HKUGA College | Mathematics Department S4 Ch.12 Solving Trigonometric Equation

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Let's recall how $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ are defined on the unit circle.

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 $\sin \theta$ is defined as the _____ of the point on the unit circle.

 $\cos \theta$ is defined as the _____ of the point on the unit circle.

Task 1 – Shoot a "cosine" angle!

Aim:

Select an angle between 0° and 360°. The radius of the unit circle will rotate by the selected angle and a ball will be shot *vertically*. If the ball hits the target (a dot on the horizontal axis), you win!

Instruction:

- 1. Scan the QR code which links to a Geogebra app.
- 1. Enter the target (a value on the x-axis) in the box s =
- 2. Enter an angle in the box $r_1 =$ such that the ball will hit the target on the x-axis.
- 4. Record the angles that hit the targets in the table below. Also, sketch the angle on the coordinate plane.

Target	Angle(s)
0.5	
0.6	
0.2	

Target	Angle(s)
-0.5	
-0.6	
-0.2	

Observation

(i) Study the angles by column, what do you observe?

If the target is **positive**, ______.

If the target is negative, _____

(ii) Study the angles by row, what do you observe? Are the angles on each row related?

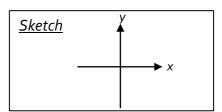


Practice 1

For each of the following equation, consider which quadrant(s) the angle θ lies. Sketch the angles in the boxes below and solve the equation.

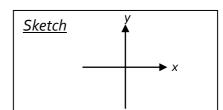
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$$\cos \theta = 0.3$$



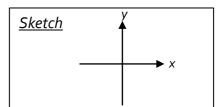
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$$\cos \theta = -0.3$$



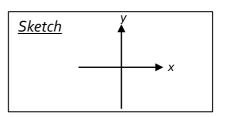
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$$\cos \phi = 0.92$$



4.

$$\cos \phi = -0.92$$



*Solve the following equations:

- (a) $\cos \theta = 0$
- (b) $\cos \theta = 1$
- (c) $\cos \theta = -1$
- (d) $\cos \theta = 2$

Learning aids

