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# 1 | Preface

## 2 | Unit 1: Functions

### Theorem 2.0.1 (*The Pythagorean Theorem*).

If  $a, b$  are the legs of a right triangle with hypotenuse  $c$ , there is a relation

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2.$$

### Theorem 2.0.2 (*The Distance Formula*).

If  $p = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $q = (x_2, y_2)$  are points in the Cartesian plane, then there is a **distance function**

$$d : \{\text{Pairs of points } (p, q)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(p, q) \mapsto d(p, q) := \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}.$$

Law of cosines

### Definition 2.0.3 (Linear Functions)

A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is **linear** if and only if  $f$  has a formula of the following form:

$$f(x) = \alpha x + \beta \qquad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

### Definition 2.0.4 (Intercepts)

Given a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , an  **$x$ -intercept** of  $f$  is a point  $(x_0, 0)$  on the graph of  $f$ , so  $f(x_0) = 0$ . Equivalently, it is a point on the intersection of the graph and the  $x$ -axis.

A  **$y$ -intercept** of  $f$  is a point  $(0, y_0)$  on the graph of  $f$ , so  $f(0) = y_0$ . Equivalently, it is a point on the intersection of the graph and the  $y$ -axis.

### Definition 2.0.5 (Relation)

A **relation** on two sets  $X$  and  $Y$  is a set of ordered pairs  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , so  $R$  can be described as a set:

$$R = \{(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_2), \dots\}.$$

The **domain** of the relation is the set of all  $x \in X$  that occur in the first slot of these pairs, and the **range** is the set of all  $y \in Y$  that occur in the second slot.

### Definition 2.0.6 (Function)

A relation  $R$  is a **function** if it satisfies the following *deterministic property*: for every  $x_0 \in$

$\text{dom}(R)$ , there is exactly *one* pair of the form  $(x_0, y_0) \in R$ .

**Remark 2.0.7:** This says we can think of  $X$  as “inputs” and  $Y$  as “output”, and a function is a way to unambiguously assign inputs to outputs. It can be useful to think of functions like programs: if I send in an  $x$ , what  $y$  should the program return to me? If I run this program today, tomorrow, and 100 years from now, sending in the same  $x$  every time, we might want it to give the same output every time, which is the *deterministic* property: I can *determine* a single unique output if I know what the input is. If my program tells me that  $2 + 2 = 4$  today but  $2 + 2 = 5$  tomorrow, who knows what it will return in 100 years! We can’t “determine” it.

### Slogan 2.0.8

For domains and ranges:

- Domains: the set of *meaningful* inputs that the function “knows” how to handle.
- Ranges: the set of *attainable* outputs that we can expect.

**Remark 2.0.9:** To determine a domain:

1. Naively hope it is *all* of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
2. Throw out “problematic” points.
3. Draw a number line and write out what you are left with in interval notation.

**Example 2.0.10(?)**: Define

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto \frac{1}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$  and  $\text{range}(f) = \mathbb{R}$ .

**Example 2.0.11(?)**: Define

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto \sqrt{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, 0) = [0, \infty)$  and  $\text{range}(f) = [0, \infty)$ .

## 3 | Unit 2: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

## 4 | Unit 3: Trigonometric Functions

### 4.1 General Notes

- In this section, always draw a picture! Virtually 100% of the time.
  - In particular, a unit circle should almost always show up.
- Use exact ratios wherever possible.
- There are too many details and formulas to just memorize in this unit: focus on the **processes**.

### 4.2 Common Mistakes

Some facts to remember:

- $\sin^{-1}(\theta) \neq 1/\sin(\theta)$ . Mnemonic: reciprocals of trigonometric functions already have a better name, here  $\csc(\theta)$ .

### 4.3 Basic Trigonometric Functions

Sin/cos/etc as ratios

### 4.4 Proportionality Relationships

**Definition 4.4.1** (Radian)

What is a 1 radian?

