



# Trig Proofs

## Student Activity

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

### Problem 1 – Using the Calculator for Verification

Prove:  $(1 + \cos x)(1 - \cos x) = \sin^2 x$ .

Verify the proof graphically. Enter the left side of the equation in **Y1** and the right side of the equation in **Y2**.

For problems 2 through 5, prove the equation given, and then verify it graphically. For  $\cot x$ , type  $(1/\tan x)$ .  
For  $\sec x$ , type  $(1/\cos x)$ .

2.  $\sin x \cdot \cot x \cdot \sec x = 1$

3.  $\frac{\sec^2 x - 1}{\sec^2 x} = \sin^2 x$

4.  $\tan x + \cot x = \sec x(\csc x)$

5.  $\frac{\sin^2 x - 49}{\sin^2 x + 14 \sin x + 49} = \frac{\sin x - 7}{\sin x + 7}$