

**Sec 4.1 – Trigonometric Identities**  
**Basic Identities**

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**Reciprocal Identities:**

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

**Quotient Identities:**

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \qquad \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

Using the Reciprocal and Quotient Identities simplify each as much as possible.

1.  $\tan(\theta) \cdot \cos(\theta)$

$$\frac{\cancel{\sin \theta}}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\cos \theta}}{1} = \frac{\sin \theta}{1} = \sin(\theta)$$

2.  $\cot(\theta) \cdot \cos(\theta) \cdot \sin(\theta)$

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

3.  $\sin(\theta) \cdot \cot(\theta) + \cos(\theta)$

$$\frac{\cancel{\sin \theta}}{1} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\cos \theta}}{\cancel{\sin \theta}} + \cos(\theta) = \cos(\theta) + \cos(\theta) = 2\cos(\theta)$$

4.  $\csc(\theta) \cdot \tan(\theta) - \sec(\theta)$

$$\frac{1}{\cancel{\sin \theta}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\sin \theta}}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} - \frac{1}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = 0$$

5.  $\frac{\cot(\theta)}{\csc(\theta)} = \frac{\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}}{\frac{1}{\sin \theta}}$

$$= \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \div \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\cancel{\sin \theta}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\sin \theta}}{1} = \cos \theta$$

6.  $\frac{\cot(\theta) \cdot \sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)} + \cos(\theta) \cdot \sec(\theta)$

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

7.  $\frac{\tan^2(\theta) \cdot \csc(\theta) \cdot \cos(\theta)}{\sec(\theta)} = \frac{\frac{\cancel{\sin \theta} \cancel{\sin \theta}}{\cancel{\cos \theta} \cancel{\cos \theta}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{\sin \theta}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\cos \theta}}{1}}{\frac{1}{\cancel{\cos \theta}}} = \frac{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cancel{\cos \theta}}}{\frac{1}{\cancel{\cos \theta}}}$

$$= \frac{\cancel{\sin \theta}}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} \div \frac{1}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} = \frac{\cancel{\sin \theta}}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\cos \theta}}{1} = \boxed{\sin(\theta)}$$

### Reciprocal Identities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Quotient Identities:

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

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

Using the Reciprocal and Quotient Identities verify the following trigonometric identities.

8.  $\cot(\theta) \cdot \sec(\theta) \cdot \sin(\theta) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ &\frac{\cos(\theta)}{\sin(\theta)} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} \cdot \frac{\sin(\theta)}{1} = 1 \\ &\quad \quad \quad \frac{1}{1} = 1 \\ &\quad \quad \quad 1 = 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

10.  $\frac{\sin(\theta)\sec(\theta)}{\tan(\theta)} + \cos(\theta) \cdot \sec(\theta) = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\sin \theta \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta}}{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}} + \cos \theta \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = 2 \\ &\frac{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}}{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta} = 2 \\ &1 + 1 = 2 \\ &2 = 2 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

12.  $\csc(\theta) + \sec(\theta) = \frac{\cos(\theta) + \sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta)}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ &\frac{\cos \theta \cdot 1}{\cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta} + \frac{1 \cdot \sin \theta}{\cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \\ &\frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \\ &\frac{\cos \theta + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

9.  $\frac{\cot(\theta)}{\csc(\theta)} = \cos(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}}{\frac{1}{\sin \theta}} = \cos(\theta) \\ &\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{\sin \theta}{1} = \cos \theta \\ &\cos \theta = \cos \theta \quad \checkmark \\ &\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \div \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \cos(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

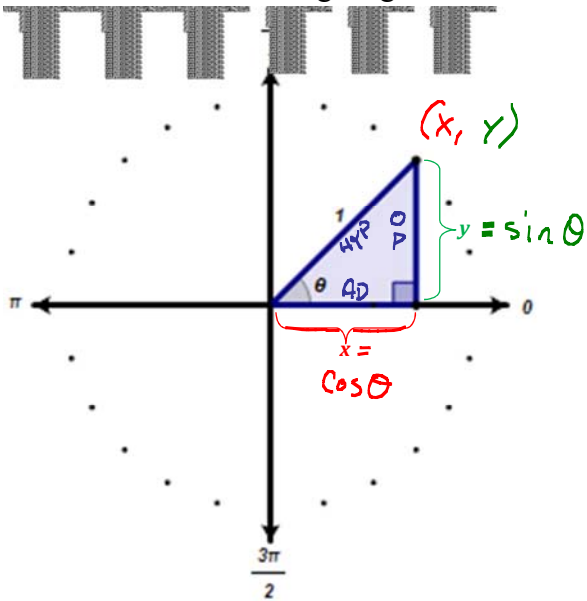
11.  $\tan(\theta) + \sec(\theta) = \frac{1 + \sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &\frac{\sin \theta + 1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &\frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

