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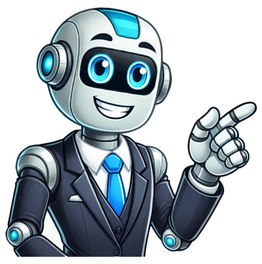

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Consider a series expansion (Taylor Series) of the sine and cosine functions:\begin{equation*}\sin(\theta) = \sum^\infty_{n=0} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}\theta^{2n+1} = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!}+\frac{\theta^5}{5!} -\frac{\theta^7}{7!}-....\end{equation*}\begin{equation*}\cos(\theta) = \sum^\infty_{n=0} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n}\theta^{2n} = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!}+\frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!}-....\end{equation*}Both expressions above are valid only when \(\theta\) is measured in radians. The small-angle approximation considers only the first nontrivial term in the sum.\begin{equation}\sin(\theta) \approx \theta\tag{15.9.1}\end{equation}\begin{equation}\cos(\theta) \approx 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!}\tag{15.9.2}\end{equation}In Figure15.9.1 you can see a graphical representation of the small-angle approximation for the \(\sin(\theta)\) function. You can see the linear function \(\theta\) and the trigonometric function \(\sin(\theta)\) closely match each other when the angle is small.Figure 15.9.1. Graphical representation of the small-angle approximation for the \(\sin\theta\) function.Looking at equation (15.8.2) apply the small-angle approximation to determine an equation of motion. Then determine the oscillation frequency of the simple pendulum.Answer.Applying the small-angle approximation you find that \(\sin\theta \approx \theta\) and the equation of motion becomes,\begin{equation}\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\theta(t)=-\frac{g}{L} \theta(t)\tag{15.9.3}\end{equation}from this and your model of simple harmonic motion, you can directly see that the oscillation frequency is\begin{equation}\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}\text{.}\tag{15.9.4}\end{equation}Make sense of the expression you found for the angular frequency of the simple pendulum using units, numbers, and symbols.Determine the error introduced by the small-angle approximation for \(\sin\theta\) and \(\cos\theta \) when \(\theta = 0.2, 0.4, 0.8 \) radian.Figure15.9.1 created by Rebecka Tumblin. Share copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. 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As portrayed in the picture above, the distance to the object being observedd, the physical size of the objectD, and the angular sizeof the object (in radians) all form a right triangle with the trigonometric relationship: The Small Angle Approximation for trigonometry states that: The Small Angle Formula can be appliedwhen is small (< 10), or whend>>D(much greater- not just a couple times as large, but a few, 10, even 100+ times as large). Theangular sizes of many objectsin the skyaresmalland the Small Angle Approximation can be applied when studying them. If we take theSmall Angle Approximation and substitute it into our firstequation, that equationthen becomes: which is calledthe Small Angle Formula, where againmust be an angular size in radians. is in units ofradians, but we will sometimeshave angular size measurements inunits of degrees. Using the fact that 1radian is 360/2 57.3 degrees, we canrewrite theSmall Angle Formula so that can be input as an angular size in degrees: When dealing with astronomically distant objects, angularsizes are extremely small, andit is often more practical to use angular size measurements in units of arcseconds (") instead of degrees, where 1 arcsecondis 1/3600th of 1 degree. So1radian is(3600 x 360)/2 206265 arcseconds, and we can again rewrite the Small Angle Formula, now as: Is is easy to measure, the angular size of astronomical objects, so we often use the Small Angle Formulato solve for other unknowns (eitherDord). If we know the distancedto anobject we are observing, we can then use it with the angular size and the Small Angle Formula to find the physical sizeDof that celestial object. Or iftwo objects are roughly the same distancedfrom the observer, wecan use that withthe angular size andtheSmall Angle Formula to find the distance between the two objects (where hereDis the distance between the two objects). Additionally, some objects in space have a 'typical size',a physical diameterDthat weknow is a good roughapproximationfor the size. When we know the values ofboth andD, we can use them with the Small Angle Formula tofind the distancedto thecelestial object. On August 27, 2003, Mars made the closest approach to Earth in recorded