

PRE-CALCULUS TRIG APPLICATIONS UNIT

Simplifying Trigonometric Expressions

What is an Identity?

What is it used for?

The Reciprocal Identities:

$$\sin \theta =$$

$$\cos \theta =$$

$$\tan \theta =$$

$$\csc \theta =$$

$$\sec \theta =$$

$$\cot \theta =$$

The Quotient Identities:

$$\tan \theta =$$

$$\cot \theta =$$

The Negative Angle Identities:

The sine is an odd function (sym w/r to the origin), so $\sin(-\theta) =$

The cosine is an even function (sym w/r to the y-axis), so $\cos(-\theta) =$

The Pythagorean Identities:

The most famous one:

Other forms:

The other two:

Simplifying Trigonometric Expressions:

Simplify each into a single trig function with no fractions:

$$\csc(\alpha)\tan(\alpha) =$$

$$\frac{\sec(t)}{\tan(t)} =$$

$$\frac{\sec(t) - \cos(t)}{\sin(t)} =$$

$$\frac{\cos^2(\theta) - 1}{\csc(\theta)} =$$

Homework for Simplifying Trigonometric Expressions

Simplify each into a single trig function with no fractions!

$$\frac{\sec(\beta)}{\csc(\beta)}$$

$$\frac{\csc(x)}{\csc(x) - \sin(x)}$$

$$(1 + \tan^2(x))(\cos^2(x))$$

$$(\csc^2(x) + 1)(\cos^2(x))$$

$$\frac{1 + \tan(\alpha)}{1 + \csc(\alpha)}$$

$$\frac{1 + \cos(\theta)}{1 + \sec(\theta)}$$

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

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

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

$$\frac{1}{1 + \tan^2(\theta)} + \frac{1}{1 + \csc^2(x)}$$

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Proving Trigonometric Identities

What does it mean to "Prove" an Identity?

Tips to Help Prove Trigonometric Identities:

1. Work the more complicated side.
2. Scan for Identities
3. When in doubt . . .
4. Use Algebra...

Examples:

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

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

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

Homework for Proving Trigonometric Identities

Prove the following Identities:

$$\sec(a) - \cos(a) = \sin(a)\tan(a)$$

$$\frac{1 + \tan^2(b)}{\tan^2(b)} = \csc^2(b)$$

$$\frac{(1 - \cos(y))(1 + \cos(y))}{\sin(y)} = \sin(y)$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \cot^2(\theta)} + \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2(\theta)} = 1$$

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

$$\frac{\csc^2(\delta) - 1}{\csc^2(\delta) - \csc(\delta)} = 1 + \sin(\delta)$$

$$\frac{1 + \cos(u)}{\sin(u)} = \frac{\sin(u)}{1 - \cos(u)}$$

$$\frac{\sin^4(x) - \cos^4(x)}{\sin(x) - \cos(x)} = \sin(x) + \cos(x)$$

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More with Trig Identities

Simplify:

$$\frac{\csc x}{\cot x + \tan x}$$

$$\frac{\cos x \tan x}{\csc x}$$

Verify:

$$1 - 2 \sin^2 r + \sin^4 r = \cos^4 r$$

$$\tan u + \frac{\cos u}{1 + \sin u} = \sec u$$

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

$$\frac{\sec x - 1}{\sec x + 1} + \frac{\cos x - 1}{\cos x + 1} = 0$$

$$\frac{\mathit{csc} x}{\mathit{ctn} x + \mathit{tan} x} = \mathit{COS} x$$

$$\frac{\mathit{tan} x + \mathit{sec} x}{\mathit{sec} x - \mathit{cos} x + \mathit{tan} x} = \mathit{CSC} x$$

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Solving Trigonometric Equations

Solving equations for values between 0 and 2π .

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

$$2\cos(x) - \sqrt{3} = 0$$

Solving trigonometric equations for all values.

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

$$2\sin(3\theta) = 1$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\theta\right) = -1$$

Find the first two positive values for x:

$$7\sin(6t) = 2$$

The height of a rider on the Ferris Wheel at Cedar Point can be determined by the equation:

$h(t) = -67.5\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{15}t\right) + 69.5$. How long is the rider more than 100 meters above the ground?

