Unit #7: Trig Identities & Equations Lesson 6: Solving Trig Equations

## EQ:

Recall: Solve These Algebra Equations

1.

2.

3.

4.

- Algebraic equations have a \_\_\_\_\_ number of solutions.
- Trig functions are "periodic", therefore they will have an \_\_\_\_\_ number of solutions.
- Is  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$  a solution to  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ ?
- Is  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$  a solution to  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ ?
- Ex. Find *all solutions* to  $\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ . \_\_\_\_\_Solutions exist from \_\_\_\_\_

or  $\theta$  = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Solutions exist from \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. State both primary and general solutions for each equation.

$$1. \ 2\sin\theta + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

3. 
$$2\cos x - \sqrt{2} = 0$$

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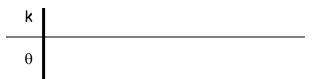
Find the primary solutions for  $\sin(2\theta) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Ex.

What is the question?

 $2\theta$  = \_\_\_\_\_ or

or θ = \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute values for **k** (begin with **k** = 0) to determine  $\theta$  values that fall in the interval  $0 \le \theta < 2\pi$ .



Ex. Find the **primary solutions** for  $\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

What is the question?

or

or

Substitute values for **k** to determine  $\theta$  values that fall in the interval  $0 \le \theta < 2\pi$ .



θ = \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. Find all solutions on the interval  $0 \le \theta < 2\pi$  for  $\tan \left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$ .

What is the question?

$$\theta - \frac{\pi}{2} =$$
 or  $\theta - \frac{\pi}{2} =$   $\theta =$  or  $\theta =$ 

$$\theta - \frac{\pi}{2} =$$

Now substitute values for k to determine  $\theta$  values that fall in the interval  $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$ .

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Ex. Solve on the interval  $0 \le \theta < 2\pi$ . Why do the following problems *require* a scientific/graphing calculator?

Degrees	Decimal Radians
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1. 
$$\sin \theta = 0.3$$

2. 
$$\sin \theta = -0.82$$

3. 
$$\sec \theta = -6$$

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