

Answer on Question #56476 – Math – Trigonometry

Solve the following for $0 \leq \theta \leq 720^\circ$

a) $3\cos\theta - 2 = 0$

Solution

for $0 \leq \theta \leq 720^\circ$

$$3\cos\theta - 2 = 0$$

$$3\cos\theta = 2$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{2}{3}$$

$\theta = \arccos(2/3) + 2\pi n, n=0,1$, where $\arccos()$ is the inverse of cosine function.

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

Solution

for $0 \leq \theta \leq 720^\circ$

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

Substitution $\sin(\theta) = x$

$$2x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$D = 1 + 4 \cdot 2 = 9$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1+3}{4} = 1, \sin(\theta) = 1, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, n=0,1; \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}; \frac{5\pi}{2}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1-3}{4} = -\frac{1}{2}, \sin(\theta) = -\frac{1}{2}, \theta = (-1)^{k+1} \frac{\pi}{6} + n\pi, n=0,1,2,3$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}; \frac{5\pi}{6}; \frac{7\pi}{6}; \frac{11\pi}{6}; \frac{13\pi}{6}; \frac{17\pi}{6}; \frac{19\pi}{6}; \frac{23\pi}{6}$$

Solve the following for $-2\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

a) $3\tan(2\theta) - 1 = 0$

Solution

for $-2\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

$$3\tan(2\theta) - 1 = 0$$

$$3\tan(2\theta) = 1$$

$$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$2\theta = \arctan(1/3) + \pi n, n=-1,0,1$$

$$\theta = 1/2 \cdot \arctan(1/3) + \pi n/2, n = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$$

b) $12\cos(2\theta) - 6 = \sin\theta$

Solution

for $-2\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

$$12\cos(2\theta) - 6 = \sin\theta$$

use $\sin^2\theta = \frac{1-\cos(2\theta)}{2} \Rightarrow \cos(2\theta) = 1 - 2\sin^2(\theta)$

$$12(1 - 2\sin^2(\theta)) - 6 = \sin(\theta)$$

$$12 - 24\sin^2(\theta) - 6 = \sin(\theta)$$

$$-24\sin^2(\theta) - \sin(\theta) + 6 = 0$$

$$24\sin^2(\theta) + \sin(\theta) - 6 = 0$$

Substitution

$$\sin(\theta) = x$$

$$24x^2 + x - 6 = 0$$

$$D = 1 + 4 \cdot 24 \cdot 6 = 577$$

$$x_1 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{577}}{2 \cdot 24} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{577}}{48}$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{577}}{48},$$

$$\theta = (-1)^n \arcsin\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{577}}{48}\right) + n\pi, n = -1, 0, 1$$

$$\theta = -\arcsin\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{577}}{48}\right) - \pi; -\arcsin\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{577}}{48}\right); \arcsin\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{577}}{48}\right); \arcsin\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{577}}{48}\right) + \pi,$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{577}}{2 \cdot 24} = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{577}}{48},$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{577}}{48},$$

$$\theta = (-1)^n \arcsin\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{577}}{48}\right) + n\pi, n = -1, 0, 1$$

$$\theta = -\arcsin\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{577}}{48}\right) - \pi; -\arcsin\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{577}}{48}\right); \arcsin\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{577}}{48}\right); \arcsin\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{577}}{48}\right) + \pi.$$