

Verify each identity.

1. $\sin x \tan x = \sec x - \cos x$

2. $1 = \tan x \cos x \csc x$

3. $\sec x - \sec x \sin^2 x = \cos x$

Standardized Test Practice

4. Which of the following is equivalent to $\frac{\tan \theta \cot \theta}{\csc \theta}$?

A $\cos \theta$

B $\sec \theta$

C $\sin \theta$

D $\csc \theta$

ANSWERS

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \sin x \tan x &= \sin x \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos x} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos x} - \frac{\cos^2 x}{\cos x} \\ &= \sec x - \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \tan x \cos x \csc x &= \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \cancel{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x} \\ &= \frac{\sin x \cos x}{\sin x \cos x} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \sec x - \sec x \sin^2 x &= \sec x (1 - \sin^2 x) \\ &= \sec x (\cos^2 x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot \cos^2 x \\ &= \cos x \end{aligned}$$

4. C

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \frac{\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}}{\csc \theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{\csc \theta} \\ &= \sin \theta \quad \text{C} \end{aligned}$$

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Today we will use our identities to solve trig equations.

But first, let's review how to solve a trig equation.

Solve $4 \sin^2 x + 1 = 4$, Don't forget to check your solutions!

$$4 \sin^2 x = 3$$
$$\sin^2 x = \frac{3}{4}$$
$$\sin x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

Solve by factoring $\cos x \sin x = 3 \cos x$

$$0 = 3 \cos x - \cos x \sin x$$

$$0 = \cos x (3 - \sin x)$$

$$\cos x = 0 \quad 3 - \sin x = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\sin x = 3$$

~~no solution~~ no solution

Solve using substitution $\cos^4 \theta + \cos^2 \theta - 2 = 0$

$$(\cos^2 \theta + 2)(\cos^2 \theta - 1) = 0$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = -2 \quad \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

no solution

$$\cos \theta = \pm 1$$

$$\theta = 0, \pi$$

Now, Solve using an identity in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$.

$$2 \cos^2 x - \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$2(1 - \sin^2 x) - \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$2 - 2\sin^2 x - \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$-2\sin^2 x - \sin x + 1 = 0$$

$$2\sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$(2\sin x - 1)(\sin x + 1) = 0$$

$$2\sin x = 1$$

$$\sin x = 1/2$$

$$x = \pi/6, 5\pi/6$$

$$\sin x = -1$$

$$x = 3\pi/2$$

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

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

$$2\sin^2 x - \sin x = 0$$

$$\sin x(2\sin x - 1) = 0$$

$$\sin x = 0$$

$$x = 0, \pi$$

$$2\sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin x = 1/2$$

$$x = \pi/6, 5\pi/6$$

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

$$1 - \cos x = 2(1 - \cos^2 x)$$

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

$$2\cos^2 x - \cos x - 1 = 0$$

$$(2\cos x + 1)(\cos x - 1) = 0$$

$$\cos x = -1/2$$

$$x = 2\pi/3, 4\pi/3$$

$$\cos x = 1$$

$$x = 0$$

Harder, this time you need to square both sides to be able to use an identity.

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

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

$$(\sin x - \cos x)(\sin x - \cos x) = 1$$

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

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

$$-2\cos x \sin x = 0$$

$$\cos x \sin x = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$\sin x = 0$$

$$x = \pi/2, \quad \cancel{3\pi/2}, \quad x = 0, \pi$$

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

$$\csc x - \cot x = 1$$

$$(\csc x - \cot x)^2 = 1^2$$

$$\csc^2 x - 2\csc x \cot x + \cot^2 x = 1$$

$$(\cot^2 x + 1) - 2\csc x \cot x + \cot^2 x = 1$$

$$2\cot^2 x - 2\csc x \cot x = 0$$

$$\frac{2\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} - \frac{2\cos x}{\sin^2 x} = 0$$

$$\frac{2\cos x (\cos x - 1)}{\sin^2 x} = 0$$

$$2\cos x = 0$$

$$\cos x - 1 = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$\cos x = 1$$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$x = \pi/2, \quad \cancel{3\pi/2}$$

$$\cos x = 1$$

$$\cancel{x = 0}$$

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