

# Trigonometric Identities

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1. Prove the following identity:  $(\sin^2\theta - 1)(\tan^2\theta + 1) + 1 = 0$   
[2023]

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{LHS} \\ &= (\sin^2\theta - 1)(\tan^2\theta + 1) + 1 \\ &= (-\cos^2\theta)(\sec^2\theta) + 1 \\ &= (-\cos^2\theta) \times \frac{1}{\cos^2\theta} + 1 \\ &= -1 + 1 \\ &= 0 \\ &= \text{RHS} \\ &\text{proved} \end{aligned}$$

2.  $(1 + \sin A)(1 - \sin A)$  is equal to:

- (a)  $\operatorname{cosec}^2 A$
- (b)  $\sin^2 A$
- (c)  $\sec^2 A$
- (d)  $\cos^2 A$  [2023]

Solution: (d)

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$(1 + \sin A)(1 - \sin A)$$

$$= 1 - \sin^2 A$$

$$= \cos^2 A$$

3. Prove that :  $1 + \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{1 + \sec \theta} = \sec \theta$  [2022 Semester – 2]

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{LHS} \\ &= 1 + \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{1 + \sec \theta} \\ &= 1 + \frac{\sec^2 \theta - 1}{\sec \theta + 1} \\ &= 1 + \frac{(\sec \theta + 1)(\sec \theta - 1)}{(\sec \theta + 1)} \\ &= 1 + \sec \theta - 1 \\ &= \sec \theta \\ &= \text{RHS} \\ & \text{proved} \end{aligned}$$

4. Prove that: [2022 Semester-2]

$$\frac{(1 + \sin \theta)^2 + (1 - \sin \theta)^2}{2 \cos^2 \theta} = \sec^2 \theta + \tan^2 \theta$$

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{LHS} \\
&= \frac{(1 + \sin \theta)^2 + (1 - \sin \theta)^2}{2 \cos^2 \theta} \\
&= \frac{1 + \sin^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta + 1 + \sin^2 \theta - 2 \sin \theta}{2 \cos^2 \theta} \\
&= \frac{2 + 2 \sin^2 \theta}{2 \cos^2 \theta} \\
&= \frac{2(1 + \sin^2 \theta)}{2 \cos^2 \theta} \\
&= \frac{1 + \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \\
&= \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \\
&= \sec^2 \theta + \tan^2 \theta \\
&= \text{RHS} \\
&\text{Proved.}
\end{aligned}$$

5. Prove that :  $\frac{1}{1 + \sin \theta} + \frac{1}{1 - \sin \theta} = 2 \sec^2 \theta$  [2022 Semester – 2]

**Step-by-step Explanation:**

$$\begin{aligned}
& LHS \\
&= \frac{1}{1 + \sin\theta} + \frac{1}{1 - \sin\theta} \\
&= \frac{1 - \sin\theta + 1 + \sin\theta}{(1 + \sin\theta)(1 - \sin\theta)} \\
&= \frac{2}{1 - \sin^2\theta} \\
&= \frac{2}{\cos^2\theta} \\
&= 2\sec^2\theta \\
&= RHS \\
& \text{Proved.}
\end{aligned}$$

6. Prove the identity :  $\left(\frac{1 - \tan\theta}{1 - \cot\theta}\right)^2 = \tan^2\theta$  [2020]

Step-by-step Explanation:

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left( \frac{(1 - \tan \theta) \times \tan \theta}{\tan \theta - 1} \right)^2 \\
&= (-\tan \theta)^2 \\
&= \tan^2 \theta \\
&= RHS \\
&\text{Proved.}
\end{aligned}$$

7. Prove that :  $\frac{\sin A}{1 + \cot A} - \frac{\cos A}{1 + \tan A} = \sin A - \cos A$  [2020]

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{LHS} \\
&= \frac{\sin A}{1 + \cot A} - \frac{\cos A}{1 + \tan A} \\
&= \frac{\sin A}{1 + \frac{\cos A}{\sin A}} - \frac{\cos A}{1 + \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}} \\
&= \frac{\sin A}{\frac{\sin A + \cos A}{\sin A}} - \frac{\cos A}{\frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A}} \\
&= \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin A + \cos A} - \frac{\cos^2 A}{\sin A + \cos A} \\
&= \frac{\sin^2 A - \cos^2 A}{\sin A + \cos A} \\
&= \frac{(\sin A + \cos A)(\sin A - \cos A)}{\sin A + \cos A} \\
&= \sin A - \cos A \\
&= RHS \\
&\text{Proved.}
\end{aligned}$$

8. Prove that:  $(\operatorname{cosec} \theta - \sin \theta)(\sec \theta - \cos \theta)(\tan \theta + \cot \theta) = 1$   
[2019]

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{LHS} \\ &= (\operatorname{cosec} \theta - \sin \theta)(\sec \theta - \cos \theta)(\tan \theta + \cot \theta) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} - \sin \theta \right) \left( \frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \cos \theta \right) \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) \left( \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta} \right) \\ &= 1 \\ &= \text{RHS} \\ &\text{Proved.} \end{aligned}$$

9. Prove that :  $\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta} = \tan \theta + \cot \theta$  [3] [2018]

Step – by – step Explanation :

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{LHS} \\ &= \sqrt{\sec^2 \theta + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta \cdot \sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta \cdot \sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \\
&= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\
&= \tan \theta + \cot \theta \\
&= RHS \\
&\text{Proved.}
\end{aligned}$$

