

7.1 Reciprocal Identities

Example

a) If $\sin \theta = -\frac{3}{7}$, find $\csc \theta$.

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-\frac{3}{7}} = -\frac{7}{3}$$

b) If $\cos \theta = 0.8$, find $\sec \theta$.

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{0.8} = \frac{1}{8/10} = \frac{10}{8} = \frac{5}{4} \quad (\text{or } 1.25)$$

c) If $\tan \theta = 0.5$, find $\csc \theta$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{0.5} = 2$$

d) If $\sec \theta = \frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}$, find $\cos \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta &= \frac{1}{\sec \theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{2\sqrt{11}}{11}\end{aligned}$$

e) If $\cot \theta = 3.5$, find $\tan \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \theta &= \frac{1}{\cot \theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{3.5} = \frac{1}{\frac{7}{2}} = \frac{2}{7}\end{aligned}$$

Example

a) If $\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, find $\cot \theta$.

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{-1/2} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{-1/2} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \div \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{2}{1} = -\sqrt{3}$$

b) If $\sin \theta = -0.6$ and $\cos \theta = -0.8$
find $\tan \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \theta &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{-0.6}{-0.8} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{3}{4} \quad (\text{or } 0.75)\end{aligned}$$

c) If $\sin \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{11}}{6}$ and $\cos \theta = -\frac{5}{6}$, find $\cot \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}\cot \theta &= \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{-5/6}{-\sqrt{11}/6} = \frac{5 \cdot \sqrt{11}}{6 \cdot 6} = \frac{5 \cdot 6}{6 \cdot \sqrt{11}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{5\sqrt{11}}{11}\end{aligned}$$

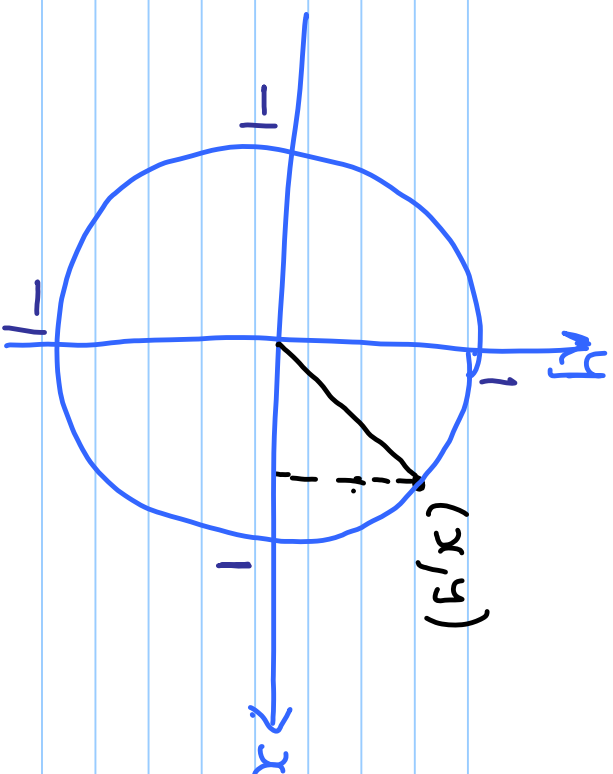
Pythagorean Identities

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad (*)$$

If we divide (*) by $\cos^2 \theta$

$$\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

$$\left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)^2 + 1 = \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right)^2$$



$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2 = 1$$

$$x = r \cos \theta = \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{(\cos \theta)^2}$$

Similarly

$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

Example

Q) If $\sin \theta = -\frac{3}{5}$ and the terminal side of θ lies in Q III , find $\cos \theta$.

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

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

$$\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{9}{25}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{16}{25}$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}}$$

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

In Q III cosine function is negative \therefore

$$\boxed{\cos \theta = -\frac{4}{5}}$$

Example

Find $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ if $\tan \theta = -\frac{4}{3}$ and the terminal side of θ lies in QIII .

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

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

$$\frac{16}{9} + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{25}{9} = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{25}{9} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{9}{25}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{25}} \\ &= \pm \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

In QII $\cos \theta = -\frac{3}{5}$

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

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

$$\sin \theta = 1 - \frac{9}{25}$$

$$= \frac{16}{25}$$

$$\sin \theta = \pm \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}}$$

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

$$\text{In } \text{Q II}, \sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}$$

Example

Perform the indicated operation and simplify your answer, if possible. (Answers in terms $\sin \theta$ & $\cos \theta$.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \sec \theta \cot \theta &= \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$= \frac{\sin^2 \theta - 1}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

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

$$= \frac{-\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta - 1 = -\cos^2 \theta$$

$$= -1$$