

**Activity 19****Solving trigonometric equations**

- $\theta = 36.87^\circ$
  - $\theta = 143.13^\circ$
  - Angles are supplementary. In general, if  $\theta$  is a solution to the equation  $\sin \theta = k$  then another solution is  $\theta_2 = 180^\circ - \theta$ .
  - The relationship also holds for negative  $k$ .
- $\theta = 17.46^\circ, 162.54^\circ$
- $\theta = 210^\circ, 330^\circ$
- Change the equation to  $x = 0.2$   
Solutions:  $\theta = 78.46^\circ, 281.54^\circ$
- Further solutions can be found by adding or subtracting multiples of  $360^\circ$  to the existing solutions.
- $\theta = 34.99^\circ, 214.99^\circ$
  - $\theta_2 = \theta + 180^\circ$
- $\theta = 135^\circ, 315^\circ$
- Add  $360^\circ$  to existing solutions. Solution set:  $\theta = 135^\circ, 315^\circ, 495^\circ, 675^\circ$
- By changing the domain to reflect the double angle, i.e.  $0 \leq \theta \leq 720^\circ$  we obtain solutions for  $2\theta$  of  $2\theta = 53.13^\circ, 126.87^\circ, 413.13^\circ, 486.87^\circ$ .  
Hence  $\theta = 26.57^\circ, 63.43^\circ, 206.67^\circ, 243.43^\circ$ .
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