



Precalculus

Topic: Trigonometric Identities

Instructions

Solve the following problems related to trigonometric identities. Show all work clearly and check your solutions.

Practice Problems

1. Simplify the following trigonometric expressions:

(i) $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta$

(ii) $1 + \tan^2 \theta$

(iii) $1 - \sin^2 \theta$

(iv) $\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta$

(v) $\csc^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta$

(vi) $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta - 1$

(vii) $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$

(viii) $\sec \theta - \cos \theta$

2. Prove the following identities:

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

(ii) $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$

(iii) $\csc^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta = 1$

(iv) $1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$

(v) $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$

(vi) $\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$

(vii) $\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$

3. Verify the identity.

- (i) $\frac{\sin \theta}{\tan \theta} = \cos \theta$ (viii) $\tan \theta + \cot \theta = \sec \theta \csc \theta$
(ii) $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\sec x}$ (ix) $(\sin x + \cos x)^2 = 1 + 2 \sin x \cos x$
(iii) $\cos u \sec u = \cot u$ (x) $(1 - \cos \beta)(1 + \cos \beta) = \frac{1}{\csc^2 \beta}$
(iv) $\sin B + \cos B \cot B = \csc B$ (xi) $\cos x + \sec x = \frac{\sin x}{\sec x}$
(v) $\cos(-x) - \sin(-x) = \cos x + \sin x$ (xii) $(\sin x + \cos x)^2 = \frac{\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\sin x - \cos x}$
(vi) $\cot(-x) \cos(-a) + \sin(-a) = -\csc x$ (xiii) $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$
(vii) $\csc x [\csc x - \sin(-x)] = \cot^2 x$

4. Find the value of the following trigonometric expressions:

- (i) $\sin 30^\circ + \cos 60^\circ$ (v) $\cot 90^\circ$
(ii) $\tan 45^\circ$ (vi) $\sin 45^\circ$
(iii) $\sin 90^\circ$ (vii) $\cos 120^\circ$
(iv) $\cos 0^\circ$

5. Solve the following trigonometric equations:

- (i) $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ (iv) $\sec \theta = 2$
(ii) $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (v) $\cot \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$
(iii) $\tan \theta = 1$

Multiple-Choice Questions

- What is the value of $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta$?
A. 1
B. 2
C. 0
D. $\sin^2 \theta$
- What is the identity for $\cos(2\theta)$?
A. $\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$
B. $2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$
C. $1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$
D. All of the above
- What is the value of $\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta$?
A. 1
B. $\sin^2 \theta$
C. $\cos^2 \theta$
D. None of the above

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