

Trigonometric Restrictions Practice

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 - B) $x \neq 270^\circ + 180^\circ n$
 - C) $x \neq 360^\circ n$
 - D) $x \neq 180^\circ + 90^\circ n$

Use the following information to answer the next question.

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- A) $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}n$
 - B) $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n$
 - C) $x \neq \pi n$
 - D) $x \neq \frac{3\pi}{2} + \pi n$
3. The restrictions, in degrees for $\sec^2\theta - \sin^2\theta = \cos^2\theta + \tan^2\theta$ can be written in the form $\theta \neq K^\circ + M^\circ n$, where $n \in I$. The **sum** of K and M is _____.
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Consider the following statements, within the domain $\{x | 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$, with respect to

$$\frac{\sin\theta+1}{\cos^2\theta}$$

Statement 1	The first positive restriction is $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$
Statement 2	The first positive restriction is $x \neq \pi$
Statement 3	The first positive restriction is $x \neq \frac{3\pi}{2}$
Statement 4	The first positive restriction is $x \neq 2\pi$

5. The correct statement is

- A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4

6. The restrictions, stated in degrees, for the trigonometric expression $\tan x + \csc x$ are

- A) $x \neq 90^\circ n, n \in I$
 B) $x \neq 180^\circ n, n \in I$
 C) $x \neq 90^\circ + 180^\circ n, n \in I$
 D) $x \neq 180^\circ + 360^\circ n, n \in I$

7. The restrictions for $\frac{(\cos\theta)(\sin\theta)}{\cos\theta+K}$ are $x \neq \pi + 2\pi n, n \in I$. The value of K is _____.

8. Determine the restrictions, in degrees, for the trigonometric identity

$$\frac{\sec\theta+1}{\sec\theta-1} + \frac{\cos\theta+1}{\cos\theta-1} = 0.$$

Trigonometric Restrictions Practice Solutions

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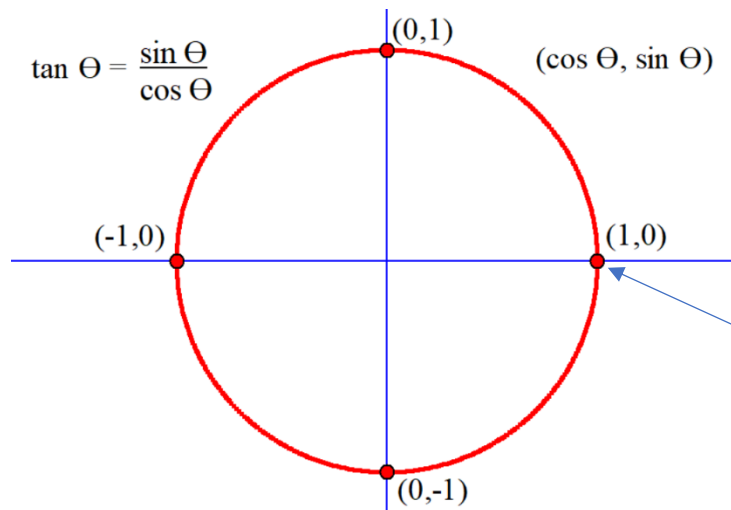
Solution

We do not have to be concerned about the numerator because there is no way to write $\sin x$ in fractional form – thus no denominator other than 1.

Since division by zero is undefined, the denominator, $\cos x - 1$, cannot be equal to zero. We set it equal to zero and find the value of x (which remember is the angle measure).

$$\cos x - 1 = 0$$

$$\cos x = 1$$



The first positive value for x is 360° . This value will repeat itself every full rotation around the circle, or every 360° . The way to describe the infinite number of restrictions is $x \neq 360^\circ n$

The correct answer is C.

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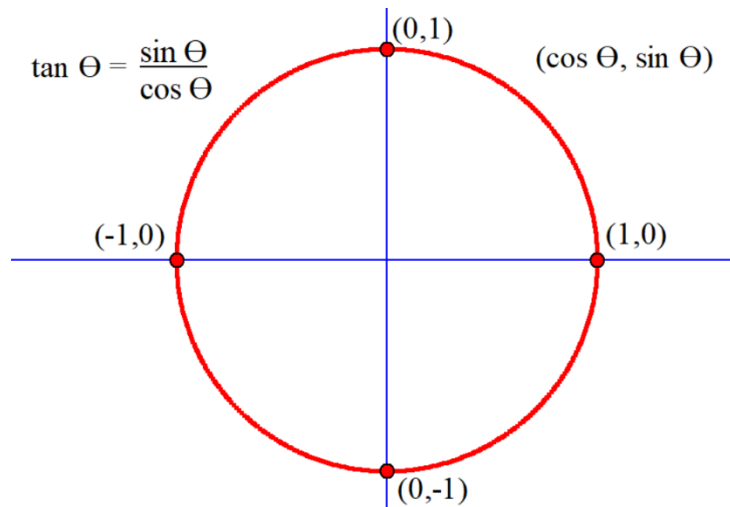
2. To go along with her simplification, the restrictions are

- A) $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}n$
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- D) $x \neq \frac{3\pi}{2} + \pi n$

Solution

The restrictions need to be determined prior to simplification.

