

Solving “Quadratic” Trigonometric Equations

Solve each of the following equations for the interval provided:

Note: The homework assigned for today is in the Text page pg 436 # 5-10. For our note today we will do part (d) of each of the questions.

Example 1

$$\cos \theta(2\sin \theta - \sqrt{3}) = 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

Example 2

$$(2\cos \theta - 1)(2\sin \theta + \sqrt{3}) = 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

Example 3

$$2\sin^2 \theta + 5\sin \theta - 3 = 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

Example 4

$$2\cot \theta + \csc^2 \theta = 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

Example 5

$$-2\cos 2\theta = 2\sin \theta, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

Example 6

$$\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta - \cos \theta = 0, \quad -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

Example 7

$$6\cos^2 \theta - \sin \theta - 4 = 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$