

#8 Prove that

$$\cos^6 x + \sin^6 x = 1 - 3\sin^2 x + 3\sin^4 x$$

L.S. = $\cos^6 x + \sin^6 x = \dots$ sum of perfect cubes:

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$\text{L.S.} = \cos^6 x + \sin^6 x$$

$$= (\cos^2 x)^3 + (\sin^2 x)^3$$

$$= \underbrace{(\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)}_{\substack{|| \\ 1}} (\cos^4 x - \cos^2 x \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x)$$

$$= \cos^4 x - \cos^2 x \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x$$

$$= \underbrace{\cos^4 x + 2\cos^2 x \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x}_{\text{PST}} - 3\cos^2 x \sin^2 x$$

$$= (\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)^2 - 3\cos^2 x \sin^2 x$$

$$= 1 - 3\cos^2 x \sin^2 x$$

$$= 1 - 3(1 - \sin^2 x) \sin^2 x$$

$$= 1 - 3(\sin^2 x - \sin^4 x)$$

$$= 1 - 3\sin^2 x + 3\sin^4 x$$

$$= \text{R.S.}$$

QED