We have two areas of concern. The denominator, $\sin\theta$, cannot be equal to zero. Secondly, since a part of the numerator, i.e., $\tan\theta$ can be written in fractional form as $\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$, we know that $\cos\theta$ also cannot be equal to zero.



A ratio of 0 for either \cos or \sin will occur at $\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2},$ and 2π . The first positive restriction is $\frac{\pi}{2}$, and then repeats itself every $\frac{\pi}{2}$. To state the general restriction, or all the infinite possibilities, it is written as $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}n$.

The correct answer is A.

3. The restrictions, in degrees for $\sec^2\theta - \sin^2\theta = \cos^2\theta + \tan^2\theta$ can be written in the form $\theta \neq K^\circ + M^\circ n$, where $n \in I$. The **sum** of K and M is 270.

Solution

Although there are no distinctive visible denominators, some of these terms can be written in fractional form. The equation could be written as:

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2\theta} - \sin^2\theta = \cos^2\theta + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta}$$

Therefore, $\cos^2\theta \neq 0$

Solve $\cos^2\theta = 0$ to determine the values that θ cannot be equal to.

Take the square root both sides.

$$\cos\theta = 0$$

Thus the restriction is

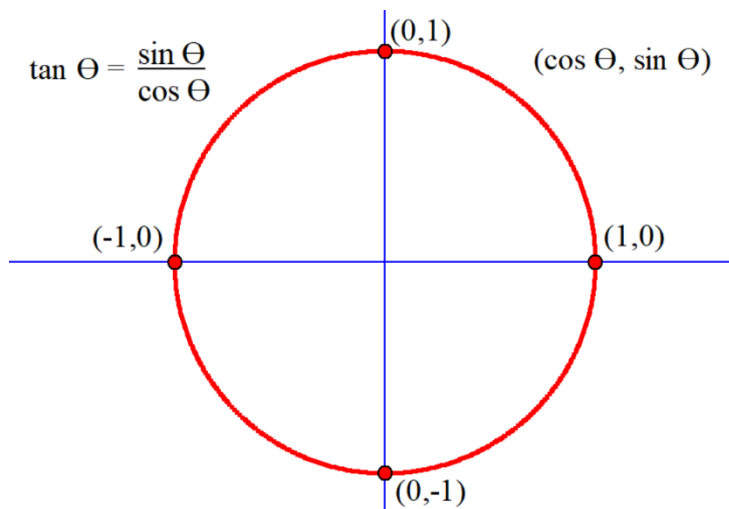
$$\cos\theta \neq 0$$

From the diagram below, $\cos 90^\circ = 0$ and $\cos 270^\circ$ are both equal to zero.

To state the general restriction, $\theta \neq 90^\circ + 180^\circ n, n \in I$.

The value of K is 90 and the value of M is 180.

The sum of M and K is 270.



4. One of the restrictions for $\frac{\tan \theta}{\cos \theta - 1}$ is $\theta \neq \frac{3\pi}{2}$. Explain why this is a restriction.

Solution

The restriction for the denominator is $\theta \neq 2\pi n, n \in I$ because $\cos \theta \neq 1$, and $\cos 2\pi$ is equal to 1. The ratio will be 1 for all multiples of 2π , which will not include $\frac{3\pi}{2}$.

This restriction is related to the numerator, since $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$. Since $\cos \theta \neq 0$, the restrictions are $\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n, n \in I$. Adding π to $\frac{\pi}{2}$ results in the restriction of $\frac{3\pi}{2}$.

Use the following information to answer the next question.

Consider the following statements, within the domain $\{x | 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$, with respect to

$$\frac{\sin \theta + 1}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

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5. The correct statement is

A) 1

B) 2

C) 3

D) 4

Solution

There is no concern for restrictions on the numerator since there is no fractional equivalent.

For the denominator, set $\cos^2\theta = 0$ to determine the values of θ that are not allowed.

Take the square root of both sides.

$$\cos\theta = 0$$

From the solution in the question above, we saw that the restrictions are

$$\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n, n \in I$$

The first positive restriction is $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

The correct answer is A.

