

MATH 30-1
CHAPTER 4
TRIG
&
THE UNIT CIRCLE

$$\theta = \frac{a}{r}$$

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

$$\cot x = \frac{1}{\tan x}$$

$$\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

$$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

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Unit: Trigonometry and The Unit Circle

Topic: Angles and Angle Measure

Objectives:

- Sketch angles in standard position measured in degrees and radians.
- Convert angles in degree measure to radian measure and vice versa
- Determine the measure of angles that are coterminal with a given angle

Radian - a "unit" (like degrees) used to measure the size of an angle

- It is a ratio of the length of the arc subtending an angle and the length of the radius of the circle

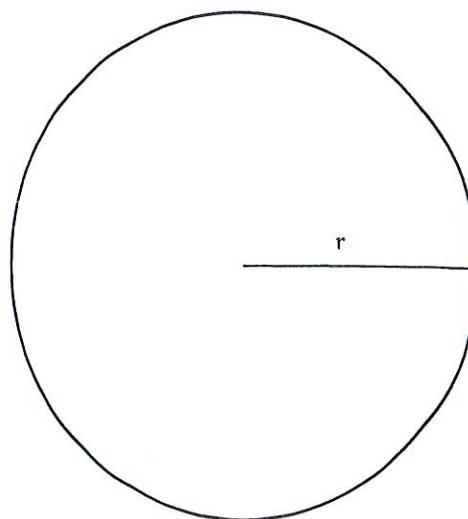
- $\text{radian} = \frac{\text{length of arc subtended by angle}}{\text{radius}}$

Determine the size of a 360° angle in radians

Length of arc = circumference
 $= 2\pi r$

$\text{radian} = \frac{2\pi r}{r}$

$\text{radian} = 2\pi$



Degrees	360°	180°	90°	270°	30°	60°	45°
Radians As Exact Values	2π	π	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$
Radians as an Approximate Value	6.28	3.14	1.57	4.71	0.52	1.05	0.79

Example

Angle in Degrees	Radians as EXACT values	Radians as APPROXIMATE values
135° 90+45	$\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{4}$	2.36
-120°	$-\frac{2\pi}{3}$	-2.10
300° 270+30	$\frac{3\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{10\pi}{6}$	5.24
x°	$\frac{x\pi}{180}$	<hr/>

To convert, you can multiply by $\frac{\pi}{180}$

Example

Angle in Radians	Degrees
$\frac{4\pi}{3}$ $\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$	$180 + 60 = 240^\circ$
2.57	$2.57 \times \frac{180}{\pi} \approx 147^\circ$
$\frac{11\pi}{6}$ $2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$	$360 - 30 = 330^\circ$
8	$8 \times \frac{180}{\pi} = 458^\circ$

To convert, you can multiply by $\frac{180}{\pi}$

How to Convert from Degrees to Radians	As Exact Values	$\times \frac{\pi}{180}$ and reduce
	As Rounded Values	$\times \frac{\pi}{180}$

How to convert from Radians to Degrees	If Radians are given as Exact Value or Rounded value	$\times \frac{180}{\pi}$
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Summarize

Recall

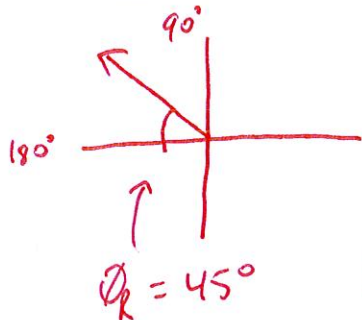
Reference Angle

- $0^\circ \leq \theta_R \leq 90^\circ$ OR $0 \leq \theta_R \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
- The number of degrees a terminal arm of an angle is above or below the nearest x-axis

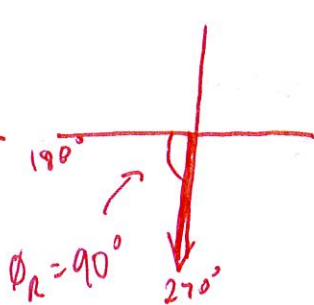
Example

Sketch the following angles in standard position and determine the reference angle.

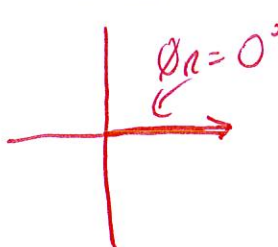
a. 135°



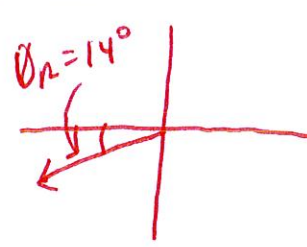
b. 270°



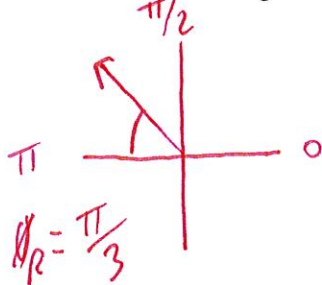
c. 360°



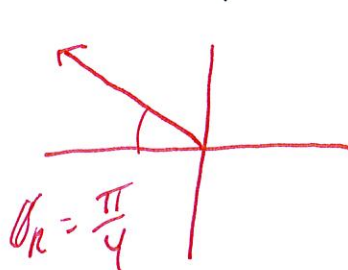
d. -166°



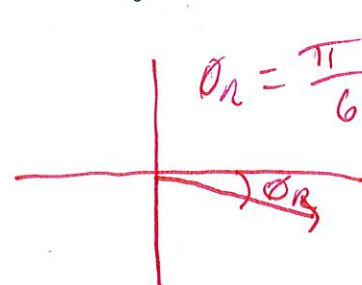
e. $\frac{2\pi}{3}$



f. $-\frac{5\pi}{4}$



g. $\frac{11\pi}{6}$



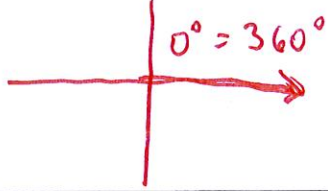
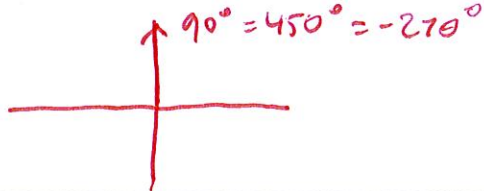
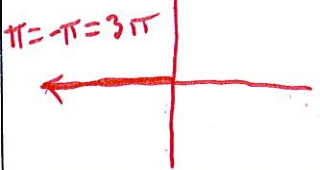
h. $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

i. $\frac{13\pi}{8}$

j. 5.25

Coterminal Angles

- angles, when drawn in standard position, have the same terminal arms
- Example of coterminals are:

Coterminal Angles	Sketch
0° and 360°	
90° and 450° and -270°	
π and $-\pi$ and 3π	

Example

- State 2 angles coterminal to 50° that are positive

$$50 + 360 = 410^\circ$$

$$410 + 360 = 770^\circ$$

- State 2 angles coterminal to 50° that are negative

$$50 - 360 = -310^\circ$$

$$-310 - 360 = -670^\circ$$

- Summarize all angles that are coterminal to 50° using a "general statement"

$$50 + 360n, \quad n \in \mathbb{I}$$

Example

Identify the angles that are coterminal to -435° that satisfy $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.

