

5-2 Verifying Trigonometric Identities

Verify each identity.

2. $\sec^2 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) = \tan^2 \theta$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned}\sec^2 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) &= \sec^2 \theta - \sec^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \\ &= \sec^2 \theta - 1 \\ &= \tan^2 \theta\end{aligned}$$

4. $\csc \theta - \cos \theta \cot \theta = \sin \theta$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned}\csc \theta - \cos \theta \cot \theta &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} - \cos \theta \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$

6. $\tan \theta \csc^2 \theta - \tan \theta = \cot \theta$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \theta \csc^2 \theta - \tan \theta &= \tan \theta (\csc^2 \theta - 1) \\ &= \tan \theta \cot^2 \theta \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \cot \theta\end{aligned}$$

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$$8. \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} + \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = 2 \csc \theta$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} + \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} + \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta (1 - \cos \theta)} + \frac{1 - 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta (1 - \cos \theta)} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 1 - 2 \cos \theta}{\sin \theta (1 - \cos \theta)} \\ &= \frac{2 - 2 \cos \theta}{\sin \theta (1 - \cos \theta)} \\ &= \frac{2(1 - \cos \theta)}{\sin \theta (1 - \cos \theta)} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sin \theta} \\ &= 2 \csc \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$10. \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cot \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \tan \theta} = \sin \theta + \cos \theta$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cot \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \tan \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}} + \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}} \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta} - \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta - \sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta} - \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta} \\ &= \sin \theta + \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

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$$12. \frac{1}{\csc \theta + 1} + \frac{1}{\csc \theta - 1} = 2 \sec^2 \theta \sin \theta$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\csc \theta + 1} + \frac{1}{\csc \theta - 1} \\ &= \frac{\csc \theta - 1}{\csc \theta - 1} \cdot \frac{1}{\csc \theta + 1} + \frac{\csc \theta + 1}{\csc \theta + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{\csc \theta - 1} \\ &= \frac{\csc \theta - 1}{\csc^2 \theta - 1} + \frac{\csc \theta + 1}{\csc^2 \theta - 1} \\ &= \frac{2\csc \theta}{\csc^2 \theta - 1} \\ &= \frac{2\csc \theta}{\cot^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{2\left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta}\right)}{\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{2\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{\cos^2 \theta}\right) \sin \theta \\ &= 2\sec^2 \theta \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$14. \cos^4 \theta - \sin^4 \theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^4 \theta - \sin^4 \theta &= (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) \\ &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

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$$16. \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \sin \theta} = 2 \sec \theta$$

ANSWER:

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

$$18. \frac{\csc^2 \theta + 2 \csc \theta - 3}{\csc^2 \theta - 1} = \frac{\csc \theta + 3}{\csc \theta + 1}$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\csc^2 \theta + 2 \csc \theta - 3}{\csc^2 \theta - 1} &= \frac{(\csc \theta + 3)(\csc \theta - 1)}{(\csc \theta + 1)(\csc \theta - 1)} \\ &= \frac{\csc \theta + 3}{\csc \theta + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Verify each identity.

$$20. (\csc \theta + \cot \theta)(1 - \cos \theta) = \sin \theta$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\csc \theta + \cot \theta)(1 - \cos \theta) \\ &= \csc \theta - \csc \theta \cos \theta + \cot \theta - \cot \theta \cos \theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} - \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \right) \cos \theta + \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) - \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) \cos \theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

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$$22. \frac{1 - \tan^2 \theta}{1 - \cot^2 \theta} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta - 1}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1 - \tan^2 \theta}{1 - \cot^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{1 - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}}{1 - \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}}{\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} - \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}}{\frac{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \cdot \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 \theta - (1 - \cos^2 \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{(1 - \cos^2 \theta) - \cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{-1 + 2\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{1 - 2\cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{-(1 - 2\cos^2 \theta)(1 - \cos^2 \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta(1 - 2\cos^2 \theta)} \\ &= \frac{-(1 - \cos^2 \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 \theta - 1}{\cos^2 \theta} \end{aligned}$$

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$$24. (\csc \theta - \cot \theta)^2 = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned}(\csc \theta - \cot \theta)^2 &= \csc^2 \theta - 2 \csc \theta \cot \theta + \cot^2 \theta \\&= \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} - \frac{2}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \\&= \frac{1 - 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \\&= \frac{1 - 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \\&= \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)^2}{(1 + \cos \theta)(1 - \cos \theta)} \\&= \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}\end{aligned}$$

$$26. \tan^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \cdot \cos^2 \theta \\&= \sin^2 \theta \\&= 1 - \cos^2 \theta\end{aligned}$$

$$28. 1 - \tan^4 \theta = 2 \sec^2 \theta - \sec^4 \theta$$

ANSWER:

$$\begin{aligned}1 - \tan^4 \theta &= (1 - \tan^2 \theta)(1 + \tan^2 \theta) \\&= [1 - (\sec^2 \theta - 1)](\sec^2 \theta) \\&= (2 - \sec^2 \theta)(\sec^2 \theta) \\&= 2 \sec^2 \theta - \sec^4 \theta\end{aligned}$$

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

ANSWER:

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