

Warm-up #8: Solving Trig Equations

Ex. Solve: $[0, 2\pi)$

1. $3 = 3\csc\theta - \cot^2\theta$

$$3 = 3\csc\theta - (\csc^2\theta - 1)$$

$$0 = -3 + 3\csc\theta - \csc^2\theta + 1$$

$$\csc^2\theta - 3\csc\theta + 2 = 0$$

$$(\csc\theta - 1)(\csc\theta - 2) = 0$$

$$\csc\theta - 1 = 0 \quad \csc\theta - 2 = 0$$

$$\csc\theta = 1 \quad \csc\theta = 2$$

$$\sin\theta = 1 \quad \sin\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

2. $(\sqrt{3}\sin\theta)^2 = (\cos\theta)^2$

$$3\sin^2\theta = \cos^2\theta$$

$$3(1 - \cos^2\theta) = \cos^2\theta$$

$$3 - 3\cos^2\theta = \cos^2\theta$$

$$3 = 4\cos^2\theta$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} = \sqrt{\cos^2\theta}$$

$$\pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \cos\theta$$

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