

13-5 Reteaching

The Cosine Function

Problem

What is the graph of $y = 3 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \theta$ in the interval from 0 to 2π ?

Step 1 Compare the function to $y = a \cos b\theta$.

$$a = 3 \text{ and } b = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Find the amplitude.

$$|a| = |3| = 3$$

Find the period of the curve.

$$\frac{2\pi}{b} = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = 4$$

Step 2 Find the minimum and maximum of the curve.

Because the amplitude is 3, the maximum is 3 and the minimum is -3 .

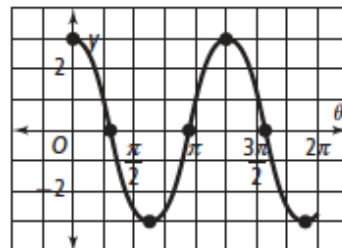
Step 3 Make a table of values. Choose θ -values at intervals of one-fourth the period: $\frac{4}{4} = 1$.

The y -values cycle through the pattern *max-zero-min-zero-max*.

θ	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
y	3	0	-3	0	3	0	-3

Step 4 Plot the points from the table.

Step 5 Draw a smooth curve through the points.



Exercises

Sketch the graph of each function in the interval from 0 to 2π .

1. $y = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta$

2. $y = 3 \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta$

3. $y = \cos 3\theta$

4. $y = \frac{1}{4} \cos \pi\theta$

5. $y = -2 \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta$

6. $y = 2 \cos 6\pi\theta$

13-5 **Reteaching** (continued)

The Cosine Function

Solving a sine or cosine equation is similar to solving a system of two linear equations. You can graph each side of the equation. The solutions will be the points where the graphs intersect.

Problem

What are the solutions of $3\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta = 2$ in the interval 0 to 4π ?

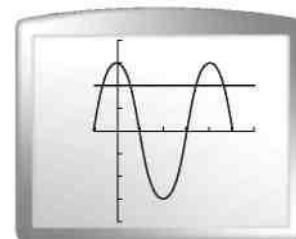
Step 1 Set each side of the equation equal to y .

$$y = 3\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta$$

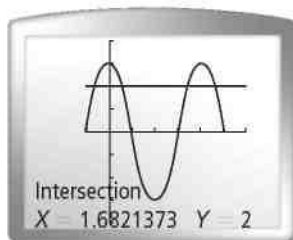
$$y = 2$$

Step 2 Graph each equation on the same grid.

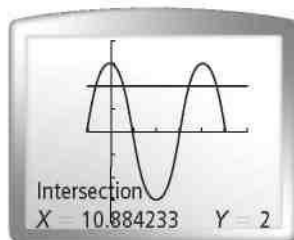
Step 3 Between $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = 4\pi$, the graphs intersect 2 times. Use the **Intersect** feature to find the coordinates of these points.



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The solutions of $3\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta = 2$ in the interval 0 to 4π are $\theta \approx 1.68$ and 10.88 .

Exercises

Find all solutions in the interval from 0 to 2π . Round to the nearest hundredth.

7. $-\cos\theta = \frac{3}{4}$

8. $2\cos\theta = 1$

9. $3\cos\pi\theta = 2$

10. $\cos\frac{1}{2}\pi\theta = -0.5$

11. $\frac{1}{2}\cos 4\theta = 0$

12. $-3\cos 2\pi\theta = 2.5$

13. $5\cos 4\theta = 3$

14. $\frac{3}{4}\cos\frac{1}{2}\pi\theta = \frac{1}{2}$

15. $-4\cos 2\theta = 2$