

Key

4.24 Solving Trig Equations with Functions of Multiple Angles Wksht

Solve the equation for the variable on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$.

1. $\sin(3x) = 1$

$\leftarrow \sin \theta = 1$

$3x = \sin^{-1}(1)$

Add 2π ($+\frac{4\pi}{2}$)

$\frac{1}{3} \left(3x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{9\pi}{2}, \frac{13\pi}{2}, \frac{17\pi}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{3}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{9\pi}{6}, \frac{13\pi}{6}, \frac{17\pi}{6}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$

3. $\sec 2x = -2$

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

$2x = \sec^{-1}(-2)$

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

Add 2π or $(+\frac{6\pi}{3})$

$\frac{1}{2} \left[2x = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{8\pi}{3}, \frac{10\pi}{3}, \frac{14\pi}{3} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{2}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{3}$

5. $\cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \tan \frac{\pi}{4}$

$\ast \cos(a+b) = \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b$

$\cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

$\cancel{\cos x}(0) - \sin x(1) = 1$

$-\sin x = 1$

$\sin x = -1$

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

2. $\cos 4x = 1$

$4x = \cos^{-1}(1)$

$\frac{1}{4} \left(4x = 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, 8\pi, 10\pi \right) \cdot \frac{1}{4}$

$x = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \cancel{2\pi}, \cancel{\frac{5\pi}{2}}$

4. $\cos x + \sin x \tan x = 2$

$\cos x + \sin x \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right) = 2$

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

$2 \cos x = 1$

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

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

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

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

$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$

$\ast 1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$

6. $2 \sec^2 x + 2 \tan^2 x = 14$

$2(1 + \tan^2 x) + 2 \tan^2 x = 14$

$2 + 2 \tan^2 x + 2 \tan^2 x = 14$

$2 + 4 \tan^2 x = 14$

$\tan x = \pm \sqrt{3}$

$\frac{4}{4} \tan^2 x = \frac{12}{4}$

$\tan^2 x = 3$

$\sqrt{\tan^2 x} = \pm \sqrt{3}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$

Solve the equation for all values of the variable.

7. $2 \sin^2 2x = 1$

8. $-2 \cos 2x = \sqrt{3}$

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

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

$2x = \sin^{-1}\left(\pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \rightarrow \left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{2}$
 $x = \frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{7\pi}{8}, \frac{9\pi}{8}, \frac{11\pi}{8}, \frac{13\pi}{8}, \frac{15\pi}{8}, \frac{17\pi}{8} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\cos(2x) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$2x = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \rightarrow \left[\frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{17\pi}{6}, \frac{19\pi}{6}, \frac{29\pi}{6} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{2}$

$x = \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{17\pi}{12}, \frac{19\pi}{12}, \frac{29\pi}{12} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

9. $3 \tan^2 2x = 1$

$\tan^2(2x) = \frac{1}{3}$

$\sqrt{\tan^2(2x)} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$

$\tan(2x) = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$2x = \tan^{-1}\left(\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

$2x = \left[\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}, \frac{13\pi}{6}, \frac{17\pi}{6}, \frac{19\pi}{6}, \frac{23\pi}{6}, \frac{25\pi}{6} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{2}$

11. $\tan(x + \pi) + \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$

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

$\frac{\tan x}{1} + \cos x(0) - \sin x(1) = 0$

$\tan x - \sin x = 0$

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

$\sin x \left(\frac{1}{\cos x} - 1 \right) = 0$

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

$\cos x = 1 \mid \sin x = 0$
 $x = 0, 2\pi \mid x = 0, \pi$
 $x = 0, \pi + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

12. $\sin x - 1 = \cos x$

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

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

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

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

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

$2\sin x = 0 \mid \sin x - 1 = 0$

$\sin x = 0 \mid \sin x = 1$

$x = 0, \pi \mid x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$x = 0, \pi, \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$+2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\text{Add } \left(\frac{+12\pi}{6}\right)$

$\text{Add } \frac{8\pi}{4}$

$\text{Force trig identities to appear.}$

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