

Math 1060 ~ Trigonometry

4 The Six Trigonometric Functions

Learning Objectives

In this section you will:

- Determine the values of the six trigonometric functions from the coordinates of a point on the Unit Circle.
- Learn and apply the reciprocal and quotient identities.
- Learn and apply the Generalized Reference Angle Theorem.
- Find angles that satisfy trigonometric function equations.

$$\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u = 1$$

$$\sin 2u = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

The Trigonometric Functions

In addition to the sine and cosine functions, there are four more.

Trigonometric Functions: Suppose θ is an angle plotted in standard position and $P(x, y)$ is the point on the terminal side of θ which lies on the Unit Circle. The circular functions are defined as follows.

- The **sine** of θ , denoted $\sin(\theta)$, is defined by $\sin(\theta) = y$.
- The **cosine** of θ , denoted $\cos(\theta)$, is defined by $\cos(\theta) = x$.
- The **tangent** of θ , denoted $\tan(\theta)$, is defined by $\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}$, provided $x \neq 0$.
- The **cosecant** of θ , denoted $\csc(\theta)$, is defined by $\csc(\theta) = \frac{1}{y}$, provided $y \neq 0$.
- The **secant** of θ , denoted $\sec(\theta)$, is defined by $\sec(\theta) = \frac{1}{x}$, provided $x \neq 0$.
- The **cotangent** of θ , denoted $\cot(\theta)$, is defined by $\cot(\theta) = \frac{x}{y}$, provided $y \neq 0$.

Ex 1: Assume θ is $\frac{\pi}{3}$ in this picture.

Find the six trigonometric functions of θ .

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

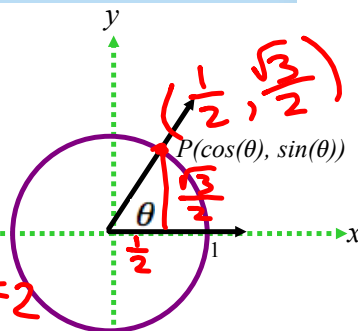
$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} = \sqrt{3}$$

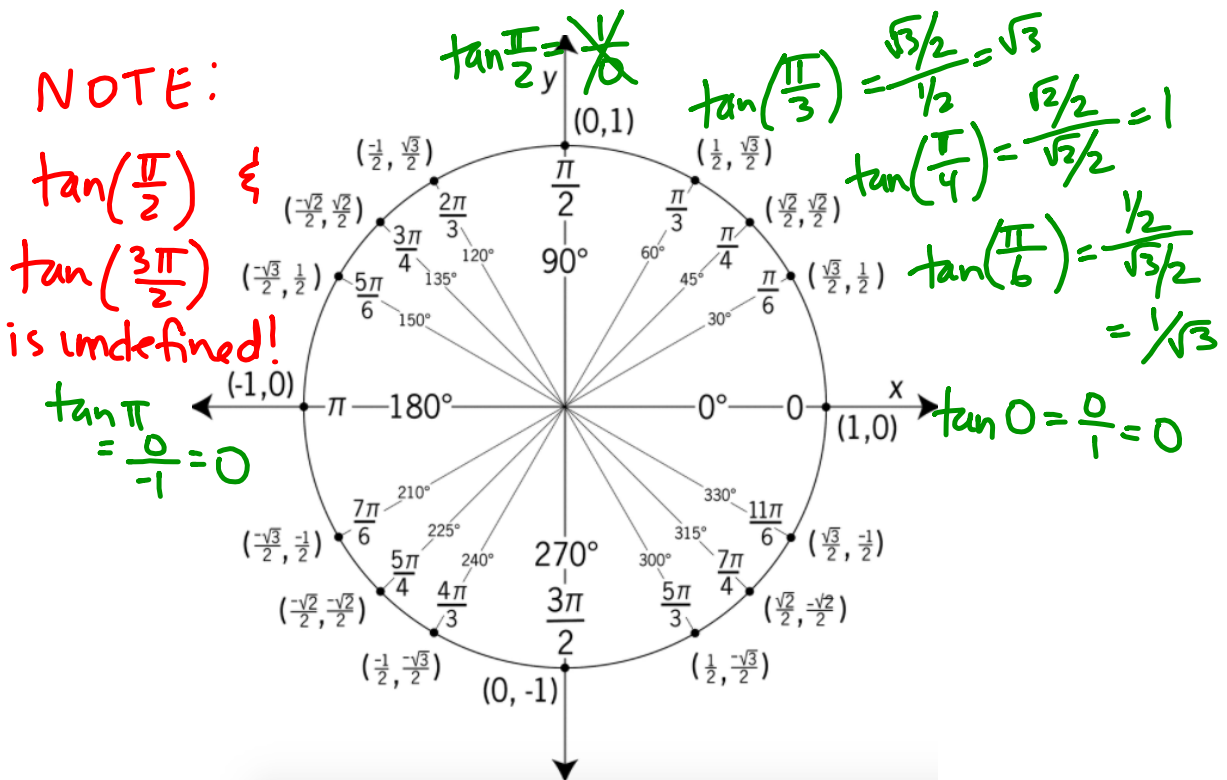
$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{1/2} = 2$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1/2}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$



