

Trigonometric Identities

1. Prove the following trigonometric identities:

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

Solution: (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sec^2 \theta \\ \Rightarrow & \cos^2 \theta \sec^2 \theta && [\because 1 - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta] \\ \Rightarrow & \cos^2 \theta \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \right) = 1 = RHS && \left[\because \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \therefore \sec^2 \theta = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \right] \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sqrt{\sec^2 \theta + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta} \\ &= \sqrt{(1 + \tan^2 \theta) + (1 + \cot^2 \theta)} \\ &= \sqrt{\tan^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta + 2} = \sqrt{\tan^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta + 2 \tan \theta \cot \theta} && [\because \tan \theta \cot \theta = 1] \\ &= \sqrt{(\tan \theta + \cot \theta)^2} = \tan \theta + \cot \theta = RHS \end{aligned}$$

2. Prove that following trigonometric identities:

$$(i) \quad (1 + \tan^2 \theta) (1 + \sin \theta) (1 - \sin \theta) = 1$$

$$(ii) \quad \tan^2 \theta - \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} = -1$$

Solution: (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= (1 + \tan^2 \theta) (1 + \sin \theta) (1 - \sin \theta) \\ \Rightarrow & (1 + \tan^2 \theta) \{(1 + \sin \theta) (1 - \sin \theta)\} \\ \Rightarrow & (1 + \tan^2 \theta) (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \\ \Rightarrow & \sec^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta && [\because 1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta \text{ and } 1 - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta] \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \times \cos^2 \theta = 1 = RHS && \left[\because \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \therefore \sec^2 \theta = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \right] \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \tan^2 \theta - \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \\
 \Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta - \sec^2 \theta &\quad \left[\because \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \sec \theta \therefore \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} = \sec^2 \theta \right] \\
 \Rightarrow -(\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta) &= -1 = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Prove the following trigonometric identities:

$$(i) \cot \theta - \tan \theta = \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta - 1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \quad (ii) \tan \theta - \cot \theta = \frac{2 \sin^2 \theta - 1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}$$

Solution: (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \cot \theta - \tan \theta \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} & \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} &= \frac{\cos^2 \theta - (1 - \cos^2 \theta)}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \quad [\because \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta] \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\cos^2 \theta - 1 + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} &= \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta - 1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \tan \theta - \cot \theta \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} & \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta - (1 - \sin^2 \theta)}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\sin^2 \theta - 1 + \sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} &= \frac{2 \sin^2 \theta - 1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Prove the following trigonometric identities:

$$(i) \quad \sqrt{\frac{1-\sin\theta}{1+\sin\theta}} = \sec\theta - \tan\theta \quad (ii) \quad \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta}} = \csc\theta + \cot\theta$$

Solution: (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sqrt{\frac{1-\sin\theta}{1+\sin\theta}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{1-\sin\theta}{1+\sin\theta} \times \frac{1-\sin\theta}{1-\sin\theta}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\sin\theta)^2}{1-\sin^2\theta}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\sin\theta)^2}{\cos^2\theta}} \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(\frac{1-\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}\right)^2} = \frac{1-\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{\cos\theta} - \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \sec\theta - \tan\theta = RHS \end{aligned} \quad [Multiplying \text{ and } dividing \text{ by } (1-\sin\theta)]$$

(ii) We have

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta}} \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta} \times \frac{1+\cos\theta}{1+\cos\theta}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1+\cos\theta)^2}{1-\cos^2\theta}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1+\cos\theta)^2}{\sin^2\theta}} \quad [Multiplying \text{ and } dividing \text{ within the square root sign by } (1+\cos\theta)] \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(\frac{1+\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}\right)^2} = \frac{1+\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \frac{1}{\sin\theta} + \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \csc\theta + \cot\theta = RHS \end{aligned}$$

