

Solving Trigonometric Equations Cont'd...

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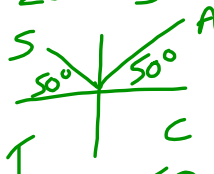
Warm Up

Find all possible solutions for $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.

a) $\sin(2\theta) = 0.7629$

$$2\theta = \sin^{-1}(0.7629)$$

$$2\theta = 50^\circ \quad 2\theta = 130^\circ$$



$$\frac{2\theta}{2} = \frac{50}{2}$$

$$\theta = 25^\circ$$

$$k=2 \Rightarrow \text{Period} = 180$$

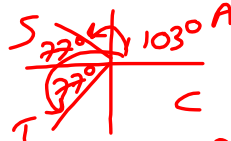
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 25 + 180 \quad \theta = 65 + 180$$

$$\theta = 205^\circ \quad \theta = 245^\circ$$

b) $\cos(2\theta) = -0.2315$

$$2\theta = \cos^{-1}(-0.2315)$$

$$2\theta = 103^\circ \quad 2\theta = 257^\circ$$



$$\frac{2\theta}{2} = \frac{103}{2} \quad \frac{2\theta}{2} = \frac{257}{2}$$

$$\theta = 51.5^\circ \quad \theta = 128.5^\circ$$

$$k=2 \Rightarrow \text{Period} = 180$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 51.5 + 180$$

$$= 231.5^\circ$$

$$\theta = 128.5 + 180$$

$$= 308.5^\circ$$

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Solving Sine and Cosine Functions

Just like when we solve a linear equation we need to keep working backwards until we have isolated the variable.

We will do BEDMAS backwards with the trig ratio being like a bracket!

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Example

Solve: $2\sin(3x) - 1 = 0$

$\frac{2\sin(3x)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\sin(3x) = \frac{1}{2}$
 $3x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$3x = 30^\circ$ $3x = 180 - 30$
 $3x = 150^\circ$

$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{30}{3}$ $\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{150}{3}$
 $x = 10^\circ$ $x = 50^\circ$

$k = 3 \Rightarrow \text{Period} = \frac{360}{3} = 120^\circ$
 $\rightarrow 3 \text{ pairs of solutions}$

$\Rightarrow x = 10 + 120$ $x = 50 + 120$
 $x = 130^\circ$ $x = 170^\circ$

$\Rightarrow x = 130 + 120$ $x = 170 + 120$
 $x = 250^\circ$ $x = 290^\circ$

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Example - Try this one on your own

Solve: $2\cos(2x) - \sqrt{3} = 0$

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$$\frac{2\cos(2x)}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\cos(2x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$2x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$2x = 30^\circ$$

$$2x = 360 - 30 \\ = 330^\circ$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{30}{2}$$

$$x = 15^\circ$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{330}{2}$$

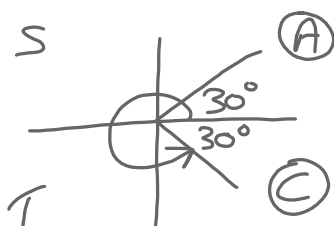
$$x = 165^\circ$$

$$k = 2 \Rightarrow \text{Period} = 180 \left[\frac{360}{k} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 15 + 180 \\ x = 195^\circ$$

$$x = 165 + 180$$

$$x = 345^\circ$$



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Example - Try this one on your own

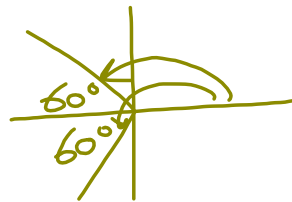
Solve: $2\cos(2x - 30) + 1 = 0$

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$$\frac{2\cos(2x-30)}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos(2x-30) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2x - 30 = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$



$$2x - 30 = 180 - 60$$

$$2x - 30 = 120$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{150}{2}$$

$$x = 75^\circ$$

$$2x - 30 = 180 + 60$$

$$2x - 30 = 240$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{270}{2}$$

$$x = 135^\circ$$

$$k = 2 \Rightarrow \text{Period} = 180 \left[\frac{360}{k} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 75 + 180 \\ x = 255^\circ$$

$$x = 135 + 180$$

$$x = 315^\circ$$

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Example

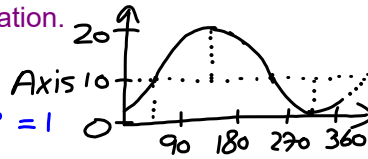
Consider a function that has a max at 20, a min at 0, a period of 360° and increases through the axis of curve at $x = 45$.

Determine a model for this equation.

$$\text{Amp}(a) = \frac{20-0}{2} = 10$$

$$\text{Axis}(c) = 10$$

$$\text{Period} = 360 \Rightarrow k = \frac{360}{360} = 1$$



$$\text{Increases through } x = 45 \text{ (d)} \Rightarrow y = 10 \sin(x - 45) + 10$$

When does this equation have a value of 18 for $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$?

$$10 \sin(x - 45) + 10 = 18$$

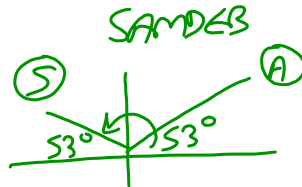
$$\frac{10 \sin(x - 45)}{10} = \frac{8}{10}$$

$$\sin(x - 45) = 0.8$$

$$x - 45 = \sin^{-1}(0.8)$$

$$x - 45 = 53$$

$$x = 98^\circ$$



$$x - 45 = 180 - 53$$

$$x - 45 = 127$$

$$x = 172^\circ$$

Because $k=1$, we have no further solutions for $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$.

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Example

A Ferris wheel has a radius of 7 m. The centre of the wheel is 8 m above the ground. The Ferris wheel rotates at a constant speed of $15^\circ/\text{s}$. The height above the ground of the only red seat can be modelled by the function $h(t) = 8 + 7 \sin(15^\circ t)$.

(a) Determine the height of the red seat at the start of the ride.

$$h(0) = 8 + 7 \sin(15(0)) = 8 \text{ m}$$

(b) What is the maximum height of any seat?

$$\text{Max} = c + |a| = 8 + |7| = 15 \text{ m}$$

(c) When is the red seat at its maximum height during the first rotation?

$$8 + 7 \sin(15t) = 15 \quad 15t = \sin^{-1}(1)$$

$$\frac{7 \sin(15t)}{7} = \frac{7}{7}$$

$$\sin(15t) = 1$$

$$\frac{15t}{15} = \frac{90}{15}$$

$$t = 6 \text{ seconds}$$

(d) What is the minimum height of any seat?

$$\text{Min} = c - |a| = 8 - |7| = 1 \text{ m}$$

(e) When is the red seat at its minimum height during the first rotation?

$$8 + 7 \sin(15t) = 1 \quad 15t = \sin^{-1}(-1)$$

$$\frac{7 \sin(15t)}{7} = \frac{-7}{7}$$

$$\sin(15t) = -1$$

$$\frac{15t}{15} = \frac{270}{15}$$

$$t = 18 \text{ seconds}$$

(f) How long will it take for the red seat to complete two full rotations?

$$\text{Period} = \frac{360}{k} = \frac{360}{15} = 24 \text{ seconds}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Two revs takes } 2(24) = 48 \text{ seconds}$$

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