New York City College of Technology MAT 1275 PAL Workshops

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1. Solve for  $x: 0 \le x < 360^{\circ}$ 

a)  $3\sin^2 x = \sin x$ 

b)  $2\cos^2\theta - \cos\theta = 1$ 

c)  $\tan^3 A = \sqrt{3} \tan x$ 

d)  $3\sin^2 x - 5\cos x = 1$ 



Table of Values for Trigonometric Functions

An Indian mathematician known by the name of Aryabhata (476-550 AD) developed the ratios for sine and cosine. Bhaskara, an Indian mathematician in the seventh century AD, found a fairly precise formula to calculate the sine of x using radians and not degrees:

$$x = \frac{1}{5\pi^2} 4x(\pi)$$

 $\frac{16x(\pi - x)}{x^2 - 4x(\pi - x)}$  for  $0 \le x \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Then in the ninth century, Al-Khwarizmi was able to create a table for sine, cosine, and sin  $5\pi^2 - 4x(\pi - x)$ 

tangent. After a century, Islamic mathematicians had access to all six ratios and had tables accurate to eight decimals.

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