$$-435 + 360 + 360 = \boxed{285^\circ}$$

Example

Identify the angles that are coterminal to $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ that satisfy $-2\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

$$\frac{2\pi}{3} - 2\pi \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{6\pi}{3} = \boxed{-\frac{4\pi}{3}} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

Example

Are the angles 185° and -545° coterminal?

$$185 - 360 = -175$$

$$\begin{aligned} -175 - 360 &= -535 \\ -535 - 360 &= -895 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \swarrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \right\} \text{no, not coterminal!}$$

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Unit: Trigonometry and The Unit Circle

Topic: Arc Lengths

Objectives:

- Solve problems involving arc length, central angles and the radius in a circle

Arc Lengths

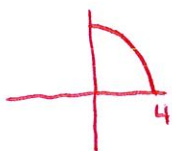
Investigation

- Consider a circle on a coordinate grid whose center is at the origin and radius is 4 cm. Estimate the circumference of that circle.



$$4 \times 2\pi = 8\pi$$

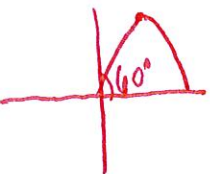
- Suppose a right angle is drawn within that circle with its center at the origin and whose rays terminate on the circumference of the circle. Estimate the length of the arc being subtended by that angle.



$$8\pi \div 4 = 2\pi$$

①

- Suppose a triangle with an angle of 60° at the origin is drawn within that circle and whose rays terminate on the circumference of the circle. Estimate the length of the arc being subtended by that angle.

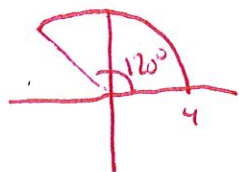


$\frac{2}{3}$ of the last one.

②

$$\frac{2}{3} \cdot 2\pi = \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

- Suppose a triangle with an angle of 120° at the origin is drawn within that circle and whose rays terminate on the circumference of the circle. Estimate the length of the arc being subtended by that angle.



Double the last one.

③

$$= \frac{8\pi}{3}$$

- What do you notice about the ratio of the length of the arc to the circumference of the circle AND the ratio of the angle at the origin and one complete revolution?

For ①, $\frac{2\pi}{8\pi} = \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{90}{360} = \frac{1}{4}$ Same

② $\frac{4\pi/3}{8\pi} = \frac{4\pi}{24\pi} = \frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{60}{360} = \frac{1}{6}$ Same

You get the idea. They're the same.

Notice that the length of the arc is proportional to the radius of the circle. The ratio of the arc length to the circumference of the circle should be the same as the ratio of the central angle to one complete rotation. Show that relationship using a proportion. Simplify.

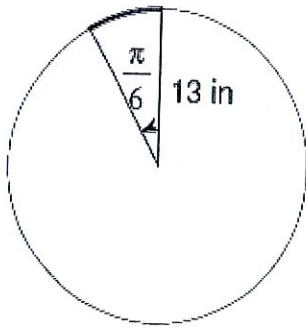
When central angle is in degrees	When central angle is in radians
$\frac{a}{2\pi r} = \frac{\theta}{360}$ $a = \frac{\theta \cdot 2\pi r}{360}$	$\frac{a}{2\pi r} = \frac{\theta}{2\pi}$ $a = \frac{\theta \cdot 2\pi r}{2\pi}$ $a = \theta r$

Complete the chart.

Arc Length	Central angle	Radius
$a = \frac{120 \cdot 2\pi \cdot 5}{360}$ <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> $a = 10.47 \text{ cm}$ </div>	120° degrees	5 cm
2 cm	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$ radians	$2 = \frac{7\pi}{6} \cdot r$ $12 = 7\pi r$ <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> $r = 0.55 \text{ cm}$ </div>
3 cm Default to radians	$3 = \theta \cdot 3$ <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> $\theta = 1$ </div> radians	3 cm

Example

Determine the length of the arc in the diagram below.



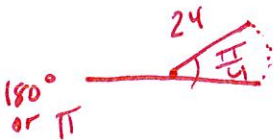
$$a = \theta r$$

$$a = \frac{\pi}{6} \cdot 13$$

$$a = 6.8 \text{ in}$$

Example

The windshield wiper on a car is 24 inches long. How many inches will the tip of the wiper trace out in $\frac{1}{4}$ of a revolution? *Depends on window. Bad question. Assume 180° revolution.*

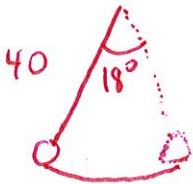


$$a = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot 24$$

$$a = 18.85 \text{ in}$$

Example

A 40-inch pendulum swings through an angle of 18°. Find the length of the arc, in inches, through which the tip of the pendulum swings.



$$a = \frac{\theta \cdot 2\pi r}{360}$$

$$a = \frac{18 \cdot 2 \cdot \pi \cdot 40}{360}$$

$$a = 12.57 \text{ in}$$

Example

An arc DE of a circle, center O, is $\frac{1}{6}$ of the circumference. Determine the size of $\angle DOE$ to the nearest one hundredth of a radian.

This means the angle is $\frac{1}{6}$ of 2π .



$$\frac{1}{6} \cdot 2\pi = \frac{\pi}{3} = \theta$$

$$\theta = 1.05$$

Example

A person on a ferris wheel moves a distance of 5 meters from position P to position Q. If the diameter of the wheel is 18 meters, determine the measure of the central angle to the nearest tenth of a degree.

arc length

radius is 9

$$a = \theta r$$
$$5 = \theta \cdot 9$$

$$\theta = \frac{5}{9} \leftarrow \text{This is in radians. Change to degrees.}$$

$$\frac{5}{9} \times \frac{180}{\pi} = \boxed{31.8^\circ}$$

Example

A satellite makes one complete revolution of the earth in 90 minutes. Assume that the orbit is circular and that the satellite is situated 280 km above the equator. If the radius of the earth at the equator is 6400 km, then the speed of the satellite, in km/h, to the nearest hundredth is ...

$$\text{Total orbit radius} = 6400 + 280 = 6680 \text{ km}$$

$$90 \text{ minutes} = 1.5 \text{ hours}$$

$$a = \theta r = 2\pi(6680) = 41971.68 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{d}{t} \rightarrow = \frac{41971.68}{1.5} = \boxed{27981.12 \text{ km/h}}$$

Example

A circle with center C and minor arc AB measuring 15.2 cm is shown. If $\angle ABC = \angle BAC = \frac{\pi}{6}$

find the perimeter of the triangle ABC to the nearest tenth.

Angles in a triangle add up to $360^\circ = 2\pi$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

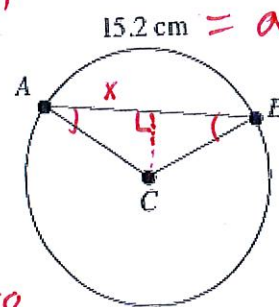
This means $\angle ACB = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

$$15.2 = \frac{2\pi}{3} \cdot r \rightarrow r = 7.26$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{x}{7.26} \rightarrow x = 6.29 \rightarrow \text{That side} = 12.58$$

$$\text{Total: } 12.58 + 7.26 + 7.26$$

$$= \boxed{27.1} \text{ cm}$$



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Unit: Trigonometry and The Unit Circle

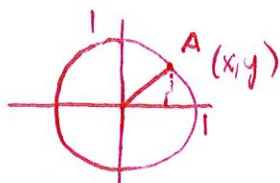
Topic: The Unit Circle

Objectives:

- Generalize the equation of the unit circle with center $(0,0)$ and radius r
- Locate the coordinates of points on the unit circle

The Unit Circle

- Draw a circle whose center is at the origin of a coordinate grid and whose radius is 1 unit long – this is called a unit circle



Quadrantals:
 $(1,0)$
 $(0,1)$
 $(-1,0)$
 $(0,-1)$

- Write the coordinates of the four points that intersect the x and y - axis with the circle. These points are called “quadrantals” . . . we will investigate them later
- Make a point on the unit circle in quadrant I. Call it point A and give it the coordinates (x,y) . Using the origin and point A, create a right-angled triangle with the third point being on the positive x -axis.
- Using Pythagorean Theorem, determine the equation of the unit circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1^2$$

$$y^2 = 1 - x^2$$

$$y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

- Consider how the equation of the circle might change if the radius was altered . . .

