



Precalculus

Topic: Basic Trigonometric Equations

Instructions

Solve the following basic trigonometric equations. Show all work clearly and check your solutions.

Practice Problems

1. Solve the given equation, and list six specific solutions.

(i) $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$

(vi) $\tan x = 0$

(ii) $\cos x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

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

(iii) $\tan x = 1$

(viii) $\cos x = 0$

(iv) $\sin x = 0$

(ix) $\tan x = \sqrt{3}$

(v) $\cos x = -1$

(x) $\sin x = 1$

2. Solve the following equations for x within the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$:

(i) $2 \sin x - 1 = 0$

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

(ii) $3 \cos x + 1 = 0$

(vii) $\tan x = 0$

(iii) $\sin x = \cos x$

(viii) $\cos 2x = 1$

(iv) $1 - \tan^2 x = 0$

(ix) $\sin x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

(v) $\sin x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(x) $\tan x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

3. Solve for all values of x satisfying the equation:

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| (i) $\sin x = \cos x$ | (vi) $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ |
| (ii) $\cos 2x = \sin x$ | (vii) $\cos x = \sin x$ |
| (iii) $2 \sin x - 1 = 0$ | (viii) $1 - \cos^2 x = 0$ |
| (iv) $\cos x = -\sin x$ | (ix) $2 \sin x + 1 = 0$ |
| (v) $1 + \tan^2 x = 2$ | (x) $\tan x = -1$ |

4. Find the general solution for the following trigonometric equations:

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| (i) $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$ | (vi) $\tan x = -\sqrt{3}$ |
| (ii) $\cos x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | (vii) $\sin x = -1$ |
| (iii) $\tan x = 1$ | (viii) $\cos x = 1$ |
| (iv) $\sin x = 0$ | (ix) $\tan x = 0$ |
| (v) $\cos x = \frac{1}{2}$ | (x) $\sin x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ |

5. Solve the following trigonometric equations for x within the given interval:

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| (i) $\sin(2x) = 1, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ | (vi) $\sin(2x) = 0, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ |
| (ii) $\cos(3x) = 0, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ | (vii) $\tan(3x) = 1, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ |
| (iii) $\tan(2x) = \sqrt{3}, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ | (viii) $\sin(5x) = \frac{1}{2}, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ |
| (iv) $\sin(3x) = 0, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ | (ix) $\cos(6x) = -1, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ |
| (v) $\cos(4x) = 0, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ | (x) $\tan(4x) = 0, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$ |

Multiple-Choice Questions

1. What is the general solution for $\sin x = 0$?

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| A. $x = n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ | C. $x = \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ |
| B. $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ | D. $x = 0$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ |

2. What is the solution for $\tan x = 0$?

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| A. $x = n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ | C. $x = \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ |
| B. $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ | D. $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ |

3. What is the solution for $\cos x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$?

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| A. $x = \frac{\pi}{4} + 2n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ | C. $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ |
| B. $x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ | D. $x = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ |