

# Notes: Solving Basic Trig Equations

1)  $\sqrt{2} \sin x + 1 = 0$  Solve on the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$

$\quad \quad \quad -1 \quad -1$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} \sin x}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

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include

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don't  
include

$$\sin x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

2)  $\cos x (\cos x - 1) = 0$  Solve on the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$

$$\cos x = 0 \quad \cos x - 1 = 0$$

$\quad \quad \quad +1 \quad +1$

$$\cos x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, 0, 2\pi$$

3)  $\csc^2 x - 2 = 0$  Solve on the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$

$$\sqrt{\csc^2 x} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\csc x = \pm \sqrt{2} \quad * \text{convert to sin}$$

$$\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$\sin x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$4) \quad \frac{\sin x + \sqrt{3}}{-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-\sin x}{-\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{Solve on the interval } [0, 2\pi)$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{+\sin x} = \frac{-\sin x - \sqrt{3}}{+\sin x}$$

$$\frac{2\sin x}{2} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

$$5) \quad \frac{3 + \tan^2 x - 1}{+1 \quad +1} = 0 \quad \text{Solve on the interval } [0, 2\pi)$$

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

$$\sqrt{\tan^2 x} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\tan x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{matrix} (\sqrt{3}) \\ (\sqrt{3}) \end{matrix}$$

$$\tan x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$