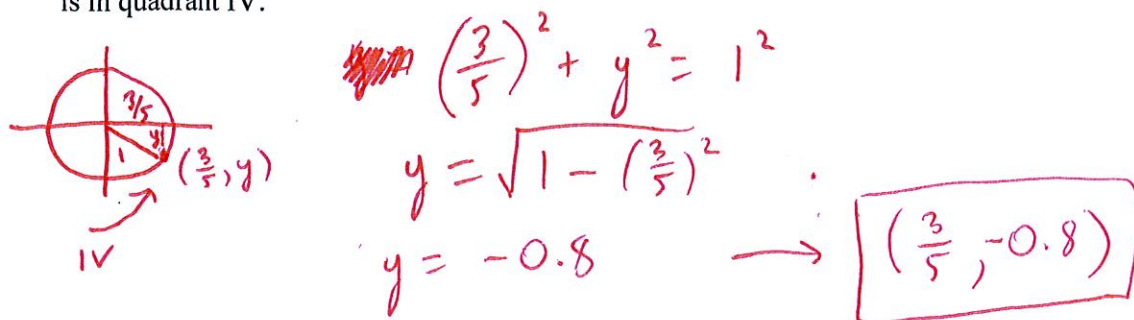
Center of circle	Radius of circle	Equation of circle
$(0,0)$	4 units	$y = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$
$(5,3)$	$\sqrt{2}$ units	$y = \sqrt{2 - (x-5)^2} + 3$
$(-2,-8)$	5 units	$y = \sqrt{25 - (x+2)^2} - 8$
$(0,-1)$	$\frac{1}{4}$ units	$y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{16} - x^2} - 1$
(h,k)	r units	$y = \sqrt{r^2 - (x-h)^2} + k$

Determining Coordinates of Points on the Unit Circle

Using the equation of the unit circle, if given either the x or y -coordinate of a point, the missing value(s) can be found.

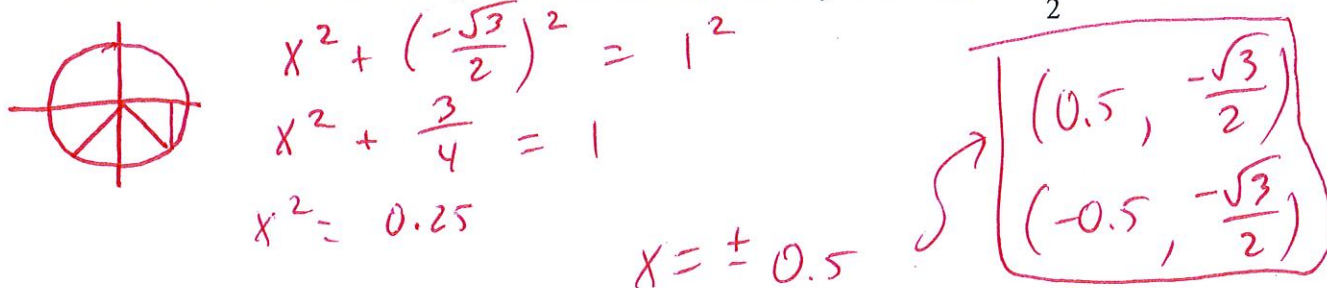
Example

Determine the coordinates of the point on the unit circle whose x -coordinate is $\frac{3}{5}$ and the point is in quadrant IV.



Example

Determine the coordinates of the points on the unit circle whose y -coordinate is $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.



Example

Is the point $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ on the unit circle? How do you know?

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 0.5$$

If it were on the unit circle, it would equal 1.

No.

Arc Length and the Unit Circle

- Recall the formula to determine the length of an arc being subtended by a central angle measured in radian units

$$a = \theta r$$

- If the radius of the circle is 1 unit, what can we conclude about the length of the arc being subtended by the central angle?

Same as the angle in radians.

Example

Determine the length of the arc subtended by an angle of $\frac{\pi}{2}$ on the unit circle.

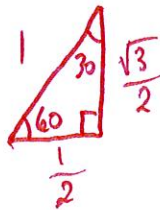
$$a = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)(1)$$

$$a = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

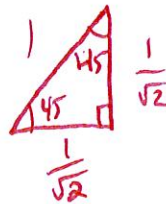
Recall: Special Triangles

Unlike in Math 20-1, let's set the hypotenuse to 1. It used to be 2 and $\sqrt{2}$.

30° - 60° - 90° triangle



45° - 45° - 90° triangle



These are not given to you!

What is the "purpose" of the special triangles?

To find exact values for x and y components of common angles on the unit circle.

Example

Find the values of the following:

- a. $\cos 30^\circ$ as an approximate value, rounded to 2 decimal places using your calculator

0.87

$\cos 30^\circ$ as an exact value using your special triangle

$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

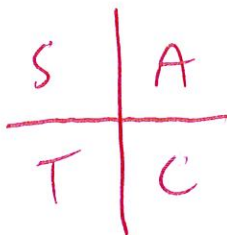
- b. $\sin 45^\circ$ as an approximate value, rounded to 2 decimal places using your calculator

0.71

$\sin 45^\circ$ as an exact value using your special triangle.

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Recall: CAST RULE



This tells you where a trig ratio is positive. "A" means all are positive there.

May be useful to note: special triangles work for radians, too.

$30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}$

$45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$

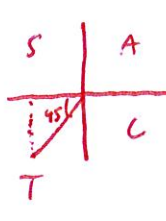
Questions involving EXACT VALUES that require you to use your SPECIAL TRIANGLES & CAST RULE ...

Determine the exact value of the following.

