

Solving Sinusoidal Functions (Intro)

KNOW	DO	UNDERSTAND
There are multiple solutions to a trig equation.	Can find the solutions to a trig equation in a given domain.	<u>Inverse:</u> Sine and cosine are not 1-to-1 so the domain must be restricted. Restrictions come so that they take on all values of the range once.
Vocab & Notation • Inverse trig: $\sin^{-1}(\quad)$; $\arcsin(\quad)$		$f(-x) = f(x)$

If $x^2 = 8$ what is x ?

$x = \sqrt{8}$ or $-\sqrt{8}$

$f(x) = x^2 \rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x}$
 $x \geq 0$

Because x^2 is not 1-to-1 we must restrict domain to get an inverse that is a function.

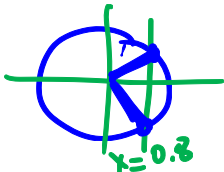
If x_0 is a solution $\Rightarrow -x_0$ is too. B/c x^2 is even

So, when we ask: if $\cos \theta = 0.8$ or if $\sin \varphi = 0.8$ or if $\tan \beta$, then what is θ , φ and β ? We have the same problem.

~~cos~~ $\cos \theta = 0.8$

$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.8)$

$\theta = 0.64\dots + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
or $-0.64 + 2\pi n$

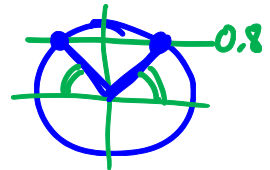


$\tan \beta = 0.8$

~~sin~~ $\sin \varphi = 0.8$

$\varphi = \sin^{-1}(0.8)$

$\varphi = 0.93$
or $\pi - 0.93$



$\varphi = 0.93 + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
or $2.21 + 2\pi n$

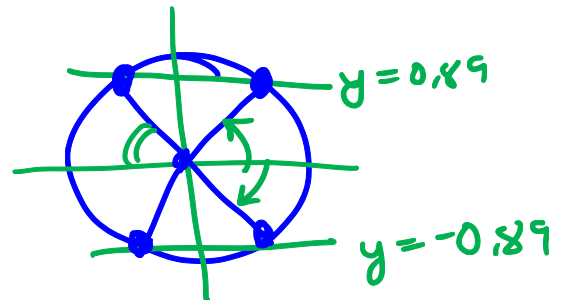
When we use the inverse we are only finding one solution. Recognize that there will almost always be a second solution (sometimes three other solutions if we can be positive or negative)

$\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta = 0.8}$

~~arcsin~~ $\sin \theta = 0.87$ or -0.87

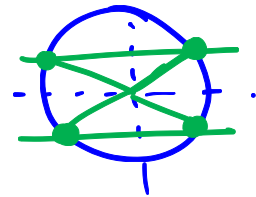
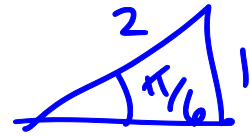
$\theta = 1.097 + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

or $\theta = \pm(\pi - 1.097) + 2\pi n$



Example: Solve for x

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



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

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi n \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = \pm \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}(x-1) = \pm \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi n \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\pi}{2}(x-1) = \pm \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$$

$$(x-1) = \pm \frac{1}{3} + 4n \quad \text{or} \quad (x-1) = \pm \frac{5}{3} + 4n$$

$$x = \left(1 \pm \frac{1}{3}\right) + 4n \quad \text{or} \quad x = \left(1 \pm \frac{5}{3}\right) + 4n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x = \left\{ \frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{8}{3}, -\frac{2}{3} \right\} + 4n$$

Example: Solve for x

$$\tan^2 \left(2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right) = 5 \tan \left(2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta = 5 \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta - 5 \tan \theta = 0 \quad \tan \theta (\tan \theta - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \tan \theta = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 0 + \pi n \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 1.37 + \pi n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \pi n \quad \text{or} \quad 2 \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = 1.37 + \pi n$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi n}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = -0.36 + \frac{\pi n}{2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

