

# Section 7.1

## Solutions and Hints

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for the book:

Precalculus, Mathematics for Calculus 4<sup>th</sup> Edition  
by James Stewart, Lothar Redlin and Saleem Watson.

### 40. Verify the identity.

Notice the right hand side involves  $\sec x$  and  $\tan x$ , both of which have  $\cos x$  as their denominator. So if we could get the denominator of the left hand side to be something equal to  $\cos x$  (or maybe  $\cos^2 x$ ) we would likely be on the right path.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x}, && \text{multiply by "one"} \\ & && \text{(because we want } 1 - \sin^2 x \text{ as the denominator)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x} * \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 - \sin x}, && \text{simplify} \\ &= \frac{1 - 2\sin x + \sin^2 x}{1 - \sin^2 x}, && \text{notice } 1 - \sin^2 x = \cos^2 x \\ &= \frac{1 - 2\sin x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}, && \text{break stuff up into 3 fractions (all same denom)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} - \frac{2\sin x}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}, && \text{simplify by using identities} \\ &= \sec^2 x - 2 * \frac{1}{\cos x} * \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} + \tan^2 x, && \text{continue simplifying} \\ &= \sec^2 x - 2 * \sec x * \tan x + \tan^2 x, && \text{now factor} \\ &= (\sec x - \tan x) * (\sec x - \tan x) \\ &= (\sec x - \tan x)^2 = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

LHS = RHS, so we are done.

#### 44. Verify the identity.

Notice that as stuff is in the form  $A^{\text{even power}} - B^{\text{even power}}$ , it is likely we can factor stuff and get nice things to happen:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sin^4\theta - \cos^4\theta \\ &= (\sin^2\theta - \cos^2\theta)(\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta) \quad , \text{ apply identity } 1 = (\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta) \\ &= (\sin^2\theta - \cos^2\theta) * 1 \\ &= (\sin^2\theta - \cos^2\theta) = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

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