

Trigonometric identities and equations 10D

1 a Consider $\tan x = -2$
 $x = \tan^{-1}(-2)$
 $= 63.4^\circ$ (3 s.f.) in the first quadrant
 The principal solution marked by A in the diagram is $180^\circ - 63.4^\circ = 116.6^\circ$

b The solutions between 0° and 360° :
 $-63.4^\circ + 180^\circ = 116.6^\circ$
 $-63.4^\circ + 360^\circ = 296.6^\circ$

2 a $\cos x = 0.4$
 $x = \cos^{-1}(0.4)$
 $= 66.4$ (3 s.f.)

b $360^\circ - 66.4^\circ = 293.6^\circ$
 $180^\circ - 66.4^\circ = 113.6^\circ$
 $180^\circ + 66.4^\circ = 246.4^\circ$
 $x = 66.4^\circ, 113.6^\circ, 246.4^\circ$ and 293.6°

3 a Using the graph of $y = \sin \theta$
 $\sin \theta = -1$ when $\theta = 270^\circ$

b $\tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$
 The calculator solution is 60° ($\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3}$)
 and, as $\tan \theta$ is +ve, θ lies in the first and third quadrants.
 $\theta = 60^\circ$ and $(180^\circ + 60^\circ) = 240^\circ$

c $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$
 The calculator solution is 60° and as $\cos \theta$ is +ve, θ lies in the first and fourth quadrants.
 $\theta = 60^\circ$ and $(360^\circ - 60^\circ) = 300^\circ$

d $\sin \theta = \sin 15^\circ$
 The acute angle satisfying the equation is $\theta = 15^\circ$.
 As $\sin \theta$ is +ve, θ lies in the 1st and 2nd quadrants, so
 $\theta = 15^\circ$ and $(180^\circ - 15^\circ) = 165^\circ$

e A first solution is $\cos^{-1}(-\cos 40^\circ) = 140^\circ$
 A second solution of $\cos \theta = k$ is $360^\circ - 1st\ solution.$

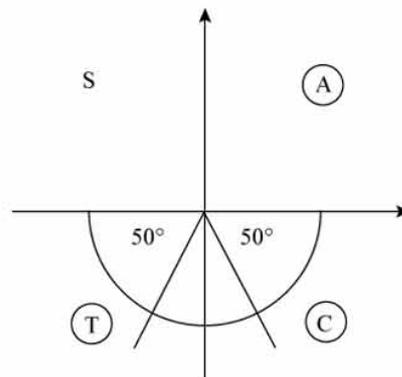
3 e So second solution is 220° .
 (Use the quadrant diagram as a check.)

f A first solution is $\tan^{-1}(-1) = -45^\circ$
 Use the quadrant diagram, noting that as \tan is -ve, solutions are in the 2nd and 4th quadrants.
 (-45° is not in the given interval.)
 So solutions are 135° and 315° .

g From the graph of $y = \cos \theta$
 $\cos \theta = 0$ when $\theta = 90^\circ, 270^\circ$

h $\sin \theta = -0.766$
 $\sin^{-1}(-0.766) = -50^\circ$

$360^\circ - 50^\circ = 310^\circ$

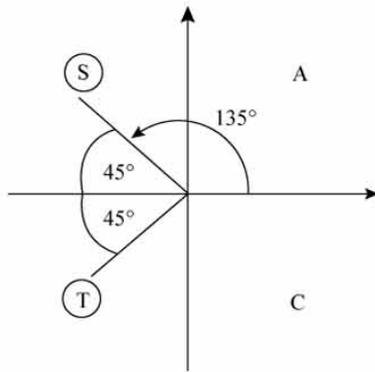


From the diagram, the second solution is $180^\circ + 50^\circ = 230^\circ$.
 $\theta = 230^\circ, 310^\circ$

4 a $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{7}$
 The first solution is $\sin^{-1}(\frac{5}{7}) = 45.6^\circ$
 The second solution is $180^\circ - 45.6^\circ = 134.4^\circ$

b $\cos \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 Calculator solution is 135° .
 As $\cos \theta$ is -ve, θ is in the second and third quadrants.

4 b



Solutions are 135° and 225°
 (135° and $360^\circ - 135^\circ$).

c Calculator solution is

$$\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = 131.8^\circ \text{ (1 d.p.)}$$

Second solution is $360^\circ - 131.8^\circ = 228.2^\circ$

d $\sin \theta = -\frac{3}{4}$

$$\theta = -48.6^\circ$$

$$\theta = 360^\circ - 48.6^\circ, \text{ or } 180^\circ + 48.6^\circ$$

$$= 311.4^\circ, 228.6^\circ$$

e $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{7}$

$$\theta = 8.13^\circ \text{ or } 188^\circ$$

f $\tan \theta = \frac{15}{8}$

$$\theta = 61.9^\circ \text{ or } 242^\circ$$

g $\tan \theta = -\frac{11}{3}$

$$\theta = -74.7^\circ$$

$$\theta = 105.3^\circ \text{ or } 285^\circ$$

h $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$

$$\theta = 41.8^\circ, 318^\circ$$

5 a $\sqrt{3} \sin \theta = \cos \theta$

So dividing both sides by $\sqrt{3} \cos \theta$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

5 a Calculator solution is 30° .