history due to a near synchronization of Earth being at aphelion (the furthest point out in itsorbit around theSun) and Mars being at perihelion (the closest point to the Sun in its orbit around the Sun). The distance between the two planets that day was a mere 55.8 million km (kilometers). Observations of Mars were quite easy to makethat night, since the angular diameter of the planet was quite large at about25.1" (arcseconds). Given the information here, find the diameter of the Red Planet in km. d= 55.8 million km = 55.8 x 106km; = 25.1" Mars' diameterDis about 6790 km, a little more than half the diameter of Earth. This discussion is now closed.Check out other Related discussionsI have this question - when x is small, find the approximate value of cos^4x - sin^4x, the answer is 1- 2x^2. If cosx = 1 - (x^2)/2, and sinx = x when x is small, surely cos^4x should equal 1 - (x^8/2) and sin^4x = x^4, therefore the answer being 1 - (x^8/2) - x^4. Sorry if this seems like a stupid question, any help would be greatly appreciated though!From CitizendiumThe small angle approximation is a rule that says that for small angles, the trigonometric functions sine and tangent are approximately equal to the angle. The approximation is valid only when angles are measured in radians. Of course, the equality is not exact except when the angle is zero. In symbolic terms: sin tan {\displaystyle \theta \approx \sin \theta \approx \tan \theta \!} Using the rule, a physical equation such as the equation for diffraction minima: b sin ( ) = m {\displaystyle b\sin(\theta )=m\lambda \!} might become b = m {\displaystyle b\theta =m\lambda \!} .The equation can then be written as a pure product of quantities with whole-numbered exponents, which is sometimes useful.The rule is very useful to an engineer performing experiments or making approximations. It is probably best to avoid it when accuracy is important, or when larger angles are expected.Pendulum motionThe small angle approximation is used to solve for the motion of a pendulum when studying oscillatory motion in introductory physics courses. As long as the pendulum string makes a small angle from the vertical, the approximation is valid and simplifies solving the equation of motion for the pendulum.Mathematically, the small angle approximation is the first-order Maclaurin series of the sine function about the value zero. Recall Maclaurin's theorem:Let f : R R {\displaystyle f:R\to R} be a function which is n times differentiable in some proximity of the point zero. The Maclaurin polynomial order n is defined as: f ( 0 ) + x f ( 0 ) 1 ! + x 2 f ( 0 ) 2 ! + . . . + x n f ( n ) ( 0 ) n ! + ( remainder ) , {\displaystyle f(0)+x{\frac {f'(0)}{1!}}+x^{2}{\frac {f''(0)}{2!}}+...+x^{n}{\frac {f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}}+({\textrm {remainder}}),} where the remainder approaches zero as x 0 {\displaystyle x\to 0} and as n {\displaystyle n\to \infty } . We find the first-order Maclaurin approximation as sin ( 0 ) + x cos ( 0 ) = x . {\displaystyle \sin(0)+x\cos(0)=x.\!} This shows how the small angle approximation is arrived at. The approximation can be used for purely mathematical purposes as well:Say that we want to find the limit lim x 0 sin x x . {\displaystyle \lim _{x\to 0}\quad {\frac {\sin x}{x}}.} Substituting the approximation for sine, we get lim x 0 x x = 1. {\displaystyle \lim _{x\to 0}\quad {\frac {x}{x}}=1.} We can use the approximation here because the approximation becomes better and better as x approaches zero. The small angle approximations, as given in the Edexcel Formula Booklet, are: These approximations can only be used when is small. Hence why we call them small angle approximations. Furthermore, must be measured in radians. Here we can see each of the trigonometric graphs plotted against their given approximations. We can see from these plots, the values of for which these approximations are good. Evidently, and appear to be good approximations for whereas works well for . Functions can be approximated by polynomials by taking a Taylor Expansion (what is a Taylor Expansion?). These expansions are, of course, dependent on where we are taking the approximation. Recall that for the small angle approximations above, they are only valid for values of around zero. For other ranges, the Taylor approximation will look different. Note that when the Taylor series is taken for values around zero, we call it a Maclaurin series. It can be shown that the Maclaurin series for and ( isnt as simple) are given by: Notice that has only odd powers of whereas has only even powers. As we can see, both expansions have alternating signs and increasing