

how to solve this identity step by step:

$$\cos x + 1/\tan^2 x = \cos x/\sec x - 1$$

### Solution

We can prove, that it is not identity. For this let's consider value of  $x$ :

$$x_1 = \frac{\pi}{4};$$

For  $x_1$  the left side is:

$$\cos(x) + \frac{1}{\tan^2 x} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{1} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

The right side is:

$$\frac{\cos(x)}{\sec(x)} - 1 = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} - 1 = \frac{1}{2} - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Obviously:

$$\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2} \neq -\frac{1}{2}$$

This is not the identity.

**NB: It's the equation, solving which is not easy at all. And the solution lies in complex plane**