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Prove that:

1.

$$\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{6} + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{3} - \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{4} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Solution:

Consider

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{6} + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{3} - \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{4}$$

So we get

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - (1)^2$$

By further calculation

$$= 1/4 + 1/4 - 1$$

$$= -1/2$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

2.

$$2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{6} + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \frac{7\pi}{6} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Solution:

Consider

$$\text{L.H.S.} = 2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{6} + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \frac{7\pi}{6} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{3}$$

By further calculation

$$= 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

It can be written as

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{4} + \left(-\operatorname{cosec} \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)$$

So we get

$$= \frac{1}{2} + (-2)^2 \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)$$

Here

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + 1$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

3.

$$\cot^2 \frac{\pi}{6} + \operatorname{cosec} \frac{5\pi}{6} + 3 \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{6} = 6$$

Solution:

Consider

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \cot^2 \frac{\pi}{6} + \operatorname{cosec} \frac{5\pi}{6} + 3 \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{6}$$

So we get

$$= (\sqrt{3})^2 + \operatorname{cosec} \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2$$

By further calculation

$$= 3 + \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\pi}{6} + 3 \times \frac{1}{3}$$

We get

$$= 3 + 2 + 1$$

$$= 6$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$