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SOLVING TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS USING TECHNOLOGY

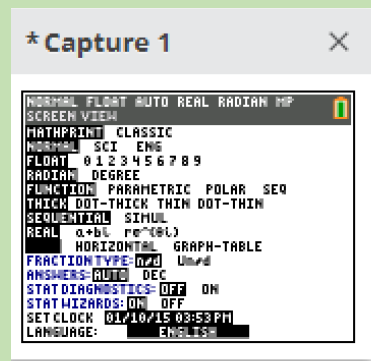
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Solving trig equations using GDC.

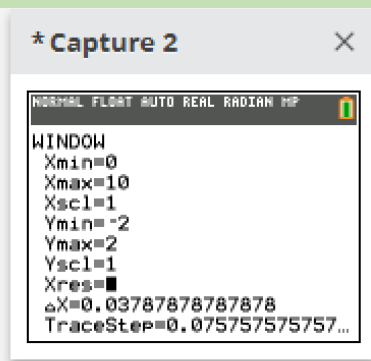
Trigonometric equations will often have infinitely many solutions unless a restricted domain such as $0 \leq x \leq 3\pi$ is given.

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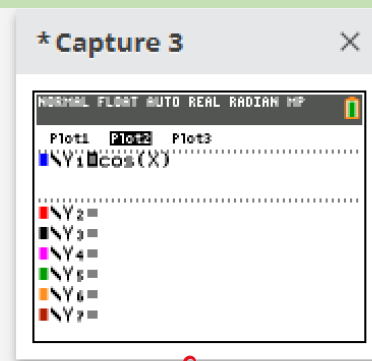
Solve $\cos x = 0.4$ for $0 \leq x \leq 10$ radians using the graph of $y = \cos x$.



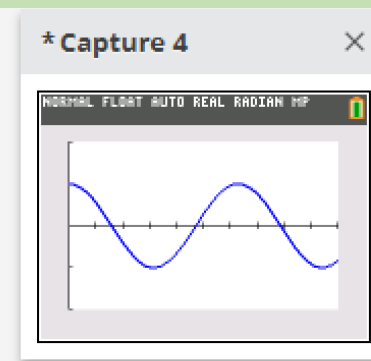
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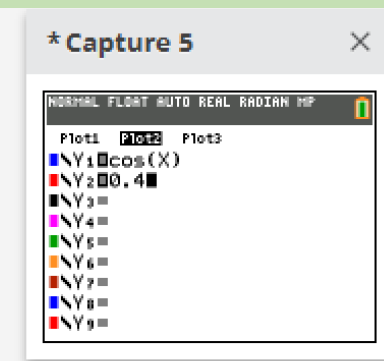
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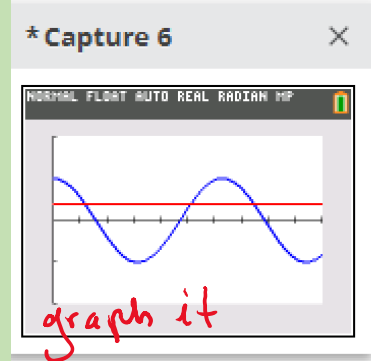
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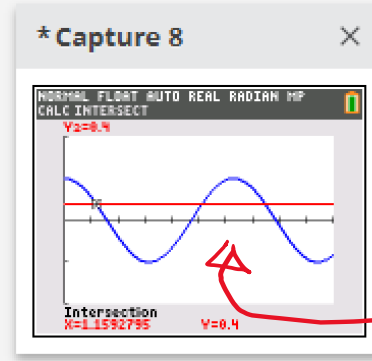
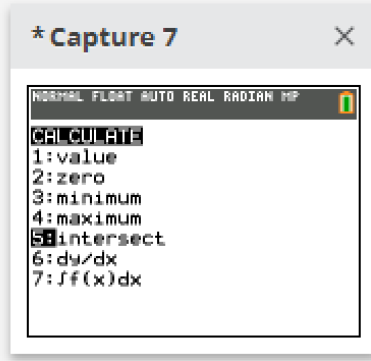
Graph



Enter the right hand side of the equation



graph it



Find all three intersections.
 These x values are the solutions to this equation.

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Solve $2 \sin x - \cos x = 4 - x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

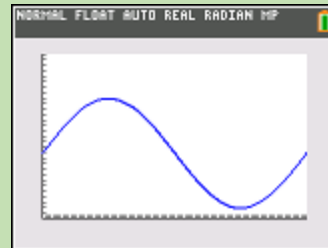
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$$10 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{50}t\right) + 12 = 16$$

