

**LESSON  
5-1****Trigonometric Identities****Then**

You found trigonometric values using the unit circle.  
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**Now**

- Identify and use basic trigonometric identities to find trigonometric values.
- Use basic trigonometric identities to simplify and rewrite trigonometric expressions.

## 5-1 Study Guide and Intervention

### Trigonometric Identities

**Basic Trigonometric Identities** An equation is an **identity** if the left side is equal to the right side for all values of the variable for which both sides are defined. Trigonometric identities are identities that involve trigonometric functions.

#### KeyConcept Reciprocal and Quotient Identities

##### Reciprocal Identities

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

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

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

##### Quotient Identities

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

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

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

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

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

#### KeyConcept Pythagorean Identities



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

$$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\cot^2 \theta + 1 = \csc^2 \theta$$

$$y^2 + x^2 = r^2$$

**KeyConcept Cofunction Identities**

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

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

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

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

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

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

$f(-x) = f(x)$  even  
 $f(-x) = -f(x)$  odd

**KeyConcept Odd-Even Identities**

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$$

$$\sin -\frac{\pi}{3} = -\sin \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta$$

$$\csc(-\theta) = -\csc \theta$$

$$\sec(-\theta) = \sec \theta$$

$$\cot(-\theta) = -\cot \theta$$

**Example** If  $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$  and  $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ , find  $\tan \theta$ .

Use two identities to relate  $\sin \theta$  and  $\tan \theta$ .

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad \text{Pythagorean Identity}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad \sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{16}{25} \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}} \text{ or } \pm \frac{4}{5} \quad \text{Take the square root of each side.}$$

Since  $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ ,  $\cos \theta$  is positive.

Thus,  $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ .

Now find  $\tan \theta$ .

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \quad \text{Quotient identity}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\frac{3}{5}}{\frac{4}{5}} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}, \cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

**Exercises**

**Find the value of each expression using the given information.**

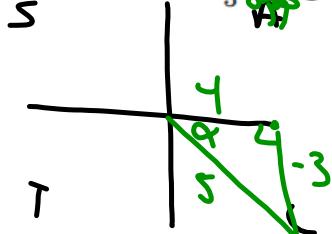
1. If  $\cot \theta = \frac{12}{5}$ , find  $\tan \theta$ .

$$\frac{5}{12}$$

2. If  $\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{4}$ , find  $\csc \theta$ .

$$-4$$

5. If  $\cot \alpha = -\frac{4}{3}$  and  $\sin \alpha < 0$ , find  $\cos \alpha$  and  $\csc \alpha$ .



$$\cos \alpha = -\frac{4}{5}$$

$$\csc \alpha = -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{x-3} + \frac{2}{3-x}$$

Ex: If  $\sin x = -0.37$ , find  $\cos(x - \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$= \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)$$

$$= \underline{\cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)}$$

$$= \sin x$$

$$= -.37$$

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$$17. \csc \theta = -1.24$$

$$\sec(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$\sec -(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)$$

$$\sec(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)$$

$$\csc \theta$$

$$-1.24$$

$$19. \tan \theta = -1.52$$

$$\cot(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$\cot -(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)$$

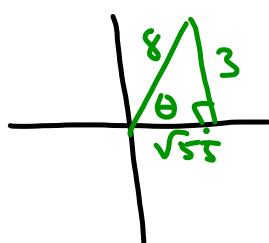
$$-\cot(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)$$

$$-\tan \theta$$

$$-(-1.52)$$

$$1.52$$

$$13. \csc \theta = \frac{8}{3} \frac{hyp}{opp}$$



$$\begin{aligned} 3^2 + x^2 &= 8^2 \\ 9 + x^2 &= 64 \\ x^2 &= 55 \\ x &= \sqrt{55} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{55}}{8}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{3 \cdot \sqrt{55}}{\sqrt{55} \cdot \sqrt{55}} = \frac{3\sqrt{55}}{55}$$

## Trigonometric Identities

**Simplify and Rewrite Trigonometric Expressions** You can apply trigonometric identities and algebraic techniques such as substitution, factoring, and simplifying fractions to simplify and rewrite trigonometric expressions.

**Example** Simplify each expression.

a.  $\sec x - \cos x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sec x - \cos x &= \frac{1}{\cos x} - \cos x && \text{Reciprocal Identity} \\
 &= \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos x} && \text{Add.} \\
 &= \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} && \text{Pythagorean Identity} \\
 &= \sin x \left( \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right) && \text{Factor.} \\
 &= \sin x \tan x && \text{Quotient Identity}
 \end{aligned}$$

b.  $\csc x \cot^2 x + \frac{1}{\sin x}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \csc x \cot^2 x + \frac{1}{\sin x} &= \csc x \cot^2 x + \csc x && \text{Reciprocal Identity} \\
 &= \csc x (\csc^2 x - 1) + \csc x && \text{Pythagorean Identity} \\
 &= \csc^3 x - \csc x + \csc x && \text{Distributive Property} \\
 &= \csc^3 x && \text{Simplify.}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Exercises

Simplify each expression.

1.  $\cos x (\tan x + \cot x)$

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

4.  $(\sec x - \tan x)(\csc x + 1)$

3.  $\frac{\csc^2 x}{1 + \tan^2 x}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\csc^2 x}{\sec^2 x} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \cdot \frac{\cos^2 x}{1} \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} \\ &= \cot^2 x \end{aligned}$$

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7.  $\csc x \sin x + \cot^2 x$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \sin x + \cot^2 x \\ & 1 + \cot^2 x \\ & \csc^2 x \end{aligned}$$

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