

7.4 Proving Trigonometric Identities (Day 2)



"By the end of next class:

I can prove any identity using previously established identities.

To disprove a claim, I understand that I only require a counterexample to it.

I can apply what I have learned in unfamiliar settings."

Today's Work: p. 418 #10abce, 11bdgjl

The textbook answer section for 7.4 is poorly written.

For example, all identity proofs should always have a LS and RS chart; the answer section does not do this.

Identities Based on Definitions

Reciprocal Identities

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

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

$$\cot x = \frac{1}{\tan x}$$

Cofunction Identities

$$\sin \theta = \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$$

$$\cos \theta = \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$$

$$\tan \theta = \cot \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right)$$

Identities Derived from Relationships

Quotient Identities

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

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

Pythagorean Identities

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

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

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

Double Angle Formulas

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$$

$$= 2 \cos^2 x - 1$$

$$= 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$$

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

Addition and Subtraction Formulas

$$\sin (x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$\sin (x - y) = \sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos (x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

$$\cos (x - y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$$

$$\tan (x + y) = \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y}$$

$$\tan (x - y) = \frac{\tan x - \tan y}{1 + \tan x \tan y}$$

Odd and Even Function Identities

$$\cos (-\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\sin (-\theta) = -\sin \theta$$

Last day's Work: pp. 417-418 #1, 5ac, 8, 9abc, 17

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17. Express $8 \cos^4 x$ in the form $a \cos 4x + b \cos 2x + c$. State the values of the constants a , b , and c .

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 8 \cos^4 x \\
 &= 2(2 \cos^2 x)(2 \cos^2 x) \\
 &= 2(\cos 2x + 1)(\cos 2x + 1) \\
 &= 2(\cos^2 2x + 2 \cos 2x + 1) \\
 &= 2 \cos^2 2x + 4 \cos 2x + 2 \\
 &\quad \downarrow \\
 &= \cos 4x + 1 + 4 \cos 2x + 2 \\
 &= \cos 4x + 4 \cos 2x + 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a=1 \quad b=4 \quad c=3$$



$$a \cos 4x + b \cos 2x + c$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \cos 2x &= 2 \cos^2 x - 1 \\
 \cos 2x + 1 &= 2 \cos^2 x \\
 \text{if } & \quad 4 \\
 2 \cos^2 x &= \cos 2x + 1 \\
 2 \cos^2 2x &= \cos 4x + 1
 \end{aligned} \right\}$$