

Solving Trig Equations Day 2

Solve each equation for all values of θ where θ is measured in radians.

1) $\cos^2 \theta + 3 = 4$

$\cos^2 \theta = 1$

$\cos \theta = \pm 1$

$\theta = 0 + \pi n$

2) $0 = -1 + \tan^2 \theta$

$\tan^2 \theta = 1$

$\tan \theta = \pm 1$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{2} n$

3) $3 = 4\sin^2 \theta$

$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{3}{4}$

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

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

4) $3\sin^2 \theta = 1 + \sin^2 \theta$

$2\sin^2 \theta = 1$

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

$\sin \theta = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{2} n$

5) $2\cos \theta = -\sqrt{3}\cos \theta + \cos \theta \tan \theta + 2\cos \theta$

$\sqrt{3}\cos \theta - \cos \theta \tan \theta = 0$

$\cos \theta (\sqrt{3} - \tan \theta) = 0$

$\cos \theta = 0$

$\tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n$

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7) $\sin \theta + 2\sin^2 \theta = 0$

$\sin \theta (1 + 2\sin \theta) = 0$

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

$2\sin \theta = -1$

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

$\theta = 0 + \pi n$

$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$

$\theta = \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$

8) $\cos \theta \tan \theta - 2\cos \theta = -\cos \theta$

$\frac{\cos \theta \tan \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{-\cos \theta}{\cos \theta}$

$\cos \theta \tan \theta - \cos \theta = 0$

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

$\cos \theta = 0$

$\tan \theta - 1 = 0$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n$

$\tan \theta = 1$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi n$

9) $4\cos^2 \theta - 1 = -\cos \theta + 2\cos^2 \theta$

$-2\cos^2 \theta$

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

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

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

$2\cos \theta - 1 = 0$

$\cos \theta + 1 = 0$

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

$\cos \theta = -1$

$\theta = \pi + 2\pi n$

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

$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2\pi n$

10) $2\tan \theta - \tan^2 \theta = 1$

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

$(\tan \theta - 1)(\tan \theta - 1) = 0$

$\tan \theta - 1 = 0$

$\tan \theta = 1$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi n$

$$11) 2\sin \theta + 2 = \cos^2 \theta$$

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

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

$$(\sin \theta + 1)(\sin \theta + 1) = 0$$

$$\sin \theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\sin \theta = -1$$

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

$$12) -3\sin \theta + 2 = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

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

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

$$2\sin^2 \theta - 3\sin \theta + 1 = 0$$

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

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

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

$$\sin \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin \theta = 1$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$$

$$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$$

$$13) \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = -\cos \theta$$

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

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

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

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

$$2\cos \theta - 1 = 0 \quad \cos \theta + 1 = 0$$

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

$$\cos \theta = -1$$

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

$$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2\pi n$$

$$\theta = \pi + 2\pi n$$

$$14) 2 + 2\cos \theta = \sin^2 \theta$$

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

$$\cos^2 \theta + 2\cos \theta + 1 = 0$$

$$(\cos \theta + 1)(\cos \theta + 1) = 0$$

$$\cos \theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = -1$$

$$\theta = \pi + 2\pi n$$

$$15) 3\cos \theta = \sin \theta - 1 + 4\cos \theta$$

$$-4\cos \theta$$

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$$(-\cos \theta)^2 = (\sin \theta - 1)^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{FOIL}$$

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

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

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

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

$$2\sin \theta = 0 \quad \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\sin \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = \theta + \pi n$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n$$

$$17) 1 - 2\cos \theta = -3\cos \theta - \sin \theta$$

$$+3\cos \theta \quad +3\cos \theta$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\cos \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$2\cos \theta = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = 1$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n$$

$$\theta = 0 + 2\pi n$$

$$16) \sqrt{3}\cos \theta - \sin \theta = -2\sin \theta$$

$$+\sin \theta \quad +\sin \theta$$

$$(\sqrt{3}\cos \theta)^2 = (-\sin \theta)^2$$

$$3\cos^2 \theta = \sin^2 \theta$$

$$3\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$$

$$4\cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} + \pi n$$

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

$$18) (\sqrt{3}\sin \theta)^2 = (\cos \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta$$

$$3\sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$$

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

$$4\sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{4}$$

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

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} + \pi n$$

$$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} + \pi n$$