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5.1) Radian measure

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Worked example

Convert to radians:

$$180^\circ$$

$$90^\circ$$

$$60^\circ$$

$$135^\circ$$

$$720^\circ$$

Your turn

Convert to radians:

$$360^\circ$$

$$2\pi$$

$$45^\circ$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$120^\circ$$

$$\frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$315^\circ$$

$$\frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$72^\circ$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{5}$$

Worked example

Convert to degrees:

$$3\pi$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\frac{5\pi}{4}$$

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

Your turn

Convert to degrees:

$$5\pi$$

$$90^\circ$$

$$\frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$60^\circ$$

$$\frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$150^\circ$$

$$\frac{9\pi}{4}$$

$$405^\circ$$

$$\frac{4\pi}{5}$$

$$144^\circ$$

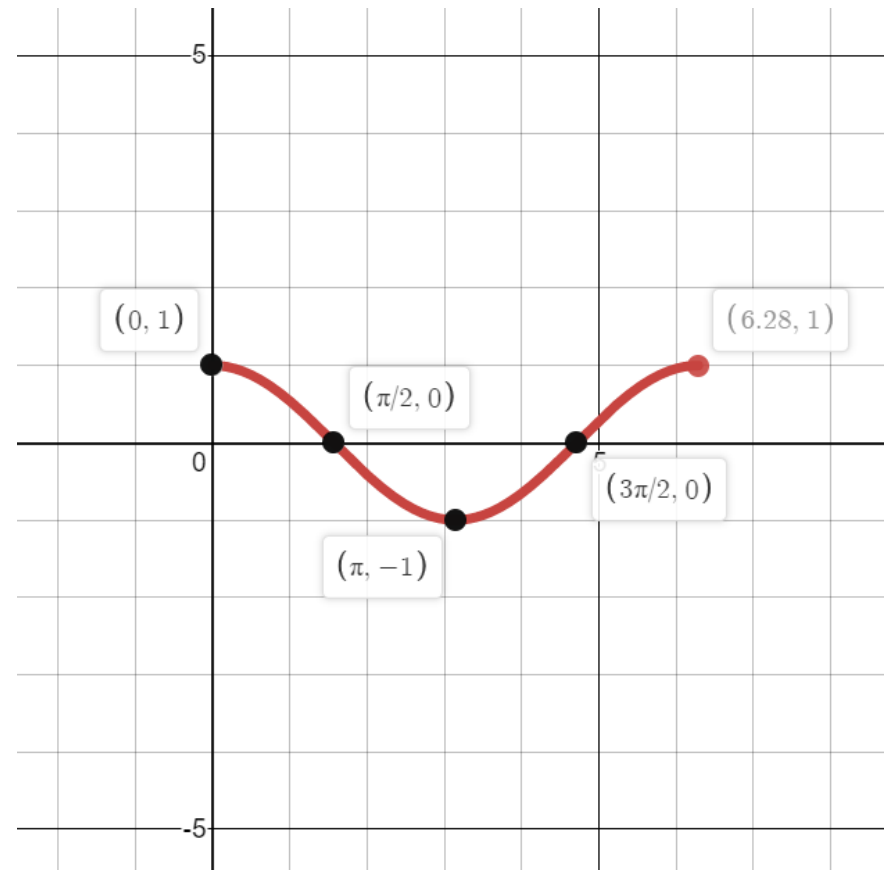
Worked example

Sketch the graph for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ of:
 $y = \sin x$

$$y = \tan x$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ of:
 $y = \cos x$



Worked example

Find the exact values, without a calculator:

$$\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(-\frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$$

Your turn

Find the exact values, without a calculator:

$$\cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin\left(-\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

Worked example

Sketch the graph for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ of:

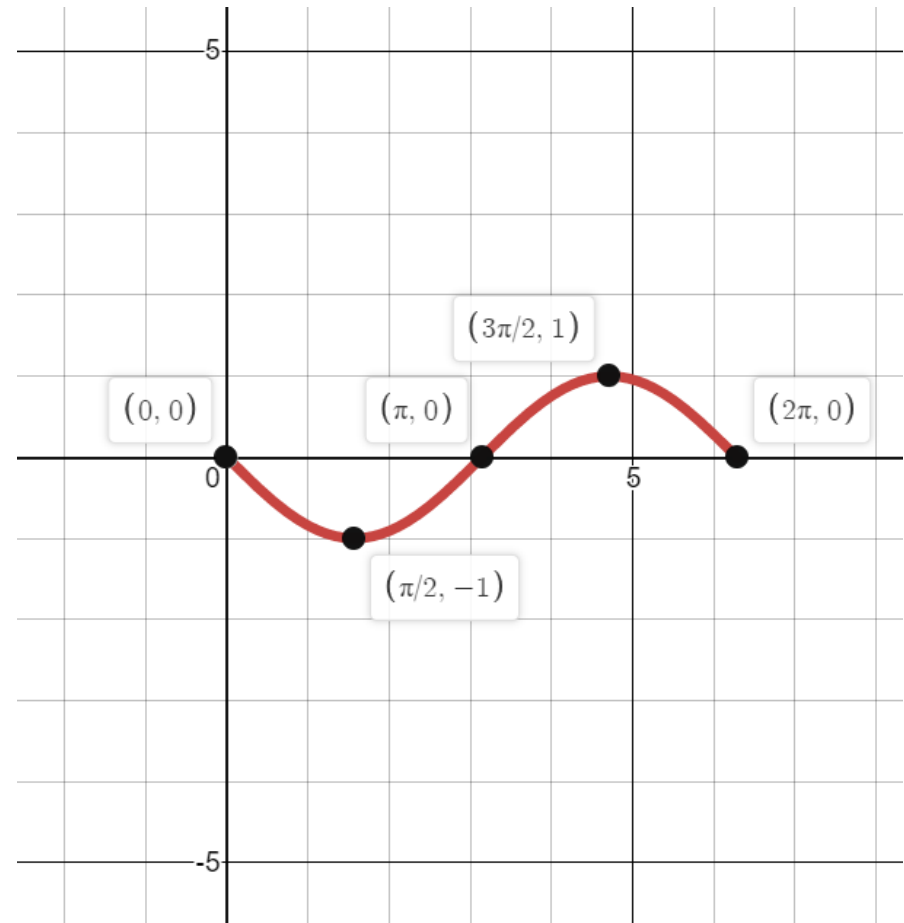
$$y = \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$y = \tan\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ of:

$$y = \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$



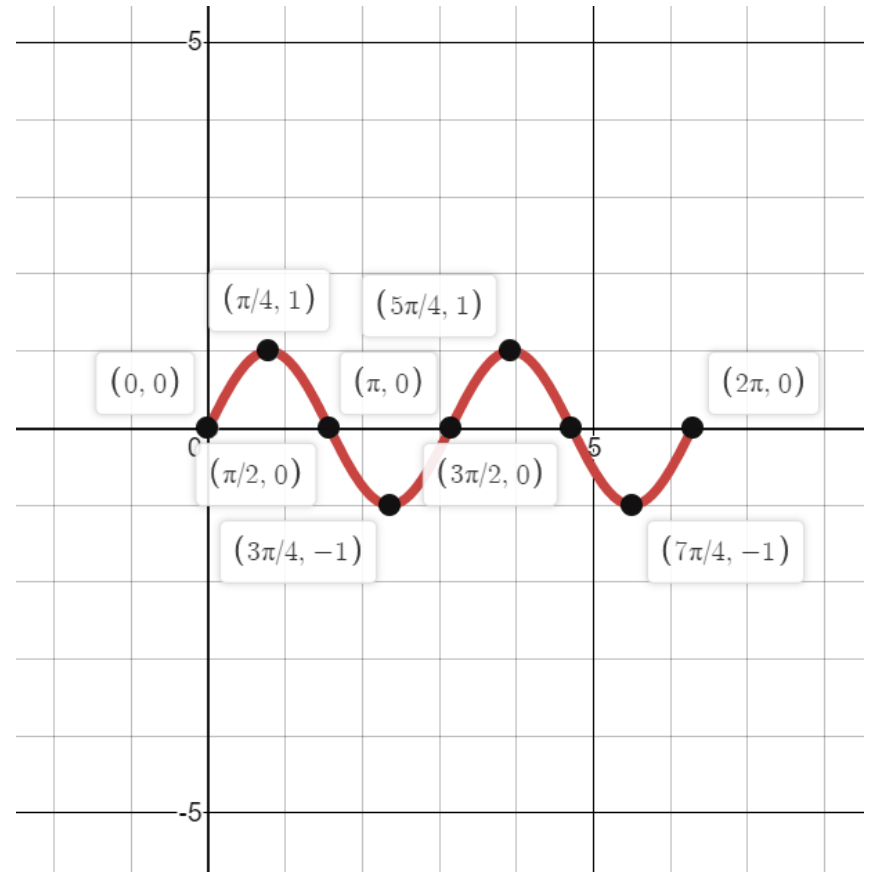
Worked example

Sketch the graph for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ of:
 $y = \cos(4x)$

$$y = \tan(3x)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ of:
 $y = \sin(2x)$



5.2) Arc length

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Worked example

Find the length of the arc of a circle of radius 5.2 cm, given that the arc subtends an angle of 0.4 radians at the centre of the circle.

