

## 5-3: SOLVING GENERAL TRIGONOMETRIC EQUATIONS

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

Use the calculator. Graph $y=\sin (x)$ and $y=0.5$.
"Set your window to have $x$-max of $4 \pi$ (set your $x$-scale to be $\pi / 2$ )

- Set your window to have a $y-\min$ of -2 and a $y$-max of 2
"How many solutions. How would you write them all?
"Find two key ones - How often do they repeat?


$$
\sin \theta=0.4199
$$

Use the calculator. Graph $y=\sin (x)$ and $y=0.4199$.
"Set your window to have $x$-min of $-4 \pi$ and max of $4 \pi$ with a scale of $\pi / 2$

- Set your window to have a $y$-min of -2 and a $y$-max of 2 .
"How many solutions. How would you write them all?
"Find two key ones - How often, do they repeat?



## FINDING THE OTHER ANGLE MEASURE

For TRIG(x) $=\mathrm{A}$
(i.e. $\sin (x)=.4199$ )

1. Look at A. Determine if it is positive or negative and write down which quadrants your answers will be in.
2. Take the INVERSETRIG (|A|) and write it down as the ref angle.
3. Then, calculate the other angle(s) as follows:

| Quad II |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\pi-x$ | Quad I |
| Quad III $\pi+x$ | $2 \pi-x \quad$ ref angle |  |

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\cos \theta=0.158
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Solve for all $\theta$ in radians:

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\begin{aligned}
& \theta=1.41 \text { (use calculator) } \\
& \theta=2 \pi-1.41=4.87
\end{aligned}
$$

General Solutions:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \theta=1.41+2 \pi n \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \\
& \theta=4.87+2 \pi n \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
3 \tan ^{2} x+4 \tan x+1=0
$$

Find all values for $(x)$ in radians:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
3 \tan ^{2} x+4 \tan x+1=0 \\
3 \tan ^{2} x+3 \tan x+\tan x+1=0 \\
(3 \tan x+1)(\tan x+1)=0
\end{array}
$$

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\begin{array}{lr}
3 \tan x+1=0 & \tan x+1=0 \\
\tan x=-\frac{1}{3} & \tan x=-1 \\
x=\pi-.322=2.82 & \\
x=2 \pi-.322=5.96 &
\end{array}
$$

$$
\sin ^{2} x-2 \sin x+1=0
$$

Find all values for ( $x$ ) in radians:

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\begin{aligned}
\sin ^{2} x-2 \sin x+1 & =0 \\
(\sin x-1)^{2} & =0 \\
\sin x-1 & =0 \\
\sin x & =1 \\
x & =\frac{\pi}{2}
\end{aligned}
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