(a) $\tan 60^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan 60^\circ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \div \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{1} \\ &= \boxed{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

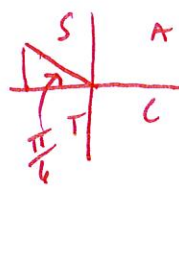
(b) $\tan 225^\circ$



$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \\ &= \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\sin 225^\circ$

(d) $\cos \frac{5\pi}{6}$



$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \rightarrow &= \boxed{\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

(e) $\tan \frac{4\pi}{3}$

(f) $\tan \frac{5\pi}{6}$

(g) $\sin \frac{7\pi}{4}$

(h) $\tan \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

(i) $\tan \frac{7\pi}{4}$

(j) $\cos \left(-\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$

(k) $\cos \frac{8\pi}{3}$

(l) $\sin^2 \frac{5\pi}{3}$

Worksheet

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Topic: The Unit Circle

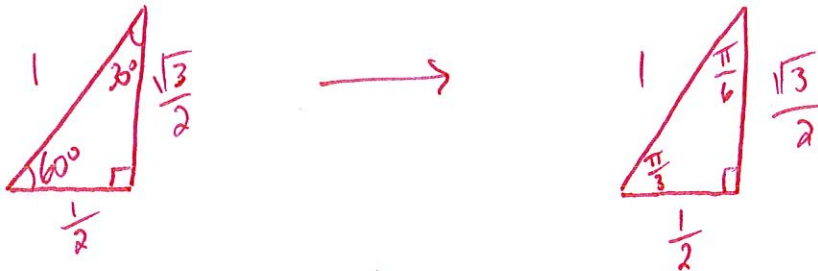
Objectives:

- Develop and apply the equation of the unit circle

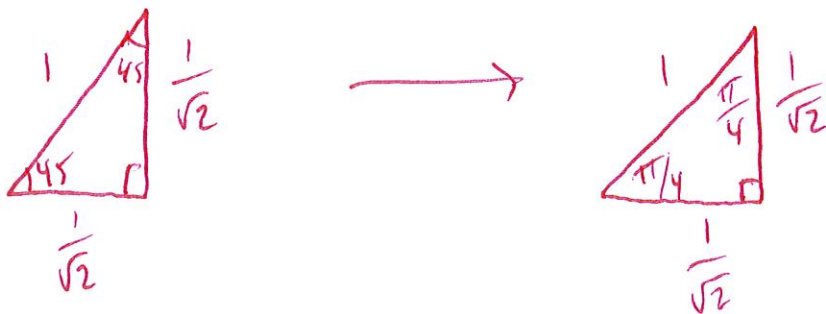
Points on the Unit Circle whose Terminal Arm is Multiples of $\frac{\pi}{6}$, $\frac{\pi}{3}$, $\frac{\pi}{4}$, and $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Use your special triangles to make similar triangles but whose hypotenuses are of length 1 unit

30-60-90

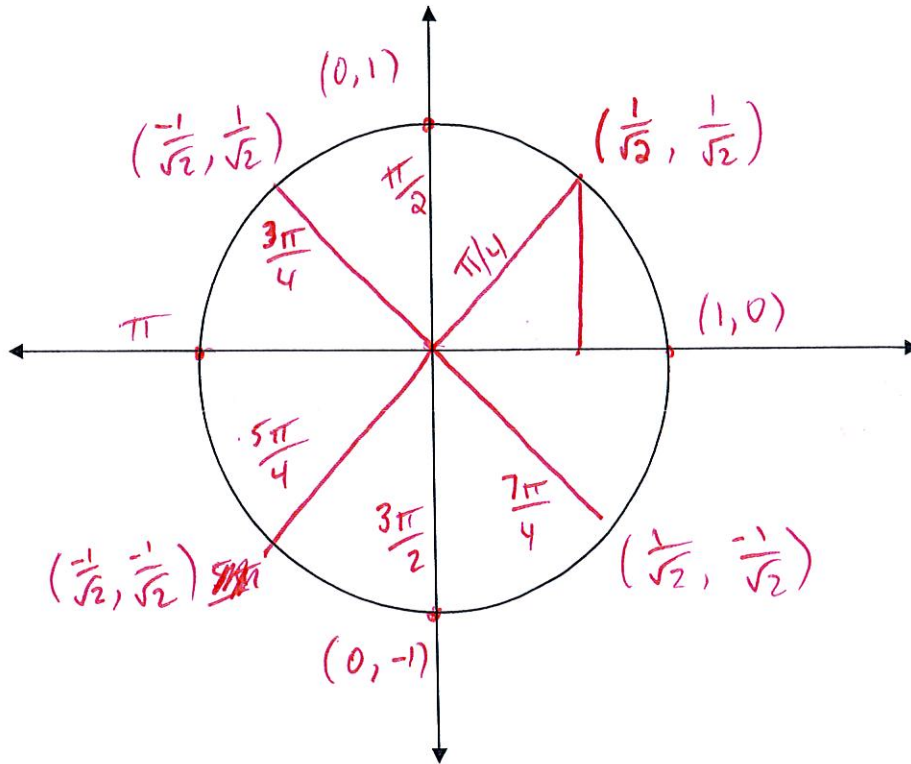


45-45-90



On the diagram of the unit circle,

- Draw the similar triangle you created for the $45^\circ - 45^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle on the previous page, in quadrant I
- Write the coordinates of it's vertex that makes contact with the unit circle
- Repeat this process for all the points that are multiples of $\frac{\pi}{4}$ in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.



- Using your special triangles, determine the values for $\sin 45^\circ$ and $\cos 45^\circ$.

$$\sin 45 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos 45 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Compare the values you just found to the coordinates you've written on the unit circle corresponding to points on the terminal arm of angles whose reference angles are 45° . Make a generalization.

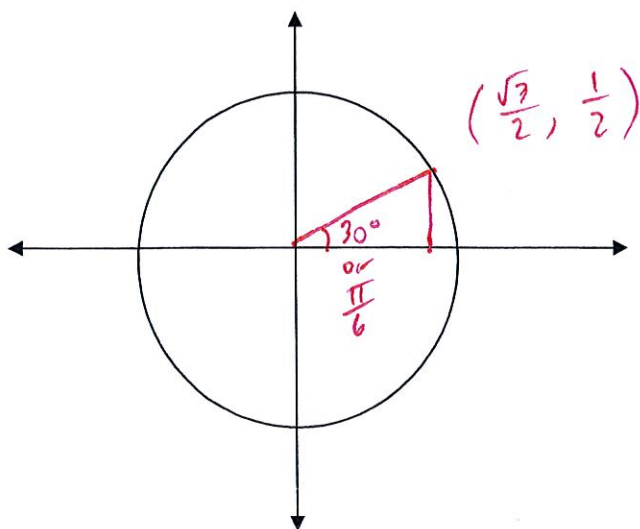
Combine with CAST rule.

$\sin \theta$ gives you y .

$\cos \theta$ gives you x .

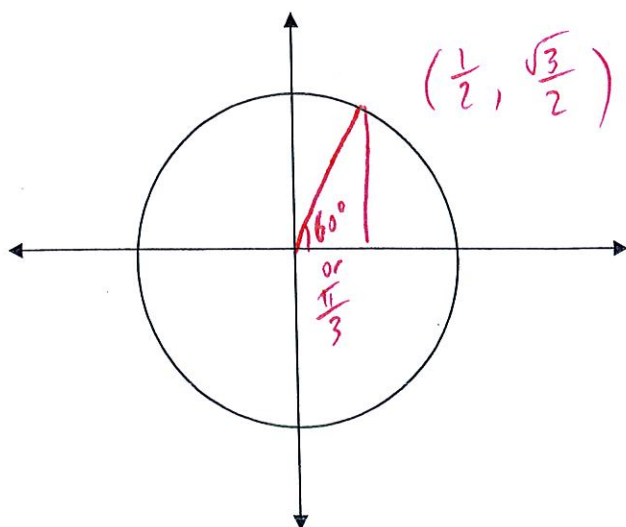
On the diagram of the unit circle,

- Draw the similar triangle you created for the $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle on the previous page in quadrant I . . . put the 30° at the origin. Write the coordinates of the point on the triangle that that makes contact with the unit circle