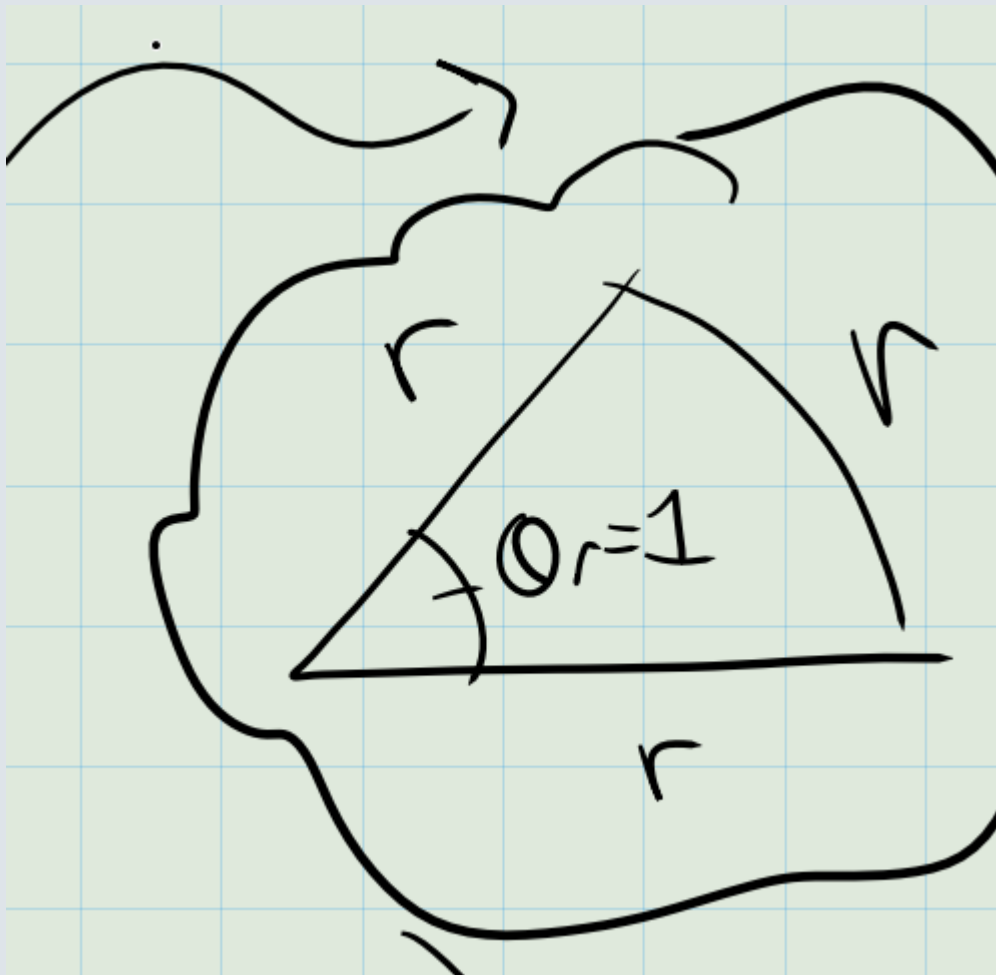


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**Remark 4.4.2:** In geometric terms, an angle in radians is the ratio of the arc length  $s(\theta, R)$  to the radius  $R$ , so

$$\theta_R = \frac{s(\theta, R)}{R}.$$

**Definition 4.4.3** (Coterminal Angles)

If  $\theta$  is an abstract angle, we will say  $\theta + k \text{ rev} \simeq \theta$  for any integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Any such angle is said to be **coterminal** to  $\theta$ .

**Remark 4.4.4:** In radians:

$$\theta_R \simeq \theta_R + k \cdot 2\pi \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

In degrees:

$$\theta_D \simeq \theta_D + k \cdot 360^\circ \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

**Proposition 4.4.5** (*Degrees are related to radians*).

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$$\frac{\theta}{1 \text{ rev}} = \frac{\theta_R}{2\pi \text{ rad}} = \frac{\theta_D}{360^\circ}.$$

**Proposition 4.4.6** (*Arc length and sector area are related to radians*).

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$$\frac{\theta}{1 \text{ rev}} = \frac{s(R, \theta)}{2\pi R} = \frac{A(R, \theta)}{\pi R^2}.$$

This implies that

$$A(R, \theta) = \frac{R^2 \theta}{2}$$

$$s(R, \theta) = R\theta.$$

## 4.5 Trigonometric Functions as Ratios

**Definition 4.5.1** (?)

There are 6 trigonometric functions defined by the following ratios:

soh-cah-toa, cho-sha-cau

Function	Domain	Range
sin	$\mathbb{R}$	$[-1, 1]$
cos	$\mathbb{R}$	$[-1, 1]$
tan	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots \right\}$	?
csc	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots\}$	?

sec	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots \right\}$	?
cot	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, \pm\pi, \pm2\pi, \dots\}$	?

**Proposition 4.5.2** (*Domains of trigonometric functions*).

## 4.6 Polar Coordinates

### Definition 4.6.1 (Unit Circle)

The **unit circle** is defined as

$$S^1 := \left\{ \mathbf{p} = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid d(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{0}) = 1 \right\} = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1 \right\},$$

the set of all points in the plane that are distance exactly 1 from the origin.

### Theorem 4.6.2 (Polar Coordinates).

If a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  has at an angle of  $\theta$  in radians and has length  $R$ , the corresponding point  $\mathbf{p}$  at the end of  $\mathbf{v}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{p} = [x, y] = [R \cos(\theta), R \sin(\theta)].$$

Conversely, if  $(x, y)$  are known, then the corresponding  $R$  and  $\theta$  are given by

$$[R, \theta] = \left[ \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right].$$

### Corollary 4.6.3 (Polar Coordinates on $S^1$ ).

If  $R = 1$ , so  $\mathbf{v}$  is on the unit circle  $S^1$ , then

$$[x, y] = [\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta)].$$

**Remark 4.6.4:** This is a very important fact! The  $x, y$  coordinates on the unit circle *literally* corresponding to cosines and sines of subtended angles will be used frequently.

### Slogan 4.6.5

Cosines are like  $x$  coordinates, sines are like  $y$  coordinates.

**Example 4.6.6 (?)**: Given  $\theta_R = 4\pi/3$ , what is the corresponding point on the unit circle  $S^1$ ?

### ⚠ Warning 4.6.7

Note that  $\sin(\theta), \cos(\theta)$  work for any  $\theta$  at all. However,  $\cos(\theta) = 0$  sometimes, so  $\tan(\theta) := \sin(\theta)/\cos(\theta)$  will on occasion be problematic. Similar story for the other functions.



## 4.7 Special Angles

For reference: the unit circle.

