

Honors Algebra 2

Pythagorean Identity Practice

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Given one trig ratio, find the other 2 ratios. Then verify the identity. Show the triangle for each example.

1. Given $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $\cos \theta$ is negative.

$$3^2 + x^2 = 5^2$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\sin = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\tan = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{9}{25} + \frac{16}{25} = 1$$

$$\frac{25}{25} = 1 \checkmark$$

3. Given $\cos \theta = -\frac{2}{3}$ and $\tan \theta$ is positive.

$$x^2 + (-2)^2 = 3^2$$

$$x^2 + 4 = 9$$

$$x^2 = 5$$

$$x = -\sqrt{5}$$

$$\sin = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

$$\tan = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{5}{9} + \frac{4}{9} = 1$$

$$\frac{9}{9} = 1 \checkmark$$

5. Given $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $\sin \theta$ is positive.

$$x^2 + 3^2 = 5^2$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\sin = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\tan = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{16}{25} + \frac{9}{25} = 1$$

$$\frac{25}{25} = 1 \checkmark$$

7. Given $\sin \theta = -\frac{6}{7}$ and $\tan \theta$ is negative.

$$x^2 + (-6)^2 = 7^2$$

$$x^2 + 36 = 49$$

$$x^2 = 13$$

$$x = \sqrt{13}$$

$$\cos = -\frac{\sqrt{13}}{7}$$

$$\tan = -\frac{6}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$= -\frac{42\sqrt{13}}{13}$$

2. Given $\tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$ and $\sin \theta$ is negative.

$$(-1)^2 + (-\sqrt{3})^2 = c^2$$

$$1 + 3 = c^2$$

$$2 = c$$

$$\cos = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = 1$$

$$\frac{4}{4} = 1 \checkmark$$

4. Given $\tan \theta = -1$ and $\sin \theta$ is positive.

$$1^2 + (-1)^2 = c^2$$

$$1 + 1 = c^2$$

$$2 = c^2$$

$$c = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\cos = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\sin = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{4} = 1$$

$$\frac{4}{4} = 1 \checkmark$$

6. Given $\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{10}$ and $\cos \theta$ is positive.

$$x^2 + (-1)^2 = 10^2$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 100$$

$$x^2 = 99$$

$$x = 3\sqrt{11}$$

$$\cos = \frac{3\sqrt{11}}{10}$$

$$\tan = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{11}}$$

$$= -\frac{10\sqrt{11}}{33}$$

8. Given $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\tan \theta$ is positive.

$$\sin = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\tan = \sqrt{3}$$

$$x^2 + 1^2 = 2^2$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 4$$

$$x^2 = 3$$

$$x = \sqrt{3}$$