

SOLUTIONS OF TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS

1 Solve for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$:

(a) $\sin(2x) = 0.5 = \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$

$$2x = (-1)^n \times \frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi$$

$$x = (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

* for $n=0$ $x = \frac{\pi}{12}$

* for $n=1$ $x = \frac{5\pi}{12}$

* for $n=2$ $x = \frac{13\pi}{12}$

* for $n=3$ $x = \frac{17\pi}{12}$

$n=4$ is outside $[0, 2\pi]$

(b) $\cos(3x) = 1 = \cos 0$

$$3x = \pm 0 + 2n\pi$$

$$x = \frac{2n\pi}{3}$$

* for $n=0$ $x = 0$

* for $n=1$ $x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

* for $n=2$ $x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$

* for $n=3$ $x = 2\pi$

$n=4$ is outside $[0, 2\pi]$

(c) $\tan(2x) = 1 = \tan \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$2x = \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

* $n=0$ $x = \pi/8$

* $n=1$ $x = \frac{5\pi}{8}$

* $n=2$ $x = \frac{9\pi}{8}$

* $n=3$ $x = \frac{13\pi}{8}$

$n=4$ gives results outside of $[0, 2\pi]$

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2 Solve for $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$:

(a) $\tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1/2}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \tan \frac{\pi}{6}$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$$

For $n=0$ $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$

all other solutions
are outside $[-\pi, \pi]$

(b) $\sin\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sin \frac{4\pi}{3}$

$$\frac{x}{3} = \frac{4\pi}{3} (-1)^n + n\pi$$

$$x = (-1)^n \times 4\pi + n3\pi$$

For $n=1$

$x = -\pi$

all other solutions
are outside $[-\pi, \pi]$

(c) $\cos\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$$= \cos \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\frac{x}{4} = \pm \frac{\pi}{4} + 2n\pi$$

$$x = \pm \pi + 8n\pi$$

For $n=0$

$x = \pm \pi$

No other solutions -

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3 Solve, for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$:

(a) $2 \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 1$

$$\cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2} = \cos \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$x - \frac{\pi}{6} = \pm \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6} \pm \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$$

* $n=0$

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

* $n=1$

$$x = \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

and that's it. (other

solutions are outside of the interval $[0, 2\pi]$)

(b) $\sqrt{2} \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1$

$$\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$x + \frac{\pi}{4} = (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$$

$$x = (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$$

* for $n=0$

$$x = 0$$

* for $n=1$

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

* for $n=2$

$$x = 2\pi$$

Other solutions are outside of the interval $[0, 2\pi]$

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

$$\cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$x - \frac{\pi}{3} = \pm \frac{\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$$

$$x = \pm \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$$

* for $n=0$

$$x = \pi/6$$

$$\text{and } x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

* for $n=1$

Solutions are outside of the interval $[0, 2\pi]$

and other solutions

are outside of the interval $[0, 2\pi]$

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4 Solve, for $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$:

(a) $\sqrt{2} \cos 2x = 1$

$$\cos 2x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$2x = \pm \frac{\pi}{4} + 2n\pi$$

$$x = \pm \frac{\pi}{8} + n\pi$$

* for $n=0$

$$x = -\frac{\pi}{8} \text{ and } x = \frac{\pi}{8}$$

* for $n=1$

$$x = \frac{7\pi}{8}$$

* for $n=-1$

$$x = -\frac{7\pi}{8}$$

other solutions are outside of $[-\pi, \pi]$

(b) $\cos\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 = \cos 0$

$$2x - \frac{\pi}{2} = \pm 0 + 2n\pi$$

$$2x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$$

* $n=0$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

* $n=1$ solutions are outside of $[-\pi, \pi]$

* $n=-1$

$$x = -\frac{3\pi}{4}$$

and that's it.

(c) $\sin\left(2x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -1$

$$= \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$2x + \frac{\pi}{6} = (-1)^n \frac{3\pi}{2} + n\pi$$

$$2x = (-1)^n \frac{3\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi$$

$$x = (-1)^n \frac{3\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

* $n=0$

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

* $n=1$

$$x = -\frac{\pi}{3}$$

other solutions are outside of $[-\pi, \pi]$

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5 (a) Solve, for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$, $\sqrt{2} \cos\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 1$.

$$\cos\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{6} = \pm \frac{\pi}{4} + 2n\pi$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{6} \pm \frac{\pi}{4} + 2n\pi$$

$$\bigcirc \quad x = -\frac{\pi}{3} \pm \frac{\pi}{2} + 4n\pi$$

* $n=0$ $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$

other solutions are outside of $[0, 2\pi]$

* $n=-1$

$x = -\frac{7\pi}{4}$

(b) Solve, for $-3\pi \leq x \leq 3\pi$, $\tan\left(\frac{x}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 1$.

$$\tan\left(\frac{x}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{x}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$$

$$\frac{x}{3} = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi$$

$$\frac{x}{3} = \frac{5\pi}{12} + n\pi$$

$$x = \frac{5\pi}{4} + 3n\pi$$

* $n=0$ $x = \frac{5\pi}{4}$

* $n=1$ outside the ~~range~~ interval $[-3\pi, +3\pi]$

FURTHER SOLUTION OF TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS

7 Solve over the given domain

(a) $\cos x + 3 \sin x = 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos x = 1 - 3 \sin x$$

we square both sides.

$$\text{So } \cos^2 x = (1 - 3 \sin x)^2 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

but $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$, so

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

$$\textcircled{1} \Leftrightarrow 1 - \sin^2 x = 1 - 6 \sin x + 9 \sin^2 x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 10 \sin^2 x - 6 \sin x = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 5 \sin^2 x - 3 \sin x = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin x [5 \sin x - 3] = 0$$

So either $\sin x = 0$

$$\text{OR } 5 \sin x - 3 = 0.$$

for $\sin x = 0$ x must be equal to 0 or π or 2π .

However, $x = \pi$ does not satisfy the original equation.

$$\text{for } 5 \sin x - 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sin x = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$x = (-1)^n \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) + n\pi$$

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \approx 0.6435 \text{ rad.}$$

$n=0$ gives $x \approx 0.6435$ which does not satisfy the original equation

$n=1$ gives $x \approx 2.498$ which works.

$n=2$ outside of the range $[0, 2\pi]$

So: $x = 0, 2\pi$ or 2.498 .

(b) $\sin 2x = 1 + \cos 2x$ for $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

we square both sides

$$\sin^2 2x = (1 + \cos 2x)^2$$

$$\text{but } \sin^2 2x = 1 - \cos^2 2x$$

$$\text{so } 1 - \cos^2 2x = 1 + 2 \cos 2x + \cos^2 2x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \cos^2 2x + 2 \cos 2x = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos 2x [1 + \cos 2x] = 0$$

either $\cos 2x = 0$ OR $\cos 2x = -1$

Case 1 for $\cos 2x = 0 = \cos \frac{\pi}{2}$

$2x = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$ is the general solution

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \pm \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$$

$n=0$ gives $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ which satisfies the original equation

$n=1$ gives $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$ which does NOT other values of n give values outside of $[0, \pi]$

Case 2 for $\cos 2x = -1$

$$2x = \pm \pi + 2n\pi$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$$

$$n=0 \text{ gives } x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

which satisfies the original equation other values of n give values outside of $[0, \pi]$.

So two solutions

$$x = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ and } x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$