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Assignment: 6.1 Verifying Identities

1. Complete the following statement.

An equation that is true for all values of the variable in its domain is called a(n) _____.

An equation that is true for all values of the variable in its domain is called a(n) identity.

2. Complete the following statements.

a. $\sin^2 x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = 1$ b. $1 + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \sec^2 x$ c. $\csc^2 x - \cot^2 x = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

- a. Select the correct response from the choices below.

- ☒ A. $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$
☐ B. $\sin^2 x + \csc^2 x = 1$
☐ C. $\sin^2 x + \cot^2 x = 1$
☐ D. $\sin^2 x + \tan^2 x = 1$

- b. Select the correct response from the choices below.

- ☐ A. $1 + \cot^2 x = \sec^2 x$
☐ B. $1 + \csc^2 x = \sec^2 x$
☐ C. $1 + \cos^2 x = \sec^2 x$
☒ D. $1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$

- c. Select the correct response from the choices below.

- ☒ A. $\csc^2 x - \cot^2 x = 1$
☐ B. $\csc^2 x - \cot^2 x = 2$
☐ C. $\csc^2 x - \cot^2 x = 0$
☐ D. $\csc^2 x - \cot^2 x = -1$

3. State whether the following statement is true or false.

The value of $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ can be used to show that $\sin x = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 x}$ is not an identity.

Select the correct choice below.

- ☐ A. False, because substituting $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ gives $\sin x = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 x}$.
- ☐ B. False, because squaring the equation results into identity true for $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$.
- ☒ C. True, because the value of $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ results in both sides being defined but not equal.
- ☐ D. True, because the value of $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ results in both sides being undefined and unequal.

4. Simplify so that no quotients appear in the final expression.

$$\frac{\sec \theta - \csc \theta}{\csc \theta \sec \theta}$$

Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. $\cos \theta$
☐ B. $-\cos \theta \sin \theta$
☐ C. $\sin \theta \cos \theta$
☐ D. $\csc \theta - \sec \theta$
☒ E. $\sin \theta - \cos \theta$
☐ F. $\cos \theta - \sin \theta$

5. Simplify the expression $\cos(-x) \cdot \tan(-x)$.

Choose the correct simplified form of $\cos(-x) \cdot \tan(-x)$.

- ☐ A. $\sin x$
☐ B. $\tan x$
☒ C. $-\sin x$
☐ D. $\cos x$

6. Write the expression in terms of sine and cosine, and then simplify so that no quotients appear in the final expression.

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

Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. -1
☐ B. $-\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$
☐ C. $\csc^2 \theta$
☒ D. 1
☐ E. $\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$
☐ F. $\cot^2 \theta$

7. Use the fundamental identities and appropriate algebraic operations to simplify the following expression.

$$(7 + \cot x)(7 - \cot x) + \csc^2 x$$

$$(7 + \cot x)(7 - \cot x) + \csc^2 x = \boxed{50} \text{ (Type an integer or a simplified fraction.)}$$

8. Simplify the expression.

$$(\csc x + \cot x)(\csc x - \cot x)$$

$$(\csc x + \cot x)(\csc x - \cot x) = \boxed{1}$$

(Use integers or decimals for any numbers in the expression.)

9. Simplify the expression.

$$\frac{\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x}{\cos x - \sin x}$$

Choose the correct answer for $\frac{\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x}{\cos x - \sin x}$.

- ☐ A. $\cos x - \sin x$
☐ B. $\sin x - \cos x$
☒ C. $\cos x + \sin x$
☐ D. Cannot be simplified

10. Factor and simplify.

$\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x$

Choose the most simplified form of $\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x$ below.

- ☐ A. $4 \cos x - 4 \sin x$
- ☒ B. $2 \cos^2 x - 1$
- ☐ C. $(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)(\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)$
- ☐ D. $\cos^2 x$

11. Multiply and simplify.

$\sin x \cos x (\csc x + \tan x)$

$\sin x \cos x (\csc x + \tan x) = \cos x + \sin^2 x$

12. Verify the identity.

$\csc x - \csc x \cos^2 x = \sin x$

Choose the sequence of steps below that verifies the identity.

- ☒ A. $\csc x - \csc x \cos^2 x = \csc x (1 - \cos^2 x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \sin^2 x = \sin x$
- ☐ B. $\csc x - \csc x \cos^2 x = \csc x (\cos^2 x - 1) = \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \sin x^2 = \sin x$
- ☐ C. $\csc x - \csc x \cos^2 x = \csc x (1 - \cos^2 x) = \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \cdot \sin x = \sin x$
- ☐ D. $\csc x - \csc x \cos^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x = \sin x$

13. Establish the identity.

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

Which of the following four statements establishes the identity?