5. Prove the following identities:

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

$$(ii) \quad (\csc\theta - \cot\theta)^2 = \frac{1-\cos\theta}{1+\cos\theta}$$

$$(iii) \quad \sec^4\theta - \sec^2\theta = \tan^4\theta + \tan^2\theta$$

Solution: (i) We have,

$$LHS = (\sin\theta + \csc\theta)^2 + (\cos\theta + \sec\theta)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow (\sin^2 \theta + \cos ec^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos ec \theta) + (\cos^2 \theta + \sec^2 \theta + 2 \cos \theta \sec \theta) \\
 &\Rightarrow \left(\sin^2 \theta + \cos ec^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \right) + \left(\cos^2 \theta + \sec^2 \theta + 2 \cos \theta \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow (\sin^2 \theta + \cos ec^2 \theta + 2) + (\cos^2 \theta + \sec^2 \theta + 2) \\
 &\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + \cos ec^2 \theta + \sec^2 \theta + 4 \\
 &\Rightarrow 1 + (1 + \cot^2 \theta) + (1 + \tan^2 \theta) + 4 \quad \left[\because \cos ec^2 \theta = 1 + \cot^2 \theta, \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta \right] \\
 &\Rightarrow 7 + \tan^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= (\cos ec \theta - \cot \theta)^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right)^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right)^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)^2}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)^2}{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \quad \left[\because \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta \right] \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)^2}{(1 - \cos \theta)(1 + \cos \theta)} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \sec^4 \theta - \sec^2 \theta \\
 &\Rightarrow \sec^2 \theta (\sec^2 \theta - 1) \\
 &\Rightarrow (1 + \tan^2 \theta)(1 + \tan^2 \theta - 1) \quad \left[\because \sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta \right] \\
 &\Rightarrow (1 + \tan^2 \theta) \tan^2 \theta = \tan^2 \theta + \tan^4 \theta = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

6. Prove the following identities:

$$(i) \quad \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} + \frac{\tan \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} = \sec \theta \cos ec \theta + \cot \theta$$

Solution: (i) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \frac{\sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} + \frac{\tan \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} \\
 &= \frac{\sin \theta(1 + \cos \theta)}{(1 + \cos \theta)(1 - \cos \theta)} + \frac{\tan \theta(1 - \cos \theta)}{(1 + \cos \theta)(1 - \cos \theta)} \\
 &= \frac{\sin \theta(1 + \cos \theta)}{1 - \cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\tan \theta(1 - \cos \theta)}{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \\
 &= \frac{\sin \theta(1 + \cos \theta)}{\sin^2 \theta} + \frac{\tan \theta(1 - \cos \theta)}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta(1 + \cos \theta)}{\sin^2 \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta(1 - \cos \theta)}{\cos \theta \sin^2 \theta} \\
 &= \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{1}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{1}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} - \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \cot \theta + \sec \theta \csc \theta = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

7. Prove the following identities:

- (i) $\cos^4 A - \cos^2 A = \sin^4 A - \sin^2 A$
- (ii) $\sin^4 A + \cos^4 A = 1 - 2\sin^2 A \cos^2 A$
- (iii) $\sin^6 A + \cos^6 A = 1 - 3\sin^2 A \cos^2 A$

Solution: (i) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \cos^4 A - \cos^2 A \\
 &\Rightarrow \cos^2 A (\cos^2 A - 1) \\
 &\Rightarrow -\cos^2 A (1 - \cos^2 A) \\
 &\Rightarrow -\cos^2 A \sin^2 A = -(1 - \sin^2 A) \sin^2 A = -\sin^2 A + \sin^4 A \\
 &\Rightarrow \sin^4 A - \sin^2 A = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \sin^4 A + \cos^4 A \\
 &\Rightarrow (\sin^2 A)^2 + (\cos^2 A)^2 + 2\sin^2 A \cos^2 A - 2\sin^2 A \cos^2 A \\
 &\quad [Adding and subtracting 2\sin^2 A \cos^2 A] \\
 &\Rightarrow (\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A)^2 - 2\sin^2 A \cos^2 A = 1 - 2\sin^2 A \cos^2 A = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= (\sin^2 A)^3 + (\cos^2 A)^3 \\
 \Rightarrow & (\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A)^3 - 3\sin^2 A \cos^2 A(\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A) \\
 & [\because a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)^3 - 3ab(a+b)] \\
 \Rightarrow & 1 - 3\sin^2 A \cos^2 A = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

8. Prove that: $(1 - \sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 = 2(1 + \cos \theta)(1 - \sin \theta)$

Solution: We know that $(a - b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2ab - 2bc + 2ac$

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= (1 - \sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 \\
 \Rightarrow & 1 + \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta - 2\sin \theta + 2\cos \theta - 2\sin \theta \cos \theta \\
 \Rightarrow & 2 - 2\sin \theta + 2\cos \theta - 2\sin \theta \cos \theta \\
 \Rightarrow & 2(1 - \sin \theta) + 2\cos \theta(1 - \sin \theta) = 2(1 - \sin \theta)(1 + \cos \theta) = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

9. If $\sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$, **prove that** $\cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta = 1$

