

Topic: Reference angles**Question:** What is the reference angle of $37\pi/5$?**Answer choices:**

A $\frac{\pi}{5}$

B $\frac{2\pi}{5}$

C $\frac{3\pi}{5}$

D $\frac{4\pi}{5}$



Solution: B

The angle $\theta = 37\pi/5$ is three full rotations of 2π in the positive direction, and then an extra $7\pi/5$ in the positive direction, which means the angle is coterminal with $\theta = 7\pi/5$.

The angle $\theta = 7\pi/5$ is in the third quadrant, so the reference angle β is

$$\beta = \theta - \pi$$

$$\beta = \frac{7\pi}{5} - \pi$$

$$\beta = \frac{7\pi}{5} - \frac{5\pi}{5}$$

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi}{5}$$



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Question: Which angle is a reference angle for $1,180^\circ$?

Answer choices:

- A 10°
- B 80°
- C 100°
- D 260°



Solution: B

The angle $\theta = 1,180^\circ$ is three full rotations of 360° , plus an extra 100° in the positive direction, which means the angle is coterminal with $\theta = 100^\circ$.

So the angle $\theta = 1,180^\circ$ is coterminal with $\theta = 100^\circ$. Now that we have a positive coterminal angle, we can find the reference angle.

Since $\theta = 100^\circ$ is in the second quadrant, the reference angle β is

$$\beta = 180^\circ - \theta$$

$$\beta = 180^\circ - 100^\circ$$

$$\beta = 80^\circ$$



Topic: Reference angles**Question:** What is the reference angle of $-\pi/4$?**Answer choices:**

A $-\frac{\pi}{4}$

B $\frac{5\pi}{4}$

C $\frac{9\pi}{4}$

D $\frac{\pi}{4}$



Solution: D

We want to convert this to a positive angle, which we can do by adding the negative angle to 2π .

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi$$

$$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{8\pi}{4}$$

$$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

So the angle $\theta = -\pi/4$ is coterminal with $\theta = 7\pi/4$. Now that we have a positive coterminal angle, we can find the reference angle.

Since $\theta = 7\pi/4$ is in the fourth quadrant, the reference angle β is

$$\beta = 2\pi - \theta$$

$$\beta = 2\pi - \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$\beta = \frac{8\pi}{4} - \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

