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Topic 2-Functions

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Functions f and g are defined by

$$f: x \rightarrow 2 - 3 \cos x \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$$

$$g: x \rightarrow \frac{x}{2} \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$$

(i) Solve the equation $fg(x) = 1$.

(ii) Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$.

Solution

$f: x \rightarrow 2 - 3 \cos x \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$
 $\Rightarrow f(x) = 2 - 3 \cos x$

and

$g: x \rightarrow \frac{x}{2} \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$
 $\Rightarrow g(x) = \frac{x}{2}$

(i) Given equation

$fg(x) = 1$
 $f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 1$

$2 - 3 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 1$

$-3 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 1 - 2$
 $-3 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = -1$

$\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{3}$

$\cos$ is +ve in first and fourth quadrant

Basic angle

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\alpha = 1.23 \text{ radians}$$

As angle lie in I and IV quadrant

$$\alpha, 2\pi - \alpha$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \alpha, 2\pi - \alpha$$

$$= 1.23, 2\pi - 1.23$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = 1.23, 5.05$$

$$x = 2(1.23), 2(5.05)$$

$$x = 2.46, 10.1$$

$$\therefore x = 2.46 \text{ radians}$$

(10.1 is out of range)

(ii)

$$f(x) = 2 - 3 \cos x$$

x	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
$f(x)$	-1	2	5	2	-1



