

Trigonometric Identities



Lesson Check

Do you know HOW?

Verify each identity.

1. $\tan \theta \csc \theta = \sec \theta$
2. $\csc^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta = 1$
3. $\sin \theta \tan \theta = \sec \theta - \cos \theta$
4. Simplify $\tan \theta \cot \theta - \sin^2 \theta$.

Do you UNDERSTAND?



5. **Vocabulary** How does the identity $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$ relate to the Pythagorean Theorem?
6. **Error Analysis** A student simplified the expression $2 - \cos^2 \theta$ to $1 - \sin^2 \theta$. What error did the student make? What is the correct simplified expression?



Practice

Verify each identity. Give the domain of validity for each identity.

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| 7. $\cos \theta \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} - \sin \theta$ | 8. $\sin \theta \cot \theta = \cos \theta$ | 9. $\cos \theta \tan \theta = \sin \theta$ |
| 10. $\sin \theta \sec \theta = \tan \theta$ | 11. $\cos \theta \sec \theta = 1$ | 12. $\tan \theta \cot \theta = 1$ |
| 13. $\sin \theta \csc \theta = 1$ | 14. $\cot \theta = \csc \theta \cos \theta$ | 15. $\csc \theta - \sin \theta = \cot \theta \cos \theta$ |

Simplify each trigonometric expression.

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| 16. $\tan \theta \cot \theta$ | 17. $1 - \cos^2 \theta$ | 18. $\sec^2 \theta - 1$ |
| 19. $1 - \csc^2 \theta$ | 20. $\sec^2 \theta \cot^2 \theta$ | 21. $\cos \theta \tan \theta$ |
| 22. $\sin \theta \cot \theta$ | 23. $\sin \theta \csc \theta$ | 24. $\sec \theta \cos \theta \sin \theta$ |
| 25. $\sin \theta \sec \theta \cot \theta$ | 26. $\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta$ | 27. $\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta \tan \theta}$ |

Use the identity $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ and the basic identities to answer the following questions. Show all your work.

28. Given that $\sin \theta = 0.5$ and θ is in the first quadrant, what are $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$?
29. Given that $\sin \theta = 0.5$ and θ is in the second quadrant, what are $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$?
30. Given that $\cos \theta = -0.6$ and θ is in the third quadrant, what are $\sin \theta$ and $\tan \theta$?
31. Given that $\sin \theta = 0.48$ and θ is in the second quadrant, what are $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$?
32. Given that $\tan \theta = 1.2$ and θ is in the first quadrant, what are $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$?
33. Given that $\tan \theta = 3.6$ and θ is in the third quadrant, what are $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$?
34. Given that $\sin \theta = 0.2$ and $\tan \theta < 0$, what is $\cos \theta$?