

# Popper # 19

(1)  $\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) - \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \cos(2 \times \frac{\pi}{8}) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

- A. 0      B. 1      C.  $\frac{1}{2}$       D.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$       E. none

Given  $\sin(x) = \frac{3}{5}$ ,  $\cos(y) = \frac{12}{13}$ ,  $0 < x < 90^\circ$ ,  $270^\circ < y < 360^\circ$ .  
 $\cos x = \frac{4}{5}$        $\sin(y) = -\frac{5}{13}$

(2)  $\sin(x+y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y = \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{12}{13} + \frac{4}{5} \cdot \left(-\frac{5}{13}\right) = \frac{16}{65}$

- A.  $\frac{36}{65}$       B.  $\frac{16}{65}$       C.  $-\frac{16}{65}$       D.  $-\frac{20}{65}$

(3)  $\tan\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos y}{\sin y} = \frac{1 - \frac{12}{13}}{-\frac{5}{13}} = \frac{\frac{1}{13}}{-\frac{5}{13}} = -\frac{1}{5}$

- A.  $-\frac{12}{5}$       B.  $-\frac{1}{5}$       C.  $\frac{5}{13}$       D. none

(4)  $\cos(2x) = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{7}{25}$

- A.  $\frac{7}{25}$       B.  $\frac{18}{25}$       C.  $-\frac{7}{25}$       D. none

(5) Bubble A

(6) Bubble B.

Recall:

- Linear Equation:

$$2x + 3 = 9 \quad \leftarrow \text{Solve it!}$$

$-3 \quad -3$

"Goal: Leave the  $x$  alone."

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{6}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{x = 3}$$

- Trigonometric Equation:

$$\sin(x) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \leftarrow \text{Find all } x.$$

"Goal:  $x = ?$ ". Look for solution in the unit circle first.

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{5\pi}{6} \quad \text{in } \underline{\text{the first period}}$$

Trigonometric Functions are periodic

$\Rightarrow$  we get infinitely many solutions when possible.

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi \cdot k \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi \cdot k, \quad k \text{ integer!}$$

Linear Equation:  $2x + 3 = 9 \leftarrow \text{Solve!}$

"Goal" is to leave  $x$  alone.

$$\frac{2x+3}{2} = \frac{9}{2} \Rightarrow x = 3$$

## Section 6.3 - Solving Trigonometric Equations

Next, we'll use all of the tools we've covered in our study of trigonometry to solve some equations. An equation that involves a trigonometric function is called a trigonometric equation. Since trigonometric functions are periodic, there may be infinitely solutions to some trigonometric equations.

### • Trigonometric Equation ← Unit Circle

Let's say we want to solve the equation:  $\sin(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  Ask yourself: Which angle(s) have  $\sin = \frac{1}{2}$ ?

The first angles that come to mind are:  $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$  and  $x = \frac{5\pi}{6}$ . ← Answer.  
in one period

$x = 30^\circ$  or  $150^\circ$   
(convert in radians)

Remember that the period of the sine function is  $2\pi$ ; sine function repeats itself after each rotation.

The solutions of unit circle repeat themselves in every periodic rotation.

Therefore, the solutions of the equation are:  $x = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$ ,  $x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$ , where  $k$  is any integer.

**Recall:** For sine and cosine functions, the period is  $2\pi$ . For tangent and cotangent functions, the period is  $\pi$ .

Do NOT FORGET:

General (ALL) Solutions = Special Solutions + Period ·  $k$   
unit circle

*one rotation*

Example 1: a) Solve the equation in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ :  $2 \cos x = -1$

$$2 \cos x = -1 \quad \text{Q.II} \quad \text{Q.III}$$

$$\cos x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ or } x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

*period =  $2\pi$*

b) Find all solutions to the equation:  $\underline{\underline{2 \cos x = -1}}$

$$\text{From part (a), } \cos x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ or } \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{all } \boxed{x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi \cdot k \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{4\pi}{3} + 2\pi \cdot k}, \quad k \text{ integer}$$

*one period*

Example 2: a) Solve the equation in the interval  $[0, \pi]$ :  $\tan x = -1$

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From  $0$  to  $\pi$ ,

$$\text{only } \boxed{x = \frac{3\pi}{4}} \text{ in Quadrant II, gives } \tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -1$$

b) Find all solutions to the equation:  $\tan x = -1$

*period =  $\pi$*

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \pi \cdot k, \quad k \text{ integer}}$$

*one period*

Example 3: Solve the equation in the interval  $[0, \pi]$ :  $2 \sin(2x) = 1$

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

$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{\pi}{12} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{5\pi}{12}}$$

Example 4: Solve the equation in the interval  $\underline{[0, 2\pi]}$ :  $\csc^2 x = 4 \quad \leftarrow \text{In one period}$

$$\csc^2 x = 4 \iff \csc x = \pm 2 \quad \text{or} \quad \csc x = -2$$

$$\csc x = \pm 2 \quad \frac{1}{\sin x} = 2 \quad \frac{1}{\sin x} = -2$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}}$$

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Example 5: Find all solutions to the equation:  $\cos(2x) = 0$

↓  
need to find solutions in one period first  
and add repetitions of periods.

$$\rightarrow \cos(2x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

All solutions:  $x = \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi \cdot k, \quad k \text{ integer.}$

$$x = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \pi \cdot k$$

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one period

Example 6: Solve the equation in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ :  $2\sin^2 x - 5\sin x - 3 = 0$

