

Trig Equations

6. Trig Equations

Section A - Revision Section

This section will help you revise previous learning which is required in this topic.

R1 Revision of solving basic Trig Equations

Solve the equations:

1. $5\tan x^\circ - 6 = 2, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 360.$
2. $7\sin x^\circ + 1 = -5, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 360$
3. $4\cos x^\circ + 3 = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 360.$
4. $3\tan x^\circ + 3 = 7, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 360.$
5. $4\sin x^\circ - 2 = -3, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 360.$
6. $9\cos x^\circ - 5 = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 360.$

Section B - Assessment Standard Section

This section will help you practise for your Assessment Standard Test for Trigonometry 1 (Expressions and Functions 1.2)

1. Solve

$$2\sin 2x^\circ = \sqrt{3}, \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 180.$$

2. Solve

$$\sqrt{2}\cos 2x^\circ = 1, \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 180.$$

3. Solve the equation $\sin 2x^\circ - \cos x^\circ = 0$ in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 180.$

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4. Solve the equation $3\sin 2x^\circ = 2\sin x^\circ$ for $0 \leq x \leq 180$.
5. Given that $2\cos x^\circ + 5\sin x^\circ = \sqrt{29}\cos(x - 68 \cdot 2)^\circ$,
solve $2\cos x^\circ + 5\sin x^\circ = 0 \cdot 5$, for $0 < x < 360$.
6. Given that $5\cos x^\circ + \sin x^\circ = \sqrt{26}\cos(x - 11 \cdot 3)^\circ$,
solve $5\cos x^\circ + \sin x^\circ = 2$, for $0 < x < 360$.

Section C - Operational Skills Section

This section provides problems with the operational skills associated with Exponentials and Logs

01 Basic Trig Equations (including radians)

1. Solve the equations:
 - (a) $9\tan 2x^\circ - 5 = 3$, $0 \leq x \leq 180$.
 - (b) $4\sin 3x^\circ + 1 = -2$, $0 \leq x \leq 360$.
 - (c) $3\cos 2x^\circ + 2 = 0$, $0 \leq x \leq 360$.
2. Solve the equations:
 - (a) $\tan(x + 30)^\circ = 3$, $0 \leq x \leq 360$.
 - (b) $5\sin(x + 10)^\circ + 3 = -1$, $0 \leq x \leq 360$.
 - (c) $4\cos(x + 26)^\circ + 3 = 0$, $0 \leq x \leq 360$.
 - (d) $\sqrt{3}\tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{5}\right) + 1 = 0$, $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.
 - (e) $6\sin(x + 2) - 2 = 1$, $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.
 - (f) $\sqrt{2}\cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + 1 = 0$, $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

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02 Trig Equations which require a substitution.

1. Solve the equation $\sin 2x^\circ - \cos x^\circ = 0$, in the interval $0 \leq x < 180$.
2. Solve the equation $\sin x^\circ - \sin 2x^\circ = 0$, in the interval $0 \leq x < 360$.
3. Solve the equation $3\cos 2x + 10 \cos x - 1 = 0$, in the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.
4. Solve the equation $\cos 2x^\circ + 2 \sin x^\circ = \sin^2 x^\circ$, in the interval $0 \leq x < 360$.
5. Solve the equation $2\cos 2x - 5 \cos x - 4 = 0$, in the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.
6. Solve the equation $\tan^2 x = 3$, in the interval $0 \leq x < \pi$.
7. Solve the equation $\sin \theta = 4 \cos \theta$, in the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.
8.
 - (a) Express $3\sin x + 4 \cos x$ in the form $k \sin(x + a)$ where $k > 0$ and $0 \leq a < 2\pi$.
 - (b) Hence solve the equation $3\sin x + 4 \cos x - 3 = 0$ in the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.
9.
 - (a) Express $5\sin x^\circ + 3 \cos x^\circ$ in the form $k \cos(x - a)^\circ$ where $k > 0$ and $0 \leq a < 360$.
 - (b) Hence solve the equation $5\sin x + 3 \cos x = 4$ in the interval $0 \leq x < 360$.
10. Two curves have equations $y = 6 \cos x^\circ$ and $y = \sin 2x^\circ$.

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Find the coordinates of the points of intersection in the range $0 \leq x < 360$.

11. Two curves have equations $y = -3 \cos 2x^\circ$ and $y = \cos x^\circ + 1$.

Find the coordinates of the points of intersection in the range $0 \leq x < 180$.