10. Prove that  $(1 + \cot \theta - \operatorname{cosec} \theta)(1 + \tan \theta + \sec \theta) = 2$  [4] [2018]

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{LHS} \\
&= (1 + \cot \theta - \operatorname{cosec} \theta)(1 + \tan \theta + \sec \theta) \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{1}{\sin \theta}\right) \left(1 + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{1}{\cos \theta}\right) \\
&= \left(\frac{\sin \theta + \cos \theta - 1}{\sin \theta}\right) \left(\frac{\cos \theta + \sin \theta + 1}{\cos \theta}\right) \\
&= \left(\frac{(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 - (1)^2}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}\right) \\
&= \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - 1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}\right) \\
&= \left(\frac{1 + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - 1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}\right) \\
&= \left(\frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}\right) \\
&= 2 \\
&= RHS \\
&\text{Proved.} \\
&= RHS \\
&\text{Proved.}
\end{aligned}$$

11. Prove that :  $\frac{\sin\theta - 2\sin^3\theta}{2\cos^3\theta - \cos\theta} = \tan\theta$  [2017]

*Step – by – step Explanation :*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{LHS} \\
 &= \frac{\sin\theta - 2\sin^3\theta}{2\cos^3\theta - \cos\theta} \\
 &= \frac{\sin\theta (1 - 2\sin^2\theta)}{\cos\theta (2\cos^2\theta - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{\sin\theta (\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta - 2\sin^2\theta)}{\cos\theta (2\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta - \cos^2\theta)} \\
 &= \tan\theta \frac{(\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta)}{(\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta)} \\
 &= \tan\theta \\
 &= \text{RHS} \\
 &\text{Proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$

12. Prove that :  $\frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} + \tan A = \sec A$  [3] [2016]

*Step – by – step Explanation :*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{LHS} \\
 &= \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} + \tan A \\
 &= \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} + \frac{\sin A}{\cos A} \\
 &= \frac{\cos^2 A + \sin A (1 + \sin A)}{\cos A (1 + \sin A)} \\
 &= \frac{\cos^2 A + \sin A + \sin^2 A}{\cos A (1 + \sin A)} \\
 &= \frac{1 + \sin A}{\cos A (1 + \sin A)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos A} \\
 &= \sec A \\
 &= \text{RHS} \\
 &\text{Proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$



13. Prove that  $\frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cot \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \tan \theta} = \cos \theta + \sin \theta$  [3] [2015]

*Step – by – step Explanation :*

*LHS*

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

14. Prove the identity:  $(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)(\tan \theta + \cot \theta) = \sec \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta$  [3] [2014]

*Step-by-step Explanation:*

13. Prove that  $\frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cot \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \tan \theta} = \cos \theta + \sin \theta$  [3] [2015]

*Step – by – step Explanation :*

*LHS*

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\sin \theta + \cos \theta) (\tan \theta + \cot \theta) \\ &= (\sin \theta + \cos \theta) \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) \\ &= (\sin \theta + \cos \theta) \left( \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \right) \\ &= (\sin \theta + \cos \theta) \left( \frac{1}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \sec \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta \\ &= RHS \\ &\text{Proved.} \end{aligned}$$

15. Show that :  $\sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos A}{1 + \cos A}} = \frac{\sin A}{1 + \cos A}$  [3] [2013]

*Step – by – step Explanation :*

*LHS*

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos A}{1 + \cos A}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos A}{1 + \cos A} \times \frac{1 + \cos A}{1 + \cos A}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos^2 A}{(1 + \cos A)^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\sin^2 A}{(1 + \cos A)^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sin A}{1 + \cos A} \\ &= RHS \\ &\text{Proved.} \end{aligned}$$

16. Prove that :  $\frac{\tan^2 \theta}{(\sec \theta - 1)^2} = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}$  [3] [2012]

Step-by-step Explanation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{LHS} \\
 &= \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{(\sec \theta - 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{\sec^2 \theta - 1}{(\sec \theta - 1)(\sec \theta - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{(\sec \theta + 1)(\sec \theta - 1)}{(\sec \theta - 1)(\sec \theta - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{(\sec \theta + 1)}{(\sec \theta - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{\cos \theta} + 1}{\frac{1}{\cos \theta} - 1} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{\cos \theta}}{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\cos \theta}} \\
 &= \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \\
 &= \text{RHS} \\
 & \text{Proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$

17. Prove that  $(\operatorname{cosec} A - \sin A)(\sec A - \cos A) \sec^2 A = \tan A$ . [4]  
[2011]

Step-by-step Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{LHS} \\ &= (\operatorname{cosec} A - \sin A)(\sec A - \cos A) \sec^2 A \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\sin A} - \sin A \right) \left( \frac{1}{\cos A} - \cos A \right) \frac{1}{\cos^2 A} \\ &= \left( \frac{1 - \sin^2 A}{\sin A} \right) \left( \frac{1 - \cos^2 A}{\cos A} \right) \frac{1}{\cos^2 A} \\ &= \left( \frac{\cos^2 A}{\sin A} \right) \left( \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos A} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 A} \\ &= \frac{\sin A}{\cos A} \\ &= \tan A \\ &= \text{RHS} \\ &\text{Proved.} \end{aligned}$$