

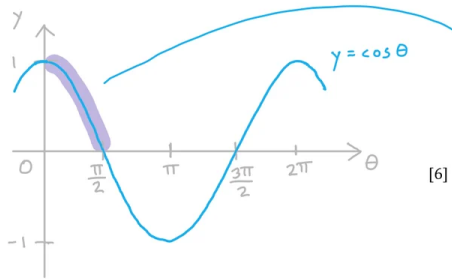
Trigonometric Equations & Identities

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Question 1

The value of $\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{7}$ for $0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$. Find:

- (i) $\cos \alpha$
- (ii) $\sin 2\alpha$
- (iii) $\cos 2\alpha$
- (iv) $\tan 2\alpha$.



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$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \quad \left. \vphantom{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1} \right\} \text{Pythagorean identity}$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \quad \left. \vphantom{\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta} \right\} \text{Double angle identity}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\theta &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \\ &= 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 \\ &= 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta} \right\} \text{Double angle identity}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \quad \left. \vphantom{\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}} \right\} \text{Identity for } \tan \theta$$

(i) $\cos^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 = 1$ Use Pythagorean identity

$$\cos^2 \alpha = 1 - \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 = \frac{40}{49} \Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \pm \sqrt{\frac{40}{49}} = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{10}}{7}$$

$$\boxed{\cos \alpha = \frac{2\sqrt{10}}{7}} \quad \left. \vphantom{\boxed{\cos \alpha = \frac{2\sqrt{10}}{7}}} \right\} \cos \alpha \geq 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

(ii) $\sin 2\alpha = 2 \left(\frac{3}{7}\right) \left(\frac{2\sqrt{10}}{7}\right)$ Use double angle identity

$$\boxed{\sin 2\alpha = \frac{12\sqrt{10}}{49}}$$

(iii) $\cos 2\alpha = 1 - 2\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2$ Use double angle identity

$$\boxed{\cos 2\alpha = \frac{31}{49}}$$

$1 - 2 \sin^2 \alpha$ is easiest here!

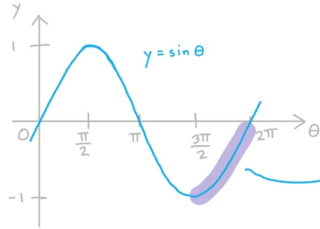
(iv) $\tan 2\alpha = \frac{\left(\frac{12\sqrt{10}}{49}\right)}{\left(\frac{31}{49}\right)}$ Use identity for tangent

$$\boxed{\tan 2\alpha = \frac{12\sqrt{10}}{31}}$$

Question 2

The value of $\cos B = \frac{1}{5}$, for $\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq B \leq 2\pi$. Find:

- (i) $\cos 2B$
- (ii) $\sin 2B$
- (iii) $\tan 2B$.



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$$\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 + \sin^2 B = 1 \quad \text{Use Pythagorean identity to find } \sin B$$

$$\sin^2 B = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{24}{25} \Rightarrow \sin B = \pm \sqrt{\frac{24}{25}} = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin B = -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \sin B \leq 0 \text{ for } \frac{3\pi}{2} \leq B \leq 2\pi$$

$$(i) \cos 2B = 2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 - 1 \quad \text{Use double angle identity}$$

$$\cos 2B = -\frac{23}{25}$$

$2\cos^2 B - 1$ is easiest here!

$$(ii) \sin 2B = 2\left(-\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5}\right)\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) \quad \text{Use double angle identity}$$

$$\sin 2B = -\frac{4\sqrt{6}}{25}$$

$$(iii) \tan 2B = \frac{\left(-\frac{4\sqrt{6}}{25}\right)}{\left(-\frac{23}{25}\right)} \quad \text{Use identity for tangent}$$

$$\tan 2B = \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{23}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Pythagorean identity}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \\ = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1 \\ = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta \end{array} \right\} \text{Double angle identity}$$

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Question 3

An angle M has the properties such that $\sin M = r$ and $\sin 2M = s$. Find, in terms of r and s , an expression for:

- (i) $\cos M$
- (ii) $\tan M$.

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \quad \left. \vphantom{\sin 2\theta} \right\} \text{Double angle identity}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \quad \left. \vphantom{\tan \theta} \right\} \text{Identity for } \tan \theta$$

(i) $2 \sin M \cos M = \sin 2M$ Use double angle identity

$$2r \cos M = s$$

$$\boxed{\cos M = \frac{s}{2r}} \quad \left. \vphantom{\cos M} \right\} \text{This is valid as long as } r = \sin M \neq 0$$

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Note: $\cos^2 M + \sin^2 M = 1 \Rightarrow \cos^2 M + r^2 = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \cos^2 M = 1 - r^2 \Rightarrow \cos M = \pm \sqrt{1 - r^2}$

But we don't know if $\cos M$ is positive or negative, so we can't answer the question this way.

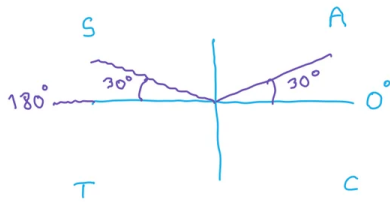
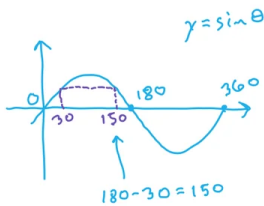
(ii) $\tan M = \frac{r}{\left(\frac{s}{2r}\right)}$ Use identity for tangent

$$= r \div \frac{s}{2r} = r \times \frac{2r}{s}$$

$$\boxed{\tan M = \frac{2r^2}{s}}$$

Question 4

Solve the equation $2 \sin 2\theta = 1$ for $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.



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$0 \leq \theta \leq 360 \Rightarrow 0 \leq 2\theta \leq 720$ *start by transforming the interval*
 Find solutions for 2θ in the transformed interval:

$$2 \sin 2\theta = 1 \Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2\theta = \sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}) = 30^\circ \text{ principal solution}$$

$$180 - 30 = 150 \text{ use symmetry or CAST to find other solution between } 0^\circ \text{ and } 360^\circ$$

So $2\theta = 150^\circ$ is also a solution

$$30 + 360 = 390 \quad 150 + 360 = 510 \text{ sine function repeats every } 360^\circ$$

So $2\theta = 390^\circ$ or 510° are also solutions *solutions between } 360^\circ \text{ and } 720^\circ*

As FINAL step, convert to solutions for θ :

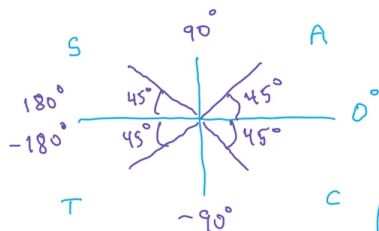
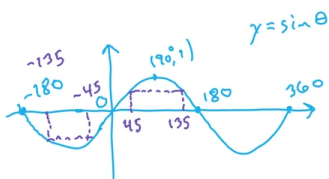
$$\frac{30}{2} = 15 \quad \frac{150}{2} = 75 \quad \frac{390}{2} = 195 \quad \frac{510}{2} = 255$$

The solutions are

$$\theta = 15^\circ, 75^\circ, 195^\circ, 255^\circ$$

Question 5

Solve the equation $2 \sin x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$ for $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$.



Use fact that sine function repeats every 360° to find solutions in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360$

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

$$2 \sin^2 x = 1$$

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

If $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$x = \sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = 45^\circ \text{ principal solution}$$

$$180 - 45 = 135 \text{ use symmetry or CAST to find other solution}$$

So $x = 135^\circ$ is another solution

If $\sin x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$x = \sin^{-1}(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = -45^\circ \text{ principal solution}$$

$$-180 + 45 = -135 \text{ use symmetry or CAST to find other solution}$$

So $x = -135^\circ$ is another solution

$$-45 + 360 = 315 \quad -135 + 360 = 225$$

So $x = 225^\circ$ and $x = 315^\circ$ are also solutions

The solutions are

$$x = 45^\circ, 135^\circ, 225^\circ, 315^\circ$$

Question 6

(a) Show that $(x+1)(x-2)(x-3) = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$.

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(b) Use your result from part (a) to solve the equation

$$\tan^3 x - 4 \tan^2 x + \tan x + 6 = 0$$

in the interval $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$.

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a) $(x-2)(x-3) = x^2 - 3x - 2x + 6 = x^2 - 5x + 6$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (x+1)(x-2)(x-3) &= (x+1)(x^2 - 5x + 6) \\ &= x(x^2 - 5x + 6) + 1(x^2 - 5x + 6) \\ &= x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x + x^2 - 5x + 6 \\ &= x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6 \end{aligned}$$

(a) Show that $(x+1)(x-2)(x-3) = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$.

