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Learning Goal 4.2

Solving first- and second-degree equations over restricted domains and all real numbers.

More Questions - Solutions

1. Solve the following trigonometric equation on the specified domain for exact value(s) of θ , where possible without using a calculator. Otherwise round your answers to the nearest hundredth.

a. $\cos^2 \theta - 1 = 0, 0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$

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

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

$$\cos \theta = \pm 1$$

$$\cos \theta_1 = 1$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = -1$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$x = r$$

$$y = 0$$

$$\theta_1 = 0^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$-x = r$$

$$y = 0$$

$$\theta_2 = 180^\circ$$

b. $\sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 2 = 0, 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

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

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

$$\sin \theta_1 + 2 = 0$$

$$\sin \theta_1 = -2$$

$$\theta_1 \text{ DNE}$$

$$\sin \theta_2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin \theta_2 = 1$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$y = r$$

$$x = 0$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

c. $\sec^2 x - 4 = 0, 0 \leq x < 2\pi$

$$\begin{aligned}\sec^2 x - 4 &= 0 \\ \sec^2 x &= 4 \\ \sec x &= \pm 2 \\ \cos x &= \pm \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\cos x = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$x = 1$$

$$r = 2$$

$$x_R = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= x_R \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{5\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos x &= \frac{x}{r} \\ x &= -1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}r &= 2 \\ x_R &= \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_3 &= \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ x_4 &= \pi + \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

d. $3\tan^2 x - \tan x = 4, -\pi \leq x < 2\pi$

$$3\tan^2 x - \tan x = 4$$

$$3\tan^2 x - \tan x - 4 = 0$$

$$3\tan^2 x - 4\tan x + 3\tan x - 4 = 0$$

$$\tan x(3\tan x - 4) + (3\tan x - 4) = 0$$

$$(\tan x + 1)(3\tan x - 4) = 0$$

$$3\tan x - 4 = 0$$

$$3\tan x = 4$$

$$\tan x = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_4 &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \\ &= 0.927\end{aligned}$$

$$\tan x = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

$$y = \pm 1$$

$$x_R = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$x_2 = \pi - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_3 &= 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= \frac{7\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\tan x = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$y = 4$$

$$x = 3$$

$$r = 5$$

$$x_5 = \pi + x_4$$

$$= 4.069$$

$$x_6 = -\pi + x_4$$

$$= -2.214$$