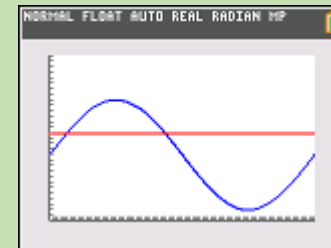
Adjust the domain

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WINDOW
Xmin=0
Xmax=100
Xscl=1
Ymin=0
Ymax=30
Yscl=1
Xres=1
ΔX=0.37878787878788
TraceStep=0.7575757575...
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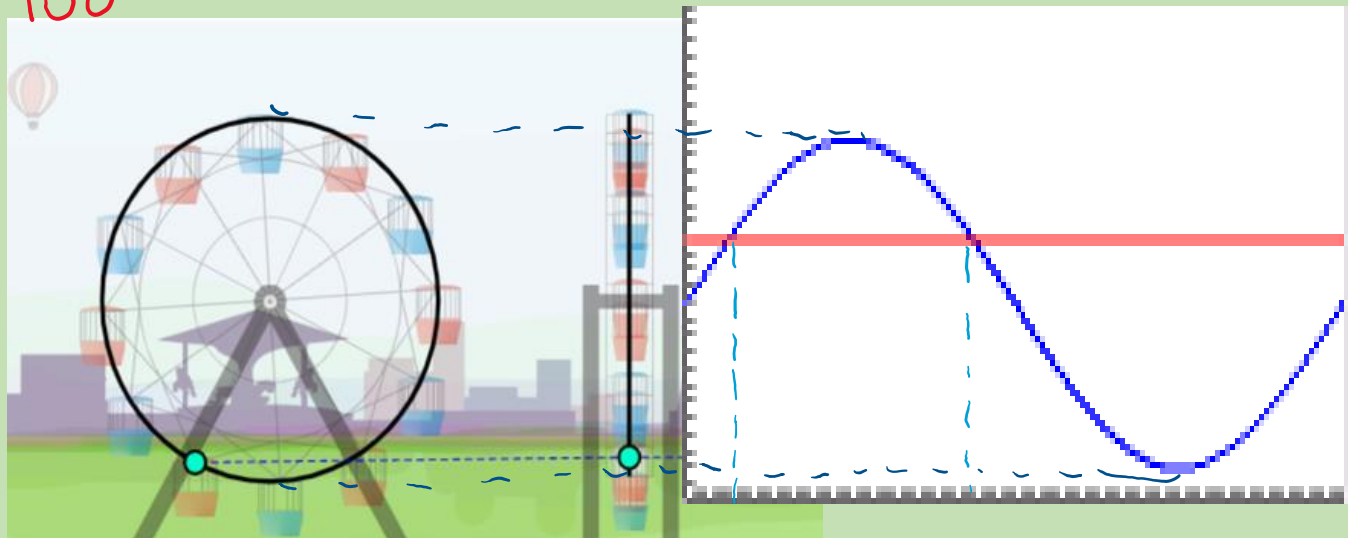
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NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP
Plot1 Plot2 Plot3
Y1=10sin(π/50X)+12
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NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP
Plot1 Plot2 Plot3
Y1=10sin(π/50X)+12
Y2=16
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Full revolution is 100



Find the intersections!

CALCULATOR

5 Solve for θ in the given domain.

GDC **a** $\cos \theta = 0.3, -\pi \leq \theta \leq 3\pi$

b $\tan \theta = 1.61, 0 \leq \theta \leq 4\pi$

c $\sin \theta = -2\cos \theta, -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$

d $2 \tan^2 \theta + 5 \tan \theta = 3, -2\pi \leq \theta \leq 0$

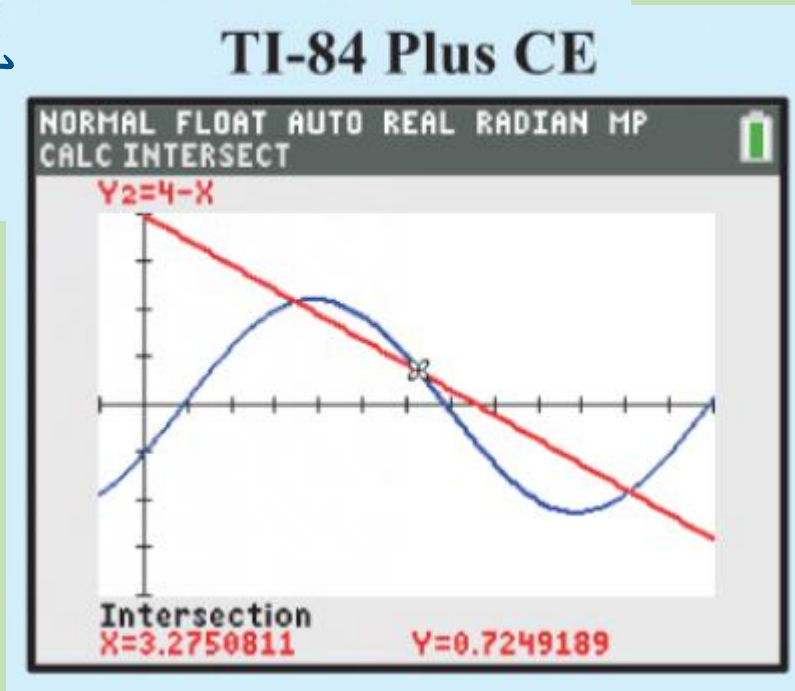
Solve $2 \sin x - \cos x = 4 - x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

We graph the functions $Y_1 = 2 \sin X - \cos X$ and $Y_2 = 4 - X$ on the same set of axes.

