Solving Simple Trig Equations Math Analysis Notes-Examples

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I. Solving Trigonometric Equations without the calculator.

- Note the constraints of the answer.
- Determine the angle (quadrantal or reference) that will produce the given ratio.
- Sketch the \_\_\_\_\_\_ angle in the quadrant(s) that will produce the given \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the ratio.
- Determine the actual angle within the given constraints that will produce the given ratio.
  - If the reference angle is in Quadrant I, then the \_\_\_\_\_\_ angle is the answer.
  - If the reference angle is in Quadrant II, \_\_\_\_\_ from 180° or  $\pi$ .
  - If the reference angle is in Quadrant III, \_\_\_\_\_ to  $180^{\circ} \text{ or } \pi$ .
  - If the reference angle is in Quadrant IV, subtract from\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Solve for  $\theta$  without the calculator. Answer in exact values.



- **II.** Solving Trigonometric Equations with the calculator.
  - Note the constraints of the answer.
  - Determine the reference angle using the calculator.
    - Check the mode on the calculator.
    - Use the inverse Trig functions  $(sin^{-1}, cos^{-1} or tan^{-1})$  to determine the reference angle given the ratio of the function. Use <u>only</u> the **POSITIVE** ratio to determine the reference angle. Record and store the value of the reference angle in your calculator.
  - Sketch the \_\_\_\_\_\_ angle in the quadrant(s) that will produce the given \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the ratio.
  - Determine the actual angle within the given constraints that will produce the given ratio.
    - If the reference angle is in Quadrant I, then the \_\_\_\_\_\_ angle is the answer.
    - If the reference angle is in Quadrant II, \_\_\_\_\_ from  $180^{\circ} \text{ or } \pi$ .
    - If the reference angle is in Quadrant III, \_\_\_\_\_\_ to  $180^{\circ} \text{ or } \pi$ .
    - If the reference angle is in Quadrant IV, subtract from\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Solve for  $\theta$  with the calculator. Round answer in to 3 decimal places