13.  $\frac{1}{\csc(\theta)} + \tan(\theta) \cdot \cos(\theta) = 2\sin(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \\ &\sin \theta + \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{\cos \theta}{1} \right) = 2\sin(\theta) \\ &\sin \theta + \sin \theta = 2\sin(\theta) \\ &2\sin \theta = 2\sin(\theta) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Consider the following diagram.



- Using basic trigonometry solve for  $x$  in terms of  $\theta$ .

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{AD}{HYP} = \frac{x}{1}$$

$$\cos(\theta) = x$$

- Using basic trigonometry solve for  $y$  in terms of  $\theta$ .

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{OP}{HYP} = \frac{y}{1}$$

$$\sin(\theta) = y$$

- Write a Pythagorean Theorem statement using these expressions.

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

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

**Pythagorean Identities:**

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

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

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

- Using the reciprocal identities verify  $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$

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

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

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

- Using the reciprocal identities verify  $1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$

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

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

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

Using the Reciprocal, Quotient, and Pythagorean Identities **simplify** each as much as possible.

$$14. \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \csc \theta$$

$$15. \sin \theta (\sin \theta + \cos \theta \cot \theta)$$

$$\sin \theta \cdot \sin \theta + \cos \theta \cot \theta \cdot \sin \theta$$

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

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

$$1$$

### Reciprocal Identities

- $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta}$
- $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$
- $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}$
- $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$
- $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$

### Quotient Identities

- $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$

### Pythagorean Identities

- $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$
- $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$
- $1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$

Using the Reciprocal, Quotient, and Pythagorean Identities **simplify** each as much as possible.

16.  $\sec \alpha - \sec \alpha \sin^2 \alpha$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} - \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} \cdot \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} - \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \sin^2 \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{\cos \alpha} \cos \alpha}{\cancel{\cos \alpha}}$$

$$= \cos \alpha$$

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

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

#### ALTERNATE FORMS

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

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

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

18.  $\frac{(\sec \theta + 1)(\sec \theta - 1)}{\sin^2 \theta}$

$$\frac{\sec^2 \theta - \cancel{\sec \theta} + \cancel{\sec \theta} - 1}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\frac{\sec^2 \theta - 1}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

\*  $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$   
 $\frac{-1}{-1} \quad \frac{-1}{-1}$   
 $\tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta - 1$

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

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

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} = \boxed{\sec^2 \theta}$$

17.  $\frac{\sin \theta \cot \theta}{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$

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

$$= \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{\cancel{\cos \theta}}{\cancel{\cos \theta} \cos \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \sec \theta$$

19.  $\frac{\csc x - \cos x \cot x}{\sin x}$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{\cancel{\sin^2 x}}{\cancel{\sin^2 x}} = \boxed{1}$$

### Reciprocal Identities

- $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta}$
- $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$
- $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}$
- $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$
- $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$

### Quotient Identities

- $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$

### Pythagorean Identities

- $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$
- $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$
- $1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$

Using the Reciprocal, Quotient, and Pythagorean Identities **verify** each trigonometric identity.

