

A **trigonometric identity** is a statement that relates trig ratios, and is true for all values of the variable for which the trig ratios are defined.

e.g. $\sin \theta \csc \theta = 1$ is an identity because it is true for all values of θ (except where $\csc \theta$ is undefined)

$\sin \theta \sec \theta = 1$ is not an identity because it is only true for $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$.

A trig identity can be **verified** by substituting a value for the variable. This shows that an identity is true for specific values, but does not prove the identity is true for all values.

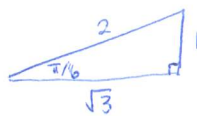
To **prove** an identity is true, it must be shown that one side of the equation is equal to the other, or that both sides are equal to the same expression.

<u>Reciprocal Identities:</u>	$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$	$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$	$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$
<u>Quotient Identities:</u>	$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$ *	$\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$	

★ Proof
 $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$
 $\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}}{\frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}}$
 $= \frac{\text{opp} \times \text{hyp}}{\text{hyp} \times \text{adj}}$
 $= \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \tan \theta!$

1. Given the identity $\sin \theta \cot \theta = \cos \theta$

a) Verify the identity for $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$.



$$\sin \frac{\pi}{6} \cdot \cot \frac{\pi}{6} = \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

b) Prove the identity.	LS	RS
	$\cancel{\sin \theta} \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\cancel{\sin \theta}} \right)$	$\cos \theta$
	$\cos \theta$	$\cos \theta$
	$LS = RS$	

- choose the more complicated side to simplify.
 - change $\cot \theta$ to $\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$
 - simplify
 - re-write

c) What are the non-permissible values of θ ?

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \Rightarrow \sin \theta \neq 0$$

$\sin \theta = 0$ at $0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots$ $\therefore \theta \neq n\pi \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z})$

2. Prove the identity $\frac{\tan\theta}{\sec\theta} = \sin\theta$. What are the non-permissible values of θ ?

LS	RS
$\frac{\tan\theta}{\sec\theta}$ $= \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$ $\frac{1}{\cos\theta}$ $= \frac{\sin\theta}{\cancel{\cos\theta}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\cos\theta}}{1}$ $= \sin\theta$	$\sin\theta$
LS = RS	

$\hookrightarrow \sec\theta = \frac{1}{\cos\theta} \therefore \cos\theta \neq 0$
 $\cos\theta = 0$ at $\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots$

$\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi \ (n \in \mathbb{Z})$

- rewrite in terms of $\sin\theta$ and $\cos\theta$
- multiply by the reciprocal
- simplify

3. Prove the identity $\cos\theta = \frac{1+\cos\theta}{1+\sec\theta}$.

LS	RS
$\cos\theta$	$\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1+\sec\theta}$ $= \frac{(1+\cos\theta) \cdot \cancel{\cos\theta}}{(1+\frac{1}{\cancel{\cos\theta}}) \cdot \cancel{\cos\theta}}$ $= \frac{(1+\cos\theta) \cos\theta}{\cos\theta + \frac{\cancel{\cos\theta}}{\cancel{\cos\theta}}}$ $= \frac{\cancel{(1+\cos\theta)} \cos\theta}{\cancel{\cos\theta} + 1}$ $= \cos\theta$
LS = RS	

- multiply by $\frac{\cos\theta}{\cos\theta} = 1$ to remove complex fraction

- simplify

4. Solve each equation for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.

a) $2\sin x = 3 + 2\csc x$

$(2\sin x = 3 + \frac{2}{\sin x}) \cdot \sin x$

$2\sin^2 x = 3\sin x + 2$

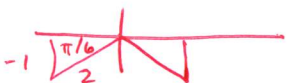
$2\sin^2 x - 3\sin x - 2 = 0$

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

$\sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$\sin x = 2$

no solution

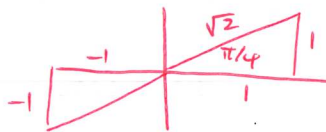


$x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$

b) $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{\cos x}{\cos x}$

$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = 1$

$\tan x = 1$



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