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$$\underbrace{(\sin x - 3)}_0 \underbrace{(2\sin x + 1)}_0 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x - 3 &= 0 & 2\sin x + 1 &= 0 \\ \sin x &= 3 & 2\sin x &= -1 \\ \text{Can't happen} & & \sin x &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

one period

$$x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

Example 7: Solve the equation in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ :  $\cos^2 x - 3\sin x - 3 = 0$

$\cos^2 x - 3\sin x - 3 = 0$  (Transform in an equation with just one trig. function)

$$1 - \sin^2 x - 3\sin x - 3 = 0$$

$$-\sin^2 x - 3\sin x - 2 = 0$$

$$\sin^2 x + 3\sin x + 2 = 0$$

$$\underbrace{(\sin x + 1)}_0 \underbrace{(\sin x + 2)}_0 = 0$$

$$\sin x + 1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sin x + 2 = 0$$

$$\sin x = -1$$

$$\sin x = -2$$

Can't happen

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

Example 8: Solve the equation in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ :  $\cos(2x) = 5\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2x) &= 5\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x & (\text{Always, keep just one trig. expression.}) \\ 2\cos^2 x - 1 &= 5 - 5\cos^2 x - \cos^2 x & (\text{We'll do everything with } \cos x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\cos^2 x - 1 = 5(1 - \cos^2 x) - \cos^2 x$$

$$2\cos^2 x - 1 = 5 - 5\cos^2 x - \cos^2 x = 5 - 6\cos^2 x + 1 + 6\cos^2 x$$

$$8\cos^2 x = 6 \Leftrightarrow \cos^2 x = \frac{6}{8} \Leftrightarrow \cos^2 x = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\cos x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \rightarrow \cos x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \cos x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

Example 8: Solve the equation in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ :  $\cos(2x) = 5\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x$

- Transform into an expression with only one trigonometric function if possible.
- We'll do everything with  $\sin(x)$

$$\underbrace{\cos(2x)}_{= 1 - 2\sin^2 x} = 5\sin^2 x - \underbrace{\cos^2 x}_{= 1 - \sin^2 x}$$

$$1 - 2\sin^2 x = 5\sin^2 x - (1 - \sin^2 x)$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 1 - 2\cancel{\sin^2 x} & = & 5\sin^2 x - \cancel{1} + \sin^2 x \\ +1 & +2\cancel{\sin^2 x} & +1 & +2\sin^2 x \\ \hline 2 & = & 8\sin^2 x \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 x = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \sin x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

Example 9: Find all solutions to the equation:  $\sin^2 x \cos x = \cos x$

(there is a common factor, bring in one side)

$$\sin^2 x \cdot \cos x = \cos x$$

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

$$\cos x (\underbrace{\sin^2 x - 1}_0) = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0 \text{ or } \sin^2 x = 1 \Rightarrow \sin x = \pm 1$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

in one period

All Solutions:

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi \cdot k,$$

$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi \cdot k,$$

$k$  integer

(use  $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$ )

Example 10: Find all solutions:  $\sec^2 x + 2 \tan x = 0$

$$\sec^2 x + 2 \tan x = 0$$

$$\tan^2 x + 1 + 2 \tan x = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\tan x + 1)(\tan x + 1) = 0$$

i.e.  $\tan x + 1 = 0$

$$\tan x = -1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3\pi}{4} \text{ in one period} = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \pi \cdot k, \quad k \text{ integer.}$$

Another version  $\Rightarrow \tan x = -1 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{\pi}{4}$  ← Solution

Note that  $-\frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \pi \cdot (-1)$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi \cdot k, \quad k \text{ integer}$$

Both equivalent

there are two periodical intervals

Example 11: Solve the equation in the interval  $[0, 2]$ :  $\cot(\pi x) = -1$

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period =  $\frac{\pi}{\pi} = 1$

$\pi x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$  ← over one period

$x = \frac{3}{4}$   $\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{4} + 1 = \frac{7}{4}$

next period.

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{4}, \frac{7}{4}$$

Example 12: Find all solutions of the equation in the interval  $[0, 4\pi]$ :  $2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 1$

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$\Rightarrow \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$   $\Rightarrow$  Think, in one full rotation,

period =  $\frac{2\pi}{1/2} = 4\pi$

$$2 \times \frac{x}{2} = \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \times 2 \text{ or } 2 \times \frac{x}{2} = \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) \times 2$$

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

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

Always, use identities (if possible) to simplify!

exercise Example 13: Find all solutions of the equation in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ :  $\sec(\underline{x} + 2\pi) = 2$   
 $\frac{1}{\cos(x+2\pi)} = 2$

Hence,  $\sec(\underbrace{x+2\pi}_{\text{period}}) = \sec(x)$

Thus,  $\sec(x) = 2$

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

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{2} \implies x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

exercise

Example 14: Find all solutions of the equation in the interval  $[0, \pi]$ :  $2 \sin\left(2x - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2}$   
one period

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin\left(2x - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sin\left(2x - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$
 (there is no identity to apply, hence go to unit circle.)  
 $\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ or } \frac{3\pi}{4}$

In one full rotation, this expression

$$2x - \frac{3\pi}{2} = \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$
 or

$$2x = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{2}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{\frac{7\pi}{4}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{7\pi}{8}}$$
 ← Answer.

$$2x - \frac{3\pi}{2} = \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$
  
$$2x = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{3\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{2}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{\frac{9\pi}{4}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{9\pi}{8} \text{ not in } [0, \pi)$$