

Extra Practice for Section I: Chapter 6

You should complete all of these problems **without a calculator** in order to prepare for the Midterm which is a no-calculator exam.

1. Find the exact value of each of the following expressions; do not use a calculator. Be sure to use proper notation to **directly communicate** what the given expressions equal.

a. $\sin\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)$

b. $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)\right)$

c. $\cos^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$

d. $\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)$

e. $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right)\right)$

f. $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{6\pi}{5}\right)\right)$

[Click here to see the solution to 1.](#)

2. Find *all* of the solutions to the equations below; provide *exact* solutions.

a. $2\sin(x) - \sqrt{3} = 0$

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b. $5 + 4\cos(2\theta) = 1$

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c. $16 - 24\sin(4t) = 4$

[Click here to see the solution to 2.c.](#)

d. $6\sqrt{2}\cos(3\alpha) + 10 = 4$

[Click here to see the solution to 2.d.](#)

3. Find the solutions to the equations below on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$; provide *exact* solutions.

a. $5 + 4\cos(2\theta) = 1$

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b. $6\sqrt{2}\cos(3\alpha) + 10 = 4$

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Solution to 1.

1. Find the exact value of each of the following expressions; do not use a calculator. Be sure to use proper notation to **directly communicate** what the given expressions equal.

a. $\sin\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin\left(\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right) &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) && \text{(since } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \leq \frac{\pi}{2}\text{)} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} && \text{(since } \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\text{)}\end{aligned}$$

b. $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)\right) &= \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) && \text{(since } \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\text{)} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3} && \text{(since } \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ and } 0 \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \leq \pi\text{)}\end{aligned}$$

c. $\cos^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right) &= \cos^{-1}(-1) && \text{(since } \tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -1\text{)} \\ &= \pi && \text{(since } \cos^{-1}(-1) = \pi \text{ and } 0 \leq \pi \leq \pi\text{)}\end{aligned}$$

d. $\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right) &= \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) && \text{(since } -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) \text{ and } 0 \leq \frac{5\pi}{6} \leq \pi\text{)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} && \text{(since } \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\text{)}\end{aligned}$$

e. $\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right)\right)$

$\frac{7\pi}{8}$ isn't a "friendly angle" so we aren't familiar with its sine value and cannot use the same "mechanical" step-by-step approach we used in parts (a) – (d). Instead, we are forced to rely on our conceptual understanding of the sine function:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right)\right) &= \sin^{-1}\left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)\right) \quad (\text{since } \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) = \sin\left(\pi - \frac{7\pi}{8}\right)) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{8} \quad (\text{since } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{8} \leq \frac{\pi}{2})\end{aligned}$$

f. $\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{6\pi}{5}\right)\right)$

$\frac{6\pi}{5}$ isn't a "friendly angle" so we aren't familiar with its cosine value and cannot use the same "mechanical" step-by-step approach we used in parts (a) – (d). Instead, we are forced to rely on our conceptual understanding of the cosine function:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{6\pi}{5}\right)\right) &= \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{5}\right)\right) \quad (\text{since } \cos\left(\frac{6\pi}{5}\right) = \cos\left(-\frac{6\pi}{5}\right) \text{ and } \\ &\quad -\frac{6\pi}{5} \text{ is coterminal with } \frac{4\pi}{5}) \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{5} \quad (\text{since } 0 \leq \frac{4\pi}{5} \leq \pi)\end{aligned}$$

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Solution to 2.a.

a. $2\sin(x) - \sqrt{3} = 0$

$$2\sin(x) - \sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin(x) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad x = \pi - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad x = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(Note that you might choose to omit the step indicated by a red arrow (\Rightarrow) and, possibly, the step indicated by a pink arrow (\Rightarrow) and, instead, utilize your awareness of these two facts: $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.)

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Solution to 2.b.

b. $5 + 4\cos(2\theta) = 1$

$$5 + 4\cos(2\theta) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\cos(2\theta) = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(2\theta) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\theta = \cos^{-1}(-1) + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(there's only one "family" of solutions since the cosine function achieves the output -1 only once in each period)

$$\Rightarrow 2\theta = \pi + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\theta}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{2k\pi}{2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(Note that you might choose to omit the step indicated by a red arrow (\Rightarrow) and, instead, utilize your awareness of the fact that $\cos(\pi) = -1$.)

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Solution to 2.c.

c. $16 - 24\sin(4t) = 4$

$$15 - 24\sin(4t) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow -24\sin(4t) = -12$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(4t) = \frac{-12}{-24} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2k\pi \text{ or } 4t = \pi - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad 4t = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4t}{4} = \frac{\frac{\pi}{6}}{4} + \frac{2k\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{4t}{4} = \frac{\frac{5\pi}{6}}{4} + \frac{2k\pi}{4}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{\pi}{24} + \frac{k\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad t = \frac{5\pi}{24} + \frac{k\pi}{2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(Note that you might choose to omit the step indicated by a red arrow (\Rightarrow) and, possibly, the step indicated by a pink arrow (\Rightarrow) and, instead, utilize your awareness of these two facts: $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$.)

