

Trigonometric Equations

1. Simplest trigonometric equations are ones of the kind :

$$\sin(x) = a, \cos(x) = a \cdot (\text{where } |a| \leq 1)$$

$$\tan(x) = tg(x) = a, \cot(x) = ctg(x) = a \cdot (\text{where } -\infty < a < +\infty)$$

Solution formulas to them are below :

$$\sin(x) = \sin x = a; x = (-1)^n \arcsin(a) + \pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\cos(x) = \cos x = a; x = \pm \arccos(a) + 2\pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\tan(x) = tg(x) = \tan x = tg x = a; x = \arctan(a) + \pi n = \operatorname{arctg}(a) + \pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\cot(x) = ctg(x) = \cot x = ctg x = a; x = \operatorname{arccot}(a) + \pi n = \operatorname{arcctg}(a) + \pi n, n \in Z$$

In special cases, if $a = 0$, $a = 1$, $a = -1$, there are obtained the following formulas :

$$\sin(x) = 0 \quad x = \pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\sin(x) = 1 \quad x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\sin(x) = -1 \quad x = -\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\cos(x) = 0 \quad x = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\cos(x) = 1 \quad x = 2\pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\cos(x) = -1 \quad x = \pi + 2\pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\tan(x) = tg(x) = 0 \quad x = \pi n, n \in Z$$

$$\cot(x) = ctg(x) = 0 \quad x = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n, n \in Z$$

2. **Homogeneous equations** are the ones of the kind :

$$a \sin(kx) + b \cos(kx) = 0$$

$$a \sin^2(kx) + b \sin(kx) \cos(kx) + c \cos^2(kx) = 0$$

$$a \sin^3(kx) + b \sin^2(kx) \cos(kx) + c \sin(kx) \cos^2(kx) + d \cos^3(kx) = 0$$

Equation $a \sin^2(kx) + b \sin(kx) \cos(kx) + c \cos^2(kx) = d$, if $d \neq 0$ is **NOT** homogeneous, can be reduced to type b by substitution of d by $d(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)$.

For solutions of equations of types a-c in case of $a \neq 0$,

let's consider such values of x for which $\cos(kx) = 0$.

Then from each equation follows that with the same values of x should be $\sin(kx) = 0$ which is impossible.

Therefore, solutions of these equations are such values of x for which $\cos(kx) \neq 0$.

Therefore, if $a \neq 0$, divide both sides of equation a by $\cos(kx)$,

both sides of equation b by $\cos^2 x$,

both sides of equation c by $\cos^3(kx)$, there will be no loss of roots.

Z - set of all integer numbers.