Ex 2: Determine the tangent values for the first quadrant and each of the quadrant angles on this Unit Circle.



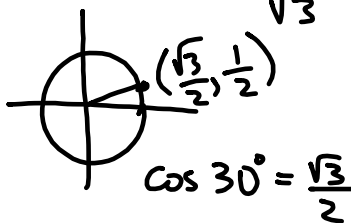
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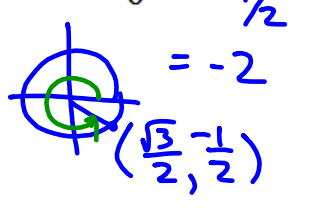
- $\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)}$, provided $\cos(\theta) \neq 0$; if $\cos(\theta) = 0$ then $\tan(\theta)$ is undefined.
- $\cot(\theta) = \frac{x}{y} = \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\sin(\theta)}$, provided $\sin(\theta) \neq 0$; if $\sin(\theta) = 0$ then $\cot(\theta)$ is undefined.
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- $\csc(\theta) = \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)}$, provided $\sin(\theta) \neq 0$; if $\sin(\theta) = 0$ then $\csc(\theta)$ is undefined.

Ex 3: Find the indicated value, if it exists.

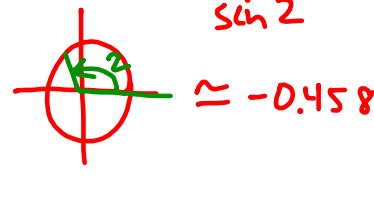
a) $\sec 30^\circ = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$



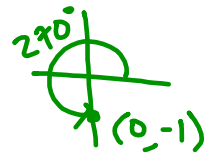
b) $\csc \frac{11\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{-1/2} = -2$



c) $\cot(2) = \frac{\cos 2}{\sin 2} \approx -0.458$

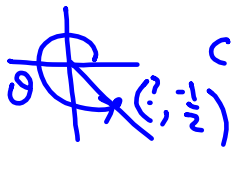


d) $\tan \theta$, where θ is any angle coterminal with 270° .



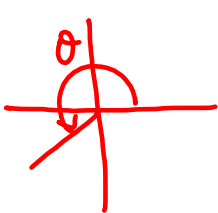
$\tan(270^\circ)$ is undefined
 $\Rightarrow \tan(\theta)$ is undefined (where θ is coterminal w/ 270°)

e) $\cos \theta$, where $\csc \theta = -2$ and $\frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi$.



$\csc \theta = -2 \Rightarrow \sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

f) $\sin \theta$, where $\tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$ and θ is in Q III.