powers of . Hence, the more terms included in the expansion, the larger the range of values the expansion will be a good approximation for. This explains why the small angle approximation for works for a larger range of values it is quadratic whereas the approximations for and are linear. When the angle (in radians) is small we can use these approximations for Sine, Cosine and Tangent: sin cos 1 22 tan If we are very daring we can use cos 1 Let's see some values! (Note: values are approximate) sin (radians) sin Difference 0 0 0 0.01 0.0099998 0.0000002 0.1 0.0998 0.0002 0.2 0.1987 0.0013 0.5 0.4794 0.0206 1 0.8415 0.1585 Perfect at zero, really good at 0.01, good at 0.1, and can be useful up to 0.5 if you aren't fussy. cos 1 Can we simply use 1 to approximate cos ? (radians) cos 1 Difference 0 1 1 0 0.01 0.99995 1 0.00005 0.1 0.995 1 0.005 0.2 0.9801 1 0.0199 0.5 0.8776 1 0.1224 1 0.5403 1 0.4597 Well yes we can, but only for very small angles. cos 1 22 So let us try the better version of 1 22 : (radians) cos 1 22 Difference 0 1 1 0 0.01 0.9999500004 0.99995 -0.0000000004 0.1 0.9950042 0.995 -0.0000042 0.2 0.980067 0.98 -0.000067 0.5 0.8776 0.875 -0.0026 1 0.5403 0.5 -0.0403 Wow, that is a big improvement! tan (radians) tan Difference 0 0 0 0.01 0.0100003 -0.0000003 0.1 0.1003 -0.0003 0.2 0.2027 -0.0027 0.5 0.5463 -0.0463 1 1.5574 -0.5574 Not too bad for small values, right? Taylor Series Did you see the magical improvement for cos when we went from 1 to 1 22 ? The secret is the Taylor Series expansion of cos: cos x = 1 x22! + x44! ... So ... more terms gives us more accuracy! Likewise we can improve sine: sin x = x x33! + x55! ... Or tan, or other functions like ex Degrees? But we need to use radians! Let us estimate as best we can: 20 180 = 9 3.1416 0.11... 0.35 radians Now, using just one extra term: sin x = x x33! ... sin x 0.35 0.3533! 0.35 0.35*0.35*0.356 0.3428 (after much effort) (Later when you get home you use a calculator to get sin(20) = 0.3420201..., not bad!) Uses These approximations are very useful in astronomy where many angles are very small. Also in some areas of engineering and optics too. Copyright 2024 Rod Pierce Fact Checked Content Last Updated: 04.05.2023 5 min reading time Content creation process designed by Content cross-checked by Content quality checked by Save Article Save Article There are three equations we can use for the small angle approximation: one for \(\sin \theta\), one for \(\cos \theta\), and one for \(\tan \theta\).\(\sin \theta \approx \theta\)\(\cos \theta \approx 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2}\)\(\tan \theta \approx \theta\)The assumption that \(\sin \theta \approx \theta\) can be better understood when we look at the graphs of y = x and y = sin x.A graph showing the lines y=x (red) and y=sin x (blue)Now, as you can see around x = 0, the graphs of y = x and y = sinx are very close to each other.A graph showing the lines y=x (red) and y=sin x (blue) around x=0This is why, for very small angles, we can say that \(\sin \theta \approx \theta\).The approximation for cosine isn't quite as straightforward as for sin. The small angle approximation for cos is derived using the small angle approximation result that we got for sin, and a double angle formula. We use the double angle formula:\(\cos 2x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x\)Now, if we say that \(\cos 2x = \cos \theta\) then \(x = \frac{\theta}{2}\). So, \(\cos \theta = 1- 2 \sin^2\Big( \frac{\theta}{2} \Big)\)We know from our previous calculation that for a small value of \(\theta\) we assume that:\(\cos \theta = 1 - 2 \Big(\frac{\theta}{2} \Big)^2\) Which, simplified, gives us the small angle approximation for cos:\(\cos \theta \approx 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2}\)For the small angle approximation of tan, we use the same logic as for sin. Looking at the graphs of y = tanx and y = x,A graph showing the lines y=x (red) and y=tan x (blue)Again, for values close to x = 0, we see that the two functions are very close to each other:A graph showing the lines y=x (red) and y=tan x (blue) around x=0Hence, we assume that for small values of \(\theta, \space \tan \theta \approx \theta\)The formulas derived earlier can be used in questions and problems to make it easier and quicker to solve them. We will look at a few examples of how to apply this. When \(\theta\) is small, show that \(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}\) can be approximated by \(\frac{2 - \theta^2}{2 \theta}\).To solve this question, we will need to use the small angle approximations for sin and cos: \(\sin \theta \approx \theta, \cos \theta \approx 1 -\frac{\theta^2}{2}\). We can now substitute this into \(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}\), which gives us \(\frac{1-\frac{\theta^2}{2}}{\theta}\). We can simplify this expression by multiplying top and bottom by 2: \(\frac{2-\frac{2\theta^2}{2}}{ 2\theta}\) which simplifies to \(\frac{2-\theta^2}{2 \theta}\), as required by the question.a) When x is small, show that tan (3x) cos (2x) can be approximated by \(3x - 6x^3\) b) Hence approximate the value of tan (0.3) cos (0.2) to 3 sf This question needs to be answered in two parts: a and b. Let's start by looking at how we would solve a). We will need to use the facts did tan x x and \(\cos x \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}\). Substituting this into tan (3x) cos (2x), we get: \(3x \Big(1- \frac{(2x)^2}{2} \Big)\)or \(3x(1-2x^2)\). Multiplying the bracket by 3x: \(3x-6x^3\) as required.For part b, we have to find the tan value for 0.3 and cos for 0.2. We know the expressions for tan 3x and cos 2x, so: 3x = 0.3 and 2x = 0.2 gives us x = 0.1. Now we can plug in 0.1 into the expression we found earlier: \(3 (0.1) - 6(0.1)^3 = 0.294\) If the angle is given in degrees, you will need to convert it to radians first to use the small angle approximation. You can use the formula \(radian = degree \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}\)The small angle approximation can be used to make it easier to work with trigonometric functions when looking at angles close to 0 rad.The small angle approximation has to be worked out in radians.The three formulas for small angle approximation are: \(\sin \theta \approx \theta, \tan \theta \approx \theta ,\cos \theta \approx 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2}\) Do small angle approximations work in degrees? No, small angle approximations have to be calculated in radians. If the angle is in degrees, you can convert the angle to radians first using radian=degree x (/180) What is the small angle approximation? 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Cox. 1887 in New YorkWalt Whitman (1819 - 1892) was an American poet whose best known work is the poetry collection Leaves of Grass[1][2], a book-sized opus written in a flowing free verse style. It is now considered a masterpiece of American literature, and Whitman is known as the innovator who first introduced the free verse style of writing poetry. Whitman self-published the book in 1855 and continued revising it until his death.Whitman as a cultural iconWhitman has recently been resurrected as a popular heroic figure, seen as embodying acceptance for androgyny, bisexuality, and sensuality in general[3], a contemporary trend of evaluating writers more for being perceived as a member of a suppressed social group than on literary merit. Whitman's enduring popularity has scarcely needed the boost of this phenomenon. His importance in American culture, especially in the northeast United States, is reflected in the schools, roads, rest stops, and bridges that have been named after him[4], including the Walt Whitman bridge spanning the Delaware River between Philadelphia and New Jersey that opened for traffic in 1957.Poem: A Noiseless Patient SpiderThis short Whitman poem in free verse is included in most American poetry anthologies:[5]:A noiseless patient spider,I markd where on a little promontory it stood isolated,Markd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding,It launchd forth filament, filament, filament out of itself,Ever unreeling them, ever tirelessly speeding them. And you O my soul where you stand,Surrounded, detached, in measureless oceans of space,Ceaselessly musing, venturing, throwing, seeking the spheres toconnect them,Till the bridge you will need be formd, till the ductile anchor hold,Till the gossamer thread you fling catch somewhere, O my soul.Notes Leaves of Grass' by Walt Whitman, complete text free from Project Gutenberg. As well as shorter poems (notably 'A Noiseless Patient Spider'), Leaves of Grass contains three long poems: I Sing the Body Electric,' The Sleepers,' and Song of Myself'. A group of Whitman poems about the civil war is sometimes published separately under the title Drum-Taps. The New York Times Style Magazine: 'Walt Whitman, Poet of a Contradictory America' by Jesse Green, Sept. 20, 2020, p. 74; last access 9/21/2020. There is the Walt Whitman High School (Bethesda, MD), Walt Whitman Elementary School (Woodbury, NJ), Walt Whitman High School (Huntington Station, NY), Walt Whitman Boulevard (Cherry Hill, NJ), and the Walt Whitman rest stop along the NJ Turnpike in Cherry Hill, to name a few. 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