

Solving Linear Trigonometric Equations

Recall:

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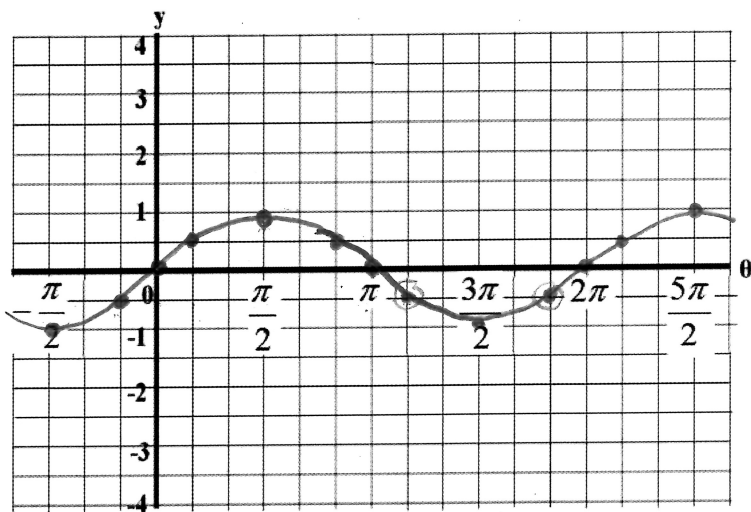
$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

Example 1

Create a sketch of the function $y = \sin \theta$.



Use

Using the above graph to "estimate" a solution for the following: $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

a) $\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$

$\sin \theta = y$ $y = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $\theta_1 = \frac{7\pi}{6}$ or $\theta_2 = \frac{11\pi}{6}$

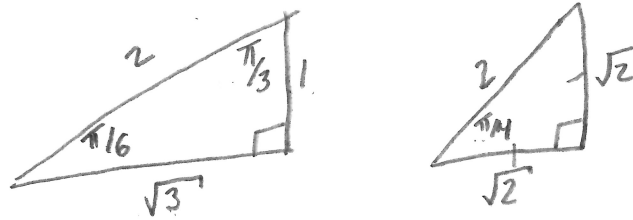
b) $5 \sin \theta - 1 = 4$

$5 \sin \theta = 4 + 1$
 $5 \sin \theta = 5$
 $\frac{5 \sin \theta}{5} = \frac{5}{5}$
 $\sin \theta = 1$
 $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

c) $3 \sin \theta - 5 = 1$

$\frac{3 \sin \theta - 5}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$
 $\sin \theta = 2$
 No Soln

Example 2



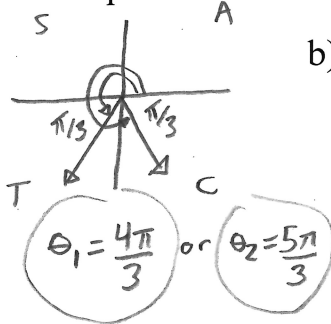
Use your knowledge of special triangles and the CAST rule to determine the exact solution for each equation below: $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

a) $2\sin\theta + \sqrt{3} = 0$

$$\frac{2\sin\theta}{2} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin\theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$R.A. = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

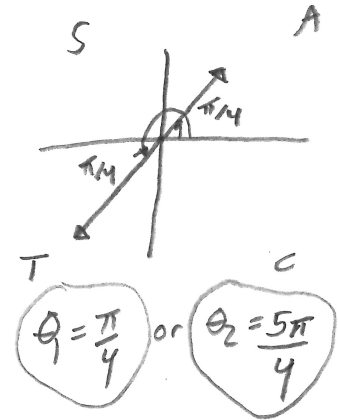


b) $3(\tan\theta - 3) = \frac{-6}{3}$

$$\tan\theta - 3 = -2$$

$$\tan\theta = 1$$

$$R.A. = \frac{\pi}{4}$$



Example 3

Solve the following trigonometric function; $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

$$6\sin\theta\cos\theta = \sin 2\theta + 1$$

$$3(2\sin\theta\cos\theta) = \sin 2\theta + 1$$

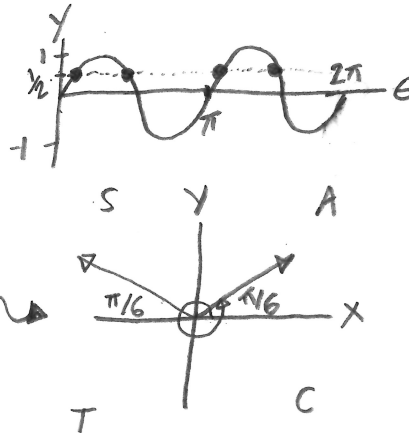
$$3\sin 2\theta = \sin 2\theta + 1$$

$$3\sin 2\theta - \sin 2\theta = 1$$

$$\frac{2\sin 2\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$R.A. = \frac{\pi}{6}$$



$$\frac{1}{2}(2\theta) = \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta_1 = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(2\theta) = \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(2\theta) = \left(\frac{13\pi}{6}\right)\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta_3 = \frac{13\pi}{12}$$

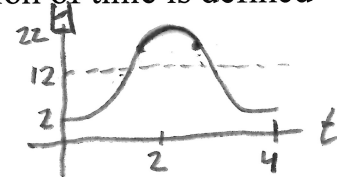
$$\frac{1}{2}(2\theta) = \left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right)\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta_4 = \frac{17\pi}{12}$$

Example 4

Avalon boards a Ferris wheel. Her height, h , as a function of time is defined by:

$$H(t) = -10 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right) + 12$$



where 't' is the time in minutes.

If the wheel only makes one turn, how long was Avalon above a height of 16 metres?

Set $H = 16$

$$-10 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right) + 12 = 16$$

$$-10 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right) = 4$$

$$\frac{-10}{-10} \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right) = \frac{4}{-10}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right) = -0.4$$

$$\frac{\pi t}{2} = \cos^{-1}(-0.4)$$

$$\frac{\pi t}{2} = \frac{1.982}{1}$$

$$\frac{\pi t}{\pi} = \frac{2(1.982)}{\pi}$$

$$t_1 = 1.26$$

$$\frac{\pi t}{2} = \frac{4.302}{1}$$

$$\frac{\pi t}{\pi} = \frac{2(4.302)}{\pi}$$

$$t_2 = 2.74$$

$$\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$$

$$= 2.74 - 1.26$$

$$= 1.48 \text{ minutes}$$

$$= 1 \text{ minute } 29 \text{ seconds}$$

