

Trigonometric Equations

Find the value of x :

1) $\sin x = -0.5$ $[0 \leq x \leq 360]$

Calculator \swarrow \searrow $180 -$

$\sin^{-1}(-0.5) = -30$ $180 - (-30) = 210$

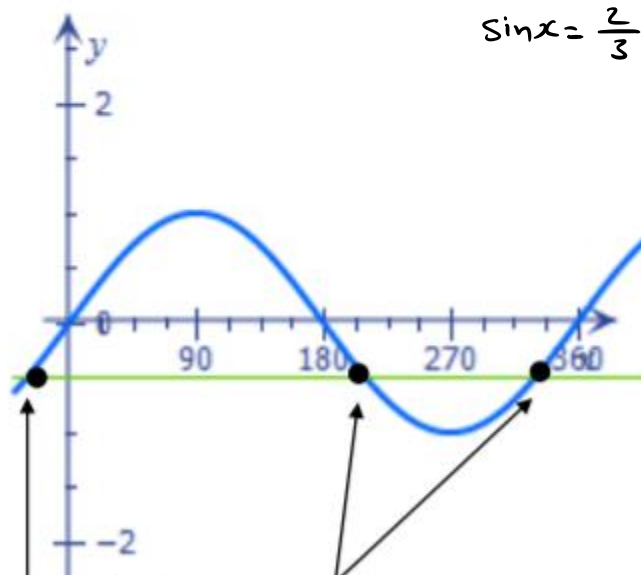
$x = -30$ (Out of domain) \nearrow

$x = -30 + 360 = 330$ (In the domain)

$$\operatorname{cosec} x = \frac{3}{2}$$

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

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{2}$$



This is a solution too at $X = -30$, but its out of the domain so we don't state it.

$\sin x = -0.5$ at $X = 210^\circ, 330^\circ$
Which are inside the domain.

2) Jun 09 #8

(a) Write down $\sin 2x$ in terms of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$. $\rightarrow \sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$ (1)

(b) Find, for $0 < x < \pi$, all the solutions of the equation

$$\operatorname{cosec} x - 8 \cos x = 0$$

giving your answers to 2 decimal places.

(5)

$$\frac{1}{\sin x} - 8 \cos x = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin x} = 8 \cos x$$

$$1 = 8 \sin x \cos x$$

$$1 = 4 \times 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$1 = 4 \sin 2x$$

$$\sin 2x = \frac{1}{4}$$

Calc. \downarrow

$$2x = 0.2526$$

$$x = 0.13$$

$\pi -$ \downarrow

$$2x = 2.89$$

$$x = 1.45$$

3) Jun 06 #6

$$\frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1}{\sin^2 \theta} \div \sin^2 \theta$$

$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$$

(a) Using $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \equiv 1$, show that $\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta \equiv 1$.

(2)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, prove that

$$\operatorname{cosec}^4 \theta - \cot^4 \theta \equiv \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta.$$

(c) Solve, for $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$, $(\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta)(\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta)$

(2)

$$\operatorname{cosec}^4 \theta - \cot^4 \theta = 2 - \cot \theta.$$

(6)

$$\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta = 2 - \cot \theta$$

$$\cot^2 \theta + 1 = \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$$

$$\cot^2 \theta + 1 + \cot^2 \theta + \cot \theta - 2 = 0$$

$$2\cot^2 \theta + \cot \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad \cot \theta = -1$$

$$\tan \theta = 2 \quad \tan \theta = -1$$



AS Solving

8) Jun 08 #5

$$\div \sin^2 \theta$$

(a) Given that $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \equiv 1$, show that $1 + \cot^2 \theta \equiv \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$.

(2)

(b) Solve, for $0 \leq \theta < 180^\circ$, the equation

$$2 \cot^2 \theta - 9 \operatorname{cosec} \theta = 3,$$

giving your answers to 1 decimal place.