Find the length of the arc of a circle of radius 10.4 cm, given that the arc subtends an angle of 0.2 radians at the centre of the circle.

Your turn

Find the length of the arc of a circle of radius 5.2 cm, given that the arc subtends an angle of 0.8 radians at the centre of the circle.

4.16 cm

Worked example

An arc AB of a circle with radius 0.35 cm and centre O has a length of 2.45 cm. Find the angle $\angle AOB$ subtended by the arc at the centre of the circle

An arc AB of a circle with radius 0.7 cm and centre O has a length of 4.9 cm. Find the angle $\angle AOB$ subtended by the arc at the centre of the circle

Your turn

An arc AB of a circle with radius 7 cm and centre O has a length of 2.45 cm. Find the angle $\angle AOB$ subtended by the arc at the centre of the circle

0.35 rad

Worked example

The border of a garden pond consists of a straight edge AB of length 4.8 m, and a curved part C , also connecting A and B . The curve part is an arc of a circle, centre O , radius 4 m.

Find the length of C .

Your turn

The border of a garden pond consists of a straight edge AB of length 2.4 m, and a curved part C , also connecting A and B . The curve part is an arc of a circle, centre O , radius 2 m.

Find the length of C .

9.99 m

Worked example

A triangle ABC is such that $AB = 4 \text{ cm}$, $AC = 5.5 \text{ cm}$ and $\angle BAC = 0.35$ radians.

The arc BD , where D lies on AC , is an arc of a circle with centre A and radius 4 cm .

A region R , is bounded by the straight lines BC and CD and the arc BD .

Find the perimeter of R

Your turn

A triangle ABC is such that $AB = 8 \text{ cm}$, $AC = 11 \text{ cm}$ and $\angle BAC = 0.7$ radians.

The arc BD , where D lies on AC , is an arc of a circle with centre A and radius 8 cm .

A region R , is bounded by the straight lines BC and CD and the arc BD .

Find the perimeter of R

15.7 cm (3 sf)

Worked example

A sector of a circle of radius 30 cm contains an angle of θ radians. Given that the perimeter of the sector is 84 cm, find the value of θ

Your turn

A sector of a circle of radius 15 cm contains an angle of θ radians. Given that the perimeter of the sector is 42 cm, find the value of θ

$$\theta = 0.8 \text{ rad}$$

Worked example

The perimeter of a sector OAB is four times the length of the arc AB. Find the size of angle AOB

Your turn

The perimeter of a sector OAB is four times the length of the arc AB. Find the size of angle AOB

$$\theta = 2 \text{ rad}$$

5.3) Areas of sectors and segments

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Worked example

A circle, centre O, radius 5.2 cm has a minor sector OAB where the arc AB subtends an angle of 0.4 radians at the centre of the circle.

Find the area of the sector.

A circle, centre O, radius 5.2 cm has a minor sector OAB where the arc AB subtends an angle of 0.2 radians at the centre of the circle.

Find the area of the sector.

Your turn

A circle, centre O, radius 5.2 cm has a minor sector OAB where the arc AB subtends an angle of 0.8 radians at the centre of the circle.

Find the area of the sector.

10.816 cm²

Worked example

A circle, centre O, radius 5.2 cm has a minor sector OAB where the arc AB subtends an angle of 0.4 radians at the centre of the circle.

A segment is enclosed by a chord AB and the arc AB.

Find the area of the segment.

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Find the area of the segment.

Your turn

A circle, centre O, radius 5.2 cm has a minor sector OAB where the arc AB subtends an angle of 0.8 radians at the centre of the circle.

A segment is enclosed by a chord AB and the arc AB.

Find the area of the segment.

1.12 cm^2 (3 sf)

Worked example

The area of the minor sector AOB is 14.45 cm^2 . Given that $\angle AOB = 0.4$ radians and O is the centre of the circle, calculate the length of the radius

Your turn

The area of the minor sector AOB is 28.9 cm^2 . Given that $\angle AOB = 0.8$ radians and O is the centre of the circle, calculate the length of the radius

8.5 cm

Worked example

A sector of a circle of radius 110 m and perimeter 352 m.

Calculate the area of the sector

Your turn

A sector of a circle of radius 110 m and perimeter 176 m.

Calculate the area of the sector

1815 m^2

Worked example

OAB is a sector of a circle, centre O, radius $8m$.

The chord AB is $10m$ long.

Find the area of the segment.

Your turn

OAB is a sector of a circle, centre O, radius $4m$.

The chord AB is $5m$ long.

Find the area of the segment.

$3.00 m^2$ (3 sf)

Worked example

AB is the diameter of a semicircle, centre O, radius r cm.

C is a point on the semicircle.

$\angle BOC = \theta$ radians.