$\tan \theta = \sqrt{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{-1/2}$
 $\Rightarrow \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $\sin \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

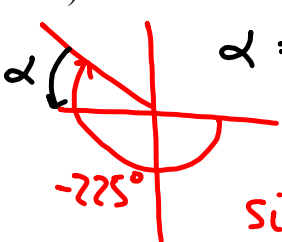
Generalized Reference Angle Theorem

The values of the trigonometric functions of an angle, if they exist, are the same, up to a sign, as the corresponding trigonometric functions of the reference angle.

More specifically, if α is the reference angle for θ , then $\cos \theta = \pm \cos \alpha$, $\sin \theta = \pm \sin \alpha$. The sign, + or -, is determined by the quadrant in which the terminal side of θ lies.

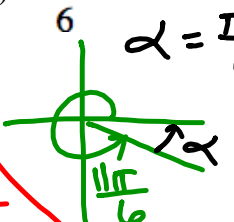
Ex 4: Determine the reference angle for each of these. Then state the cosine and sine and tangent of each.

a) -225° $\alpha = 45^\circ$



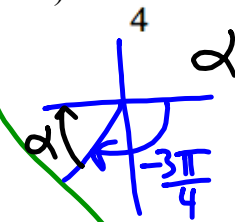
$\sin(-225^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $\cos(-225^\circ) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $\tan(-225^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{2}/2}{-\sqrt{2}/2} = -1$

b) $\frac{11\pi}{6}$ $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}$



$\cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
 $\sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $\tan\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{-1/2}{\sqrt{3}/2} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

c) $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$ $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}$

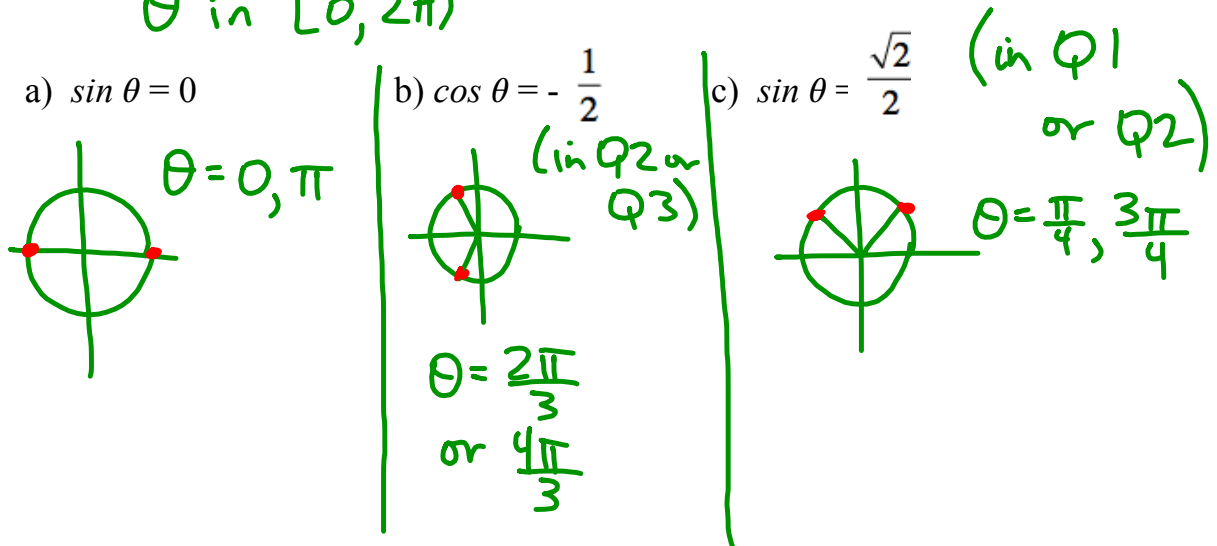


$\cos\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $\sin\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $\tan\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = 1$

Finding Angles that Satisfy Cosine and Sine Equations

Ex 5: Find all of the angles on the unit circle which satisfy the given equation.

θ in $[0, 2\pi)$



Finding Angles that Satisfy Other Trigonometric Equations

Ex 6: Find all of the angles on the unit circle which satisfy the given equation.

