

7.1 Part 2 Trigonometric Identities

Sometimes, we transform each side of the equation separately, to arrive at the same result.

Warning! Warning! Warning! Warning!
To prove an identity, we do **NOT** just perform the same operations on both sides of the equation.

Example 1

Verify the identity.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1 + \cos x}{\cos x} &= \frac{\tan^2 x}{\sec x - 1} \\
 &= \frac{\sec^2 x - 1}{\sec x - 1} \\
 &= \frac{(\cancel{\sec x - 1})(\sec x + 1)}{\cancel{\sec x - 1}} \\
 &= \sec x + 1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos x} + \frac{\cos x}{\cos x} \\
 \checkmark \frac{1 + \cos x}{\cos x} &= \frac{1 + \cos x}{\cos x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

Verify the identity.

$$\frac{\cos u}{\sec u \sin u} = \csc u - \sin u$$

$$\frac{\cos u}{\cancel{\cos u} \sin u} =$$

$$\frac{\cos u}{\frac{\sin u}{\cos u}} =$$

$$\cos u \cdot \frac{\cos u}{\sin u} =$$

$$\frac{\cos^2 u}{\sin u} =$$

$$\frac{1 - \sin^2 u}{\sin u} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin u} - \frac{\sin^2 u}{\sin u} =$$

$$\csc u - \sin u = \csc u - \sin u \checkmark$$

Example 3

Verify the identity.

$$\overset{\text{even}}{\cos(-x)} - \overset{\text{odd}}{\sin(-x)} = \cos x + \sin x$$

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

$$\cos x + \sin x = \cos x + \sin x \checkmark$$

Example 4

Verify the identity.

$$\csc x [\csc x + \sin(-x)] = \cot^2 x$$

$$\csc x [\csc x - \sin x] =$$

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

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

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

$$\cot^2 x = \cot^2 x \checkmark$$

Example 5

Verify the identity.

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

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

$$\underline{\sin^2 x + \sin x \cos x + \sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x} =$$

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

Example 6

Verify the identity.

$$\frac{\cos x}{\sec x} + \frac{\sin x}{\csc x} = 1$$

$$\frac{\cos x}{\frac{1}{\cos x}} + \frac{\sin x}{\frac{1}{\sin x}} =$$

$$\cos x \cdot \frac{\cos x}{1} + \sin x \cdot \frac{\sin x}{1} =$$

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

$$1 = 1 \checkmark$$

Example 7

Verify the identity.

$$(\sin x + \cos x)^4 = (1 + 2 \sin x \cos x)^2$$

$$\left[(\sin x + \cos x)^2 \right]^2 =$$

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$$(1 + 2 \sin x \cos x)^2 = (1 + 2 \sin x \cos x)^2 \checkmark$$

Example 8

Verify the identity.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x} &= (\sec x - \tan x)^2 \\
 &= (\sec x - \tan x)(\sec x - \tan x) \\
 &= \sec^2 x - \tan x \sec x - \tan x \sec x + \tan^2 x \\
 &= \sec^2 x - 2 \tan x \sec x + \tan^2 x \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} - 2 \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x} + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} - \frac{2 \sin x}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} \\
 &= \frac{1 - 2 \sin x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} \\
 &= \frac{1 - 2 \sin x + \sin^2 x}{1 - \sin^2 x} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - \sin x)(1 - \sin x)}{(1 + \sin x)(1 - \sin x)} \\
 \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x}} &= \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 9

Verify the identity.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\sin A}{1 - \cos A} - \cot A &= \csc A \\
 \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin A (1 - \cos A)} - \frac{\cos A (1 - \cos A)}{\sin A (1 - \cos A)} &= \\
 \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin A (1 - \cos A)} + \frac{-\cos A + \cos^2 A}{\sin A (1 - \cos A)} &= \\
 \frac{\sin^2 A - \cos A + \cos^2 A}{\sin A (1 - \cos A)} &= \\
 \frac{1 - \cos A}{\sin A (1 - \cos A)} &= \\
 \frac{1}{\sin A} &= \\
 \csc A &= \csc A \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$