

4.5 Solving Quadratic Trig Equations

Factor using the substitution method:

Ex.) Solve the following for $0 \le \theta \le 360^{\circ}$ and $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$.

a)
$$\cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta - 2 = 0$$
 $\chi = \cos \theta$
 $\chi^2 - \chi - 2 = 0$
 $(\chi - 2)(\chi + 1) = 0$
 $\chi - 2 = 0$
 $\chi = 2$ $\chi = -1$
 $\cos \theta = 2$ $\cos \theta = -1$
 $\theta = 180^\circ \theta = \pi$