(6)

$$\begin{aligned} \cot^2 \theta + 1 &= \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta \\ \cot^2 \theta &= \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta - 1 \\ 2 [\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta - 1] - 9 \operatorname{cosec} \theta - 3 &= 0 \\ 2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta - 9 \operatorname{cosec} \theta - 5 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\operatorname{cosec} \theta = 5$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{5}$$



As Solving

$$\operatorname{cosec} \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin \theta = -2$$

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Q.7[JUNE 2017, C3, NO.9]:

9. (a) Prove that

$$\sin 2x - \tan x \equiv \tan x \cos 2x, \quad x \neq (2n+1)90^\circ, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (4)$$

(b) Given that $x \neq 90^\circ$ and $x \neq 270^\circ$, solve, for $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$,

$$\sin 2x - \tan x = 3 \tan x \sin x$$

Give your answers in degrees to one decimal place where appropriate.

(Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.)

(5)

(a) $\frac{\cos x \times 2 \sin x \cos x - \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}}{\cos x \times 1}$

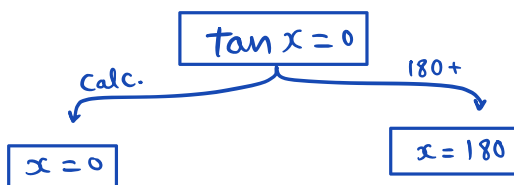
$$\frac{2 \sin x \cos^2 x - \sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{\sin x (2 \cos^2 x - 1)}{\cos x}$$

$$= \tan x \cos 2x$$

(b) $\tan x \cos 2x = 3 \tan x \sin x$

$$\tan x \cos 2x - 3 \tan x \sin x = 0$$

$$\tan x (\cos 2x - 3 \sin x) = 0$$



Handwritten solution for $3x^2 - 2x = 0$:

$$3x^2 - 2x = 0$$

$$x(3x - 2) = 0$$

$x = 0$ or $x = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\cos 2x - 3 \sin x = 0$$

$$1 - 2 \sin^2 x - 3 \sin x = 0$$

$$2 \sin^2 x + 3 \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$$

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$$\sin x = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{17}}{4}$$

calc. \rightarrow $x = 16.3$

$180 - \rightarrow$ $x = 163.7$

$$\sin \Rightarrow 180 -$$

$$\cos \Rightarrow 360 -$$

$$\tan \Rightarrow 180 +$$

Q.20[JAN 2021, P3, NO.7]:

In this question you must show all stages of your working.

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

7. (a) Prove that

$$\frac{\sin x \times \sin 2x}{\sin x \times \cos x} + \frac{\cos 2x \times \cos x}{\sin x \times \cos x} \equiv \operatorname{cosec} x \quad x \neq \frac{n\pi}{2} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (3)$$

(b) Hence solve, for $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$7 + \frac{\sin 4\theta}{\cos 2\theta} + \frac{\cos 4\theta}{\sin 2\theta} = 3 \cot^2 2\theta$$

giving your answers in radians to 3 significant figures where appropriate. (6)

$$\frac{\sin x \sin 2x + \cos 2x \cos x}{\sin x \cos x}$$

$$\frac{\cos 2x \cos x + \sin 2x \sin x}{\sin x \cos x}$$

$$\frac{\cos(2x - x)}{\sin x \cos x} = \frac{\cancel{\cos x}}{\sin x \cancel{\cos x}} = \frac{1}{\sin x} = \operatorname{cosec} x$$

Q.24[JAN 2021, P3, NO.9]:

9. In this question you must show detailed reasoning.

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(i) Solve, for $0 < x \leq \pi$, the equation

$$2 \sec^2 x - 3 \tan x = 2$$

giving the answers, as appropriate, to 3 significant figures.

(4)

(ii) Prove that

$$\frac{\sin 3\theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\cos 3\theta}{\cos \theta} \equiv 2$$

(4)

$$(i) \quad 2 [\tan^2 x + 1] - 3 \tan x - 2 = 0$$

$$2 \tan^2 x - 3 \tan x = 0$$

$$\tan x (2 \tan x - 3) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\tan x = 0}$$

$$\boxed{\tan x = \frac{3}{2}}$$

As Solving