

PRECALC Class ex. Sec. 6.8: Trig Equations II

1) Solve each trig equation over the interval $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

a) $\cos(2\theta) + 3 = 5 \cos \theta$ $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$

$(2 \cos^2 \theta - 1) + 3 = 5 \cos \theta$

$(2u - 1)(u - 2) = 0$

$2 \cos^2 \theta - 5 \cos \theta + 2 = 0$

$(2 \cos \theta - 1)(\cos \theta - 2) = 0$

let $u = \cos \theta$ $2u^2 - 5u + 2 = 0$

$\frac{2 \cos \theta - 1}{2} \quad \frac{\cos \theta - 2}{2} \rightarrow$ NS

b) $\cos^2 \theta + \sin \theta = 2$ NO SOLUTION $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$

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

$0 = u^2 - u + 1$

$0 = \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta - 1 + 2$

Discriminant = $b^2 - 4ac$

$0 = \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta + 1$

$= (-1)^2 - 4(1)(1)$

let $u = \sin \theta$

$= -3 < 0$, thus
NO real solution

c) $\sin \theta \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$ $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$

$2 \cdot \sin \theta \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2$

$\sin u = -1 \rightarrow u = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2k\pi$

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

$\frac{2\theta}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2} + \frac{2k\pi}{2}$

$\sin(2\theta) = -1$

$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4} + k\pi$ $k=0 \rightarrow \theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$

let $u = 2\theta$

$k=1 \rightarrow \theta = \frac{7\pi}{4}$

d) $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = 1$ $\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}$

① Since you can't sub in any identities, try squaring each side.

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

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

$1 + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 1 \rightarrow \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{2} = \frac{0}{2}$

$\sin \theta \cos \theta = 0$

$\sin \theta = 0$

$\cos \theta = 0$

$\theta = 0, \pi$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$

② Sub all 4 solutions into original + you'll see $\theta = \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}$ are extraneous

2. Use a graphing calculator to solve $5 \sin x + x = 3$. Express the solutions rounded to two decimal places.

$x = 0.52, 3.18, 5.71$

$y_1 = 5 \sin x + x$

• use T: Zoom Trig & change X max to 5π

$y_2 = 3$

• use 2nd Trace \rightarrow 5: intersect to find 3 intersection points