

Lesson 6.4 – Proving Trigonometric Identities

I. Warm-Up

1. Show that $3^{x-2} = \frac{1}{9}(3^x)$

II. Proving Trigonometric Identities: Show that the two trigonometric identities are equivalent.

2. Show that

$$\csc^2 \theta + \sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta = 2$$

3. Show that

$$\tan \theta + \cot \theta = \sec \theta \csc \theta$$

4. Show that $\frac{\cot^2 \theta}{1 + \csc \theta} = \frac{1 - \sin \theta}{\sin \theta}$

5. Show that $\frac{1}{1 - \sin \theta} + \frac{1}{1 + \sin \theta} = 2 \sec^2 \theta$

III. Practice: Show that the two trigonometric identities are equivalent.

6. $\sec x - \cos x = \sin x \tan x$

7. $\frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \csc \theta$

8. $\frac{1}{\tan \beta} + \tan \beta = \frac{\sec^2 \beta}{\tan \beta}$

9. $\sec^2 x + \csc^2 x = (\sec^2 x)(\csc^2 x)$

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

11. $\frac{\sec x - 1}{1 - \cos x} = \sec x$