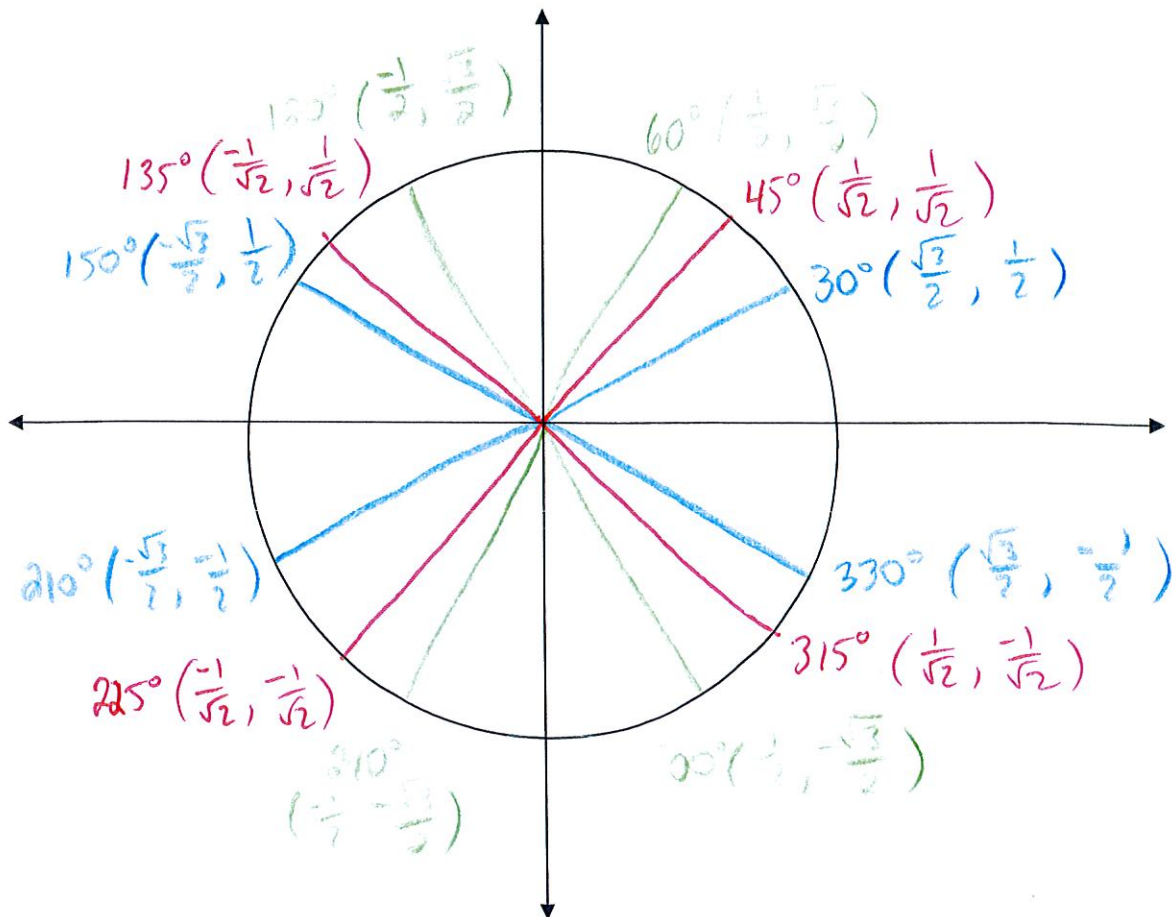
On the diagram of the unit circle,

- Draw the similar triangle you created for the $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle on the previous page in quadrant I . . . put the 60° at the origin. Write the coordinates of the point on the triangle that that makes contact with the unit circle



Summary

On the unit circle, label every coordinate that is the intersection point between the unit circle and a terminal arm whose reference angle is 30° , 45° , or 60° .



Summarize what the x and y coordinate of each coordinate on the unit circle are indicative of.

x : \cos of the reference angle (adj)

y : \sin of the reference angle (opp)

Example

If $P(\theta)$ is the point at the intersection of the terminal arm of an angle θ and the unit circle, determine the **exact coordinates** of each of the following:

$\theta_r = \frac{\pi}{4}$ a) $P\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$ $\theta_r = \frac{\pi}{6}$ b) $P\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ $\theta_r = \frac{\pi}{3}$
QII: QIV QIV QIV

$\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$ $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

Example

Determine one positive and one negative measure for θ if $P(\theta) = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ QII

$\theta_r = 30^\circ$ adj opp

→ $\theta = 150^\circ$ or $\theta = -210^\circ$

Example

Q1 $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ unfamiliar → $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ Q2

$A\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ and $B\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$ are two points on the unit circle. If an object rotates counterclockwise from Point A to Point B through what angle has it rotated? Express your answer in radians as an exact value.



$\theta_r = \frac{\pi}{3} \rightarrow \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$\frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{8\pi}{12} - \frac{3\pi}{12} = \frac{5\pi}{12}$

Example

\cos \sin Q2
 The point $T(-0.8829, 0.4695)$ lies on the unit circle. Determine the value of θ where θ is the angle made by the positive x -axis and the line passing through T .

$\cos^{-1}(-0.8829) = 152^\circ$

Special Triangles vs Unit Circle

- Both serve the same purpose . . . and that is to determine EXACT VALUES of trig ratios of specific angles (30° , 45° , 60° as well as 0° , 90° , 180° , 270° , & 360°)
- What is one "limit" of the unit circle with regards to finding a trig ratio? How do we deal with that?

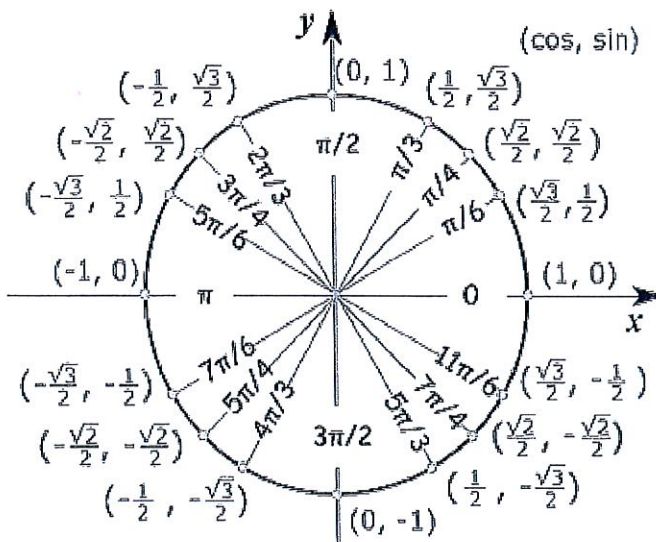
The radius of 1. Any other radius, multiply spec. triangle side lengths accordingly.

- What is one "limit" of using special triangles?

Only works for 30, 45, 60 angles.