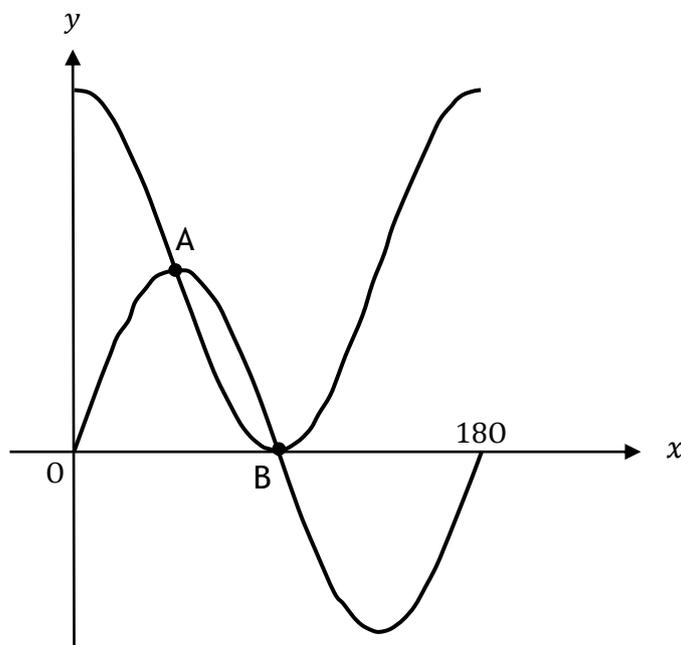
12. A curves has the equation $y = \cos 2x^\circ - 3 \cos x^\circ + 2$.

Find the coordinates of the points where the curve cuts the x -axis in the range $0 \leq x < 360$.

13. A curves has the equation $y = \sin 2x^\circ + \cos x^\circ$.

Find the coordinates of the points where the curve cuts the x -axis in the range $0 \leq x < 360$.

14. The graph shows two curves which have equations $y = 2\cos^2 x^\circ$ and $y = \sin 2x^\circ$ in the range $0 \leq x < 180$.



Find the coordinates of A and B, the points of intersection between the

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two curves.

03 Trig Equations involving sin and cos which can be solved by resolving to a tan equation.

1. Solve the equations
 - (a) $\sin x^\circ = \cos x^\circ$, $0 < x < 360$
 - (b) $2\sin x^\circ - \cos x^\circ = 0$, $0 < x < 360$
 - (c) $\sin x^\circ + 5\cos x^\circ = 0$, $0 < x < 360$

2. Solve the equation $\sin 2x^\circ = 2\cos^2 x^\circ$, $0 < x < 360$

Section D - Cross Topic Questions

Trigonometry, functions and graphs

1. A function f is defined as $f(x) = \sqrt{3} \cos x^\circ + \sin x^\circ$.
 - (a) Express $f(x)$ in the form $k \cos(x - a)^\circ$ where $k > 0$ and $0 \leq a < 360$.
 - (b) Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ between $0 \leq x < 360$, showing clearly the coordinates of the maximum and minimum turning points.

2.
 - (a) Express $3 \sin x^\circ + 4 \cos x^\circ$ in the form $k \sin(x + a)^\circ$ where $k > 0$ and $0 \leq a < 360$.
 - (b) Sketch the graph of $y = 3 \sin x^\circ + 4 \cos x^\circ + 1$ between $0 \leq x < 360$, showing clearly the coordinates of the maximum and minimum turning points and where the curve cuts the axes.

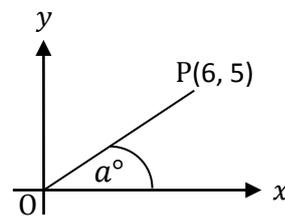
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3. Functions $a(x) = \sin x$, $b(x) = \cos x$ and $c(x) = x - \frac{\pi}{4}$ are defined on a suitable set of real numbers.
- (a) Find expressions for;
- (i) $a(c(x))$;
- (ii) $b(c(x))$.
- (b) (i) Show that $a(c(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x$.
- (ii) Find a similar expression for $b(c(x))$ and hence solve the equation $a(c(x)) + b(c(x)) = 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.
4. Functions f and g are defined on suitable domains by $f(x) = \sin x^\circ$ and $g(x) = 2x$.
- (a) Find expressions for;
- (i) $f(g(x))$;
- (ii) $g(f(x))$.
- (b) Solve $3f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$ for $0 \leq x \leq 360$.

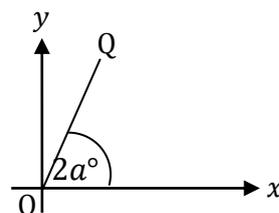
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5. P is the point (6, 5). The line OP is inclined at an angle of a° to the x -axis.

- (a) Find the exact values of $\sin 2a^\circ$ and $\cos 2a^\circ$.



- (b) The line OQ is inclined at an angle of $2a^\circ$ to the x -axis. Write down the exact value of the gradient of OQ.