6. The restrictions, stated in degrees, for the trigonometric expression $\tan x + \csc x$ are

A) $x \neq 90^\circ n, n \in I$

B) $x \neq 180^\circ n, n \in I$

C) $x \neq 90^\circ + 180^\circ n, n \in I$

D) $x \neq 180^\circ + 360^\circ n, n \in I$

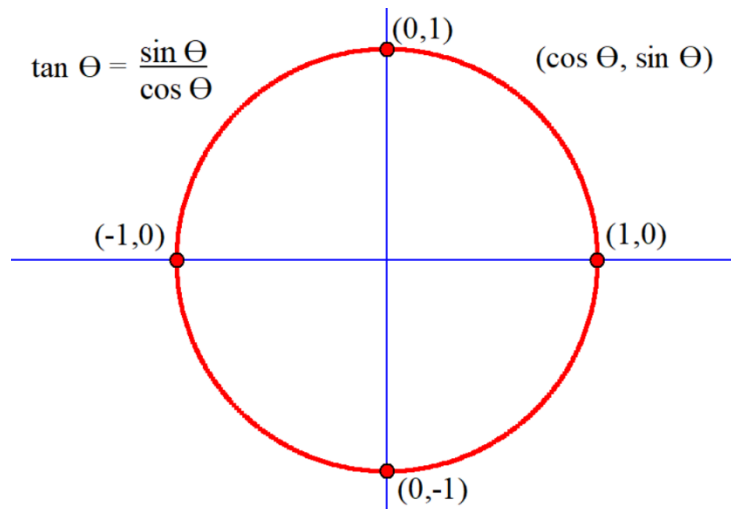
Solution

Although there are no distinctive visible denominators, the expression can be rewritten

as $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} + \frac{1}{\sin x}$.

Therefore, neither $\cos x$ nor $\sin x$ can be equal to zero.

From the diagram below, notice all the points indicating a $\cos x$ ratio or a $\sin x$ ratio being equal to zero.



The correct answer is A.

7. The restrictions for $\frac{(\cos\theta)(\sin\theta)}{\cos\theta+K}$ are $x \neq \pi + 2\pi n, n \in I$. The value of K is 1.

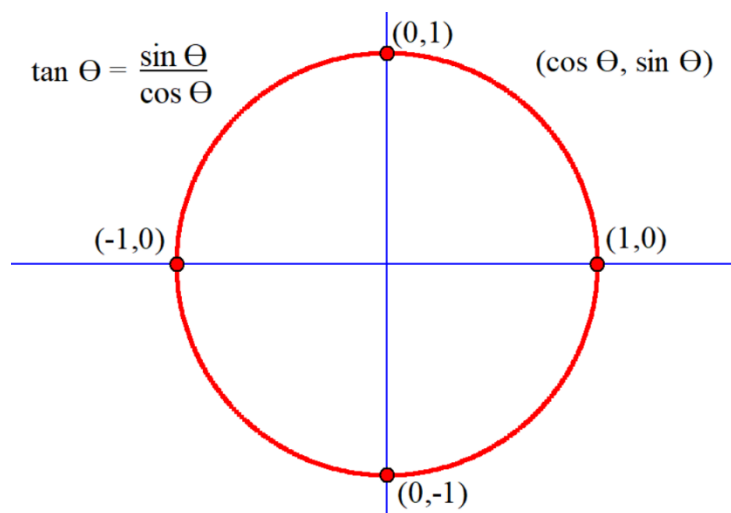
Solution

We do not have to be concerned about the numerators since there are no fractional equivalents.

Given $x \neq \pi + 2\pi n, n \in I$, the first positive restriction is when $\theta = \pi$. From the diagram below, $\cos\pi = -1$.

This means that $(-1) + K \neq 0$.

Thus, $K = 1$.



The value of K is 1.

8. Determine the restrictions, in degrees, for the trigonometric identity

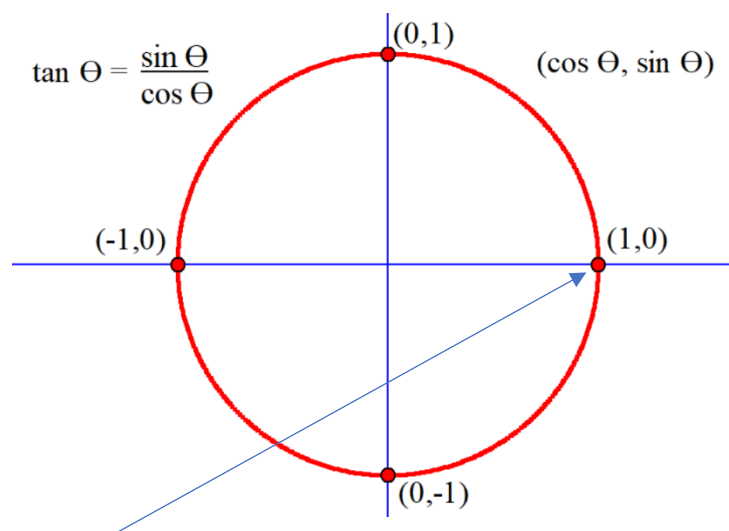
$$\frac{\sec\theta+1}{\sec\theta-1} + \frac{\cos\theta+1}{\cos\theta-1} = 0.$$

Solution

The $\sec\theta$ can be written as $\frac{1}{\cos\theta}$. Since $\cos\theta \neq 0$, the restrictions for this part are

$$\theta \neq 90^\circ + 180^\circ n, n \in I.$$

The other area of concern is with the denominator, $\cos\theta - 1$. We know that this expression cannot be equal to zero. The question is, what value of θ would make $\cos\theta$ equal to 1?



$\cos 360^\circ = 1$, and all multiples of 360° thereafter. The general restriction is written as $\theta \neq 360^\circ n$.

The final answer is $\theta \neq 90^\circ + 180^\circ n$, and $\theta \neq 360^\circ n$, $n \in I$.