

5.13 Fundamental Identities:

For any real number θ , we shall derive the following three fundamental identities

- (i) $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$
- (ii) $\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$
- (iii) $\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta = 1 + \cot^2 \theta$

Proof:

Consider an angle $\angle XOP = \theta$ in the standard position. Take a point P on the terminal line of the angle θ . Draw PQ perpendicular from P on OX.

From fig., $\triangle OPQ$ is a right angled triangle. By pythagoruse theorem

$$(OP)^2 = (OQ)^2 + (PQ)^2$$

Or, $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$

(i) Dividing both sides by z^2

then
$$\frac{z^2}{z^2} = \frac{x^2}{z^2} + \frac{y^2}{z^2}$$

$$1 = \left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^2$$

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

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

or,

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

(ii) Dividing both sides of Eq. (i) by x^2 , we have

$$\frac{z^2}{x^2} = \frac{x^2}{x^2} + \frac{y^2}{x^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{z}{x}\right)^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2$$

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

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

(iii) Again, dividing both sides of Eq (i) by y^2 , we have

$$\frac{z^2}{y^2} = \frac{x^2}{y^2} + \frac{y^2}{y^2}$$

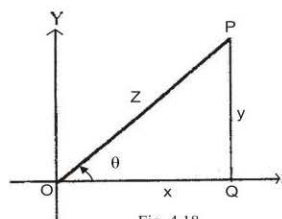


Fig. 4.18

$$\left(\frac{z}{y}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2 + 1$$

$$(\operatorname{Cosec} \theta)^2 = (\operatorname{Cot} \theta)^2 + 1$$

$$\operatorname{Cosec}^2 \theta = \operatorname{Cot}^2 \theta + 1$$

$$\operatorname{Cosec}^2 \theta = 1 + \operatorname{Cot}^2 \theta$$

Example 1:

Prove that $\frac{\sin x}{\operatorname{Cosec} x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sec x} = 1$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.S.H.} &= \frac{\sin x}{\operatorname{Cosec} x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sec x} \\ &= \sin x \cdot \frac{1}{\operatorname{Cosec} x} + \cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sec x} \quad \because \frac{1}{\operatorname{Cosec} x} = \sin x \\ &= \sin x \cdot \sin x + \cos x \cdot \cos x \quad \because \frac{1}{\sec x} = \cos x \\ &= \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \\ &= 1 \\ &= \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2:

Prove that $\frac{\sec x - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} = \sec x - 1$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{\sec x - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\cos x} - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos x(1 + \cos x)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos x(1 + \cos x)} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x)}{\cos x(1 + \cos x)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos x}{\cos x} = \frac{1}{\cos x} - \frac{\cos x}{\cos x} \\ &= \sec x - 1 = \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3:

prove that $\sqrt{\frac{1-\sin \theta}{1+\sin \theta}} = \sec \theta - \tan \theta$

Solution: L.H.S. = $\sqrt{\frac{1-\sin \theta}{1+\sin \theta}}$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(1-\sin \theta)(1-\sin \theta)}{(1+\sin \theta)(1-\sin \theta)}}$$

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

$$= \frac{(1-\sin \theta)}{\cos \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$= \sec \theta - \tan \theta = \text{R.H.S.}$$

Exercise 5.3

Prove the following Identities:

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

Q.2 $\cos^4 \theta - \sin^4 \theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$

Q.3 $\frac{1}{\operatorname{Cosec}^2 \theta} + \frac{1}{\operatorname{Sec}^2 \theta} = 1$

Q.4 $\frac{1}{\tan \theta + \operatorname{Cot} \theta} = \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta$

Q.5 $(\sec \theta - \tan \theta)^2 = \frac{1 - \sin \theta}{1 + \sin \theta}$

Q.6 $(\operatorname{Cosec} \theta - \operatorname{Cot} \theta)^2 = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}$

Q.7 $(1 - \sin^2 \theta)(1 + \tan^2 \theta) = 1$

Q.8 $\frac{1}{1 + \sin \theta} + \frac{1}{1 - \sin \theta} = 2 \sec^2 \theta$

Q.9 $\sqrt{\frac{1 - \sin \theta}{1 + \sin \theta}} = \sec \theta - \tan \theta$

Q.10 $\sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}} = \operatorname{Cosec} \theta + \cot \theta$

$$\text{Q.11} \quad \frac{1 - \tan A}{1 + \tan A} = \frac{\cot A - 1}{\cot A + 1}$$

$$\text{Q.12} \quad \frac{\cot^2 \theta - 1}{\cot^2 \theta + 1} = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$$

$$\text{Q.13} \quad \frac{\tan \theta}{1 - \cot \theta} + \frac{\cot \theta}{1 - \tan \theta} = \sec \theta \operatorname{cosec} \theta + 1$$

$$\text{Q.14} \quad \frac{\sec \theta - \tan \theta}{\sec \theta + \tan \theta} = 1 - 2 \sec \theta \tan \theta + 2 \tan^2 \theta$$

$$\text{Q.15} \quad \frac{1 + \tan^2 \theta}{1 + \cot^2 \theta} = \frac{(1 - \tan \theta)^2}{(1 - \cot \theta)^2}$$

$$\text{Q.16} \quad \operatorname{cosec} A + \cot A = \frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec} A - \cot A}$$

$$\text{Q.17} \quad \frac{1}{\sec \theta + \tan \theta} = \frac{1 - \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \sec x - \tan x$$

$$\text{Q.18} \quad (1 - \tan \theta)^2 + (1 - \cot \theta)^2 = (\sec \theta - \operatorname{cosec} \theta)^2$$

$$\text{Q.19} \quad \frac{\cos^3 t - \sin^3 t}{\cos t - \sin t} = 1 + \sin t \cos t$$

$$\text{Q.20} \quad \sec^2 A + \tan^2 A = (1 - \sin^4 A) \sec^4 A$$

$$\text{Q.21} \quad \frac{\sec x - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} = \sec x - 1$$

$$\text{Q.22} \quad \frac{1 + \sin \theta + \cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta - \cos \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}$$

$$\text{Q.23} \quad \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\tan^2 x - 1} = \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x - \cos x}$$

$$\text{Q.24} \quad (1 + \sin \theta)(1 - \sin \theta) = \frac{1}{\sec^2 \theta}$$

$$\text{Q.25} \quad \frac{\tan \theta}{\sec \theta - 1} + \frac{\tan \theta}{\sec \theta + 1} = 2 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

$$\text{Q.26} \quad \frac{\cot \theta \cos \theta}{\cot \theta + \cos \theta} = \frac{\cot \theta - \cos \theta}{\cot \theta \cos \theta}$$

$$\text{Q.27} \quad \text{If } m = \tan \theta + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \text{ and } n = \tan \theta - \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \text{ then prove that } m^2 - n^2 = 4\sqrt{m n}$$