

WORK ON PROBLEMS IN GROUP OF 2-4. YOUR INSTRUCTOR WILL MARK YOUR GROUP WORK IN CLASS. TURN IN YOUR OWN WORK FOR QUESTIONS MARKED AS "INDIVIDUAL WORK" INDIVIDUALLY; UPLOAD TO CANVAS OR SUBMIT IN CLASS ON THE DUE DATE.

7.5: Solving Trigonometric Equations

• Solving Nonlinear Trigonometric Equation

- If the inside angles are different, look for identities to make all trigonometric functions in the equation have the same inside angle.
- If there are different trigonometric functions of the same angle, use identities such as Pythagorean, quotient identities to convert. Or factor such that the same functions are in each factor.
- Look for a pattern that suggests an algebraic property, such as the difference of squares, difference of cubes, quadratic equation or a factoring opportunity.
- Substitute the trigonometric expression with a single variable, such as u .
- Solve the equation the same way an algebraic equation would be solved.
- Substitute the trigonometric expression back in for the variable in the resulting expressions.
- Solve for the angle inside in one period. Add multiples of the period if needed (Depends on the domain).
- Solve for the variable in the inside angle algebraically.
- **Note: In most cases, we are looking to solve the values for a single trig function but the final goal is to solve for the angle.**

• Finding the Angle:

- If **Cosine** value $\neq 0$ and $\neq \pm 1$ is found, then the inside angles in one period are either in **1st** and **4th** quadrant if the value is > 0 or **2nd** and **3rd** quadrant if the value is < 0 .
- If the **Sine** value $\neq 0$ and $\neq \pm 1$ is found, then the inside angles in one period are either in **1st** and **2nd** if the value is > 0 or **3rd** and **4th** if the value is < 0 .
- For every real number x , there is only one angle θ in the period of Tangent which $\tan(\theta) = x$; similarly, for Cotangent function.
- Secant and Cosecant follow Cosine and Sine respectively.

• Adding a multiple of the period

- We use integer k to represent an integer multiple of the period.
- You may test a few values of $k \times \text{period}$ by plugging in $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

1. Solve for all values of x in the following equations.

(a) $\tan(x) - \sqrt{3} = 0$

(d) $\cos(x) = -1$

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

(e) $\sin(2x) = 1$

(c) $\sec(x) + 2 = 0$

(f) $\tan(3x) + 1 = 0$

2. Find all the solutions, for x , to the following equations.

(a) $\sec^2(x) - 4 = 0$ for x .

(c) $3 \tan^2(\theta) + 3 = 0$ for θ .

(b) $3 \tan^2(x) - 1 = 0$ for x .

(d) $4 \sin^2(3\theta) - 3 = 0$ for θ .

3. (A) Find all solutions to $2 \sin(x) \cos(x) - \cos(x) = 0$.

(B) Find all solutions to $(\tan^2(x) - 2)(4 \sin^2(x) - 1) = 0$.

4. Find all solutions to the following equations.

(a) $\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$

(b) $\sin(2\theta) = \csc(2\theta)$

5. Find all solutions to $\tan^2(x) - 5\tan(x) + 6 = 0$.

6. Find all solutions to the following equations.

(a) $\tan^2(\theta) + 4 \sec(\theta) + 5 = 0$

(b) $2 \sin(2\theta) - \cos^2(2\theta) + 1 = 0$

7. Find all solutions to the following equations.

(a) $\sin(2t) = \cos(t)$

(b) $\sin(6t) - \sin(2t) = 0$

INDIVIDUAL WORK

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8. (2.5 points) **This is a question from Section 7.1:** Verify the following trigonometric identity:

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

9. Find all solutions for t in $[0, 2\pi)$.

(a) (2 points) $\sin(3t) = -\cos(3t)$

(b) (1 point) $\cos^2(5t) = 1$

10. (2.5 points) Solve $4\sin^2(7t) - 4\sin(7t) + 1 = 0$ for t . (Find all possible solutions.)

Example Video:

- https://mediahub.ku.edu/media/t/1_4bc8kc04

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