

**M12P HW Section 6.1 Proving and Verifying Trigonometric Identities**

1. What is a trigonometric Identity? What is the difference between an “identity” and an “equation”? Explain:
2. How do you prove a trigonometric Identity? Explain:
3. What is the difference between “verifying” a trig identity versus “proving a trig identity? Explain:
4. When verifying a trigonometric identity, what angle should you use?  $0, 2\pi, \frac{\pi}{2}$ , or any angle in particular? Explain?
5. Suppose you tried to verify if a trig equation was an identity by using an arbitrary angle. If the equation wasn't equal, can you still try and prove the equation to be an identity? Explain:
6. When a trig proof has an expression with a binomial in the denominator, how should you simplify it?  
 $ie: \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \sin \theta} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}$
7. When a trig proof has any of the following functions, how should you simplify it?  $\sin^2 \theta, \cos^2 \theta, \tan^2 \theta$
8. When a trig proof has any of the following functions, how should you simplify it?  $ie: \csc \theta, \sec \theta, \cot \theta$
9. How would you simplify  $\frac{1}{\csc \theta}, \frac{1}{\sec \theta}, \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$  into  $\sin \theta$  or  $\cos \theta$

10. Identify which of the following equations below is a trigonometric identity?

a) $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 = 1$	b) $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$	c) $\cos(-x) = -\cos x$
d) $\cos(-x) = \cos x$	e) $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$	f) $\tan(-x) = \tan x$
g) $\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$	h) $\sec \theta \times \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \sin \theta$	i) $\sec \theta \times \cos \theta = 1$
j) $\frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} = \sin \theta$	k) $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = 1$	l) $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta$

11. Pick a random angle between 0 and 2pi, verify which of the following are trigonometric identities:

a) $\tan x + \cot x = \sec x \csc x$	b) $\sec^2 x + \csc^2 x = \sec^2 x \cdot \csc^2 x$
c) $\sec^2 x - \csc^2 x = \frac{\sec^2 x}{\csc^2 x}$	d) $\sec^2 x + \csc^2 x = (\tan x + \cot x)^2$

12. Prove the following Identities. Indicate any restrictions:

a)  $\frac{\sin \theta + \tan \theta}{\cos \theta + 1} = \tan \theta$

b)  $\frac{\csc \theta - 1}{\cot \theta} = \frac{\cot \theta}{\csc \theta + 1}$

$$\text{c) } \frac{\csc \theta - \sin \theta}{\cot \theta} = \cos \theta$$

$$\text{d) } \frac{\sec \theta}{\tan \theta + \cot \theta} = \sin \theta$$

$$\text{e) } \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{\csc \theta + \cot \theta}$$

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

$$\text{g) } \frac{1}{1 + \cos \theta} + \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta} = \frac{2}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\text{h) } 1 + \cos \theta = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}$$

$$\text{i)} \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} + \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = 2 \csc \theta$$

$$\text{j)} \frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \sin \theta}$$

$$\text{k)} \sec \theta + \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta - \tan \theta}$$

$$\text{l)} \tan \theta + \cot \theta = \sec \theta \csc \theta$$

$$\text{m)} \frac{\sec^2 \theta - 1}{\sec^2 \theta} = \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\text{p)} \frac{1}{1 - \sin \theta} + \frac{1}{1 + \sin \theta} = 2 \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\text{q)} (\tan^2 \theta + 1)(\cos^2 \theta - 1) = -\tan^2 \theta$$

$$\text{r)} \tan \theta + \cos \theta = \sec \theta \csc \theta$$