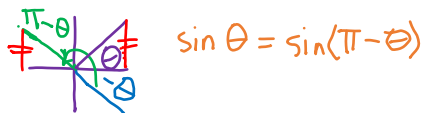


### 5.1 Fundamental Trig Identities

Target 6A: Verify, evaluate, and apply trigonometric identities and formulas

Review of Prior Concepts

If  $\sin \theta = 0.57$ , then  $\sin(\pi - \theta) = ?$   
 $\theta = \sin^{-1}(0.57)$      $\sin(\pi - 0.594) = 0.57$   
 $\theta = 0.594$



#### Reciprocal Identities

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

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

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

#### Quotient Identities

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

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

#### Examples

Simplify.

a)  $\cot x \tan x$

$$= \frac{1}{\tan x} \cdot \tan x$$

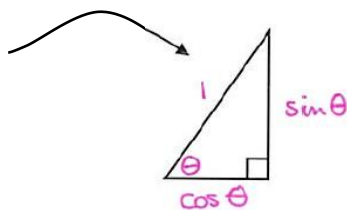
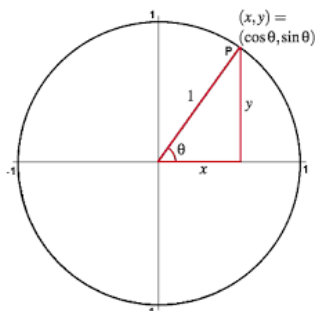
$$= \boxed{1}$$

b)  $\frac{\sin b}{\tan b} = \frac{\sin b}{\frac{\sin b}{\cos b}}$

$$= \sin b \cdot \frac{\cos b}{\sin b}$$

$$= \boxed{\cos b}$$

#### Pythagorean Identities



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

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

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

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

use,  $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$  divide by  $\cos^2 \theta$

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

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

$$\boxed{1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta}$$

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

use,  $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$  divide by  $\sin^2 \theta$

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

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

$$\boxed{\cot^2 \theta + 1 = \csc^2 \theta}$$

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

Examples

a) Use Pythagorean Identities to find  $\sec \theta$  and  $\csc \theta$  if  $\tan \theta = 3$  and  $\cos \theta > 0$ .

$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$   
 $1 + (3)^2 = \sec^2 \theta$   
 $\sqrt{10} = \sqrt{\sec^2 \theta}$   
 $\pm \sqrt{10} = \sec \theta$   
 $\boxed{\sqrt{10} = \sec \theta}$

*cos  $\theta$  positive... so, sec  $\theta$  also positive*  
*and if cos  $\theta$  pos, and tan  $\theta$  pos, then sin  $\theta$  also positive*

$\tan \theta = 3 \rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{1}{3}$   
 $\cot^2 \theta + 1 = \csc^2 \theta$   
 $(\frac{1}{3})^2 + 1 = \csc^2 \theta$   
 $\frac{1}{9} + 1 = \csc^2 \theta$   
 $\sqrt{\frac{10}{9}} = \sqrt{\csc^2 \theta} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{10}}{3} = \csc \theta}$

b) Simplify  $\frac{\sin^2 \alpha + \tan^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha}{\sec \alpha}$

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

Cofunction Identities

$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cos \theta$       $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sin \theta$   
 $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cot \theta$       $\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \tan \theta$   
 $\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \csc \theta$       $\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sec \theta$

Odd-Even Identities

$\sin(-x) = -\sin x$       $\csc(-x) = -\csc x$   
 $\cos(-x) = \cos x$       $\sec(-x) = \sec x$   
 $\tan(-x) = -\tan x$       $\cot(-x) = -\cot x$

Examples

a) If  $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = -5.326$ , find  $\cot \theta$ .

$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cot \theta$   
 $\therefore \boxed{\cot \theta = -5.326}$

b) Simplify  $\sec(-x) \cos(-x)$

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

*sec(-x) = sec x*  
*cos(-x) = cos x*

**More Practice**

**Fundamental Trig Identities**

<http://www.intmath.com/analytic-trigonometry/1-trigonometric-identities.php>

<http://www.mathguide.com/lessons2/TrigExpress.html>

<http://www.purplemath.com/modules/proving.htm>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsfHFZL345M>

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