

# Trigonometry review

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(a)  $\sin 3x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$   $[0, 2\pi)$

using the table ...  $\sin t = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  for  $t = \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{\frac{5\pi}{4} + 2\pi n}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{3x}{3} = \frac{\frac{7\pi}{4} + 2\pi k}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{5\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi}{3}n \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{7\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi}{3}k$$

$\frac{5\pi}{12} < 2\pi$  take it,  $\frac{7\pi}{12} < 2\pi$  take it

$\frac{5\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 1} = \frac{13\pi}{12} < 2\pi$  OK,  $\frac{7\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 1} = \frac{15\pi}{12} < 2\pi$  OK

$\frac{5\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi \cdot 2}{3 \cdot 2} = \frac{21\pi}{12} < 2\pi$  OK,  $\frac{7\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi \cdot 2}{3 \cdot 2} = \frac{23\pi}{12} < 2\pi$  OK

$\frac{5\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 3} = \frac{29\pi}{12} < 2\pi$  OK,  $\frac{7\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 3} = \frac{31\pi}{12} < 2\pi$  OK

STOP, because otherwise, for  $n=4$  and  $k=4$  we will be adding  $2\pi$  to  $\frac{5\pi}{12}$  and  $\frac{7\pi}{12}$ .

Answer:  $\frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{21\pi}{12}, \frac{23\pi}{12}, \frac{29\pi}{12}, \frac{31\pi}{12}$

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$$(b) \quad 7 \cos \theta + 9 = -2 \cos \theta \quad [0, 2\pi)$$

$$\frac{9 \cos \theta}{9} = \frac{-9}{9}$$

$$\cos \theta = -1$$

From the table,

$$\cos \theta = -1 \text{ when } \theta = \pi$$

$$\text{Answer: } \theta = \pi$$

$$(c) \quad 3 \tan^2 x - 9 = 0$$

$$\frac{3 \tan^2 x}{3} = \frac{9}{3}$$

$$\tan^2 x = 3$$

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

From the table,  $\tan x = \sqrt{3}$  for

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

$\tan x = -\sqrt{3}$  for

$$x = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

- all of the values are good,  
the tangent function is defined on them.

$$\text{Answer: } \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$