

King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals
Prep-Year Math Program
Math 002 - Term 151
Recitation (7.2)

Question 1: Simplify the following expression $\frac{(\sec \theta - \tan \theta)^2 + 1}{\sec \theta \csc \theta - \tan \theta \csc \theta} = ?$

Answer: $2 \tan \theta$

Question 2: Verify the following identities:

a) $(\sin \theta + \csc \theta)^2 + (\cos \theta + \sec \theta)^2 - \tan^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta = 7$

b) $\sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}} = \csc x - \cot x, 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a): } & (\sin \theta + \csc \theta)^2 + (\cos \theta + \sec \theta)^2 - \tan^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta \\
 &= \sin^2 \theta + 2\sin \theta \csc \theta + \csc^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 2\cos \theta \sec \theta + \sec^2 \theta - \sec^2 \theta + 1 - \csc^2 \theta + 1 \\
 &= \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 1 + 1 + 2\sin \theta \frac{1}{\sin \theta} + 2\cos \theta \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \\
 &= 3 + 2 + 2 \\
 &= 7
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b): } & \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos x)(1-\cos x)}{(1+\cos x)(1-\cos x)}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos x)^2}{1-\cos^2 x}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos x)^2}{\sin^2 x}} = \frac{|1-\cos x|}{|\sin x|} = \\
 &= \frac{1-\cos x}{\sin x} \quad \text{because } 1-\cos x \geq 0 \text{ and for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \sin x > 0 \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = \csc x - \cot x
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 3: $\frac{\sin^2(-x) - \cos^2(-x)}{\sin(-x) - \cos(-x)} =$

- a) $-\sin x - \cos x$
- b) $-2 \sin x$
- c) $\sin x - \cos x$
- d) $\cos x - \sin x$
- e) $\sin x + \cos x$

Answer: d) $\cos x - \sin x$

Question 4: $\frac{\sec x - 1}{\sec x + 1} - \frac{\sec x + 1}{\sec x - 1} =$

- a) $-4 \csc x \cot x$
- b) $-4 \sec x \tan x$
- c) $4 \csc x \cot x$
- d) $8 \sec x \tan x$
- e) $-2 \sec x \tan x$