- ☐ A. $(\sec \theta + 1)(\sec \theta - 1) = \tan \theta \tan \theta = \tan^2 \theta$
- ☐ B. $(\sec \theta + 1)(\sec \theta - 1) = \sec^2 \theta + 1 = \tan^2 \theta$
- ☒ C. $(\sec \theta + 1)(\sec \theta - 1) = \sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$
- ☐ D. $(\sec \theta + 1)(\sec \theta - 1) = 1 - \sec^2 \theta = \tan^2 \theta$

14. Verify the identity.

$\sin^2 x \cot^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$

To verify that an equation is an identity, start with the more complicated side and transform the side of the equation into the other side by a sequence of steps, each of which produces an identity.

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

(Do not simplify.)

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

Begin with left side

Write in terms of sine and cosine.

Divide out the common factor.

Use a Pythagorean identity.

15. Establish the identity.

$$\frac{1}{\csc \theta - 1} - \frac{1}{\csc \theta + 1} = 2 \tan^2 \theta$$

Which of the following statements establishes the identity?

- ☒ A. $\frac{1}{\csc \theta - 1} - \frac{1}{\csc \theta + 1} = \frac{\csc \theta + 1 - (\csc \theta - 1)}{(\csc \theta - 1)(\csc \theta + 1)} = \frac{2}{\csc^2 \theta - 1} = \frac{2}{\cot^2 \theta} = 2 \tan^2 \theta$
- ☐ B. $\frac{1}{\csc \theta - 1} - \frac{1}{\csc \theta + 1} = \frac{2}{\sec^2 \theta - 1} = \frac{2}{\csc^2 \theta + 1} = \frac{2}{\sin^2 \theta} = 2 \tan^2 \theta$
- ☐ C. $\frac{1}{\csc \theta - 1} - \frac{1}{\csc \theta + 1} = \frac{\csc \theta + 1 - (\csc \theta - 1)}{(\csc \theta - 1)(\csc \theta + 1)} = \frac{2}{\csc^2 \theta - 1} = \frac{2}{\sin^2 \theta} = 2 \tan^2 \theta$
- ☐ D. $\frac{1}{\csc \theta - 1} - \frac{1}{\csc \theta + 1} = \frac{2}{\sec^2 \theta - 1} = \frac{2}{\csc^2 \theta} = 2 \tan^2 \theta$

16. Verify the identity.

$$\sec^2 x \csc^2 x = \sec^2 x + \csc^2 x$$

Which of the following four statements establishes the identity?

- ☐ A. $\sec^2 x \csc^2 x = \sin^2 x \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} = \sec^2 x + \csc^2 x$
- ☒ B. $\sec^2 x \csc^2 x = \frac{1}{\sin^2 x \cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} = \sec^2 x + \csc^2 x$
- ☐ C. $\sec^2 x \csc^2 x = \frac{1}{\sin^2 x \cos^2 x} = \cos^2 x + \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} = \sec^2 x + \csc^2 x$
- ☐ D. $\sec^2 x \csc^2 x = \sin^2 x \cos^2 x = \cos^2 x + \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} = \sec^2 x + \csc^2 x$

17. Verify the identity.

$$(\cos x - \sin x)^2 = 1 - 2 \cos x \sin x$$

Choose the sequence of steps below that verifies the identity.

- ☐ A. $(\cos x - \sin x)^2 = \cos^2 x + 2 \cos x \sin x - \sin^2 x = 1 - 2 \cos x \sin x$
- ☐ B. $(\cos x - \sin x)^2 = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = 1 - 2 \cos x \sin x$
- ☒ C. $(\cos x - \sin x)^2 = \cos^2 x - 2 \cos x \sin x + \sin^2 x = 1 - 2 \cos x \sin x$
- ☐ D. $(\cos x - \sin x)^2 = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1 - 2 \cos x \sin x$

18. Verify the identity.

$$(1 + \tan x)^2 = \sec^2 x + 2 \tan x$$

Choose the sequence of steps below that verifies the identity.

- ☐ A. $(1 + \tan x)^2 = 1 - 2 \tan x + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x + 2 \tan x$
- ☐ B. $(1 + \tan x)^2 = 1 - \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x + 2 \tan x$
- ☐ C. $(1 + \tan x)^2 = 1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x + 2 \tan x$
- ☒ D. $(1 + \tan x)^2 = 1 + 2 \tan x + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x + 2 \tan x$

19. Verify the identity.

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

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$$\frac{\cos x + \cot x}{\sin x + 1}$$

Begin with left side

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

(Do not simplify.)

Write in terms of sine and cosine.

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

Rewrite the numerator using the LCD.

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

Multiply and divide by
the conjugate of the denominator and simplify.

$$= \cot x$$

Use the quotient identities.

20. Make the indicated trigonometric substitution in the given algebraic expression and simplify. Assume $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 25}, x = 5 \tan \theta$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 25} = 5 \sec \theta$$

(Simplify your answer.)