

A 8.4 * Quadratic Trig Equations *

Warmup: 1. Evaluate exactly.

a) $2 \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \cos \frac{7\pi}{4}$

Sol'n = $2 \left(\sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \right) \left(\cos \frac{7\pi}{4} \right)$
 $= 2 \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$
 $= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{4}}$
 $= \frac{-2}{2}$
 $= -1$

RAA = $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (45°)
 syccxrtyxc

b) $\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{3} - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{3}$

Sol'n = $\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} \right)^2 - \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)^2$
 $= \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2$
 $= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4}$
 $= \frac{-2}{4}$ "Fraction Action"
 $= -\frac{1}{2}$

RAA = $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (60°)
 syccxrtyxc

Remark: Usually, but not always, we try to build a product of factors.

Ex, Solve for the exact values of x .

a) $\sin^2 x + 2 \sin x - 3 = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$

Sol'n If $k = \sin x$, considering $k^2 + 2k - 3 = 0$
 So, $(k+3)(k-1) = 0$, factored left side.

$\therefore (\sin x + 3)(\sin x - 1) = 0, k = \sin x$

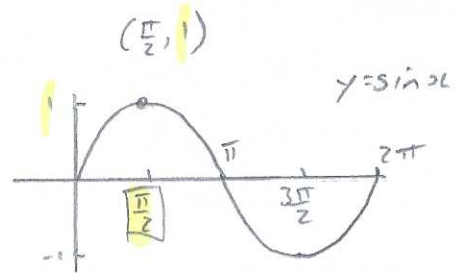
$\therefore \sin x + 3 = 0$ or $\sin x - 1 = 0$, logic

$\therefore \sin x = -3$ or $\sin x = 1$

$\therefore x = \sin^{-1}(-3)$ or $x = \sin^{-1}(1)$

no sol'n. $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

\therefore Only real root is $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ✓



b) $2 \sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$

Sol'n $(2 \sin x - 1)(\sin x + 1) = 0$, Consider if $k = \sin x$, then factor $2k^2 + k - 1 = 0$
 $(2k-1)(k+1) = 0$

$\therefore 2 \sin x - 1 = 0$ or $\sin x + 1 = 0$

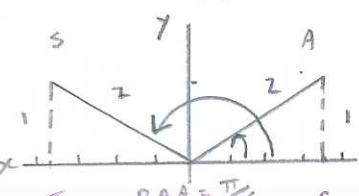
$\therefore \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$ $\sin x = -1$

So $x_1 = \frac{\pi}{6}$ ✓

or $x_2 = \frac{5\pi}{6}$ ✓

So $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ ✓

\therefore 3 roots are $\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$ ✓✓✓



Ex₂ Solve $\cos^2 x = \frac{3}{4}$, $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$. Present your answers correct to 2 decimal places.

Soln Quadratic Trig Equation can be thought of as $k^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ with $k = \cos x$.

$$k = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}, \text{ undo square by rooting}$$

$$k = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{4}}$$

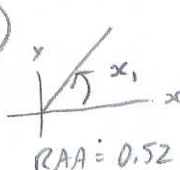
$$k = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \cos x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Case #1 or

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

$$x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

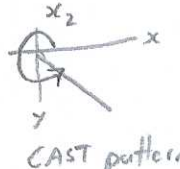
$$x_1 = 0.5236^\circ$$


RAA = 0.52

or

$$x_2 = 2\pi - \text{RAA}$$

$$= 2\pi - 0.5236$$

$$\approx 5.76^\circ$$


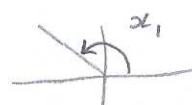
CAST pattern

Case #2

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

$$x = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$x_1 = 2.61799^\circ$$



$$\text{RAA} = \pi - 2.62$$

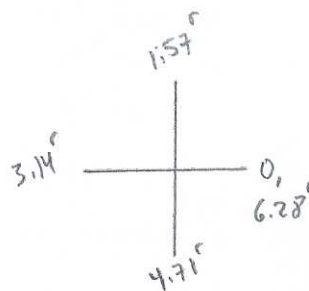
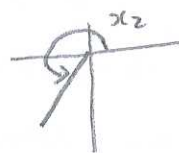
$$\approx 0.5198^\circ$$

or

$$x_2 = \pi + \text{RAA}$$

$$= \pi + 0.5198$$

$$\approx 3.6614^\circ$$



So Solution Set aka S.S. = $\{0.52^\circ, 2.62^\circ, 3.66^\circ, 5.76^\circ\}$

Ex₃ Solve $\cos^2 \theta + \cos \theta - 1 = 0$.

Soln Note: Use quadratic formula $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ if solving the quadratic equation using the factor method presents a difficult for you factoring process. Generally if factoring is taking you longer than about 20 seconds, use quadratic formula.

Consider $k^2 + k - 1 = 0$, $k = \cos \theta$

Roots: $k = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$k = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{(1)^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$k = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \cos \theta = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \rightarrow \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 0.6180$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \rightarrow \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx -1.6180$$

$$\cos \theta = 0.6180 \text{ or } \cos \theta = -1.6180$$

no soln

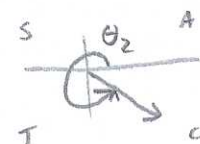
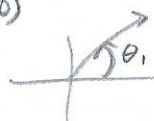
So $\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.6180)$

$$\theta_1 = 0.9046^\circ$$

or

$$\theta_2 = 2\pi - \text{RAA}$$

$$\approx 5.3786^\circ$$



\therefore Roots are about $0.90^\circ, 5.38^\circ$, CAST patterns.

A p320 # (10,11) def, #14c

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$a = 1$$

$$b = 1$$

$$c = -1$$