

Section 5.1

Using Trigonometric Identities

Part 4

Objective: Given an **equation** students will be able to prove/verify the equation is true by using the fundamental trig identities.

Study Problems

Trigonometry II Part 4 wks

Type IV: compound fractions

Next we'll look at compound fractions. Everything here is basically the same as in the section, just be sure to follow your rules for dividing fractions & watch for special iden

$$\frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{x}{3}}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\frac{1+3x}{3} \cdot \frac{x+2}{2x}$$

$$\frac{1+3x}{3} \cdot \frac{2x}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{2x(1+3x)}{3(x+2)} = \frac{2x+6x^2}{3x+6}$$

Example

Use the trig identities to transform one side of the equation into the other.

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sec^2 x}{\cot^2 x} \\ & \sec^2 x \left(\frac{1}{\cot^2 x} \right) \\ & \sec^2 x \tan^2 x \end{aligned}$$

other. $\frac{\tan^2 x + 1}{\csc^2 x - 1} = \frac{\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} + 1}{\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} - 1}$

$$= \frac{\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} + \left(\frac{1}{1}\right) \frac{\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x}}{\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} - \left(\frac{1}{1}\right) \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin^2 x}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x}}{\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} - \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin^2 x}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x}}{\frac{1 - \sin^2 x}{\sin^2 x}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x} \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin^2 x}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \times \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$$

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

Example

Use the trig identities to transform one side of the equation into the other.

$$\frac{\tan \theta + \cot \theta}{\tan \theta} = \csc^2 \theta$$

Handwritten solution for the first part of the proof:

$$\frac{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}}{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}} = \frac{\frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}}{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} = \csc^2 \theta \checkmark$$

Handwritten solution for the second part of the proof:

$$\frac{\tan \theta + \cot \theta}{\tan \theta} = \csc^2 \theta$$
$$\frac{1}{\cot \theta} + \frac{\cot \theta}{1} = 1 + \cot^2 \theta$$
$$\frac{1 + \cot^2 \theta}{\cot \theta} = 1 + \cot^2 \theta$$
$$\frac{1 + \cot^2 \theta}{\cot \theta} \cdot \frac{\cot \theta}{\cot \theta} = \frac{1 + \cot^2 \theta}{1} = 1 + \cot^2 \theta$$
$$\csc^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

other.

$$\frac{\tan x - \sin x}{\tan x \sin x} = \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} - \frac{\sin x}{1} \cdot \left(\frac{\cos x}{\cos x}\right)}{\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{1}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\sin x - \sin x \cos x}{\cos x}}{\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x}}$$

$$\frac{\sin(1 - \cos x)}{\cancel{\cos x}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{\cos x}}{\sin x}$$

$$\frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x}$$

Example

Use the trig identities to transform one side of the equation into the other.

$$\frac{\cos x - \csc x}{\sin x - \sec x} = \cot x$$

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

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{\cos x}{1}\right) \frac{\sin x}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{\sin x}}{\left(\frac{\sin x}{1}\right) \frac{\cos x}{\cos x} - \frac{1}{\cos x}}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{\cancel{\cos x \sin x - 1}}{\sin x} \times \frac{\cos x}{\cancel{\cos x \sin x - 1}}$$