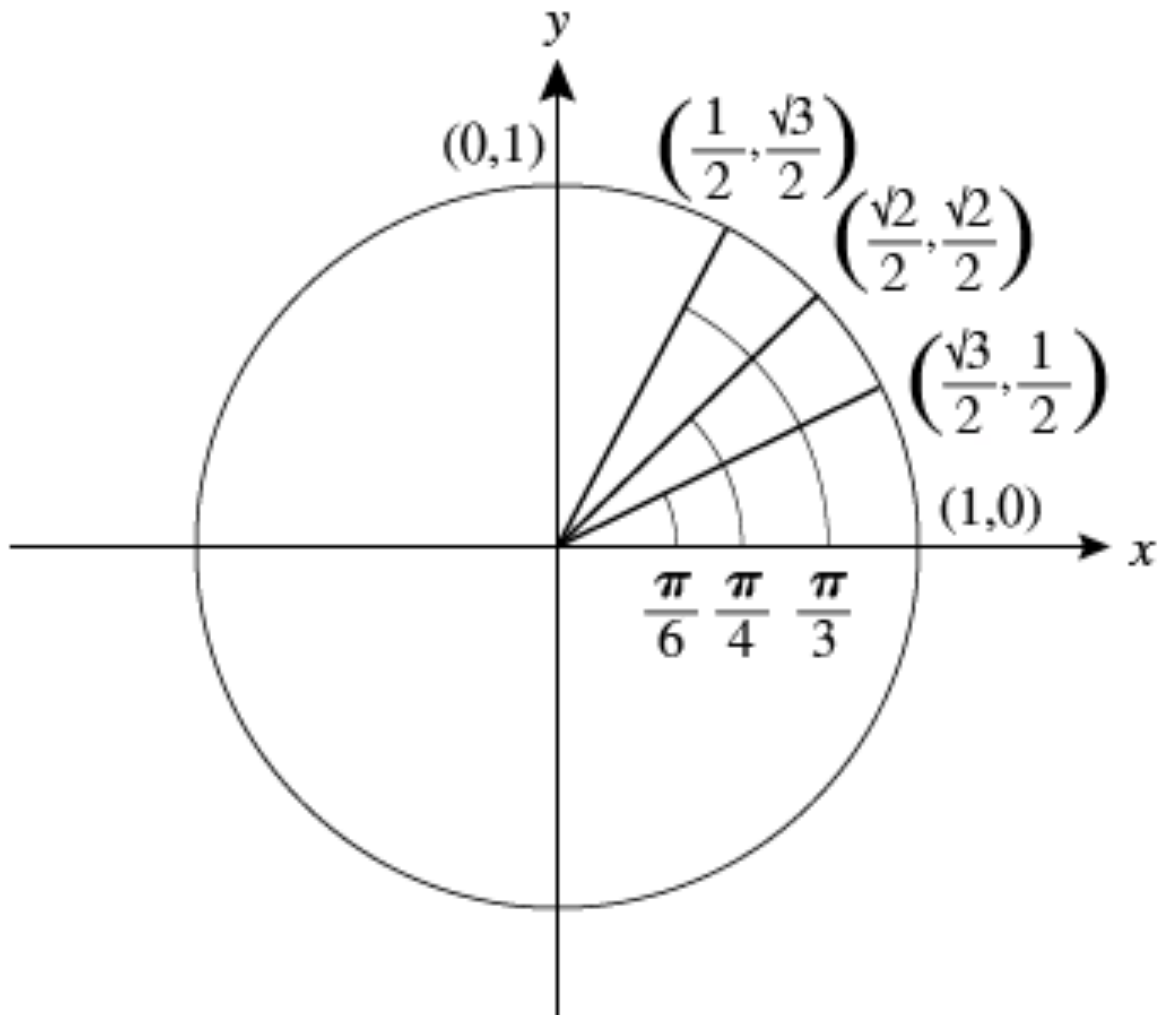


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**Remark 4.7.1:** Idea: we want to partition the circle simultaneously

- Into 8 pieces, so we increment by  $2\pi/8 = \pi/4$
- Into 12 pieces, so we increment by  $2\pi/12 = \pi/6$ .

**Proposition 4.7.2** (*Trick to memorize special angles*).

Table of special angles, increasing/decreasing

## 4.8 Reference Angles and the Flipping Method

### Definition 4.8.1 (Reference Angle)

Given a vector at of length  $R$  and angle  $\theta$ , the **reference angle**  $\theta_{\text{Ref}}$  is the acute angle in the triangle formed by dropping a perpendicular to the nearest horizontal axis.

### Proposition 4.8.2(?).

Reference angles for each quadrant:

Quadrant II :	$\theta + \theta_{\text{Ref}} = \pi$
Quadrant III :	$\pi + \theta_{\text{Ref}} = \theta$
Quadrant IV :	$\theta + \theta_{\text{Ref}} = 2\pi.$

**Example 4.8.3(?):** Given  $\sin(\theta) = 7/25$ , what are the five remaining trigonometric functions of  $\theta$ ?

Method:

1. Draw a picture! Embed  $\theta$  into a right triangle.
2. Find the missing side using the Pythagorean theorem.
3. Use definition of trigonometric functions are ratios.

**Remark 4.8.4:** Note that you can not necessarily find the angle  $\theta$  here, but we didn't need it. If we *did* want  $\theta$ , we would need an inverse function to free the argument:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\theta) &= 7/25 \\ \implies \arcsin(\sin(\theta)) &= \arcsin(7/25) \\ \implies \theta &= \arcsin(7/25)\end{aligned}$$

## 4.9 Identities Using Pythagoras

### Proposition 4.9.1(?).

$$\begin{aligned}(\sin(\theta))^2 + (\cos(\theta))^2 &= 1 \\ 1 + (\cot(\theta))^2 &= (\csc(\theta))^2 \\ (\tan(\theta))^2 + 1 &= (\sec(\theta))^2.\end{aligned}$$

*Proof (?)*.

Derive first from Pythagorean theorem in  $S^1$ . Obtain the second by dividing through by  $(\sin(\theta))^2$ . Obtain the third by dividing through by  $(\cos(\theta))^2$ . ■

## 4.10 Even/Odd Properties

### Question 4.10.1

Thinking of  $\cos(\theta)$  as a function of  $\theta$ , is it

- Even?
- Odd?
- Neither?

