

Section 1.4

Using the Definition of Trig Functions

TRIG FUNCTION DEFINITIONS

1. Complete the following incomplete tables of values for trigonometric function values.

$\sin \theta$	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\cos \theta$	
$\tan \theta$	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$
$\csc \theta$	
$\sec \theta$	
$\cot \theta$	

$\sin \theta$	1
$\cos \theta$	
$\tan \theta$	
$\csc \theta$	
$\sec \theta$	
$\cot \theta$	

$\sin \theta$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\cos \theta$	
$\tan \theta$	
$\csc \theta$	
$\sec \theta$	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$
$\cot \theta$	

2. Complete the following incomplete tables of signs for trigonometric functions.

$\sin \theta$	+
$\cos \theta$	–
$\tan \theta$	
$\csc \theta$	
$\sec \theta$	
$\cot \theta$	

$\sin \theta$	–
$\cos \theta$	
$\tan \theta$	–
$\csc \theta$	
$\sec \theta$	
$\cot \theta$	

$\sin \theta$	
$\cos \theta$	
$\tan \theta$	
$\csc \theta$	+
$\sec \theta$	
$\cot \theta$	–

3. Given the following trigonometric values, determine which quadrant θ is in.

Value	Quadrant	Value	Quadrant	Value	Quadrant	Value	Quadrant
$\sin \theta > 0$		$\sin \theta < 0$		$\csc \theta < 0$		$\cot \theta < 0$	
$\cos \theta < 0$		$\tan \theta > 0$		$\sec \theta < 0$		$\cos \theta > 0$	

4. Fill in the table of all the trigonometric functions given a trigonometric value and a quadrant.

$$\sin \theta = \frac{2}{5} \text{ with } \theta \text{ in quadrant II}$$

$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$	$\csc \theta$	$\sec \theta$	$\cot \theta$
$\frac{2}{5}$					

$$\sin \theta = \frac{2}{5} \text{ with } \theta \text{ in quadrant I}$$

$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$	$\csc \theta$	$\sec \theta$	$\cot \theta$
$\frac{2}{5}$					

5. Answer the following True/False questions; most of them dealing with the possible values a trigonometric function can obtain. You should provide short justification.

a. $\cos \theta = -28$

b. $\cot \theta = -129$

c. $\sec \theta = 0.5$