

Unit 8 Test- Part 2 (8C/8D) Practice Test - **SOLUTIONS**

Complete the problems below, show your work, and write your answer in the blank provided.

Target 8D I can graph and solve problems involving composition and combinations of trigonometric functions.

Calculators Allowed

- Find the approximate value of each expression. Express your answer in degrees rounded to the nearest tenth.

a. $\sin^{-1}(0.287) = 16.7^\circ$

b. $\arcsin(0.823) = 55.4^\circ$

- Show the steps to find the exact value of these:

a) $\sin(\tan^{-1} 1)$.

Since $\tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$\sin(\tan^{-1} 1) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

b) $\csc(\sec^{-1}(2))$

Since $\sec^{-1}(2) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$\csc(\sec^{-1}(2)) = \csc\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)} = \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$

- Find an algebraic expression equivalent to the given expression.
(Hint: Form a right triangle.)

a) $\cos(\tan^{-1} x)$

Let $\tan^{-1} x = \theta$, we know, $\tan \theta = x$

So, $\text{opp} = x$, and $\text{adj} = 1$.

From Pythagorean Theorem: $\text{hyp} = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$

$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$

b) $\sin\left(\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right)$

Let $\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \theta$, so $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{x}$

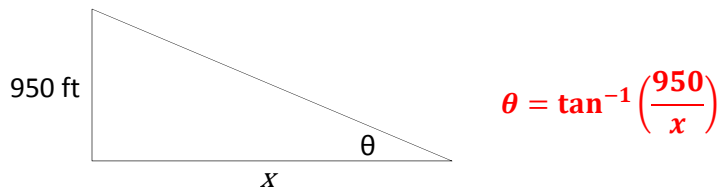
So, $\text{adj} = x$, $\text{hyp} = 1$

From Pythagorean Theorem, $\text{opp} = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$

$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}{1} = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$

Applications

4. Samantha measures the angle of elevation, θ , from where she is standing to a plane flying overhead. The plane remains at a constant height of 950 feet. Write an equation that relates θ to the horizontal distance, x , from Samantha's location to the plane.



Target 8C: I can graph and solve problems involving composition and combinations of trigonometric functions.

Calculators Allowed

5. Will the given function result in a sinusoidal function, and if it does, what is the period of the function? Explain how we can tell if the function is a sinusoid by just looking at the equation.

a) $y = 2 \cos 2x + 3 \sin 2x$

This will be a sinusoidal function because it is the sum of two sinusoids that have the same period.

b) $y = 3 \tan 3x + 4 \sin 6x$

This will not be sinusoidal because it is not a sum of sinusoids

c) $y = 4 \sin 4x - 4 \cos 2x$

This will not be sinusoidal because the periods are not the same.

6. State the domain and range of the functions

$y = (\cos x)^3$

$y = -|\sec x|$

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

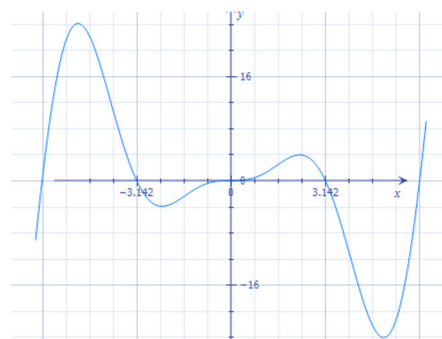
Domain: $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n$

Range: $[-1, 1]$

Range: $(-\infty, -1]$

7. Sketch the graph the function $y = x^2 \sin x$ for $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$. State whether or not the function appears to be periodic. Explain.

This function is not periodic because it will continue to expand due to the dampening factor of x^2



8. What is the dampening factor of in the function $y = x^2 \sin x$? x^2

Explain how this factor affects the shape of the graph.

The function is bounded above by $y = x^2$ and below by $y = -x^2$.