**Remark 4.10.2:** Why do we care? The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

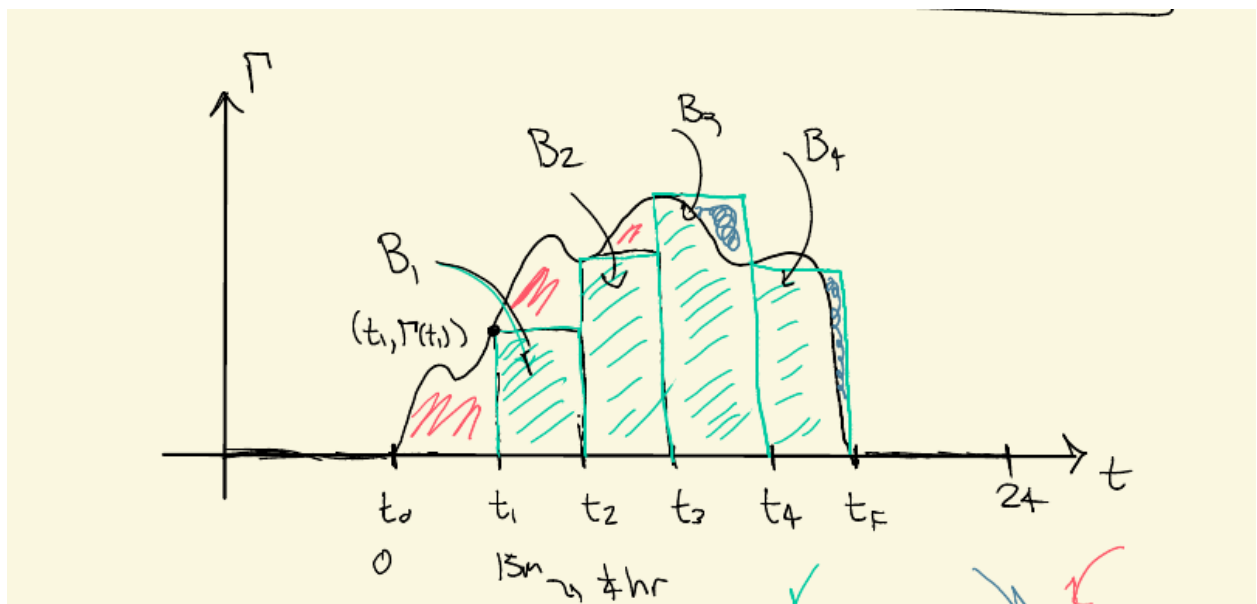


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**Proposition 4.10.3 (?)**.

- $f(\theta) := \cos(\theta)$  is an even function.
- $g(\theta) := \sin(\theta)$  is an odd function.

*Proof (?)*.

Plot vectors for  $\theta, -\theta$  on  $S^1$  and flip over the  $x$ -axis. ■

**Corollary 4.10.4(?)**.

- $\cos(t), \sec(t)$  are even.
- $\sin(t), \csc(t), \tan(t), \cot(t)$  are odd.

## 4.11 Wave Function

**Remark 4.11.1:** Motivation: let a vector run around the unit circle, where we think of  $\theta$  as a time parameter. What are its  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates? What happens if we plot  $x(t)$  in a new  $\theta$  plane? ✍

**Definition 4.11.2** (Standard Form of a Wave Function)

The **standard form** of a wave function is given by

$$f(t) := A \cos(\omega(t - \varphi)) + \delta,$$

where

- $A$  is the **amplitude**,
- $\omega$  is the **frequency**,
- $\varphi$  is the **phase shift**, and
- $\delta$  is the **vertical shift**.
- $P := 2\pi/\omega$  is the **period**, so  $f(t + kP) = f(t)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Insert plot

**Remark 4.11.3:** Note that this is nothing more than a usual cosine wave, just translated/dilated in the  $x$  direction and the  $y$  direction. ✍

### ⚠ Warning 4.11.4

Don't memorize equations like  $y = \sin(Bt + C)$  and e.g. the phase shift if  $\varphi = -C/B$ . Instead, use a process: always put your equation in standard form, then you can just read off the parameters. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \cos(Bt + C) \\ &= \cos\left(B\left(t + \frac{C}{B}\right)\right) \\ &= \cos(\omega(t - \varphi)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies B = \omega, \varphi = -\frac{C}{B}.$$

**Example 4.11.5(?)**: Put the following wave in standard form:

$$f(t) := 4 \cos(3t + 2).$$

**Example 4.11.6(?)**: Put the following wave in standard form:

$$f(t) := \alpha \cos(\beta t + \gamma).$$

**Proposition 4.11.7(?).**

How to plot the graph of a wave equation:

1. Put in standard form.
2. Read off the parameters to build a rectangular box of width  $P$  and height  $2|A|$  about the line  $y = \delta$ .
3. Break the box into 4 pieces using the key points  $t = \varphi + \frac{k}{4}P$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

**Example 4.11.8(Plotting)**: Plot the following function in the  $t$  plane:

$$f(t) = 2 \cos\left(5t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 7.$$

**Example 4.11.9(?)**: Plot the following:

$$f(t) = -2 \sin(3t - 7).$$

**Proposition 4.11.10(Determining the equation of a sine wave).**

Given a picture of a graph of a sine wave,

1. Draw a horizontal line cutting the wave in half. This will be  $\delta$ .
2. Measure the distance from this midline to a peak. This will be  $|A|$ .
3. Restrict to one full period, starting either at a peak (if you want to match  $\cos(t)$ ) or a zero (if you want to match  $\sin(t)$ ). Pick the period starting as close as possible to the  $y$ -axis.
4. Measure the period  $P$  and reverse-engineer it to get  $\omega$ :  $P = 2\pi/\omega \implies \omega = 2\pi/P$ .
5. Measure the distance from the starting point to the  $y$ -axis: this is  $\varphi$ .