20.  $\csc^2(x) - \csc^2(x) \cos^2(x) = 1$

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2(x)} - \frac{1}{\sin^2(x)} \cdot \frac{\cos^2(x)}{1} = 1$$

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

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

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

$$1 = 1 \checkmark$$

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$$s^2 + c^2 = 1$$

$$s^2 = 1 - c^2$$

$$c^2 = 1 - s^2$$

22.  $\tan \theta + \cot \theta = \sec \theta \csc \theta$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \sec \theta \csc \theta$$

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

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

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

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

$$\sec \theta \cdot \csc \theta = \sec \theta \csc \theta \checkmark$$

21.  $\sin \theta (\cot \theta + \tan \theta) = \sec \theta$

$$\sin \theta \cot \theta + \sin \theta \tan \theta = \sec \theta$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\sec \theta = \sec \theta \checkmark$$

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

$$\frac{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta}{1 \cdot \cos \theta}}{1 + \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

$$\frac{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{\cos \theta}}{1 + \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

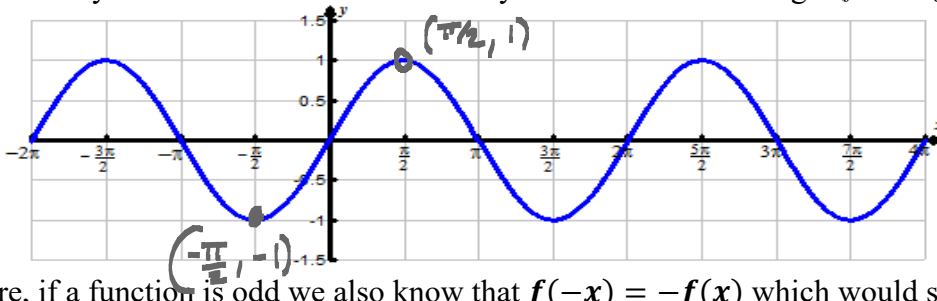
$$\frac{\frac{\sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\cos \theta}}{1 + \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta (1 + \cos \theta)}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{(1 + \cos \theta)} = \tan \theta$$

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

$$\tan \theta = \tan \theta \checkmark$$

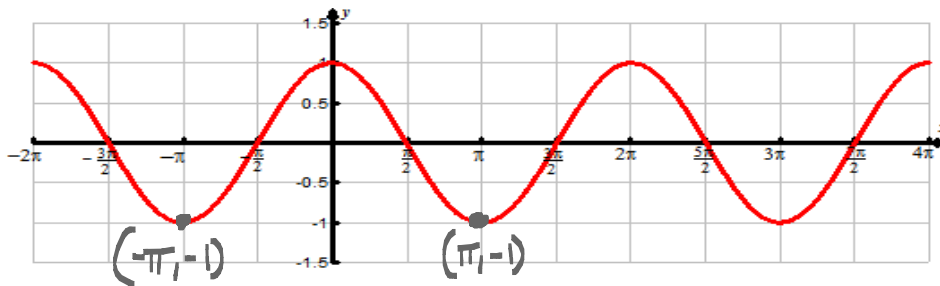
Consider that by definition an odd function is symmetric about the origin (fold along the x-axis and the y-axis):



Therefore, if a function is odd we also know that  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  which would suggest

$$\sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$$

Consider that by definition an even function is symmetric about the y-axis (fold along the y-axis):



Therefore, if a function is even we also know that  $f(-x) = f(x)$  which would suggest

$$\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

**Even-Odd Identities:**

$$\sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$$

$$\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

$$\tan(-x) = -\tan(x)$$

24. Verify:  $\sec(x) = \frac{\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x)}{\cos(-x)}$

$$\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$$

$$\sec(x) = \sec(x) \quad \checkmark$$

25. Verify:  $\csc(x) = \frac{\sin^2(x)-1}{\sin(-x)}$

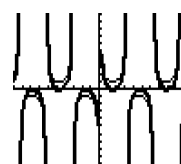
$$\csc(x) = \frac{-\cos^2(x)}{-\sin(x)}$$

$$\csc(x) = \frac{\cos(x) \cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$$

$$\csc(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \cdot \frac{\cos(x)}{1}$$

$$\csc(x) = \cot(x) \cdot \cos(x) \quad \times$$

Plot1 Plot2 Plot3  
 $\sqrt{1-\sin(x)}$   
 $\sqrt{(\sin(x))^2-1}$   
 $\sqrt{\sin(-x)}$   
 $\sqrt{3}$   
 $\sqrt{4}$   
 $\sqrt{5}$   
 $\sqrt{6}$



ALT IDs  
 $S^2 + c^2 = 1$   
 $S^2 = 1 - c^2$   
 $c^2 = 1 - S^2$   
 $S^2 = 1 - c^2$   
 $\frac{-1 - 1}{-1 - 1}$   
 $S^2 - 1 = -c^2$   
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