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Solution to 2.d.

d. $6\sqrt{2} \cos(3\alpha) + 10 = 4$

$$6\sqrt{2} \cos(3\alpha) + 10 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 6\sqrt{2} \cos(3\alpha) = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(3\alpha) = \frac{-6}{6\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad 3\alpha = -\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\alpha = \frac{3\pi}{4} + 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad 3\alpha = -\frac{3\pi}{4} + 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3\alpha}{3} = \frac{\frac{3\pi}{4}}{3} + \frac{2k\pi}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{3\alpha}{3} = \frac{-\frac{3\pi}{4}}{3} + \frac{2k\pi}{3}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{3\pi}{4 \cdot 3} + \frac{2k\pi}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha = -\frac{3\pi}{4 \cdot 3} + \frac{2k\pi}{3}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2k\pi}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2k\pi}{3}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(Note that you might choose to omit the step indicated by a red arrow (\Rightarrow) and, possibly, the step indicated by a pink arrow (\Rightarrow) and, instead, utilize your awareness of these two facts: $\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $\cos\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, although using “awareness” might inspire you to use “ $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ ” instead of “ $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$ ” for the second family of solutions, which will lead you to “ $\alpha = \frac{5\pi}{12} + \frac{2k\pi}{3}$ ” instead of “ $\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2k\pi}{3}$ ” for the second family of solutions.)

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3. Find the solutions to the equations below on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$; provide *exact* solutions.

Solution to 3.a.

a. $5 + 4\cos(2\theta) = 1$

In #2b we determined that the solutions to this equation are represented by $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. We need to substitute particular values of k in order to determine which solutions fall on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$:

$k = -1$: $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + (-1) \cdot \pi = -\frac{\pi}{2} < 0$ so $-\frac{\pi}{2} \notin [0, 2\pi)$.

We could try smaller values of k but it should be clear that since $k = -1$ produced a value of θ that's too small, smaller values of k will produce even smaller values of θ so they won't produce solutions in the given interval so there's no need in trying smaller values of k .

$k = 0$: $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + 0 \cdot \pi = \frac{\pi}{2} \in [0, 2\pi)$, so $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is a solution in the given interval.

$k = 1$: $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + 1 \cdot \pi = \frac{3\pi}{2} \in [0, 2\pi)$, so $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ is a solution in the given interval.

$k = 2$: $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2 \cdot \pi = \frac{5\pi}{2} > 2\pi$ so $\frac{5\pi}{2} \notin [0, 2\pi)$.

We could try larger values of k but it should be clear that since $k = 2$ produced a value of θ that's too large, larger values of k will produce even larger values of θ , so they won't produce solutions in the given interval so there's no need in trying larger values of k .

Thus, the solution set to $5 + 4\cos(2\theta) = 1$ on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$ is $\left\{\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right\}$

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Solution to 3.b.

b. $6\sqrt{2} \cos(3\alpha) + 10 = 4$

In #2d we determined that the solutions to this equation are represented by “ $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2k\pi}{3}$ or $\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2k\pi}{3}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.” We need to substitute particular values of k into these equations to determine which solutions fall on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$:

$$\begin{aligned} k = -1: \quad \alpha &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2(-1)\pi}{3} & \text{or} & \quad \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2(-1)\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{12} - \frac{8\pi}{12} & & \quad = -\frac{3\pi}{12} - \frac{8\pi}{12} \\ &= -\frac{5\pi}{12} & & \quad = -\frac{11\pi}{12} \end{aligned}$$

Since both of these values are negative, they aren't in the interval $[0, 2\pi)$. We could try smaller values of k but it should be clear that since $k = -1$ resulted in a values of α that are too small, smaller values of k will produces even smaller values of α so they won't produce solutions in the given interval so there's no need in trying smaller values of k .

$$\begin{aligned} k = 0: \quad \alpha &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 0 \cdot \pi}{3} & \text{or} & \quad \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 0 \cdot \pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} & & \quad = -\frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Only $\frac{\pi}{4}$ is in the given interval.

$$\begin{aligned} k = 1: \quad \alpha &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot \pi}{3} & \text{or} & \quad \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot \pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{12} + \frac{8\pi}{12} & & \quad = -\frac{3\pi}{12} + \frac{8\pi}{12} \\ &= \frac{11\pi}{12} & & \quad = \frac{5\pi}{12} \end{aligned}$$

Both $\frac{11\pi}{12}$ and $\frac{5\pi}{12}$ are in the given interval.

$$\begin{aligned} k = 2: \quad \alpha &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot \pi}{3} & \text{or} & \quad \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot \pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{12} + \frac{16\pi}{12} & & \quad = -\frac{3\pi}{12} + \frac{16\pi}{12} \\ &= \frac{19\pi}{12} & & \quad = \frac{13\pi}{12} \end{aligned}$$

Both $\frac{19\pi}{12}$ and $\frac{13\pi}{12}$ are in the given interval.

$$\begin{aligned}
 k = 3: \quad \alpha &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \pi}{3} & \text{or} & \quad \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \pi}{3} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{8\pi}{4} & & \quad = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{8\pi}{4} \\
 &= \frac{9\pi}{4} > 2\pi & & \quad = \frac{7\pi}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Only $\frac{7\pi}{4}$ is in the given interval.

$$\begin{aligned}
 k = 4: \quad \alpha &= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \pi}{3} & \text{or} & \quad \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \pi}{3} \\
 &= \frac{3\pi}{12} + \frac{32\pi}{12} & & \quad = -\frac{3\pi}{12} + \frac{32\pi}{12} \\
 &= \frac{35\pi}{12} > 2\pi & & \quad = \frac{29\pi}{12} > 2\pi
 \end{aligned}$$

Since both of these values are greater than 2π , they aren't in the interval $[0, 2\pi)$. We could try larger values of k but it should be clear that since $k = 4$ resulted in a values of α that are too larger, larger values of k will produces even larger values of α so they won't produce solutions in the given interval so there's no need in trying larger values of k .

Thus, the solution set to $6\sqrt{2} \cos(3\alpha) + 10 = 4$ on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$ is $\left\{ \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{11\pi}{12}, \frac{13\pi}{12}, \frac{19\pi}{12}, \frac{7\pi}{4} \right\}$.

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