Summary

- The equation for the unit circle is $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. It can be used to determine if a point is on the unit circle or to find one coordinate, given the other. For a radius of r , the equation is $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$
- On the unit circle, the measure in radians of the central angle and the arc subtended by that angle are numerically the same
- Special triangles can be used to find coordinates of points on unit circle
- The x -coordinate of every point on the unit circle represents the cosine ratio of that angle
- The y -coordinate of every point on the unit circle represents the sine ratio of that angle
- To find the tangent ratio of an angle, divide the y -coordinate (sine ratio) by the x -coordinate (cosine ratio)



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Unit: Trigonometry and The Unit Circle

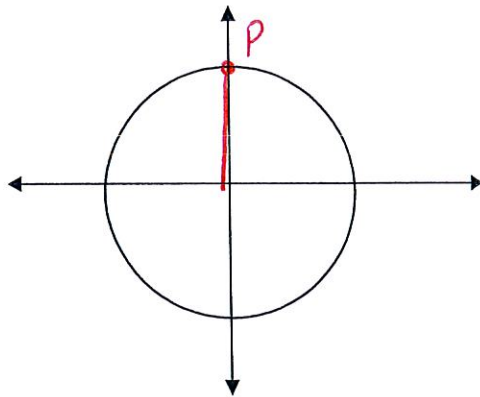
Topic: Trig Ratios

Objectives:

- Relate trig ratios to the coordinates of points on the unit circle
- Determine exact and approximate values for trig ratios
- Identify the measure of angles that generate specific trig values
- Solve problems involving trig ratios

Investigation – Trig Ratios and the Unit Circle

On the unit circle below, draw a positive angle θ in standard position that terminates on the positive y -axis. Label the point of intersection between the terminal arm of that angle and the unit circle P .



What are the coordinates of that point?

(0, 1)

What does the x -coordinate of that point have to do with a 90° angle?

$\cos 90$

What does the y -coordinate of that point have to do with a 90° angle?

$\sin 90$

What if the angle θ in standard position terminated on the negative x -axis?

• What is the measure of θ in standard position?

180°

• What are the coordinates of that point?

$(-1, 0)$

• What is $\cos 180^\circ$?

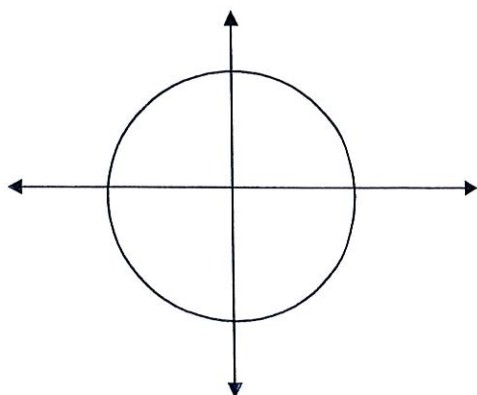
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• What is $\sin 180^\circ$?

0

Complete the following table involving all the points of intersection between the unit circle and the x and y axis.

Quadrantal	Coordinates of point on unit circle	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$
0°	$(1, 0)$	0	1	0
90°	$(0, 1)$	1	0	Error
180°	$(-1, 0)$	0	-1	0
270°	$(0, -1)$	-1	0	Error
360°	$(1, 0)$	0	1	0



Note that
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$

What appears to be the maximum and minimum values for $\cos \theta$ and $\sin \theta$? Use words and an inequality to express your answer. Verify your answer using a calculator and find the sine and cosine of angles of various sizes.

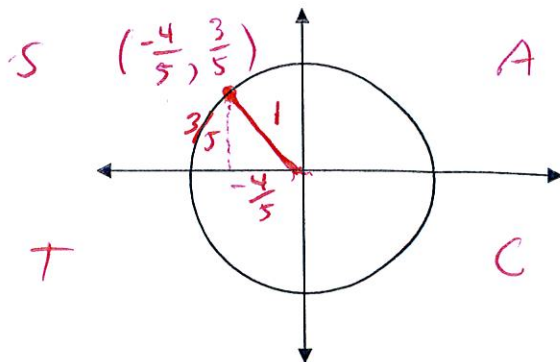
Both are between -1 and 1.
 $-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$ $-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1$

We can see that $\tan 90^\circ$ is undefined. What does this look like on your calculator?

Error.

Example

The point $Q\left(-\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5}\right)$ is on the intersection point between the unit circle and the terminal arm of an angle θ in standard position.



Determine the exact values of the 3 primary trig ratios for θ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= \frac{3/5}{-4/5} = \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{-4} \\ &= -\frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-4}{5} = -\frac{4}{5}$$

Reciprocal Trig Ratios

Recall: the reciprocal of a number is simply $\frac{1}{\text{number}}$

There are reciprocals for each of the 3 primary trig ratios . . .

Primary trig ratio	Name of reciprocal ratio	Abbreviation	ratio
Sine	Cosecant	csc	$\frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}}$
Cosine	Secant	sec	$\frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}}$
tangent	Cotangent	cot	$\frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}$

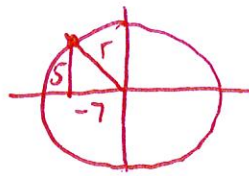
Referring to the example at the top of the page, determine the three reciprocal ratios for the angle θ whose terminal arm passes through point Q .

$$\csc \theta = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\cot \theta = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\sec \theta = -\frac{5}{4}$$

All on your formula sheet



Example Not a unit circle

The point $(-7, 5)$ is on the terminal arm of angle θ in standard position. What is the exact value for all six trig ratios for θ ?

$$5^2 + (-7)^2 = r^2$$

$$74 = r^2 \rightarrow r = \sqrt{74}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{74}} \quad \csc \theta = \frac{\sqrt{74}}{5}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-7}{\sqrt{74}} \quad \sec \theta = \frac{-\sqrt{74}}{7}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-5}{7} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{-7}{5}$$

Example

Angle P has a terminal arm the first quadrant. Given that $\sec P = 2$, determine the value of $\sin P - \cos P$.

$$\sec P = 2 \rightarrow \cos P = \frac{1}{2}$$

Special triangles: $\frac{1}{2}$ is adjacent
 $\rightarrow 60^\circ = \theta$

$$\sin 60 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\cos 60 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \sin P - \cos P = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2}}$$

Example

Determine the exact value for each ratio. Include a diagram.

Ratio	Reference Angle	Diagram	Answer
$\sec 300^\circ$ $\frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}}$	60°		$\frac{1}{1/2} = 2$
$\cot(-225^\circ)$ $\frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}$	45°		$\frac{-1/\sqrt{2}}{1/\sqrt{2}} = -1$
$\csc \frac{5\pi}{6}$ $\frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}}$	$\frac{\pi}{6}$		$\frac{1}{1/2} = 2$
$\sec \frac{4\pi}{3}$ $\frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$		$\frac{1}{-1/2} = -2$
$\cot \frac{3\pi}{2}$ $\frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}$ or $\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$		$\frac{0}{-1} = 0$
$\csc \pi$ $\frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}}$	0		Undefined

Exact Values of Trig Ratios VS Approximate Values

Approximate Values for Trig Ratios

There are times when you just need to know the “approximate” values of a ratio in which case a calculator can be used.

The MODE that your calculator should be in depends on whether the angle given is in degrees or radians.

