

14-1 Trigonometric Identities Dynamic Activity

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Directions: Complete the following practice problems. They are the same problems that will be completed on the board. Be sure to write each step down as we go!

1. Simplify the expression:  $\csc^2\theta(1 - \cos^2\theta)$

$$\csc^2\theta(1 - \cos^2\theta)$$

$$\csc^2\theta \sin^2\theta$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \cdot \sin^2\theta$$

$$= \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta} = 1$$

2. Simplify the expression:  $\cos\theta + \sin\theta \tan\theta$

$$\cos\theta + \sin\theta \left( \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} \right)$$

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

$$\frac{\cos^2\theta}{\cos\theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{\cos\theta} = \sec\theta$$

3. Simplify the expression:  $\tan^2\theta + \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta$

$$\tan^2\theta + \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta$$

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

4. Simplify the expression:  $\cos\theta \sin\theta \sec\theta$

$$\cos\theta \sin\theta \sec\theta$$

$$\cancel{\cos\theta} \sin\theta \frac{1}{\cancel{\cos\theta}}$$

$$= \sin\theta$$

5. Simplify the expression:  $\cot\theta \tan\theta + \tan^2\theta$

$$\cot\theta \tan\theta + \tan^2\theta$$

$$\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \cdot \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} + \tan^2\theta$$

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

6. Simplify the expression:  $(1 - \sin\theta)(1 + \sin\theta)$

$$(1 - \sin\theta)(1 + \sin\theta) \text{ FOIL}$$

$$1 - \sin^2\theta$$

$$= \cos^2\theta$$

7. Simplify the expression:  $\frac{1 - \sin^2\theta}{1 - \cos^2\theta}$

$$\frac{1 - \sin^2\theta}{1 - \cos^2\theta} = \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\sin^2\theta}$$

$$= \cot^2\theta$$

8. Simplify the expression:  $\frac{1}{\sec^2\theta} + \frac{1}{\csc^2\theta}$

$$\frac{1}{\sec^2\theta} + \frac{1}{\csc^2\theta} = \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta$$

$$= 1$$

9. Simplify the expression:  $\cos\theta \sec\theta - \cos^2\theta$

$$\cos\theta \sec\theta - \cos^2\theta$$

$$\cos\theta \cdot \frac{1}{\cos\theta} - \cos^2\theta$$

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

Practice: Complete the following problems on your own!

1. Simplify the expression:  $\cos\theta + \sin\theta \tan\theta$

$$\cos\theta + \sin\theta \cdot \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$$

$$\frac{\cos^2\theta}{\cos\theta} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{\cos\theta} = \sec\theta$$

3. Simplify the expression:  $\sin\theta(1 + \cot^2\theta)$

$$\sin\theta(1 + \cot^2\theta)$$

$$\sin\theta \csc^2\theta$$

$$\sin\theta \cdot \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} = \frac{1}{\sin\theta} = \csc\theta$$

5. Simplify the expression:  $\csc^2\theta(1 - \cos^2\theta)$

$$\csc^2\theta(1 - \cos^2\theta)$$

$$\csc^2\theta \sin^2\theta$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} \cdot \sin^2\theta = 1$$

7. Simplify the expression:  $\csc\theta \cos\theta \tan\theta$

$$\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \cdot \frac{\cos\theta}{1} \cdot \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$$

$$= 1$$

10. Simplify:  $(1 - \sin^2\theta) + (1 - \cos^2\theta) - 2$

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

$$\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta - 2$$

$$1 - 2$$

$$= -1$$

2. Simplify the expression:  $\tan\theta(\cot\theta + \tan\theta)$

$$\tan\theta \cot\theta + \tan^2\theta$$

$$\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} \cdot \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} + \tan^2\theta$$

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

4. Simplify the expression:  $\frac{\csc\theta}{\sin\theta + \cos\theta \cot\theta}$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{\sin\theta}}{\sin\theta + \cos\theta \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sin\theta}}{\sin\theta + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\sin\theta}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sin\theta}}{\frac{\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta}{\sin\theta}}$$

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

6. Simplify the expression:  $\frac{\cos\theta \csc\theta}{\cot\theta}$

$$\frac{\cos\theta \cdot \frac{1}{\sin\theta}}{\cot\theta} = \frac{\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}}{\cot\theta} = \frac{\cot\theta}{\cot\theta}$$

$$= 1$$

8. Simplify the expression:  $\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta + \tan^2\theta$

$$\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta + \tan^2\theta$$

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

$$\sec^2\theta$$