

Answer on Question #59342 – Math – Trigonometry

Question

1. Which value is a solution for the equation $\tan \frac{x}{2} = 0$?

- π
- $\frac{3\pi}{2}$
- $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- 2π

Solution

$\tan \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos \frac{x}{2}}$, then $\tan \frac{x}{2} = 0$ when the numerator is equal to zero. We know

$\sin(\alpha) = 0$ when $\alpha = \pi \cdot n, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. Then we equate $\frac{x}{2}$ to $\pi \cdot n$ and solve equation:

$$\frac{x}{2} = \pi \cdot n$$

$$x = 2\pi \cdot n,$$

hence 2π is a solution to the equation.

Answer: 2π .

Question

2. The value $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ is a solution for the equation $3\sqrt{2} \sec \theta + 7 = 1$?

True

False

Solution

Let's check if $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ is a solution. Substitute it into the equation:

$$3\sqrt{2} \sec \theta + 7 = 1$$

$$3\sqrt{2} \sec \left(\frac{5\pi}{4} \right) + 7 = 1$$

We know that $\sec \alpha = \frac{1}{\cos \alpha}$.

$$3\sqrt{2} \frac{1}{\cos \left(\frac{5\pi}{4} \right)} + 7 = 1,$$

$$\cos \left(\frac{5\pi}{4} \right) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2},$$

$$3\sqrt{2} \frac{1}{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} + 7 = 1,$$

$$3\sqrt{2} \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + 7 = 1,$$

$-6 + 7 = 1,$
which is true.

Answer: True.

Question

3. There is no solution to the equation $\csc x = -1$.

False

True

Solution

Let's solve equation $\csc x = -1$. We know $\csc \alpha = \frac{1}{\sin \alpha}$, then we can rewrite the equation as

$$\frac{1}{\sin x} = -1,$$

$$\sin x = -1,$$

$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

We can see a solution exists.

Answer: False.