

5-2-2 Verifying Identities

Ex 3 Verify by using the conjugate to eliminate a fraction.

$$\text{Verify } \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x} = \csc x + \cot x$$

conjugates

$$(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x)$$

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

$$\sin^2 x$$

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

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

$$\frac{\cancel{\sin x} (1 + \cos x)}{\cancel{\sin^2 x}} =$$

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

$$\csc x + \cot x = \csc x + \cot x \quad \checkmark$$

problems with powers or multiple terms, try factoring.

Factoring
Review

$AB + AC$	$1 - x^2$	$x^2 - 1$	$(A + B)^2$
$A(B + C)$	$(1 + x)(1 - x)$	$(x + 1)(x - 1)$	$A^2 + 2AB + B^2$

EX 4 Verify by factoring

$$\cot \theta \sec \theta \csc^2 \theta - \cot^3 \theta \sec \theta = \csc \theta$$

$$\cot \theta \sec \theta (\csc^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cot^2 + 1 &= \csc^2 \\ -\cot^2 & -\cot^2 \\ 1 &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\cot \theta \sec \theta =$$

$$\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \csc \theta = \csc \theta \checkmark$$

Ex 5 Work both sides Independently
and meet in the middle.

Start \longrightarrow \longleftarrow End.
middle \nearrow

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

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

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

$$(\sec x - 1) \text{ "middle"}$$

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

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