!!! We use window settings just larger than the domain:

$$X_{\min} = -\frac{\pi}{6} \quad X_{\max} = \frac{13\pi}{6} \quad X_{\text{scale}} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

The solutions are $x \approx 1.82, 3.28, \text{ and } 5.81$.



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PART 2 - Solving equaitons using algebra

5 Solve for x on $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$:

a $\cos^2 x = \frac{3}{4}$

b $\sin^2 x = 1$

c $\tan^2 x = 3$

Solve exactly for $0 \leq x \leq 3\pi$:

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

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

c $\sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$

9 Solve for x on $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$:

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

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

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

e $2 \cos \frac{x}{2} + 1 = 0$

c $\tan 2x - \sqrt{3} = 0$

f $3 \tan \frac{x}{3} - 3 = 0$

10 Solve for x on $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$:

a $\cos^2 3x = \frac{1}{4}$

b $\sin^2 2x = 1$

c $\tan^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{3}$

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9 Solve for x on $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$:

c $\tan 2x - \sqrt{3} = 0$

f $3 \tan \frac{x}{3} - 3 = 0$

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• $\tan^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{3} \qquad 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi,$

Find the exact solutions of $\sqrt{3} \sin x = \cos x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

11 Find the exact solutions for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$:

a $\sin x = -\cos x$

b $\sin 3x = \cos 3x$

c $\sin 2x = \sqrt{3} \cos 2x$

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Solve $\sqrt{2} \cos\left(x - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + 1 = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 6\pi$

12 Solve exactly:

a $\cos\left(x - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad -2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$

c $\sin\left(4\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$

b $\sqrt{2} \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + 1 = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 3\pi$

d $2 \sin\left(2\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right) = -\sqrt{3}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$

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Find exact solutions of $\tan\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 1$ for $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$.

14 Find the exact solutions of $\tan x = \sqrt{3}$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$. Hence solve the following equations for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$:

a $\tan\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sqrt{3}$

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

c $\tan^2 x = 3$

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Solve for x on $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$, giving your answers as exact values:

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

b $2 \cos^2 x + \cos x - 1 = 0$

15 Solve for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ giving your answers as exact values:

a $2 \sin^2 x - \sin x = 0$

b $2 \cos^2 x = \cos x$

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

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

In **a** we cannot simply divide through by $\sin x$, or we will lose the solutions corresponding to $\sin x = 0$.

6 Find the exact solutions of:

a $\cos x = -\frac{1}{2}, 0 \leq x \leq 5\pi$

c $2 \cos x + \sqrt{3} = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 3\pi$

e $2 \sin(x + \frac{\pi}{3}) = 1, -3\pi \leq x \leq 3\pi$

g $3 \cos 2x + 3 = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 3\pi$

i $\sin(4(x - \frac{\pi}{4})) = 0, 0 \leq x \leq \pi$

b $2 \sin x - 1 = 0, -360^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$

d $\cos(x - \frac{2\pi}{3}) = \frac{1}{2}, -2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$

f $\sqrt{2} \sin(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) + 1 = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 3\pi$

h $4 \cos 3x + 2 = 0, -\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

j $2 \sin(2(x - \frac{\pi}{3})) = -\sqrt{3}, 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$


12 Find the exact solutions to these equations for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$:

a $\sin x = -\cos x$

b $\sin(3x) = \cos(3x)$

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

Check your answers using a graphics calculator by finding the points of intersection of the appropriate graphs.

24 **P1:** Let $A(t) = 2\cos^2 t - 3\cos t + 1$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. 

a Factorize $A(t)$. (2 marks)

b Hence, solve the equation $A(t) = 0$
for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. (4 marks)

- 31 P1: a** Write the expression
 $-2\cos^2 x + \sin x + 3$ in the form
 $a\sin^2 x + b\sin x + c$. (2 marks)
- b** Hence, solve the equation
 $-2\cos^2 x + \sin x + 3 = 2$ for
 $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$. (5 marks)

Question 1

Solve for $-180^{\circ} \leq x \leq 90^{\circ}$

$$3 \tan^2 \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) - 1 = 0$$

Question 2

Find the exact solutions for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$

- a) $\sin 2x = \sqrt{3} \cos 2x$
- b) $(4 \sin^2 x - 3)(\sin x + 2) = 0$
- c) $-2 \cos^2(x) - \sin(x) + 1 = 0$

Question 3

Solve the equation for $-2\pi \leq x \leq \pi$.

$$4 \cos^3(x) + 2 \cos^2(x) - 2 \cos(x) = 0$$