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Answers

Section A

R1

1. $x = 58, 238$ 2. $x = 239, 301$ 3. $x = 139, 221$
4. $x = 53 \cdot 1, 233$ 5. $x = 194 \cdot 5, 345 \cdot 5$ 6. $x = 56 \cdot 3, 304$

Section B

1. $x^\circ = 30^\circ$ and 60° 2. $x^\circ = 22 \cdot 5^\circ$ and $157 \cdot 5^\circ$
3. $x^\circ = 30^\circ, 90^\circ$ and 150° 4. $x^\circ = 0^\circ, 70 \cdot 5^\circ$ and 180°
5. $x^\circ = 152 \cdot 9^\circ$ and $343 \cdot 5^\circ$ 6. $x^\circ = 78 \cdot 2^\circ$ and $304 \cdot 4^\circ$

Section C

O1

1. (a) $x = 20 \cdot 8, 110.8$ (b) $x = 76 \cdot 2, 103.8, 196.2, 223.8, 316.2, 343.8$
(c) $x = 65 \cdot 9, 114.1, 245.9, 294.1$
2. (a) $x = 41 \cdot 6, 221.6$ (b) $x = 223, 297$ (c) $x = 112.6, 195.4$
(d) $x = \frac{19\pi}{30}, \frac{49\pi}{30}$ (e) $x = 0 \cdot 62, 4 \cdot 8$ (f) $x = \frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{13\pi}{12}$

O2

1. $x = 30, 90, 150$ 2. $x = 0, 60, 180, 300$ 3. $x = 1 \cdot 23, 5 \cdot 05$
4. $x = 90, 199 \cdot 5, 340 \cdot 5$ 5. $x = 2 \cdot 42, 3 \cdot 86$ 6. $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}$
7. $\theta = 1 \cdot 33, 4 \cdot 47$ 8(a) $5 \sin(x + 0 \cdot 93)$ (b) $x = 1 \cdot 57, 6$
9(a) $\sqrt{34} \cos(x - 59)^\circ$ (b) $x = 12 \cdot 3, 105 \cdot 7$
10. $(90, 0); (270, 0)$ 11. $(60, \frac{3}{2}); (131 \cdot 8, \frac{1}{2})$
12. $(0, 0); (60, 0); (300, 0)$ 13. $(90, 0); (210, 0); (270, 0); (330, 0)$
14. $A(45, 1)$ and $B(90, 0)$

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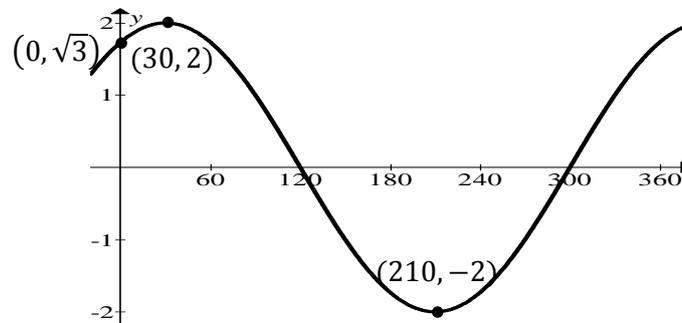
1. (a) $45^\circ, 225^\circ$ (b) $26.6^\circ, 206.6^\circ$ (c) $101.3^\circ, 281.3^\circ$
 2. $45^\circ, 90^\circ, 225^\circ, 270^\circ$

Section D

Trigonometry and functions and graphs

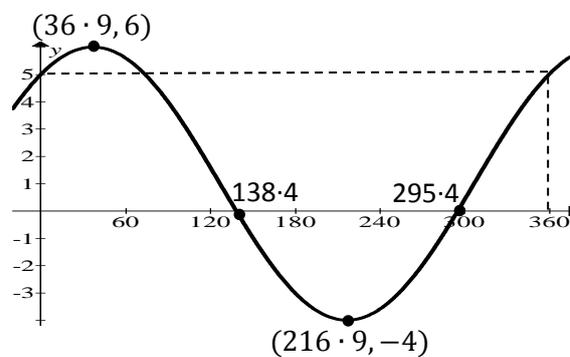
1(a) $2 \cos(x - 30)^\circ$

(b)



2(a). $5 \sin(x + 53.1)^\circ$

(b)



3(a). (i) $\sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ (ii) $\cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ (b) (i) Proof (ii) $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$

4(a). (i) $\sin 2x$ (ii) $2\sin x$ (b) $x = 0, 70.5, 180, 289.5, 360$

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5(a) $\sin 2a = \frac{60}{61}, \cos 2a = \frac{11}{61}$ (b) $\tan 2a = \frac{60}{11}$