Solution: We have,

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

$$\text{Now } \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta = \cos^2 \theta + (\cos^2 \theta)^2 = \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \quad [\because \cos^2 \theta = \sin \theta]$$

10. If $\tan \theta + \sin \theta = m$ and $\tan \theta - \sin \theta = n$, show that $m^2 - n^2 = 4\sqrt{mn}$

Solution: We have, $m = \tan \theta + \sin \theta$ and, $n = \tan \theta - \sin \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore LHS &= m^2 - n^2 = (m+n)(m-n) \\
 &= (\tan \theta + \sin \theta + \tan \theta - \sin \theta)(\tan \theta + \sin \theta - \tan \theta + \sin \theta) \\
 &= (2\tan \theta)(2\sin \theta) = 4\tan \theta \sin \theta = 4\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta} \\
 &= 4\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta(1 - \cos^2 \theta)} = 4\sqrt{(\tan^2 \theta - \tan^2 \cos^2 \theta)} \\
 &= 4\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta} = 4\sqrt{(\tan \theta + \sin \theta)(\tan \theta - \sin \theta)} = 4\sqrt{mn} = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

11. If $\cos \theta + \sin \theta = \sqrt{2} \cos \theta$, show that $\cos \theta - \sin \theta = \sqrt{2} \sin \theta$

Solution: We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos \theta + \sin \theta &= \sqrt{2} \cos \theta \\
 \Rightarrow (\cos \theta + \sin \theta)^2 &= (\sqrt{2} \cos \theta)^2 \\
 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta &= 2 \cos^2 \theta \\
 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta &= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\
 \Rightarrow (\cos \theta + \sin \theta)(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) &= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\
 \Rightarrow \cos \theta - \sin \theta &= \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\cos \theta + \sin \theta} \\
 \Rightarrow \cos \theta - \sin \theta &= \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{2} \cos \theta} \quad [\because \cos \theta + \sin \theta = \sqrt{2} \cos \theta] \\
 \Rightarrow \cos \theta - \sin \theta &= \sqrt{2} \sin \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

12. If $x = a \sin \theta$ and $y = b \tan \theta$, then prove that $\frac{a^2}{x^2} - \frac{b^2}{y^2} = 1$

Solution: We have $x = a \sin \theta$ and $y = b \tan \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore LHS &= \frac{a^2}{x^2} - \frac{b^2}{y^2} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{a^2 \sin^2 \theta} - \frac{b^2}{b^2 \tan^2 \theta} &\quad [\because x = a \sin \theta, y = b \tan \theta] \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} - \frac{1}{\tan^2 \theta} & \\
 \Rightarrow \csc^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta &= 1 = RHS \quad [\because 1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta \therefore \csc^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta = 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

13. If $\tan \theta + \cot \theta = 2$, find the value of $\tan^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta$.

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan \theta + \cot \theta &= 2 \\
 \Rightarrow (\tan \theta + \cot \theta)^2 &= 4 \quad [On squaring both sides] \\
 \Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta + 2 \tan \theta \cot \theta &= 4 \\
 \Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta + 2 &= 4 \quad [\because \tan \theta \cot \theta = 1] \\
 \Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

14. Prove the following identities:

(i) $2(\sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta) - 3(\sin^4 \theta + \cos^4 \theta) + 1 = 0$

(ii) $\sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta + 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta = 1$

Solution: (i) We have

$$LHS = 2(\sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta) - 3(\sin^4 \theta + \cos^4 \theta) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\{(\sin^2 \theta)^3 + (\cos^2 \theta)^3\} - 3(\sin^4 \theta + \cos^4 \theta) + 1$$

Using $a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)^3 - 3ab(a+b)$ and $a^2 + b^2 = (a+b)^2 - 2ab$, we obtain

$$2\{(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)^3 - 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)\} \\ - 3\{(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)^2 - 2\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta + 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(1 - 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta) - 3(1 - 2\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - 6\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta - 3 + 6\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta + 1 = 0 = RHS$$

(ii) We have

$$LHS = \sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta + 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin^2 \theta)^3 + (\cos^2 \theta)^3 + 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)^3 - 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta$$

$[\because a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)^3 - 3ab(a+b)]$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta + 3\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta = 1 = RHS$$

15. If $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = p$ and $\sec \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta = q$, show that $q(p^2 - 1) = 2p$.