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

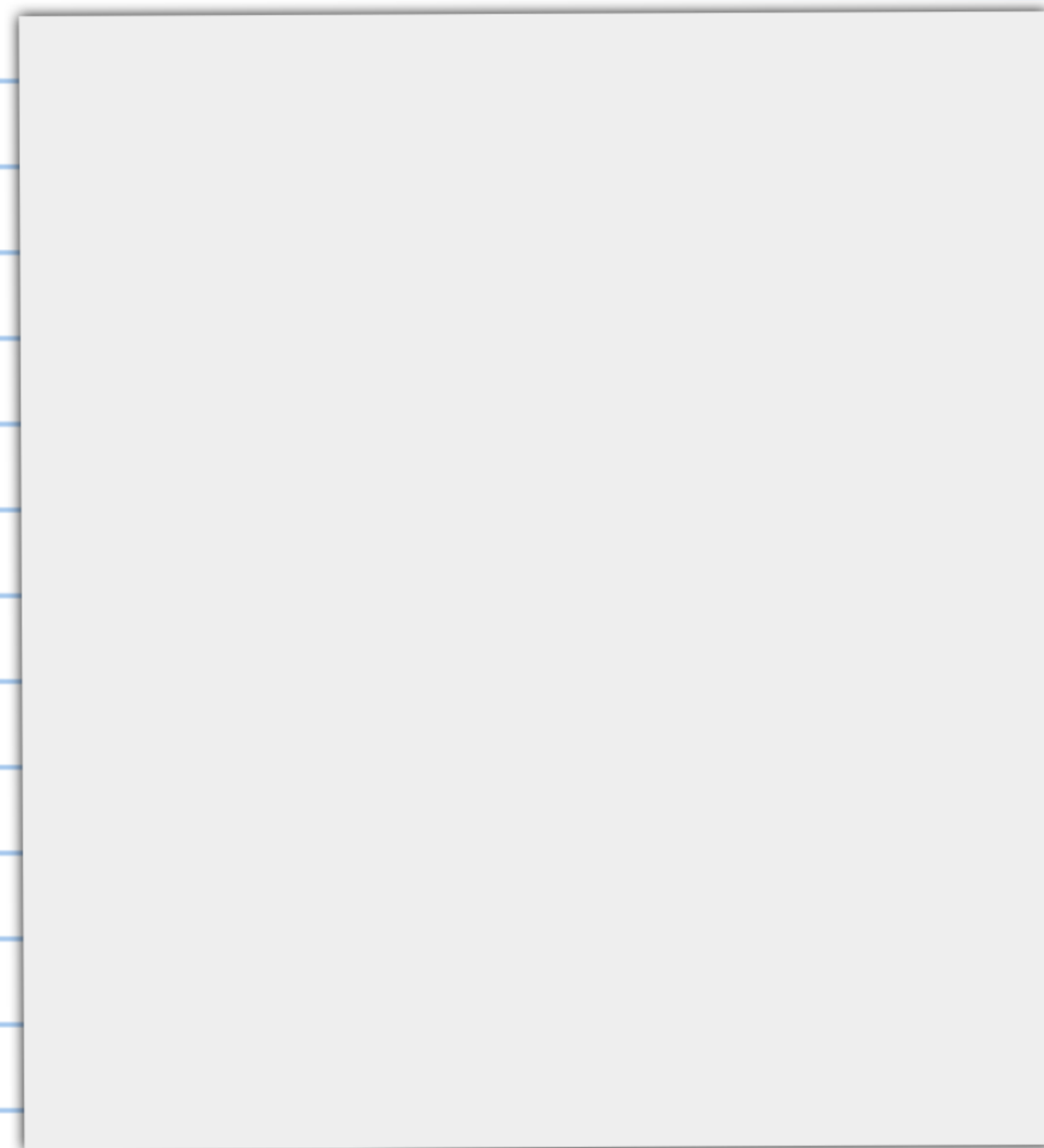
$$= \cot x$$

Example

Use the trig identities to transform one side of the equation into the other.

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sin^2 x}{1 - \sin x} + \frac{\sin^2 x}{1 + \sin x} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 x}{1 - \sin x} \left(\frac{1 + \sin x}{1 + \sin x} \right) + \frac{\sin^2 x}{1 + \sin x} \left(\frac{1 - \sin x}{1 - \sin x} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 x + \sin^3 x}{(1 - \sin x)(1 + \sin x)} + \frac{\sin^2 x - \sin^3 x}{(1 + \sin x)(1 - \sin x)} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 x + \sin^3 x + \sin^2 x - \sin^3 x}{(1 - \sin x)(1 + \sin x)} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin^2 x}{(1 - \sin x)(1 + \sin x)} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin^2 x}{1 - \sin^2 x} \\ &= \frac{2 \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} \\ &= 2 \tan^2 x \end{aligned}$$



Example

Use the trig identities to transform one side of the equation into the other.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sin x + \tan x}{\cos x + 1} = \tan x \\ &= \frac{\sin x + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}}{\cos x + 1} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{1}\right)\frac{\cos x}{\cos x} + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}}{\cos x + 1} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\sin x \cos x}{\cos x} + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}}{\cos x + 1} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\sin x \cos x + \sin x}{\cos x}}{\cos x + 1} \\ &= \frac{\sin x \cos x + \sin x}{\cos x} \times \frac{1}{\cos x + 1} \\ &= \frac{\sin x(\cancel{\cos x + 1})}{\cos x} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{\cos x + 1}} \\ &= \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \\ &= \tan x \end{aligned}$$