**Example 4.11.11(?)**: Determine the equation of the following wave function:

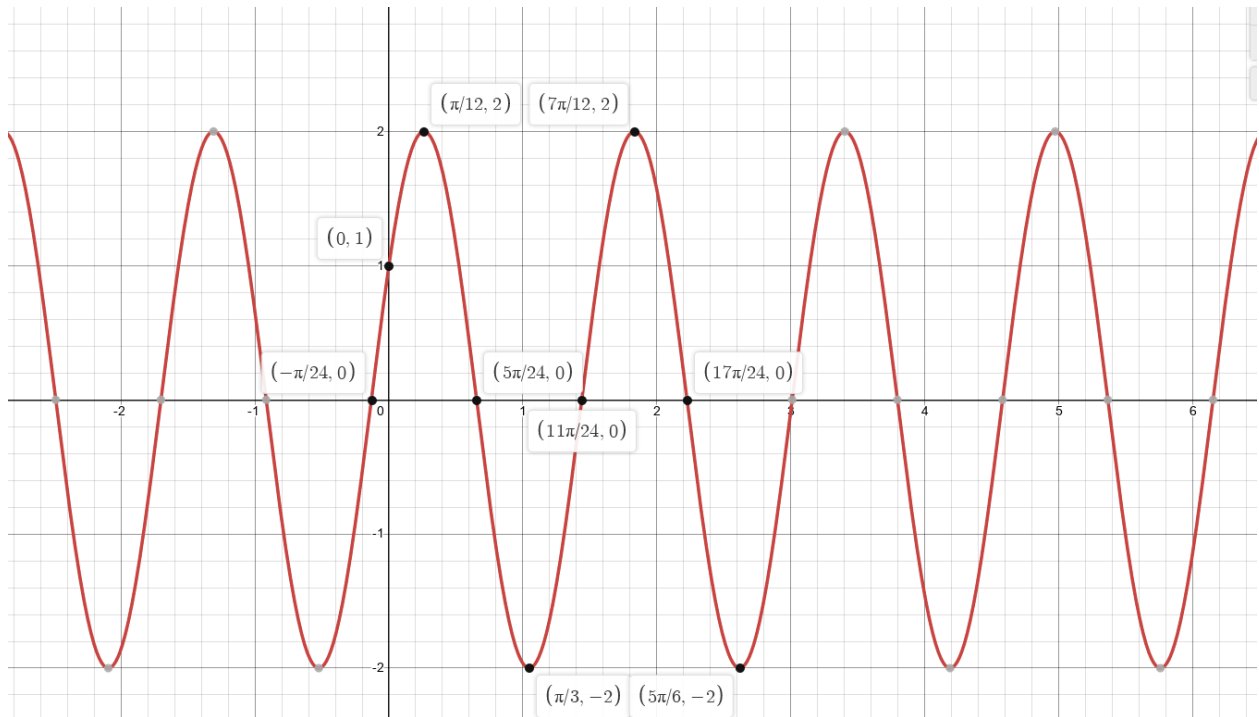


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**Solution:**

$$f(t) = 2 \sin \left( 4t + \frac{\pi}{6} \right).$$

**Remark 4.11.12:** Note that we can graph other trigonometric functions: they get pretty wild though.

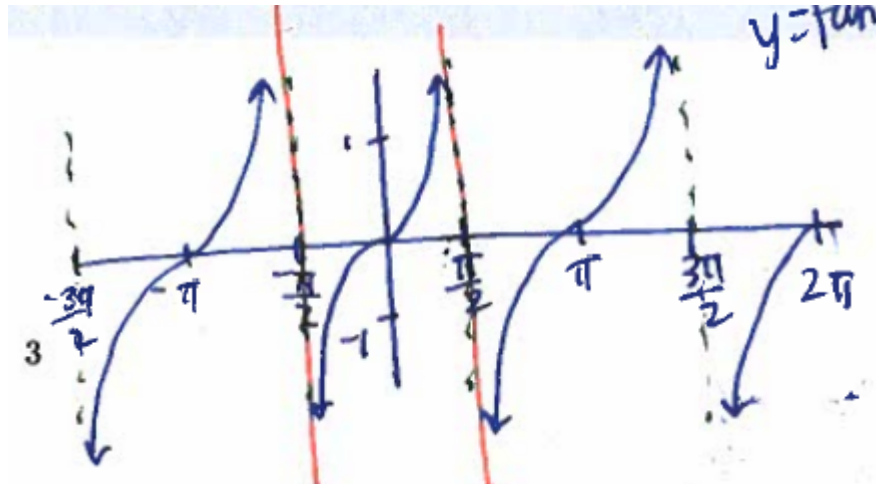
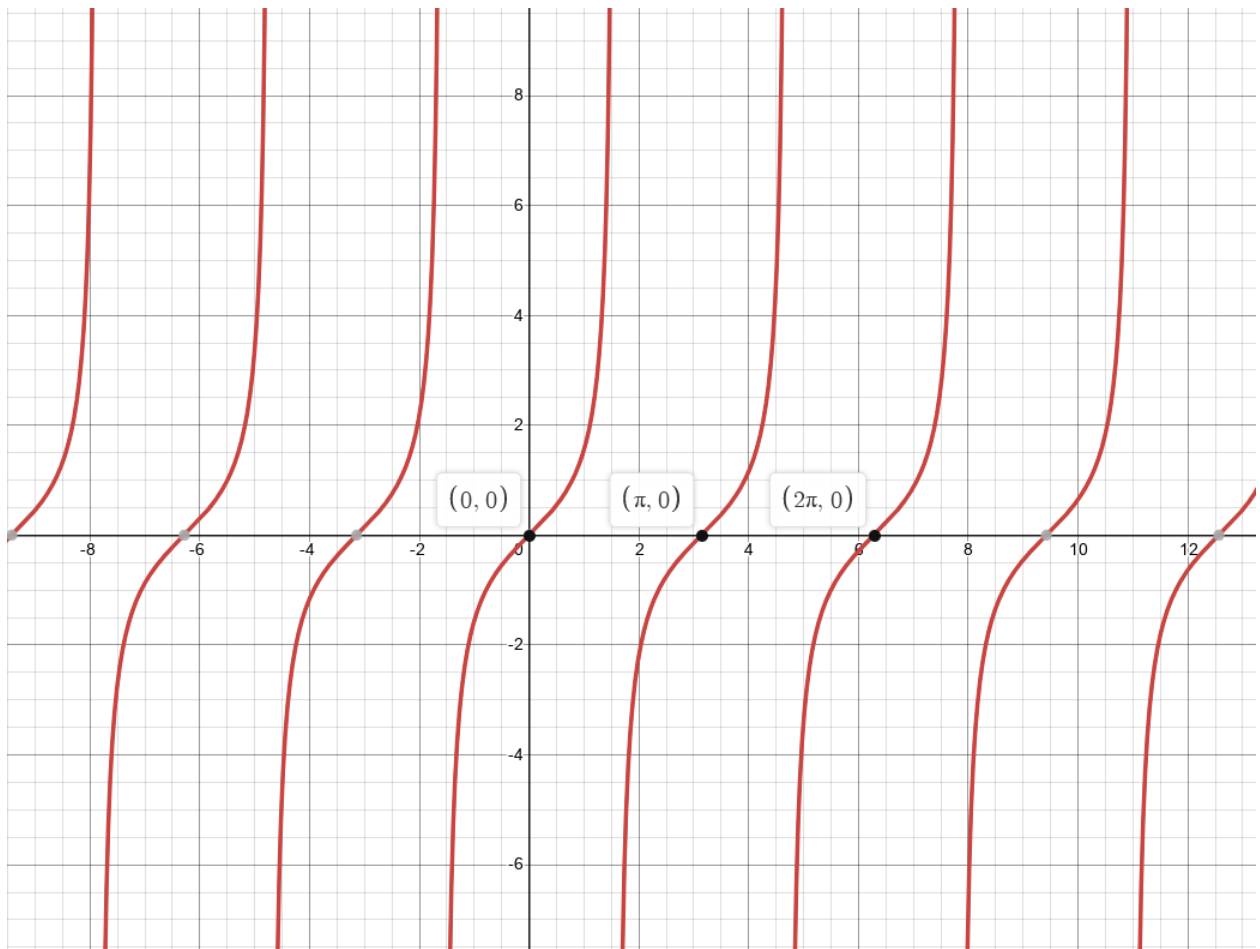


