

Trig Identity and Application Problem Set

1. Use $\csc \theta = -12/5$ and $\pi < \theta < 3\pi/2$ to evaluate all other trigonometric functions.
2. Expand and simplify, if possible.

$$(\cot x - \csc x)(\cos x + 1)$$

3. Factor and simplify, if possible.

$$\tan x \sin x \cos x + \cot x \sin x \cos x$$

4. Prove

$$\frac{\cos^2 x + \tan^2 x - 1}{\sin^2 x} = \tan^2 x$$

5. Prove

$$\frac{\sec x + \csc x}{\cot x + \tan x} = \cos x + \sin x$$

6. Solve the equations

(a) $3 \tan(x/2) + 3 = 0$

(b) $2 \sin^2 x - 5 \sin x + 2 = 0$

(c) $\tan^3 x + \tan^2 x - 3 \tan x - 3 = 0$

7. Find all solutions to the equation, within the interval $[0, 2\pi)$. Round to the nearest thousandth.

(a) $3 \cos^2 x - 5 \cos x - 4 = 0$

(b) $10 \sec^2 x - 10 = 7 \tan x + 2$

Answer Key:

1. $\sin \theta = -5/12, \cos \theta = -\sqrt{119}/12, \tan \theta = 5\sqrt{119}/119, \sec \theta = -12\sqrt{119}/119,$
 $\cot \theta = \sqrt{119}/5$
2. $-\sin x$
3. 1
4. hint: rewrite \cos^2 as $1 - \sin^2 x$
5. hint: rewrite all the trig functions in term of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$
6. (a) $3\pi/2 + 2\pi n$
(b) $\pi/6 + 2\pi n, 5\pi/6 + 2\pi n$
(c) $\pi/3 + \pi n, 2\pi/3 + \pi n, 3\pi/4 + \pi n$
7. (a) 2.203, 4.081
(b) 0.734, 2.927, 3.884, 6.069