
Section 2.3

Finding Trig Values Using a Calculator

SINE, COSINE, AND TANGENT

1. Compute the following trigonometric function values:

(i) $\sin(52^\circ)$

(ii) $\cos(187.48^\circ)$

(iii) $\tan(-2000^\circ)$

2. Compute the following trigonometric function values of degrees in DMS. You can either convert DMS to DD using a calculator, or input DMS directly if your calculator supports it.

(i) $\sin(187^\circ 44')$

(ii) $\cos(-225^\circ 32' 11'')$

(iii) $\tan(1500^\circ 22' 38.95'')$

THE OTHER TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

3. Most calculators only have \sin , \cos , and \tan . Use the *reciprocal identities* to calculate trigonometric function values for the other guys.

(i) $\sec(52^\circ)$

(ii) $\cot(187^\circ)$

(iii) $\csc(-225^\circ 32' 11'')$

(iv) $\cot(1500^\circ 22' 38.95'')$

INVERSE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

4. For the following, find an approximate value for θ where the trigonometric function yields the given value.

(i) $\cos \theta = 0.87$

(ii) $\sin \theta = -0.53$

(iii) $\tan \theta = 1.115$

5. Like before, most calculators only have the inverse trigonometric functions for \sin , \cos , and \tan . Use the *reciprocal identities* to calculate the inverse for the other trigonometric functions. Again, find an approximate value for θ where the trigonometric function yields the given value.

(i) $\sec \theta = 2.54$

(ii) $\csc \theta = -2.6$

(iii) $\cot \theta = 12.5$