Figure 5: Tangent



## 4.12 Simplifying Identities

**Remark 4.12.1:** The goal: reduce a complicated mess of trigonometric functions to something as simple as possible. We'll use a **boxing-up method**.

**Remark 4.12.2:** On verifying identities: if you want to show  $f(\theta) = g(\theta)$ , start at one and arrive at the other:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &= \text{simplify } f \\ &= \dots \\ &= \dots \\ &= \dots \\ &= g(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

### Warning 4.12.3

If you end up with something like  $1 = 1$  or  $0 = 0$ , this is hinting at a problem with your logic.

### Exercise 4.12.4 (?)

Simplify the following:

$$F(\theta) := \left( \frac{\sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)}{\cot(\theta)} \right) \cos(\theta) \csc(\theta).$$

**Solution:**

$$F = s \left( \frac{s}{c} \right).$$

**Remark 4.12.5:** As an alternative, you can use the **transitivity of equality**: show that  $f(\theta) = h(\theta)$  for some totally different function  $h$ , and then show  $g(\theta) = h(\theta)$  as well.



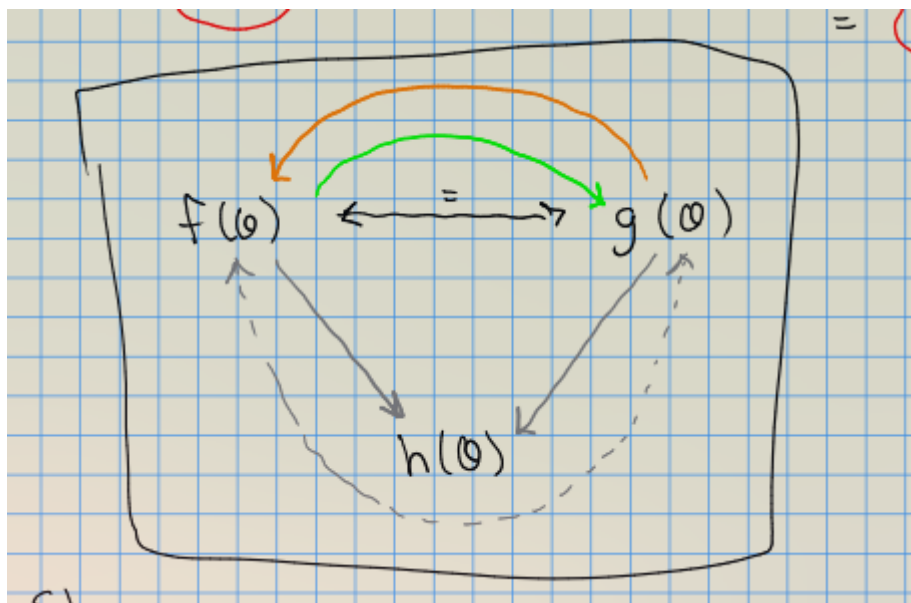


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**Exercise 4.12.6** (Reducing both sides to a common expression)

Show the following identity:

$$\sin(-\theta) + \csc(\theta) = \cot(\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

by showing both sides are separately equal to  $h(\theta) := \csc(\theta) - \sin(\theta)$ .

## 4.13 Inverse Functions

### 4.13.1 Motivation

**Remark 4.13.1:** Motivation: we want a way to solve equations where the unknown  $\theta$  is stuck in the argument of a trigonometric function. For example, for  $\sin : \mathbb{R}_A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_B$ , this would be some function  $f : \mathbb{R}_B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_A$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\sin(\theta)) &= \text{id}(\theta) = \theta \\ \sin(f(y)) &= \text{id}(y) = y. \end{aligned}$$