Replacing x here with $\tan x$ gives

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[2]

b) Use the result from part (a):

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^3 x - 4 \tan^2 x + \tan x + 6 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (\tan x + 1)(\tan x - 2)(\tan x - 3) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \tan x = -1, \tan x = 2, \text{ or } \tan x = 3 \end{aligned}$$

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$x = \tan^{-1}(-1) = -45^\circ$ principal value (from GDC)
 $\rightarrow -45^\circ$ isn't in the solution interval
 or $-45 + 180 = 135^\circ$
 or $135 + 180 = 315^\circ$ } find other solutions in interval

$x = \tan^{-1}(2) = 63.434948\dots = 63.4^\circ$ (1 d.p.) principal value (from GDC)
 or $63.4 + 180 = 243.4^\circ$ (1 d.p.) find other solutions in interval

$x = \tan^{-1}(3) = 71.565051\dots = 71.6^\circ$ (1 d.p.) principal value (from GDC)
 or $71.6 + 180 = 251.6^\circ$ (1 d.p.) find other solutions in interval

$$\tan(\theta \pm 180^\circ) = \tan \theta$$

[Property of tangent function]

You can see this in the graph of $y = \tan \theta$, which repeats every 180° .

$$x = 63.4^\circ, 71.6^\circ, 135^\circ, 243.4^\circ, 251.6^\circ, 315^\circ \text{ (to 1 d.p.)}$$

Question 7

(a) Show that the equation $2 \sin^2 x + 3 \cos x = 0$ can be written in the form $a \cos^2 x + b \cos x + c = 0$, where a , b and c are integers to be found.

[2]

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve the equation $2 \sin^2 x + 3 \cos x = 0$ for $-180^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$.

[3]

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \equiv 1 \Rightarrow \sin^2 x \equiv 1 - \cos^2 x$$

a) $2 \sin^2 x + 3 \cos x = 0$

$$2(1 - \cos^2 x) + 3 \cos x = 0 \quad \text{substitute for } \sin^2 x$$

$$2 - 2 \cos^2 x + 3 \cos x = 0 \quad \text{expand brackets}$$

$$2 \cos^2 x - 3 \cos x - 2 = 0 \quad \text{rearrange}$$

$$(a=2, b=-3, c=-2)$$

Note that

$$-2 \cos^2 x + 3 \cos x + 2 = 0 \quad (a=-2, b=3, c=2)$$

is also a valid answer. But the version in green will be more useful in part (b).

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"hidden quadratic" $\rightarrow 2 \cos^2 x - 3 \cos x - 2 = 0$ from part (a)

Let $y = \cos x$ rewrite quadratic in terms of y

$$2y^2 - 3y - 2 = 0$$

$$(2y + 1)(y - 2) = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{solve} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } y = 2$$

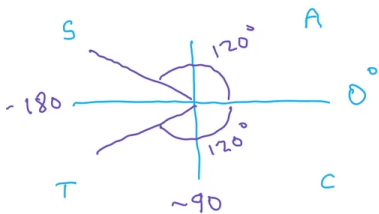
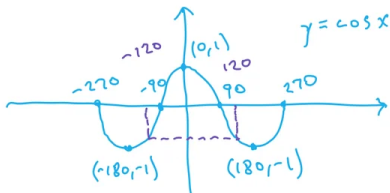
So $\cos x = -\frac{1}{2}$ or $\cos x = 2$ no solution $\cos x$ is never greater than one!

$$x = \cos^{-1}(-\frac{1}{2}) = 120^\circ \text{ principal solution}$$

or $x = -120^\circ$ use symmetry or CAST to find other solution in range

The solutions are

$$x = 120^\circ \text{ or } -120^\circ$$



Question 8

(a) Show that the equation

$$2 \cos^2 x - \sin x = 1$$

can be written in the form

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

(b) Hence, solve the equation $2 \cos^2 x - \sin x = 1$, for $0 \leq x \leq 4\pi$

a) Use Pythagorean identity

$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1 \Rightarrow \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

Therefore

$$2 \cos^2 x - \sin x = 1$$

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \quad \left. \vphantom{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1} \right\} \text{Pythagorean identity}$$

