

Let  $\cos\theta = \frac{2}{3}$ , where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

Find the value of

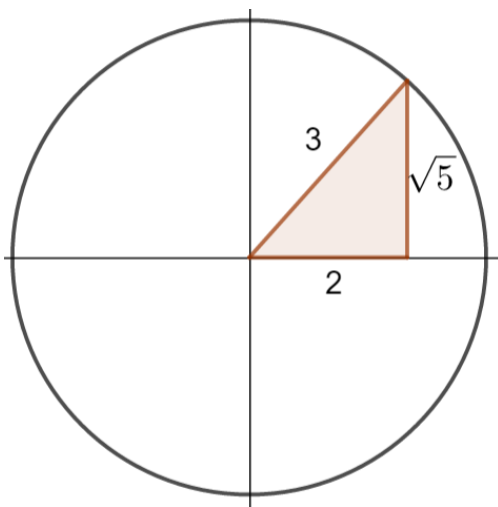
a)  $\sin\theta$

b)  $\sin 2\theta$

c)  $\sin 4\theta$

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a)



$\cos\theta = \frac{2}{3}$ , where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

We can find the opposite side in the right-angled triangle using Pythagoras' Theorem

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

b)  $\sin 2\theta \equiv 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\sin 2\theta = \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{9}$$

c) In order to find  $\sin 4\theta$ , we need to find  $\cos 2\theta$

$$\cos 2\theta \equiv 2\cos^2\theta - 1$$

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

$$\cos 2\theta = -\frac{1}{9}$$

Notice, that since  $\cos 2\theta$  is negative, then  $2\theta$  is an obtuse angle

$$\sin 2\theta \equiv 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$$

$$\sin 4\theta \equiv 2\sin 2\theta\cos 2\theta$$

$$\sin 4\theta \equiv 2\left(\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{9}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{9}\right)$$

$$\sin 4\theta \equiv -\frac{8\sqrt{5}}{81}$$