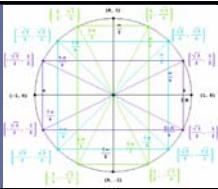


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### 4.8 Solving Trig Equations with General Solutions

When giving a general solution for a trig equations, it means that there are infinite solutions as you can rotate around an infinite angle.

Ex.) For the following trig equations, give (a) the solution for  $[0^\circ, 360^\circ)$  and (b) the general solution.

a)  $2\cos \theta = \sqrt{2}$

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

a)  $\theta = 45^\circ, 315^\circ$


$$\frac{S}{T} \mid \frac{A}{C}$$

b) General Solution

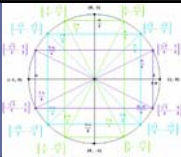
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 45^\circ + 360^\circ n \\ 315^\circ + 360^\circ n \end{array} \right\} n \in \mathbb{I}$$

↑  
Period

$$45^\circ \pm 360^\circ n, n \in \mathbb{I}$$



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b)  $2\cos^2 x - 1 = 0$

$$2\cos^2 x = 1$$

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

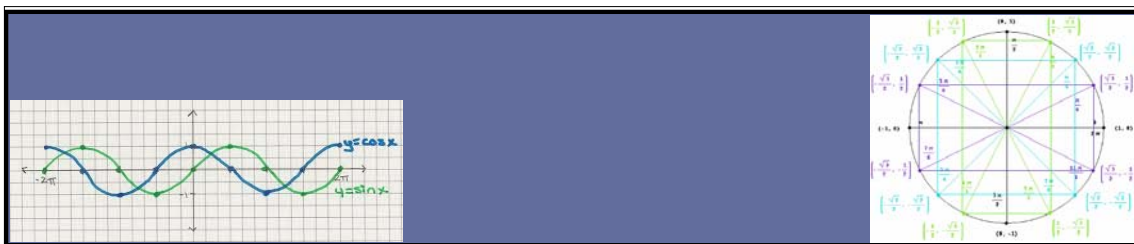
$$\cos x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$x = 45^\circ, 135^\circ, 225^\circ, 315^\circ$

a)  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$

b)  $\frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{I}$   
 $\frac{3\pi}{4} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{I}$   
 $\frac{5\pi}{4} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{I}$   
 $\frac{7\pi}{4} + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{I}$

OR  $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{2}n, n \in \mathbb{I}$



c)  $16 = \underbrace{6\cos[(\pi/6)x]}_{y_1} + \underbrace{14}_{y_2}$

$x = 2.35$

$x = 9.65$

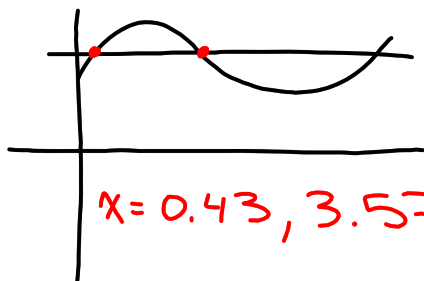
Numerical Response: Solve to the nearest hundredth.  
 $[0, 12)$

$P = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{6}} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{6}{\cancel{\pi}} = 12$



d)  $10 = 6\sin[(\pi/4)x] + 8$

$0 \leq x < 2\pi$



$x = 0.43, 3.57.$