Solution: We have, $p = \sin \theta + \cos \theta$ and $q = \sec \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore LHS &= q(p^2 - 1) \\ &= (\sec \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta) \{(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 - 1\} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \right) \{ \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 2\sin \theta \cos \theta - 1 \} \\ &= \left(\frac{\sin \theta + \cos \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \right) (1 + 2\sin \theta \cos \theta - 1) \\ &= \left(\frac{\sin \theta + \cos \theta}{\cos \theta \sin \theta} \right) (2\sin \theta \cos \theta) = 2(\sin \theta + \cos \theta) = 2p = RHS \end{aligned}$$

16. If $\cosec \theta + \cot \theta = p$, then prove that $\cos \theta = \frac{p^2 - 1}{p^2 + 1}$

Solution: We know that $\cosec \theta - \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\cosec \theta + \cot \theta}$

$$\therefore \cosec \theta + \cot \theta = p$$

$$\Rightarrow \cosec \theta - \cot \theta = \frac{1}{p}$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we obtain

$$2\cosec \theta = p + \frac{1}{p} \Rightarrow \cosec \theta = \frac{p^2 + 1}{2p} \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{2p}{p^2 + 1}$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i), we obtain

$$2\cot \theta = p - \frac{1}{p} \Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{p^2 - 1}{2p}.$$

Now, $\cos \theta = \cot \theta \times \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{p^2 - 1}{2p} \times \frac{2p}{p^2 + 1} = \frac{p^2 - 1}{p^2 + 1}.$$

17. If $\cosec \theta - \sin \theta = m$ and $\sec \theta - \cos \theta = n$, prove that $(m^2 n)^{2/3} + (mn^2)^{2/3} = 1$

Solution: We have,

$$\cosec \theta - \sin \theta = m \text{ and } \sec \theta - \cos \theta = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sin \theta} - \sin \theta = m \text{ and } \frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \cos \theta = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} = m \text{ and } \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} = m \text{ and } \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} = n$$

$$\therefore (m^2 n)^{2/3} + (mn^2)^{2/3} = \left(\frac{\cos^4 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \times \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)^{2/3} + \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} \times \frac{\sin^4 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$= (\cos^3 \theta)^{2/3} + (\sin^3 \theta)^{2/3} = \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

Hence, $(m^2 n)^{2/3} + (mn^2)^{2/3} = 1$

18. If $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = \sqrt{3}$, then prove that $\tan \theta + \cot \theta = 1$.

Solution We have

$$\sin \theta + \cos \theta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 &= (\sqrt{3})^2 \\ \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow 1 + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow \sin \theta \cos \theta &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \sin \theta \cos \theta &= \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \quad [:\because 1 = \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \Rightarrow 1 = \tan \theta + \cot \theta \end{aligned}$$

19. If $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$, find the value of $\cot \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta$.

Solution: We have, $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\text{and, } \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{3/5}{4/5} = \frac{3}{4}, \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\therefore \cot \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{4} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

20. If $\operatorname{cosec} A = \sqrt{2}$, find the value of $\frac{2 \sin^2 A + 3 \cot^2 A}{4 \tan^2 A - \cos^2 A}$.

Solution: We have, $\operatorname{cosec} A = \sqrt{2}$

$$\therefore \sin A = \frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec} A} \Rightarrow \sin A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos A = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 A} \Rightarrow \cos A = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\tan A = \frac{\sin A}{\cos A} \Rightarrow \tan A = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \sqrt{2} = 1 \text{ and, } \cot A = \frac{1}{\tan A} \Rightarrow \cot A = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{2\sin^2 A + 3\cot^2 A}{4\tan^2 A - \cos^2 A} = \frac{2 \times \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + 3(1)^2}{4(1)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = \frac{2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 3}{4 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1+3}{7/2} = \frac{8}{7}$$

21. If $\sin \theta = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, 0 < \theta < 90^\circ$, find the values of $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$.

Solution: We have, $\sin \theta = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{a^2}{a^2 + b^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

$$\text{and } \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{a/\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{b/\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{a}{b}$$

22. If $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = \sqrt{2} \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$, determine $\cot \theta$

Solution: We have,

$$\sin \theta + \cos \theta = \sqrt{2} \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta + \cos \theta = \sqrt{2} \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \sqrt{2} \cos \theta - \cos \theta$$

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

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

[Dividing throughout by $\cos \theta$]

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = (\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} - 1}$$

$$\left[\because \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{(\sqrt{2} + 1)}{(\sqrt{2} - 1)(\sqrt{2} + 1)} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{2 - 1} = \sqrt{2} + 1$$