Given that the area of $\triangle AOC$ is six times the segment enclosed by CB, show that $6\theta - 7 \sin \theta = 0$

Your turn

AB is the diameter of a semicircle, centre O, radius r cm.

C is a point on the semicircle.

$\angle BOC = \theta$ radians.

Given that the area of $\triangle AOC$ is three times the segment enclosed by CB, show that $3\theta - 4 \sin \theta = 0$

Shown

Worked example

OAB is a sector of a circle, centre O, radius 18 cm and angle 0.35 radians.

C lies outside the sector.

AC is a straight line, perpendicular to OA.

OBC is a straight line.

Find the area of the region bounded by the arc AB and the lines AC and BC

Your turn

OAB is a sector of a circle, centre O, radius 9 cm and angle 0.7 radians.

C lies outside the sector.

AC is a straight line, perpendicular to OA.

OBC is a straight line.

Find the area of the region bounded by the arc AB and the lines AC and BC

5.76 cm^2 (3 sf)

Worked example

OPQ is a sector of a circle, centre O, radius 20 cm where $\angle POQ = 0.6$ radians.

The point R is on OQ such that the ratio OR:RQ is 1:3

A region is bounded by the arc PQ, QR and a line RP.

- Find the perimeter of the region
- Find the area of the region

Your turn

OPQ is a sector of a circle, centre O, radius 10 cm where $\angle POQ = 0.3$ radians.

The point R is on OQ such that the ratio OR:RQ is 1:3

A region is bounded by the arc PQ, QR and a line RP.

- Find the perimeter of the region
- Find the area of the region

a) 18.1 cm (3 sf)

b) 11.3 cm^2 (3 sf)

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Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

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

$$\tan \theta = 1$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

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

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

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

$$\tan \theta - 2 = 1$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

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

$$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$5 \cos \theta + 2 = 2.3$$

$$4 \tan \theta - 5 = 1$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$3 \sin \theta + 1 = 0.4$$

$$\theta = 3.34, 6.08 \text{ (3 sf)}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$\cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tan\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 1$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$\sin\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{13\pi}{12}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$\cos 5\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\tan 4\theta = \sqrt{3}$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

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

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{9}, \frac{2\pi}{9}, \frac{7\pi}{9}, \frac{8\pi}{9}, \frac{13\pi}{9}, \frac{14\pi}{9}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\tan^2 \theta = 3$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

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

$$2 \tan^2 \theta - 5 \tan \theta - 3 = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$2\sin^2 \theta - 5 \sin \theta - 3 = 0$$

$$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$5\cos^2 \theta + 2 \cos \theta = 0$$

$$4 \tan^2 \theta - 3 \tan \theta = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$5\sin^2 \theta - 2 \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = 0, 0.412, 2.73, \pi, 2\pi$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$5 \cos \theta \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta = 0$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$:

$$5 \cos \theta \sin \theta + 2 \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = 0, 1.98, \pi, 4.30, 2\pi$$

Worked example

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$:

$$4 \tan x = 5 \cos x$$

Your turn

Solve in the interval $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$:

$$2 \tan x = 3 \sin x$$

$$\theta = 0, 0.841, \pi, 5.44$$

Worked example

Find all the solutions, in the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$, of the equation

$$2 \sin^2 x + 1 = -5 \cos x,$$

giving each solution in terms of π .

Your turn

Find all the solutions, in the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$, of the equation

$$2 \cos^2 x + 1 = 5 \sin x,$$

giving each solution in terms of π .

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

5.5) Small angle approximations

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Worked example

When θ is small, find the approximate value of:

- a) $\frac{\sin \theta + \tan 4\theta}{3\theta}$
b) $\frac{\cos 6\theta - 1}{\theta \tan 3\theta}$
c) $\sin 3\theta + \tan 4\theta - \cos 5\theta$

Your turn

When θ is small, find the approximate value of:

- a) $\frac{\sin 2\theta + \tan \theta}{2\theta}$
b) $\frac{\cos 4\theta - 1}{\theta \sin 2\theta}$
c) $\sin 5\theta + \tan 2\theta - \cos 2\theta$

a) $\frac{3}{2}$

b) -4

c) -1

Worked example

Find the percentage error when calculating the value of $\cos(0.123 \text{ rad})$ using the small-angle approximations

Your turn

Find the percentage error when calculating the value of $\cos(0.246 \text{ rad})$ using the small-angle approximations

0.015701% (6 dp)

Worked example

When θ is small, find the approximate value of:

$$\frac{\sin \theta - \cos 6\theta - 4}{\sin 2\theta - 1}$$

Your turn

When θ is small, find the approximate value of:

$$\frac{1 - 2 \tan \theta - 4 \cos 2\theta}{\tan 2\theta + 1}$$

-3