.

**Reciprocal and Ratio Identities**

$$\begin{aligned} \csc\theta &= \frac{1}{\sin\theta} & \sec\theta &= \frac{1}{\cos\theta} & \cot\theta &= \frac{1}{\tan\theta} \\ \tan\theta &= \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} & \cot\theta &= \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \end{aligned}$$

**Negative-Angle Identities**

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(-\theta) &= -\sin\theta & \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta &= 1 \\ \cos(-\theta) &= \cos\theta & \tan^2\theta + 1 &= \sec^2\theta \\ \tan(-\theta) &= -\tan\theta & 1 + \cot^2\theta &= \csc^2\theta \end{aligned}$$

As long as you know this identity, you can divide to derive the other two.

**Pythagorean Identities**

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta &= 1 & \tan^2\theta + \sec^2\theta &= 1 \\ \tan^2\theta + 1 &= \sec^2\theta & 1 + \cot^2\theta &= \csc^2\theta \end{aligned}$$

Try the right side since you can use reciprocal identities.

**Prove:  $\tan\theta \sin\theta = \sec\theta - \cos\theta$** 

$$\begin{aligned} \tan\theta \sin\theta &= \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} - \cos\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos\theta} - \cos\theta \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos^2\theta}{\cos\theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Subtract. Use a common denominator.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos\theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} \cdot \frac{\sin\theta}{\sin\theta} \\ &= \tan\theta \sin\theta \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the product.

Definition of tangent

**Write the missing step or reason to prove each trigonometric identity.**

1.  $\cot(-\theta) = -\cot\theta$  Modify the left side.

$\frac{\cos(-\theta)}{\sin(-\theta)} = -\cot\theta$  Definition of cotangent

$\frac{\cos\theta}{-\sin\theta} = -\cot\theta$  Negative-angle identity

$\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = -\cot\theta$  Definition of cotangent

2.  $\sec\theta \cot\theta = \csc\theta$  Modify the left side.

$\left(\frac{1}{\cos\theta}\right)\left(\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}\right) = \csc\theta$  Definitions of secant and cotangent

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

Definition of cosecant

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