

Solving Other Trig Equations - NOTES

Solve each equation for $0 \leq \theta < 360$.

1) $12 \sec \theta = 8\sqrt{3}$ PERIOD = 360°

$$\sec \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sec \theta} = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 30^\circ}$$

$$360^\circ - 30^\circ = \boxed{330^\circ}$$

2) $\frac{3+2\sqrt{3}}{3} = 1 + \sec -3\theta$ PERIOD = -120°

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} = \sec -3\theta$$

$$\frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sec -3\theta}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \cos -3\theta$$

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = -3\theta$$

$$30^\circ = -3\theta$$

$$-10^\circ = \theta \xrightarrow{+120^\circ} \boxed{110^\circ = \theta}$$

$$-120^\circ - 10^\circ = -130^\circ \xrightarrow{+120^\circ} \boxed{10^\circ = \theta}$$

$$110^\circ + 120^\circ = \boxed{230^\circ} + 120^\circ = \boxed{350^\circ}$$

$$10^\circ + 120^\circ = \boxed{130^\circ} + 120^\circ = \boxed{250^\circ}$$

3) $-2 \csc \theta = 2\sqrt{2}$ PERIOD = 360°

$$\csc \theta = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\csc \theta} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

$$\theta = -45^\circ \xrightarrow{+360^\circ} \boxed{315^\circ = \theta}$$

$$180^\circ - 45^\circ = \boxed{135^\circ}$$

4) $-3 + \csc 3\theta = -1$ PERIOD = 120°

$$\csc 3\theta = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{\csc 3\theta} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin 3\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$3\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$3\theta = 30^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 10^\circ}$$

$$60^\circ - 10^\circ = \boxed{50^\circ}$$

$$10^\circ + 120^\circ = \boxed{130^\circ} + 120^\circ = \boxed{250^\circ}$$

$$50^\circ + 120^\circ = \boxed{170^\circ} + 120^\circ = \boxed{290^\circ}$$

$$5) 3\sqrt{3} = 3\tan \theta \text{ PERIOD} = 180^\circ$$

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

$$\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \theta$$

$$\boxed{60^\circ = \theta}$$

$$60^\circ + 180^\circ = \boxed{240^\circ}$$

$$6) -2\sqrt{3} = 6\tan 3\theta \text{ PERIOD} = 60^\circ$$

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

$$\tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) = 3\theta$$

$$-30^\circ = 3\theta$$

$$-10^\circ = \theta \xrightarrow{+60^\circ} \boxed{50^\circ = \theta}$$

$$50^\circ + 60^\circ = \boxed{110^\circ} + 60^\circ = \boxed{170^\circ} + 60^\circ = \boxed{230^\circ}$$
$$230^\circ + 60^\circ = \boxed{290^\circ} + 60^\circ = \boxed{350^\circ}$$

$$7) -2 + \cot \theta = -3 \text{ PERIOD} = 180^\circ$$

$$\cot \theta = -1$$

$$\frac{1}{\cot \theta} = -\frac{1}{1}$$

$$\tan \theta = -1$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(-1)$$

$$\theta = -45^\circ \xrightarrow{+180^\circ} \boxed{135^\circ}$$

$$135^\circ + 180^\circ = \boxed{315^\circ}$$

$$8) -3\cot -2\theta = 3 \text{ PERIOD} = -90^\circ$$

$$\cot -2\theta = -1$$

$$\frac{1}{\cot -2\theta} = \frac{1}{-1}$$

$$\tan -2\theta = -1$$

$$-2\theta = \tan^{-1}(-1)$$

$$-2\theta = -45^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 22.5^\circ}$$

$$22.5^\circ + 90^\circ = \boxed{112.5^\circ} + 90^\circ = \boxed{202.5^\circ}$$

$$202.5^\circ + 90^\circ = \boxed{292.5^\circ}$$