

Establish each identity. Show at least every step where you use a basic trigonometric identity (wherever you change from one trigonometric operation to others).

1 $\cos \theta \cdot (\tan \theta + \cot \theta) = \csc \theta$

I first put the left-hand side in terms of sines and cosines:

$$\cos \theta \cdot (\tan \theta + \cot \theta) = \cos \theta \cdot \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right).$$

To make the remaining algebra easier, I'll use x for $\cos \theta$ and y for $\sin \theta$:

$$\cos \theta \cdot \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) = x \left(\frac{y}{x} + \frac{x}{y} \right) = y + \frac{x^2}{y} = \frac{y^2 + x^2}{y}.$$

Wherever y^2 appears, I may change it to $1 - x^2$:

$$\frac{y^2 + x^2}{y} = \frac{1 - x^2 + x^2}{y} = \frac{1}{y}.$$

Finally, I get y out of the denominator, similar to rationalising it:

$$\frac{1}{y} = \frac{y}{y^2} = \frac{y}{1 - x^2}.$$

Now for the right-hand side, I do the same basic steps:

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{y} = \frac{y}{y^2} = \frac{y}{1 - x^2}.$$

Since both sides gave the same result, they are equal.

2 $\frac{\sec \theta - \csc \theta}{\sec \theta \cdot \csc \theta} = \sin \theta - \cos \theta$

I handle the left-hand side like I did before:

$$\frac{\sec \theta - \csc \theta}{\sec \theta \cdot \csc \theta} = \frac{\frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \frac{1}{\sin \theta}}{\frac{1}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin \theta}} = \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}}{\frac{1}{x} \frac{1}{y}} = \frac{y - x}{1} = y - x.$$

Then the right-hand side:

$$\sin \theta - \cos \theta = y - x.$$

These are the same, so they are equal.

3 Extra credit: $\ln \sec \theta = -\ln \cos \theta$

The left-hand side:

$$\ln \sec \theta = \ln \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \ln \frac{1}{x} = \ln 1 - \ln x = 0 - \ln x = -\ln x.$$

The right-hand side:

$$-\ln \cos \theta = -\ln x.$$

These are the same, so they are equal.