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**Learning Goal 6.1**

Using identities to reduce complexity in expressions and solve equations.

**Identity** is a statement that is always true for all values for which the identity is defined.

**Example**  $x^2 - 9 = (x - 3)(x + 3)$  is an identity. Identities can be **proven** or **verified**.

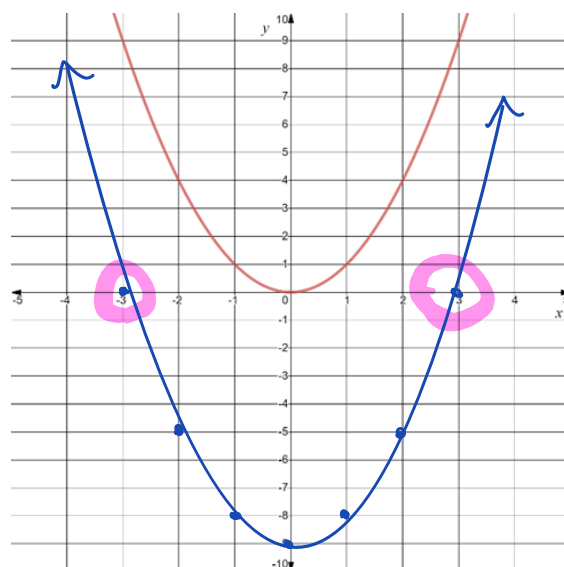
a. Verify the function

Numerically

Graphically

$$\begin{aligned} (9)^2 - 9 \\ = 81 - 9 \\ = 72 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x = 9 \\ (9 - 3)(9 + 3) \\ = (6)(12) \\ = 72 \end{aligned}$$



b. Prove the identity

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x^2 - 9 & (x - 3)(x + 3) \\ \hline \begin{aligned} \underline{-3} \times \underline{3} &= -9 \\ \underline{-3} + \underline{3} &= 0 \\ & \\ &= x^2 - 3x + 3x - 9 \\ &= x(x - 3) + 3(x - 3) \\ &= (x - 3)(x + 3) \end{aligned} & \begin{aligned} &= x^2 + 3x - 3x - 9 \\ &= x^2 + 0x - 9 \\ &= x^2 - 9 \end{aligned} \end{array}$$

Pythagorean Identities	Quotient Identities
$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ $\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$ $1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x$	$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ $\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$ $\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$ $\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$ $\cot x = \frac{1}{\tan x}$

**Example a.** Verify that  $\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$  using

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + 1 \stackrel{?}{=} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\frac{4}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

**b.** Verify that  $\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$  could be an identity by starting from the original Pythagorean identity.

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

$$\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$$

**Example** State any restrictions (non-permissible values) for the identity

$$\frac{\cot x}{\csc x \cos x}$$

then simplify.

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

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

denominator = 0

$$\cos x \neq 0$$

$$x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

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

$$\sin x \neq 0$$

$$x \neq 0, \pi, 2\pi$$

$$\csc x \neq 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin x} \neq 0$$

no values

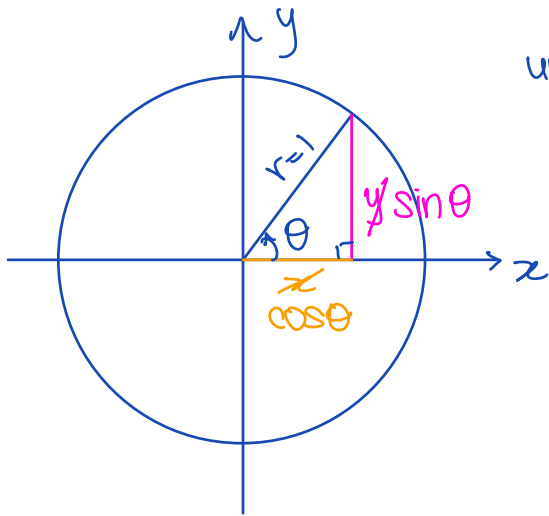
$$1 \neq 0$$

**Example** Prove  $1 + \cot^2 x = \csc^2 x$ .

	$1 + \cot^2 x$   $\csc^2 x$
	$= \frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$ ← decomp.
	$= 1 + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x}$
	$= \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin^2 x} + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x}$
	$= \frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x}$
	$= \frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$

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

Pythagorean identity



unit circle

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\sin \theta = y \quad \cos \theta = x$$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

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

$$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

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

$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$