

5.10 Solving Trig Equations (with factoring)

Name: _____ Key _____

Solve each equation on the indicated domain, show all of your work!

1. $2\sin\theta\cos\theta = \sqrt{2}\cos\theta$

$\theta \in \{\text{real number degrees}\}$

$$2\sin\theta\cos\theta - \sqrt{2}\cos\theta = 0$$

$$\cos\theta(2\sin\theta - \sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$\cos\theta = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 90 + 360n \\ 270 + 360n \end{cases}$$

$$2\sin\theta - \sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 45 + 360n \\ 135 + 360n \end{cases}$$

2. $\tan x \sec x = \tan x \quad x \in \{\text{real numbers}\}$

$$\tan x \sec x - \tan x = 0$$

$$\tan x (\sec x - 1) = 0$$

$$\tan x = 0 \quad \sec x - 1 = 0$$

$$\sec x = 1$$

$$0 + \pi n$$

$$\cos^{-1}(1) = x$$

$$0 + 2\pi n$$

$$\boxed{\pi n}$$

3. $2\sin^2 x + \sin x = 0 \quad x \in (-\pi, \pi)$

$$\sin x(2\sin x + 1) = 0$$

$$\sin x = 0 \quad 2\sin x + 1 = 0$$

$$0 + \pi n$$

$$\boxed{0, -\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi n, -\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n}$$

4. $2\cos^2 x - 5\cos x + 2 = 0 \quad x \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$\cancel{(2\cos^2 x - 4\cos x)(1\cos x + 2)} = 0$$

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

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

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

$$\cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}) = x \quad \cos x = 2$$

$$\frac{\pi}{3} + 2\pi n, \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2\pi n$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}}$$

5. $2\sec^2 x - 3\sec x - 2 = 0 \quad x \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$\cancel{(2\sec^2 x - 4\sec x)(\sec x - 2)} = 0$$

$$2\sec x(\sec x - 2) + 1(\sec x - 2) = 0$$

$$(2\sec x + 1)(\sec x - 2) = 0$$

$$2\sec x + 1 = 0 \quad \sec x - 2 = 0$$

$$\sec x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \sec x = 2$$

$$\text{NO SOLUTION}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}}$$

6. $\sin^2 x + 5\sin x + 6 = 0 \quad x \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$(\sin^2 x + 2\sin x)(3\sin x + 6) = 0$$

$$\sin x(\sin x + 2) + 3(\sin x + 2) = 0$$

$$(\sin x + 3)(\sin x + 2) = 0$$

$$\sin x + 3 = 0 \quad \sin x + 2 = 0$$

$$\sin x = -3 \quad \sin x = -2$$

$$\boxed{\text{NO SOLUTION}}$$

7. $\tan^2 x - \sec x - 1 = 0 \quad x \in [-\pi, \pi]$

$$(\sec^2 x - 1) - \sec x - 1 = 0$$

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

$$(\sec^2 x - 2\sec x + \sec x - 2) = 0$$

$$\sec x(\sec x - 2) + 1(\sec x - 2) = 0$$

$$(\sec x + 1)(\sec x - 2) = 0$$

$$\sec x + 1 = 0 \quad \sec x - 2 = 0$$

$$\sec x = -1 \quad \sec x = 2$$

$$\frac{\pi}{3} + 2\pi n \quad \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2\pi n$$

8. $\tan^2 x + \tan x = 0 \quad x \in (-\pi, \pi)$

$$\tan x(\tan x + 1) = 0$$

$$\tan x = 0 \quad \tan x + 1 = 0$$

$$0 + \pi n \quad \tan x = -1$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi n \quad -\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi n$$

9. $4\csc^2 x + 4\csc x + 1 = 0 \quad x \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$(4\csc^2 x + 2\csc x + 1) + 2\csc x + 1 = 0$$

$$2\csc x(2\csc x + 1) + 1(2\csc x + 1) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(2\csc x + 1)^2} = 0$$

$$2\csc x + 1 = 0$$

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

NO SOLUTION

10. $3 - 3\sin x - 2\cos^2 x = 0 \quad x \in [-\pi, \pi]$

$$3 - 3\sin x - 2(1 - \sin^2 x) = 0$$

$$3 - 3\sin x - 2 + 2\sin^2 x = 0$$

$$2\sin^2 x - 3\sin x + 1 = 0$$

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

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

$$2\sin x - 1 = 0 \quad \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \quad \frac{\pi}{2}$$

11. $\sin 2x + \sqrt{3}\sin x = 0 \quad x \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$2\sin x \cos x + \sqrt{3}\sin x = 0$$

$$\sin x(2\cos x + \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\sin x = 0 \quad 2\cos x + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$0 + \pi n \quad \cos x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n, \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$$

12. $4\sin^2 x + 7\sin x = 2 \quad x \in [0, 2\pi]$

$$4\sin^2 x + 8\sin x - 2 = 0$$

$$4\sin x(\sin x + 2) - 1(\sin x + 2) = 0$$

$$(4\sin x - 1)(\sin x + 2) = 0$$

$$4\sin x - 1 = 0 \quad \sin x = -2$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{NO SOLUTION}$$

2 have to use calculator