Ratio	Mode	Answer
$\tan \frac{11\pi}{6}$	Rad	-0.5774
$\cos(-30^\circ)$	Deg	0.8660
$\sin 8.4$	Rad	0.8546
$\sec(25^\circ)$	Deg	$\frac{1}{\cos 25} = 1.1034$

Summary

- Points on the intersection of the unit circle and the terminal arm of an angle in standard position can be given the coordinates $P(\theta) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$
- Each primary trig ratio has a reciprocal trig ratio

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \quad \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$
- Exact values for trig ratios of special angles $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and their multiples can be found using the points on the unit circle
- Approximate values of any trig ratio can be found using a calculator
- Given a trig ratio, θ can be found using the inverse of the ratio given and your knowledge of reference angles and the CAST rule
- Given the coordinates of a point on the terminal arm of an angle in standard position, you can find the trig ratios for that angle by drawing a right triangle and using pythagorean theorem to find the missing side

Math 30-1

Unit: Trigonometry and The Unit Circle

Topic: Introduction to Trig Equations

Objectives:

- Algebraically solve first trig equations in radians and degrees
- Verify a solution to a trig equation
- Identify exact and approximate solutions in a restricted domain
- Determine the general solution to a trig equation

Approximate Values for Angles

Given a trig ratio you can find the measure of the angle by reversing the process used above. To find θ you must know use the INVERSE trig function (2nd button on calculator following by whichever ratio you were given).

Example

Given that $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$, determine the value of θ assuming it is in the first quadrant.



Example

If $\cot \theta = \sqrt{3}$, determine the value of θ , given $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ → the $\sqrt{3}$ hints that special triangles are involved

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} \rightarrow \tan 30^\circ = \frac{1/2}{\sqrt{3}/2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\rightarrow \theta = 30^\circ$$
$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

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Alternatively, you could use $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$ to get 30°

Note: When using \sin^{-1} , \cos^{-1} , \tan^{-1} on your calculator, you will always be given an ACUTE angle even though your answer(s) may be in other quadrants. Consider the answer you get from your calculator the REFERENCE angle and use your CAST RULE to determine all possible answers.

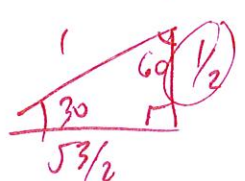
Example

If $\cos \theta = -0.5$, determine the value of θ , given $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

When you use inverse trig, plug in the positive equivalent of your number to get the reference angle.

\cos is negative \rightarrow Q2 or Q3

\cos is $\frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$ \rightarrow special triangles



adj $\rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$

Q2: $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

Q3: $\frac{4\pi}{3}$

Example

If $\tan \theta = 5.24$, determine the value of θ , given $-180^\circ \leq \theta < 180^\circ$.

$\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$ \rightarrow Q1 and Q3

$\tan^{-1}(5.24) = 79.2^\circ$

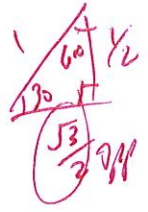
$-180 + 79.2 = -100.8^\circ$

Example

If $\csc \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$, determine the value of θ , given $0 \leq \theta < \pi$ radians

$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow$ opp/hyp

Sin positive \rightarrow Q1 or Q2



$\theta = 60^\circ \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{3}$
Q1

$\frac{2\pi}{3}$
Q2

Example

Isolate the trig ratio.

Solve the equation $4\csc x - 8 = 0$ over the domain $[0, 360^\circ)$.

$$4\csc x = 8$$

$$\csc x = 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

Special
Triangles

$$x = 30^\circ \text{ Q1}$$

and

$$x = 150^\circ \text{ Q2}$$

Example

sin is positive in Q1 and Q2

Solve the equation $7\cos\theta + 5 = 3 + 3\cos\theta$, $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$. Express answers as exact values.

-3cosθ -3cosθ radians

$$4\cos\theta + 5 = 3$$

$$4\cos\theta = -2$$

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

*cos is negative
in Q2 and Q3*

$$\theta = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{Q2: } 120^\circ = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{Q3: } 240^\circ = \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

Note: when asked to solve a trig equation, you may be asked to express your answer(s) as

- The solutions within a given domain, such as $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$, or
- All possible solutions, expressed in general form
 - This is asking you for the every angle that is coterminal to the angles that are the solution within the domain $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$
 - It is usually written as $\theta + 2\pi n, n \in \mathbb{I}$

Example

or $\theta + 360n$ if in degrees

Determine the general solution to the equation $17 + 3\cot\theta = 29$ in degrees, rounded to the nearest tenth.

$$3\cot\theta = 12$$

$$\cot\theta = 4$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{1}{4}$$

*Not a special triangle.
Just use inverse tan.*

$$\rightarrow \theta = 14^\circ \text{ Q1}$$

tan is positive in Q1 and Q3

$$\theta = 194^\circ \text{ Q3}$$

Need to use both for general solution

$$14 + 360n$$

$$194 + 360n$$

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Try

1. Solve each equation for $-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$

a. $3 \tan \theta - 3 = 5 \tan \theta - 1$

$-3 = 2 \tan \theta - 1$
 $-2 = 2 \tan \theta$
 $-1 = \tan \theta \rightarrow$ Q2 or Q4
 $\theta_R = \frac{\pi}{4}$
 $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$
 $\theta = \frac{7\pi}{4}$
 $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}$

b. $5(1+2\sin\theta) = 2\sin\theta + 1$

$5 + 10\sin\theta = 2\sin\theta + 1$
 $8\sin\theta = -4$
 $\sin\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow$ Q3 and Q4
 $\theta_R = \frac{\pi}{6} \rightarrow$ ~~Q3~~ Q3
 \rightarrow ~~Q4~~ Q4 $-\frac{5\pi}{6}$
 $-\frac{\pi}{6}$

2. Solve each equation for $-180^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$.

a. $2 \csc \theta = 6$

$\csc \theta = 3$
 $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{3}$ Q1 and Q2
 $\theta = 19.5^\circ$ Q1
 $\theta = 160.5^\circ$ Q2
outside domain

b. $-6 = 3 \cot \theta$

$-2 = \cot \theta$
 $-\frac{1}{2} = \tan \theta$
 $\theta_R = 26.6^\circ$
 \rightarrow ~~Q2 or Q4~~
 $\theta = 153.4^\circ$
 ~~$\theta = -53.4^\circ$~~
 $\theta = -26.6^\circ$

3. Solve each equation for $-90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$.

a. $4 \sec \theta = -5$

$\sec \theta = -\frac{5}{4}$
 $\cos \theta = -\frac{4}{5}$ Q2 and Q3
 $\theta_R = 36.9^\circ$
 $\theta = 143.1^\circ$
 ~~$\theta = 26.9^\circ$~~ *outside domain*

b. $-\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3} \csc \theta$

$-\frac{3}{2} = \csc \theta$
 $-\frac{2}{3} = \sin \theta$
 $\theta_R = 41.8^\circ$
~~Q3 and Q4~~
 $\theta = 221.8^\circ$
 ~~$\theta = 218.2^\circ$~~
 $\theta = -41.8^\circ$

Answers

1. a) $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$

b) $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}, -\frac{5\pi}{6}$

2 a) $\theta = \pm 71^\circ$

b) $\theta = -27^\circ$

3. a) $\theta = 143^\circ$

b) $\theta = -42^\circ$

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Unit: Trigonometry and The Unit Circle
Topic: More Trig Equations

Objectives:

- Algebraically solve second degree trig equations in radians and degrees
- Verify a solution to a trig equation
- Identify exact and approximate solutions in a restricted domain
- Determine the general solution to a trig equation

Recall: Factor the following quadratic equations and solve for x .

