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10.1) Angles in all four quadrants

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Worked example

Given that θ is an acute angle, express in terms of θ :

- $\sin(-\theta)$

- $\cos(-\theta)$

Your turn

Given that θ is an acute angle, express in terms of θ :

- $\tan(-\theta)$ $-\tan \theta$

10.2) Exact values of trigonometrical ratios [Chapter CONTENTS](#)

Worked example

Without a calculator, work out the value of:

- $\tan(315^\circ)$
- $\tan(-120^\circ)$
- $\sin(330^\circ)$
- $\cos(240^\circ)$
- $\sin(-135^\circ)$
- $\cos(675^\circ)$
- $\cos(150^\circ)$

Your turn

Without a calculator, work out the value of:

- $\tan(225^\circ)$ 1
- $\tan(210^\circ)$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
- $\sin(150^\circ)$ $\frac{1}{2}$
- $\cos(300^\circ)$ $\frac{1}{2}$
- $\sin(-45^\circ)$ $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
- $\cos(750^\circ)$ $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- $\cos(120^\circ)$ $-\frac{1}{2}$

10.3) Trigonometric identities

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Worked example

Simplify:

$$\sin^2 \frac{1}{3}y + \cos^2 \frac{1}{3}y$$

$$\cos^2(3\theta - 10) + \sin^2(3\theta - 10)$$

Your turn

Simplify:

$$\sin^2 3x + \cos^2 3x$$

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Worked example

Prove that $1 - \frac{\tan \theta \cos^3 \theta}{\sin \theta} \equiv \sin^2 \theta$

Your turn

Prove that $1 - \tan \theta \sin \theta \cos \theta \equiv \cos^2 \theta$

Proof

Worked example

Prove that $\tan \theta - \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \equiv \frac{1-2 \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}$

Your turn

Prove that $\tan \theta + \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \equiv \frac{1}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}$

Proof

Worked example

Simplify $10 - 10 \cos^2 \theta$

Your turn

Simplify $5 - 5 \sin^2 \theta$

$$5 \cos^2 \theta$$

Worked example

Simplify:

$$\frac{\cos 4\theta}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 4\theta}}$$

Your turn

Simplify:

$$\frac{\sin 2\theta}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 2\theta}}$$

$\tan 2\theta$

Worked example

Prove that

$$\frac{\sin^4 \theta - \cos^4 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \equiv 1 - \frac{1}{\tan^2 \theta}$$

Your turn

Prove that

$$\frac{\cos^4 \theta - \sin^4 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \equiv 1 - \tan^2 \theta$$

Proof

Worked example

Prove that

$$\frac{\frac{\sin x}{\tan x}}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 x}} \equiv 1$$

Your turn

Prove that

$$\frac{\tan x \cos x}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 x}} \equiv 1$$

Proof

Worked example

Prove that

$$\frac{1}{\tan^2 \theta} \equiv \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} - 1$$

Your turn

Prove that

$$\tan^2 \theta \equiv \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} - 1$$

Proof

Worked example

Given that $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{7}$ and that θ is acute, find the exact value of $\cos \theta$

Your turn

Given that $\sin \theta = \frac{2}{5}$ and that θ is obtuse, find the exact value of $\cos \theta$

$$-\frac{\sqrt{21}}{5}$$

Worked example

Given that $\cos \theta = -\frac{5}{13}$ and that θ is obtuse, find the value of $\sin \theta$

Your turn

Given that $\cos \theta = -\frac{3}{5}$ and that θ is reflex, find the value of $\sin \theta$

$$-\frac{4}{5}$$

Worked example

Given that $\tan \theta = -\frac{5}{12}$ and that θ is reflex, find the value of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$

Your turn

Given that $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ and that θ is acute, find the value of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$$

Worked example

Given that $p = 4 \cos \theta$ and $q = 5 \sin \theta$, show that $25p^2 + 16q^2 = 400$

