

MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE
CONTEST 4 - JANUARY 2010
ROUND 3 TRIG: EQUATIONS WITH A REASONABLE NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS

ANSWERS

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

***** NO CALCULATORS IN THIS ROUND *****

A) Let x denote a real number (or an angle measure in radians).

Compute the smallest positive value of x for which $(\sin x)^x = 1$

B) If x denotes the unique solution to $2\cot(2x) - \tan(x) = 0$ between $\frac{\pi}{2}$ and π , compute $\cos(x)$.

C) Solve for θ , where $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$: $\frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} \cos \theta} = -1$