Sum Product
 $x^2 + 5x + 4 = 0$

→ 4 and 1

$$\rightarrow (x+4)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = -4$$

$$x = -1$$

$$x^2 - 1 = 0$$

Difference of squares

Square root both, multiply conjugates

$$\rightarrow (x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = -1$$

$$x = 1$$

$$4x^2 = 9$$

$$4x^2 - 9 = 0$$

Diff. of squares

$$(2x+3)(2x-3) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$2x^2 + 7x + 3 = 0$$

Adapted sum/product rule

Sum: 7 Product: $2 \times 3 = 6$

→ 6 and 1

Use this to split the middle term

$$2x^2 + 6x + 1x + 3 = 0$$

Factor by grouping

$$(2x^2 + 6x) + (1x + 3) = 0$$

$$2x(x+3) + 1(x+3) = 0$$

$$(2x+1)(x+3) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = -3$$

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Example

Factor and solve the following TRIG equations.

$\tan^2 \theta - 4 \tan \theta + 3 = 0, 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ ← radians

Imagine this is $x^2 \rightarrow$ Sum/Product rule
 $S = -4 \quad P = +3$

$(\tan \theta - 3)(\tan \theta - 1) = 0$

$\tan \theta = 3 \rightarrow$ Q1 or Q3 $\tan \theta = 1 \rightarrow$ Q1 or Q3

$\theta = \boxed{1.25}$ Q1 $\theta = \boxed{0.79}$ Q1

$\theta = 1.25 + \pi = \boxed{4.39}$ Q3 $\theta = 0.79 + \pi = \boxed{3.93}$ Q3

$2 \sin^2 \theta = 1, 0 \leq \theta < 360^\circ$ ← degrees

$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$

$\sin \theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Q1 or Q2

$\theta = \boxed{45^\circ}$ Q1

$\theta = \boxed{135^\circ}$ Q2

$\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Q3 or Q4

$\theta_R = 45^\circ$

$\theta = \boxed{225^\circ}$ Q3

$\theta = \boxed{315^\circ}$ Q4

$\csc^2 \theta - 3 \csc \theta - 10 = 0, \theta \in \mathbb{R}$

$S: -3 \quad P: -10$

general solution needed. We can use radians or degrees, though!

$(\csc \theta - 5)(\csc \theta + 2) = 0$

$\csc \theta = 5$

$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{5}$ Q1 and Q2

$\theta = 11.5$ Q1

$\theta = 168.5$ Q2

$\rightarrow \boxed{11.5 + 360n}$

$\boxed{168.5 + 360n}$

$\csc \theta = -2$

$\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow$ Q3 or Q4

$\theta_R = 30^\circ$

$\theta = 210^\circ$ Q3

$\theta = 330^\circ$ Q4

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$\rightarrow \boxed{210 + 360n}$

$\boxed{330 + 360n}$



Try

1. Solve the following equations over the domain $-\pi \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ (rounded to 2 decimals) radians
Q2 is excluded

a. $4\cos^2\theta - 3 = 0$

$\cos^2\theta = \frac{3}{4}$

$\cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ Q1 and Q4

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{3}$

b. $2\tan^2\theta = 3$

$\tan^2\theta = \frac{3}{2}$

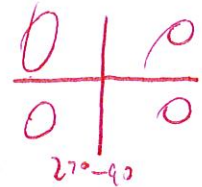
$\tan\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$ Q1 and Q3
not a special triangle

$\theta = \text{arctan}(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}) \approx 0.89$ rads

$\theta = -\pi + 0.89$

$\theta = -2.25$

2. Solve the following equations over the domain $-90^\circ \leq \theta < 270^\circ$.



Divide by $\cos\theta$
mind that $2\cos\theta\sin\theta = \cos\theta$
 $2\sin\theta = 1$

c. $2\cos\theta\sin\theta - \cos\theta = 0$

$\sin\theta = \frac{1}{2}$

Q1 or Q2

$\theta = 30^\circ$

$\theta = 150^\circ$

b. $3\tan\theta + \tan^2\theta = 2\tan\theta$

$\tan^2\theta + \tan\theta = 0$

S: 1 P: 0

$\rightarrow (\tan\theta + 1)(\tan\theta) = 0$

$\tan\theta = -1$ Q2 and Q4

$\theta = 135^\circ$

$\theta = -45^\circ$

$\theta = 0^\circ$
 $\theta = 180^\circ$

Can also use graphing calculator.

3. Solve the following equations over the domain $-2\pi \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, then determine the general solution Adapted S/P rule -

a. $2\cos^2\theta - \cos\theta - 1 = 0$

S: -1 P: -2 $\rightarrow -2$ and 1

$2\cos^2\theta - 2\cos\theta + \cos\theta - 1 = 0$

$2\cos\theta(\cos\theta - 1) + 1(\cos\theta - 1) = 0$

$(2\cos\theta + 1)(\cos\theta - 1) = 0$

$\cos\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$ Q2, Q3

$\cos\theta = 1$

$\theta = 0, 2\pi, -2\pi$

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General solution:

$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}, -\frac{2\pi}{3}, -\frac{4\pi}{3}$

b. $5\sin^2\theta + 3\sin\theta = 2$

S: 3 P: -10 $\rightarrow 5$ and -2

$5\sin^2\theta - 2\sin\theta + 5\sin\theta - 2 = 0$

$\sin\theta(5\sin\theta - 2) + 1(5\sin\theta - 2) = 0$

$(\sin\theta + 1)(5\sin\theta - 2) = 0$

$\sin\theta = \frac{2}{5}$ Q1, Q2

$\sin\theta = -1$

$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}$

$\theta = 0.4115, 2.7301, -3.5531, -5.8717$

Messy general solution

Finally a normal domain

4. Solve the following equations over the domain $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.

e. $4 \tan^2 \theta = 2 - 5 \tan \theta$

$4 \tan^2 \theta + 5 \tan \theta - 2 = 0$
S: 5 P: -8

Nothing can work. We must graph.

Set window for x to $[0, 2\pi]$

Graph this equation. Make sure you're in RAD.

Set window for y to something short like $[-5, 5]$.

2nd, TRACE, Zero.

Find x-intercepts.

$\theta = 0.31, 2.14, 3.45, 5.28$

b.

$4 \sin \theta + 3 = 2 \sin^2 \theta$

$2 \sin^2 \theta - 4 \sin \theta - 3 = 0$

S: -4 P: -6

Again not possible.

Graph.

$\theta = 3.76, 5.66$

*Graphing can be used to solve any trig equation. One downside is that it doesn't give exact values for radians.

Works awesome for degrees, though!

Answers

1. a) $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{6}, -\frac{5\pi}{6}$ b) $\theta = \pm 0.89, -2.26$

2. a) $\theta = 30^\circ, \pm 90^\circ, 150^\circ$ b) $\theta = 0^\circ, 180^\circ, 135^\circ$

$\theta = 0, \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}, \pm \frac{4\pi}{3}, \pm 2\pi$

3. a)

$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}n, n \in I$

$\theta = -5.87, -3.55, -\frac{\pi}{2}, 0.41, 2.73, \frac{3\pi}{2}$

b)

$\theta = 0.41 + 2\pi n, n \in I$ OR $\theta = 2.73 + 2\pi n, n \in I$ OR $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, n \in I$

4. a) $\theta = 0.31, 2.14, 3.45, 5.28$

b) $\theta = 3.76, 5.66$

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Process		Example	Things to Remember
Converting Angle Measures	From Degrees to Radians		
	From Radians to Degrees		
Determining Coterminal Angles			
Determining the Six Trig Ratios for Angles in the Unit Circle			
Solving Trig Equations	For a restricted domain		
	A general solution		

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