Your turn

Given that $p = 3 \cos \theta$ and $q = 2 \sin \theta$, show that $4p^2 + 9q^2 = 36$

Shown

10.4) Simple trigonometric equations [Chapter CONTENTS](#)

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

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

$$\theta = 30^\circ, 150^\circ$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

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

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

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

$$\theta = 60^\circ, 300^\circ$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\tan \theta = -1$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\theta = 60^\circ, 240^\circ$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$3 \cos \theta = -4$$

$$5 \tan \theta = 7$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$5 \sin \theta = -2$$

$$\theta = 204^\circ, 336^\circ \text{ (3 sf)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\sqrt{3} \sin \theta = \cos \theta$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{3} \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = 60^\circ, 240^\circ$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$2 \sin \theta + 3 \cos \theta = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$5 \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = 38.7^\circ, 218.7^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$5 \cos^2 x - 3 \sin^2 x = 4$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$8 \sin^2 x - 7 \cos^2 x = 6$$

$$x = 84.6^\circ, 95.4^\circ, 256.0^\circ, 264.6^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Explain why there are no solutions to the equation $3 \sin^2 x - 4 \cos^2 x = 5$

Your turn

Explain why there are no solutions to the equation $3 \sin^2 x + 4 \cos^2 x = 5$

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

No real solutions

Or

$$\cos^2 x = 2$$

$$\cos x = \pm\sqrt{2} \text{ but } -1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$$

\therefore No solutions

10.5) Harder trigonometric equations [Chapter CONTENTS](#)

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\sin 3x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tan 4x = -\sqrt{3}$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\cos 3x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 40^\circ, 80^\circ, 160^\circ, 200^\circ, 280^\circ, 320^\circ$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$4 \sin 3x = 5 \cos 3x$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$2 \sin 2x = \cos 2x$$

$$x = 13.3^\circ, 103.3^\circ, 193.3^\circ, 283.3^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\cos(x + 30^\circ) = 0.6$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\sin(x + 60^\circ) = 0.3$$

$$x = 102.5^\circ, 317.5^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\sin(4x + 60^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\sin(2x + 30^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$x = 7.5^\circ, 52.5^\circ, 187.5^\circ, 232.5^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 180^\circ$:
 $\cos(2x - 50^\circ) = -0.3$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 180^\circ$:
 $\cos(3x - 10^\circ) = -0.4$

$$x = 41.2^\circ, 85.5^\circ, 161.2^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

10.6) Equations and identities

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Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$:

$$3 \sin^2 x - 5 \sin x + 2 = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$:

$$5 \sin^2 x + 3 \sin x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 23.6^\circ, 156.4^\circ, 270.0^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$:

$$5 \cos^2 x + 3 \cos x - 2 = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$:

$$3 \cos^2 x - 5 \cos x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = 0.0^\circ, 48.2^\circ, 180.0^\circ, 311.8^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$:

$$3 \sin^2 x - 7 \sin x + 4 = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$:

$$2 \cos^2 x - \cos x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = 180^\circ$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$:

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

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\cos^2 x = 4 \cos x$$

$$x = 0^\circ$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

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

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$:

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

$$x = 0^\circ, 180^\circ$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\cos^2(x - 60^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\sin^2(x - 30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 75^\circ, 165^\circ, 255^\circ, 345^\circ$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\tan^2 \theta = 25$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$:

$$\tan^2 \theta = 16$$

$$\theta = 76.0^\circ, 104.0^\circ, 256.0^\circ, 284.0^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$5 \cos^2 x - 4 \sin x + 3 = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$:

$$6 \sin^2 x + 7 \cos x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 114.8^\circ, 245.2^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $-180^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$:

$$2 \sin^2 x - 9 \cos x = 3 \cos^2 x$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $-180^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$:

$$2 \cos^2 x + 9 \sin x = 3 \sin^2 x$$

$$x = -168.5^\circ, -11.5^\circ \text{ (1 dp)}$$