Homework for Solving Trigonometric Equations

Solve for all values between 0 and 2π :

$$2\sin(\theta) = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\sin(\theta) = 0$$

Find all solutions (Use no calculator!):

$$2\cos(\theta) = \sqrt{2}$$

$$2\cos(\theta) = 1$$

$$2\sin(3\theta) = 1$$

$$2\sin(3\theta) = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\theta\right) = -1$$

$$2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\theta\right) = \sqrt{3}$$

Use a calculator to find the first two positive values for x :

$$5\cos(3x) = -3$$

$$3\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}x\right) = 2$$

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More on Solving Trigonometric Equations

Factor and solve the following:

$$2x^2 - x = 0$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

Now, try factoring and solving these for θ between 0 and 2π :

$$2\sin^2(\theta) - \sin(\theta) = 0$$

$$\cos^2(x) - \cos(x) - 2 = 0$$

Using Identities to help solve:

$$2\sin^2(t) - \cos(t) = 1 \quad \text{for all solutions with } 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$\tan(x) = 3\sin(x) \quad \text{for all solutions with } 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi \text{ (You will need a calculator to finish part of the problem)}$$

Homework for More on Solving Trigonometric Equations

Find all solutions on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$

$$2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}x\right) = 1$$

$$2\cos(2t) = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sec(\theta) = 2\cos(\theta)$$

$$2\sin^2(t) + 3\sin(t) + 1 = 0$$

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

$$\sin^2(x) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\tan^3(x) = 3\tan(x)$$

$$4\cos^2(x) - 4 = 15\cos(x)$$

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Sum and Difference Formulas

The Sum and Difference Formulas:

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) =$$

$$\sin(\alpha - \beta) =$$

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) =$$

$$\cos(\alpha - \beta) =$$

Using the Formulas:

Find the Exact value of $\cos(75^\circ) =$

Rewrite: $\sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) =$

Solve: $\sin(x)\sin(2x) + \cos(x)\cos(2x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Given: $\sin(a) = \frac{3}{5}$ and $\cos(b) = \frac{5}{13}$ with both a and b in the first quadrant:

Find: $\sin(a + b)$

$\cos(a - b)$

Homework for Sum and Difference Formulas

Given: $\sin(a) = \frac{2}{5}$ and $\cos(b) = \frac{5}{6}$ with both a and b in the first quadrant:

Find: $\sin(a + b) =$ $\cos(a - b)$

Find the Exact values:

$\sin(195^\circ) = \sin(\quad + \quad)$ $\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{12}\right) = \cos(\quad + \quad)$

Expand and Simplify:

$\sin\left(x + \frac{11\pi}{6}\right) =$

$\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right) =$

Solve for x :

$\cos(2x)\cos(x) + \sin(2x)\sin(x) = 1$

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Double Angle Identities

Double Angle Identities:

$$\sin(2\alpha) =$$

$$\cos(2\alpha) =$$

Using the Double Angle Identities:

If $\sin(\theta) = \frac{3}{5}$ and θ is in the 2nd quadrant, find the exact values of:
 $\sin(2\theta)$ $\cos(2\theta)$

Simplify the expressions:

$$2\cos^2(12^\circ) - 1$$

$$8\sin(3x)\cos(3x)$$

Prove: $\sec(2\alpha) = \frac{\sec^2(\alpha)}{2 - \sec^2(\alpha)}$

Use an identity to find the exact value of: $\cos^2(75^\circ) - \sin^2(75^\circ)$

Solve: $\cos(2t) = \cos(t)$ for all solutions with $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

Homework for Double Angle Identities

If $\sin(x) = 1/8$ and x is in quadrant I, then find the exact values for:
 $\sin(2x)$ $\cos(2x)$

Simplify each expression:

$$\cos^2(28^\circ) - \sin^2(28^\circ)$$

$$1 - 2\sin^2(17^\circ)$$

$$\cos^2(9x) - \sin^2(9x)$$

$$4\sin(8x)\cos(8x)$$

Solve for all solutions on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$

$$6\sin(2t) + 9\sin(t) = 0$$

$$\sin(2t) = \cos(t)$$

Prove the identities below:

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

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

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Half Angle Identities

Half Angle Identities:

$$\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) =$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) =$$

Using the Half Angle Identities:

Find the exact value for the $\cos(15^\circ)$

If $\sin(x) = 1/5$ and x is in quadrant I, then find the exact values for:

$$\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) =$$

Power Reduction Identities:

$$\cos^2(\alpha) =$$

$$\sin^2(\alpha) =$$

Rewrite $\cos^4(x)$ without any powers.

Homework for Half Angle Identities

Use Half Angle Identities to find the Exact values of:

$$\sin(75^\circ) =$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) =$$

Use the Power Reduction Identities to rewrite without exponents.

$$\cos^2(5x) =$$

$$\sin^4(8x) =$$

If $\csc(x) = 7$ and $90^\circ < x < 180^\circ$, then find exact values for:

$$\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$