As $\tan \theta$ is +ve, θ is in the first and third quadrants.

Solutions are $30^\circ, 210^\circ$

(30° and $180^\circ + 30^\circ$).

b $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = 0$

$$\text{So } \sin \theta = -\cos \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = -1$$

Calculator solution (-45°) is not in the given interval.

As $\tan \theta$ is -ve, θ is in the second and fourth quadrants.

Solutions are 135° and 315°

($180^\circ + \tan^{-1}(-1), 360^\circ + \tan^{-1}(-1)$).

c $3 \sin \theta = 4 \cos \theta$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\theta = 53.1^\circ \text{ or } 233^\circ$$

d $2 \sin \theta - 3 \cos \theta = 0$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\theta = 56.3^\circ \text{ or } 236^\circ$$

e $\sqrt{2} \sin \theta = 2 \cos \theta$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\theta = 54.7^\circ \text{ or } 235^\circ$$

f $\sqrt{5} \sin \theta + \sqrt{2} \cos \theta = 0$

$$\sqrt{5} \tan \theta + \sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$\tan \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\theta = -32.3^\circ \theta > 0$$

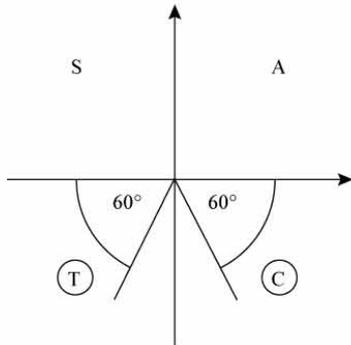
$$\theta = 148^\circ \text{ or } 328^\circ$$

6 a Calculator solution of

$$\sin x^\circ = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ is } x = -60^\circ$$

As $\sin x^\circ$ is -ve, x is in the third and fourth quadrants.

6 a



Read off all solutions in the interval $-180^\circ \leq x \leq 540^\circ$.

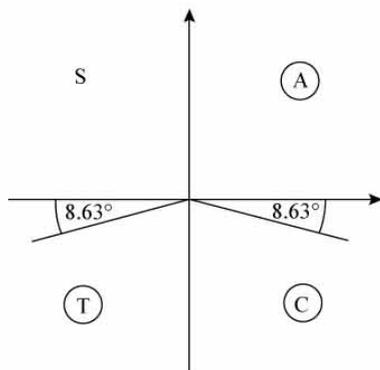
$$x = -120^\circ, -60^\circ, 240^\circ, 300^\circ$$

b $2 \sin x^\circ = -0.3$

$$\sin x^\circ = -0.15$$

First solution is $x = \sin^{-1}(-0.15)$
 $= -8.63^\circ$ (3 s.f.)

As $\sin x^\circ$ is -ve, x is in the third and fourth quadrants.



Read off all solutions in the interval $-180^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$.

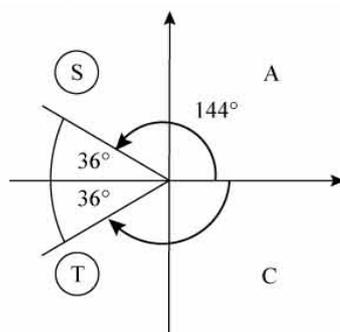
$$x = -171.37^\circ, -8.63^\circ$$

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 (3 s.f.)

c $\cos x^\circ = -0.809$

Calculator solution is 144° (3 s.f.)

As $\cos x^\circ$ is -ve, x is in the second and third quadrants.



c Read off all the solutions in the interval $-180^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$.

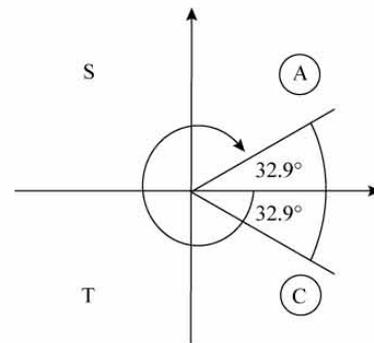
$$x = -144^\circ, +144^\circ$$

Note: Here solutions are $\cos^{-1}(-0.809)$ and $(360^\circ - \cos^{-1}(-0.809))$.

d $\cos x^\circ = 0.84$

Calculator solution is 32.9° (3 s.f.)
 (not in interval).

As $\cos x^\circ$ is +ve, x is in the first and fourth quadrants.



Read off all the solutions in the interval $-360^\circ < x < 0^\circ$.

$$x = -327^\circ, -32.9^\circ$$
 (3 s.f.)