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b) Use the result from part (a):

$$2 \cos^2 x - \sin x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 = 0 \quad \text{This is a 'hidden quadratic'}$$

$$(2 \sin x - 1)(\sin x + 1) = 0 \quad \text{factorise}$$

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

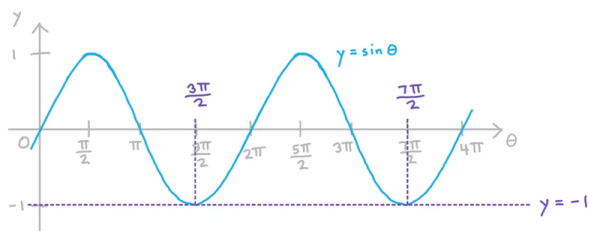
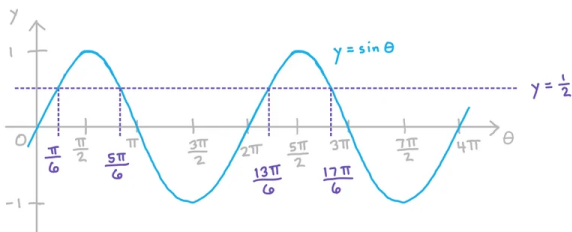
Find primary solutions, then use symmetry of sine function to find other solutions in the interval:

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2}: \quad x = \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi = \frac{13\pi}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi = \frac{17\pi}{6}$$

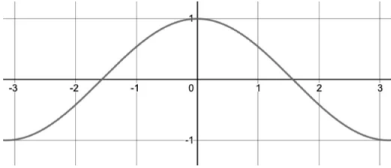
$$\sin x = -1: \quad x = \frac{3\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi = \frac{7\pi}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{13\pi}{6}, \frac{17\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{2}$$



Question 9

The graph below shows the function $y = f(x)$ where $f(x) = \cos x$ for $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$.



The function $g(x)$ is formed by translating the function $f(x)$ 1 unit vertically downwards.

The function $h(x)$ is formed by stretching the function $f(x)$ by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ in the y direction.

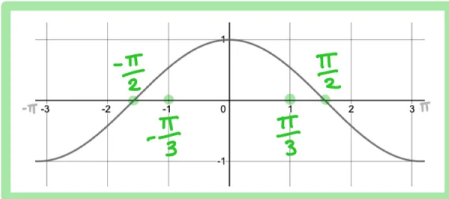
The domain of $h(x)$ remains the same as $f(x)$.

(a) (i) Sketch the functions $y = h(x)$ and $y = g(x)$.

(ii) State the number of roots for $g(x)$.

(b) Find the solutions to the equation $\cos 2x = \cos x - 1$, for $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$, and label them clearly on the graph of $y = f(x)$ given above.

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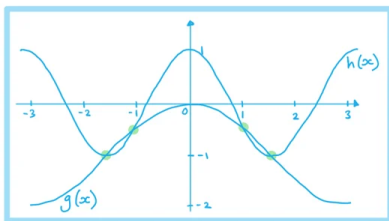
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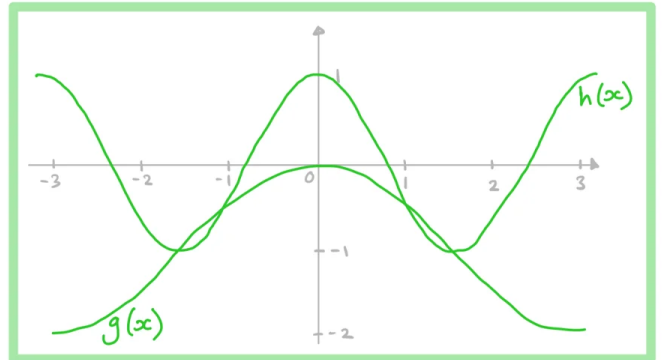
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a) i) $g(x) = \cos(x) - 1$ $h(x) = \cos(2x)$
 SHIFT DOWN BY 1 MAKE HALFS AS WIDE



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ii) $g(x)$ TOUCHES X AXIS ONLY ONCE
 AT (0,0)

1 ROOT

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b)
$$\cos 2x = \begin{cases} \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ 1 - 2\sin^2 x \\ 2\cos^2 x - 1 \end{cases}$$

$2\cos^2 x - 1 = \cos x - 1$

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

$\cos x (2\cos x - 1) = 0$

$\cos x = 0$ $2\cos x - 1 = 0$

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

$\cos^{-1}(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$ EXACT VALUES

[4]

$-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

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

[4]

$\frac{\pi}{2} \approx 1.5...$ $\frac{\pi}{3} \approx 1.0...$ LABEL ON GRAPH
 USE PART (a) GRAPH TO HELP