

1. Solve the following equations completely

(a) $\sqrt{3} \tan x + 1 = 0$

Solution:

$$\sqrt{3} \tan x = -1$$

$$\tan x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Hence } x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + k\pi$$

(b) $2 \cos x \sin x - \sqrt{2} \cos x = 0$

Solution:

$$\cos x(2 \sin x - \sqrt{2}) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \cos x = 0 \text{ or } 2 \sin x - \sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \text{ or } \sin x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus } x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \text{ or } x = \frac{\pi}{4} + 2k\pi \text{ or } x = \frac{3\pi}{4} + 2k\pi$$

(c) $\sin^2 x = 2 \sin x + 3$

Solution:

$$\sin^2 x - 2 \sin x - 3 = 0$$

Substitute $u = \sin x$:

$$u^2 - 2u - 3 = 0$$

$$(u - 3)(u + 1) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } u = 3 \text{ or } u = -1$$

$$\text{Thus } \sin x = 3 \text{ or } \sin x = -1$$

The first one does not have a solution, and the second one gives

$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2k\pi$$

2. Find all solutions in the interval $[0, 2\pi)$

(a) $2 \sin 3x + 1 = 0$

Solution:

$$2 \sin(3x) = -1$$

$$\sin(3x) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } 3x = \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2k\pi \text{ or } 3x = \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$$

$$\text{Thus } x = \frac{7\pi}{18} + \frac{2k\pi}{3} \text{ or } x = \frac{11\pi}{18} + \frac{2k\pi}{3}$$

Now the solutions between 0 and 2π are:

$$\frac{7\pi}{18}, \frac{11\pi}{18}, \frac{19\pi}{18}, \frac{23\pi}{18}, \frac{31\pi}{18}, \frac{35\pi}{18}$$

(b) $\cos 3x = \sin 3x$

Solution:

Divide both sides by $\cos(3x)$ to get:

$$\tan(3x) = 1$$

$$\text{Hence } 3x = \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi$$

$$\text{Thus } x = \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{k\pi}{3}$$

Now the solutions between 0 and 2π are:

$$\frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{13\pi}{12}, \frac{17\pi}{12}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

(c) $2 \cos^2 x + \sin x = 1$

Solution:

First replace $\cos^2 x$ by $1 - \sin^2 x$:

$$2(1 - \sin^2 x) + \sin x = 1$$

$$2 - 2\sin^2 x + \sin x = 1$$

$$2\sin^2 x - \sin x - 1 = 0$$

Now substitute $u = \sin x$:

$$2u^2 - u - 1 = 0$$

$$(2u + 1)(u - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } u = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } u = 1$$

$$\text{Thus } \sin x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \sin x = 1$$

Then the solutions between 0 and 2π are:

$$\frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}$$