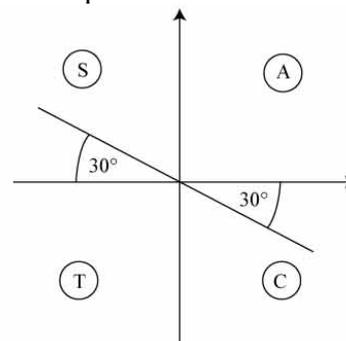
(Note: Here solutions are $\cos^{-1}(0.84) - 360^\circ$ and $(360^\circ - \cos^{-1}(0.84)) - 360^\circ$)

e $\tan x^\circ = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

Calculator solution is

$$\tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) = -30^\circ$$
 (not in interval)

As $\tan x^\circ$ is -ve, x is in the second and fourth quadrants.



Read off all the solutions in the interval $0^\circ \leq x \leq 720^\circ$.

$$x = 150^\circ, 330^\circ, 510^\circ, 690^\circ$$

6 e Note: Here solutions are

$$\tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)+180^\circ, \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)+360^\circ,$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)+540^\circ, \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)+720^\circ.$$

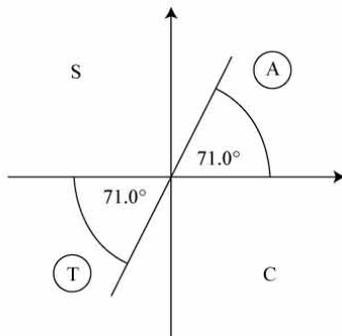
f $\tan x^\circ = 2.90$

Calculator solution is

$$\tan^{-1}(2.90) = 71.0^\circ (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

(not in interval).

As $\tan x^\circ$ is +ve, x is in the first and third quadrants.



Read off all solutions in the interval

$$80^\circ \leq x \leq 440^\circ.$$

$$x = 251^\circ, 431^\circ$$

(Note: Here solutions are

$$\tan^{-1}(2.90)+180^\circ, \tan^{-1}(2.90)+360^\circ.)$$

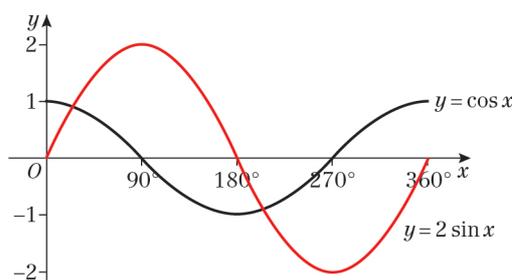
7 a It should be $\tan x = \frac{2}{3}$, not $\frac{3}{2}$.

b Squaring both sides creates extra solutions.

c $\tan x = \frac{2}{3}$

$$x = 33.7^\circ \text{ or } x = -146.3^\circ$$

8 a



8 b The graphs intersect at 2 points in the given range so there are 2 solutions.

c $2 \sin x = \cos x$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tan x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 26.6^\circ$$

$$x = 26.6^\circ + 180^\circ = 206.6^\circ$$

$$x = 26.6^\circ \text{ or } 206.6^\circ$$

9 $\tan \theta = \pm 3$

When $\tan \theta = 3$, $\theta = 71.6^\circ$

or $\theta = 71.6^\circ + 180^\circ = 251.6^\circ$

When $\tan \theta = -3$, $\theta = -71.6^\circ$

or $\theta = -71.6^\circ + 180^\circ = 108.4^\circ$ or

$\theta = 108.4^\circ + 180^\circ = 288.4^\circ$

$$\theta = 71.6^\circ, 108.4^\circ, 251.6^\circ \text{ or } 288.4^\circ$$

10 a $4 \sin^2 x - 3 \cos^2 x = 2$

$$4 \sin^2 x - 3(1 - \sin^2 x) = 2$$

$$4 \sin^2 x - 3 + 3 \sin^2 x = 2$$

$$7 \sin^2 x = 5$$

b $\sin^2 x = \frac{5}{7}$

$$\sin x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}}$$

$$x = 57.7^\circ \text{ or } -57.7^\circ$$

$$x = 180^\circ - 57.7^\circ = 122.3^\circ$$

$$x = 180^\circ + 57.7^\circ = 237.7^\circ$$

$$x = 360^\circ - 57.7^\circ = 302.3^\circ$$

$$x = 57.7^\circ, 122.3^\circ, 237.7^\circ \text{ or } 302.3^\circ$$

11 a $2 \sin^2 x + 5 \cos^2 x = 1$

$$2 \sin^2 x + 5(1 - \sin^2 x) = 1$$

$$2 \sin^2 x + 5 - 5 \sin^2 x = 1$$

$$3 \sin^2 x = 4$$

b Using $3 \sin^2 x = 4$

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{4}{3}$$

$\sin x > 1$, therefore there are no solutions.