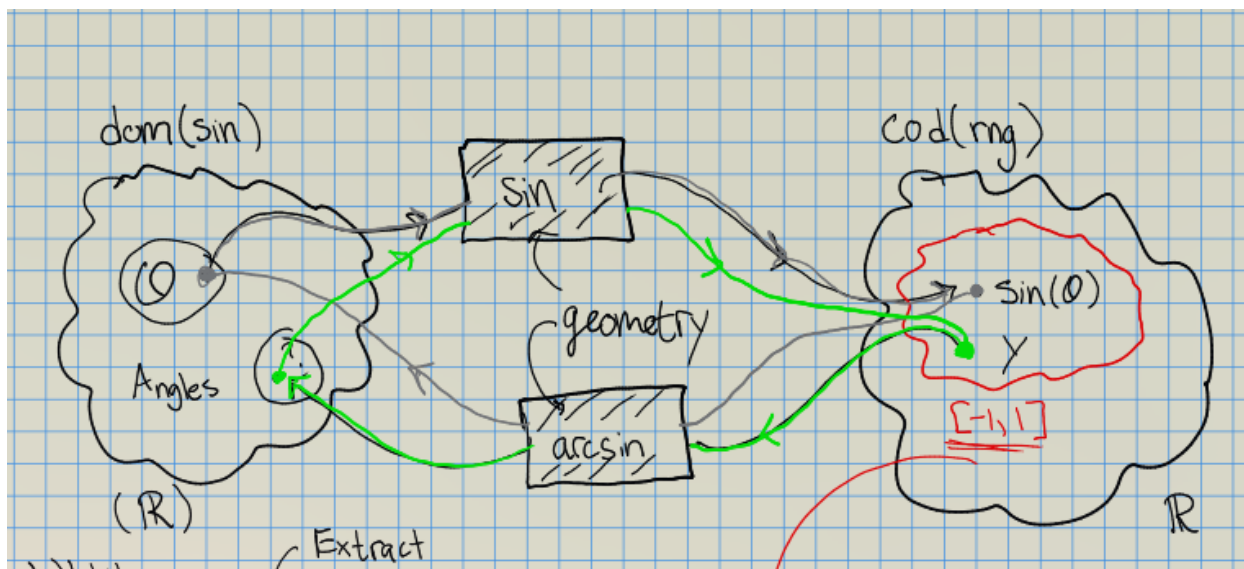
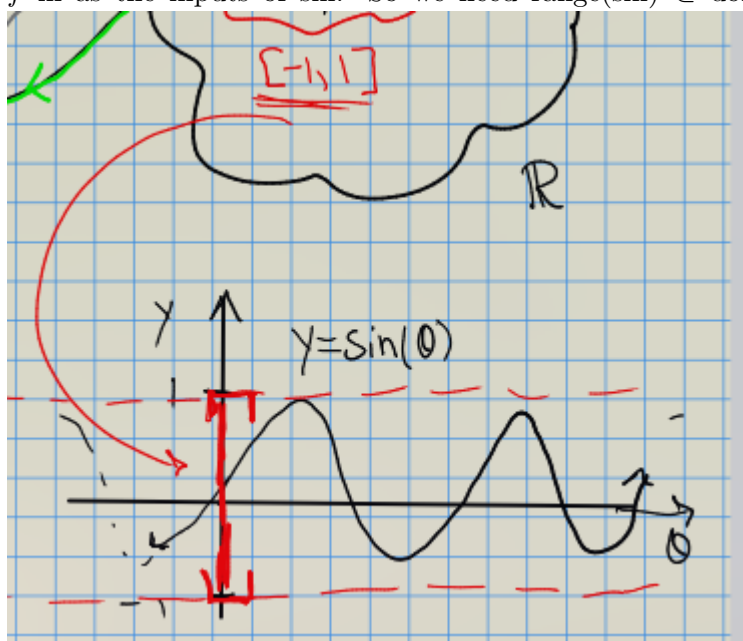


Figure 7: Input-Output perspective: important!

Note that we only ever have to define  $f$  on  $\text{range}(\sin)$ , since we're only ever sending outputs of  $f$  in as the inputs of  $\sin$ . So we need  $\text{range}(\sin) \subset \text{dom}(f)$ , noting that  $\text{range}(\sin) = [-1, 1]$ :



Similarly, we need  $\text{range}(f) \subset \text{dom}(\sin)$ .

## 4.13.2 Using Triangles

**Remark 4.13.2:** Optimistically imagine that we had some such inverse function. Then we could evaluate some expressions without even knowing anything else about it. The trick:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \arccos(p/q) \\ \implies \cos(\theta) &= \cos(\arccos(p/q)) \\ \implies \cos(\theta) &= p/q.\end{aligned}$$

Now embed this in a triangle. We can't solve for  $\theta$ , but we can solve for other trigonometric functions.

**Exercise 4.13.3** (Using functional inverse property)

$$\begin{aligned}\cos\left(\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}\right)\right) &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \arccos\left(\cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}\right)\right) &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}.\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 4.13.4** (Using a triangle)

$$\tan\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)\right) = \frac{p}{\sqrt{q^2 - p^2}}.$$

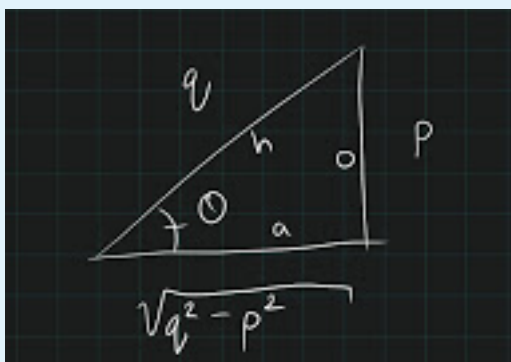


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**Exercise 4.13.5** (Can't extract angles)

Compute  $\arcsin(3/5)$ .

**Warning 4.13.6**

This is equal to  $\sin^{-1}(3/5)$ , which is *not* equal to  $\frac{1}{\sin(3/5)}$ ! One way to remember this is that we have another name for reciprocals, here  $\csc(3/5)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \arcsin(3/5) \\ \Rightarrow \sin(\theta) &= (3/5) && \text{roughly by injectivity} \\ \Rightarrow &= \dots?\end{aligned}$$

We are out of luck, since this isn't a special angle. So we can't find a numerical value of  $\theta$ . We can find other trig functions of  $\theta$  though:

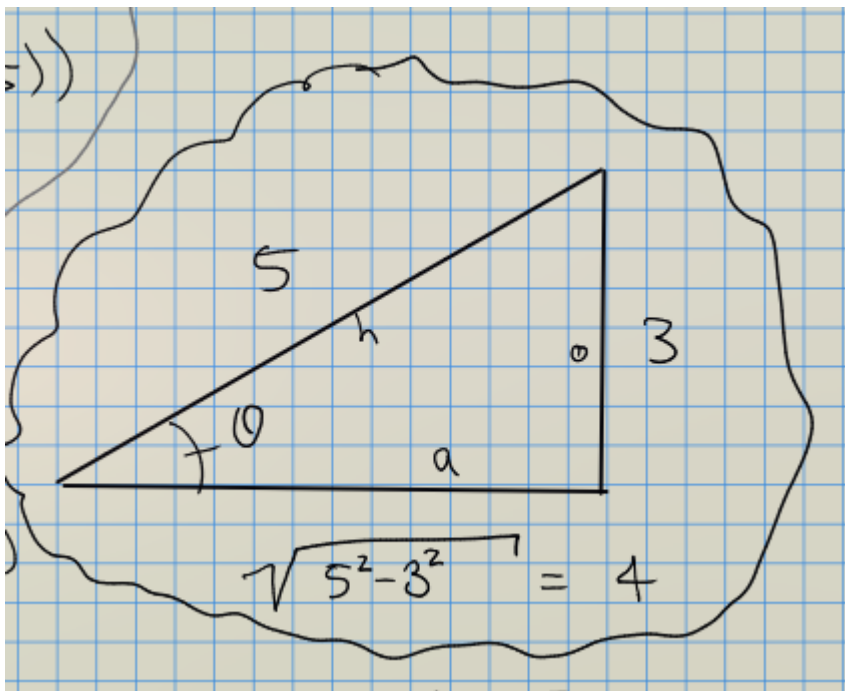


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So for example,  $\cos(\arcsin(3/5)) = 4/5$ .

**Remark 4.13.7:** Most inverse trigonometric functions can *not* be exactly solved! We'll have to approximate by calculator if we want the actual angle. If we just want *other* trigonometric functions though, we can always embed in a triangle.

**Example 4.13.8 (Using triangles):** Show the following:

- $\cos(\arcsin(24/26)) = 10/26$ 
  - Write  $\theta = \arcsin(24/26)$ , note  $\theta$  is in  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2] = \text{range}(\arcsin)$ .
- $\tan(\arccos(-10/26)) = 10/26$ 
  - Write  $\theta = \arccos(-10/26)$ , note  $\theta$  is in  $[0, \pi] = \text{range}(\arccos)$

## 4.13.3 Defining Inverses

**Remark 4.13.9:** The setup: try swapping  $y$  and  $\theta$  in the graph of  $y = \sin(\theta)$ :

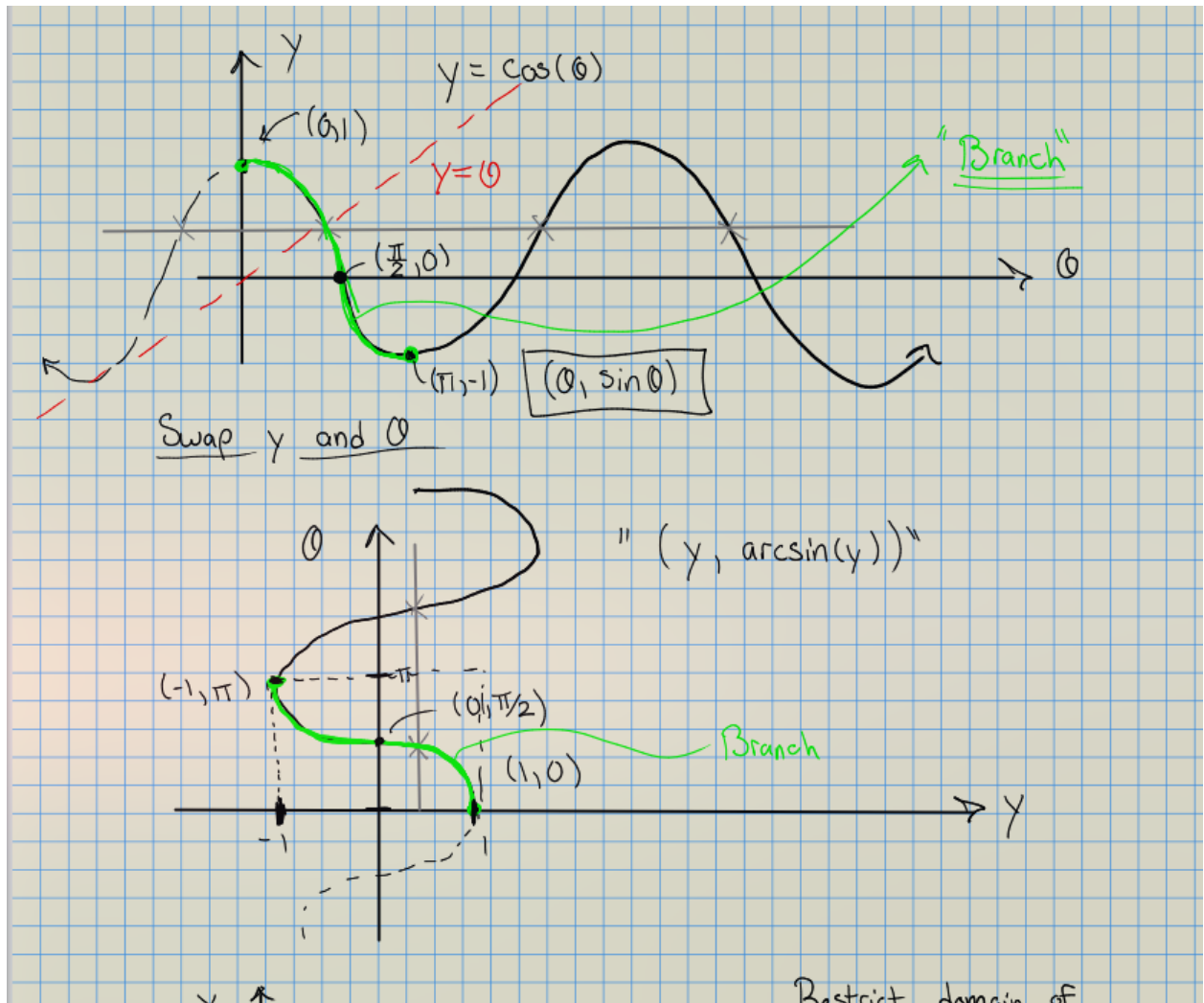


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Note that the latter is a function (vertical line test) iff the former is injective (horizontal line test). So we take the largest branch where the inverse is a function:

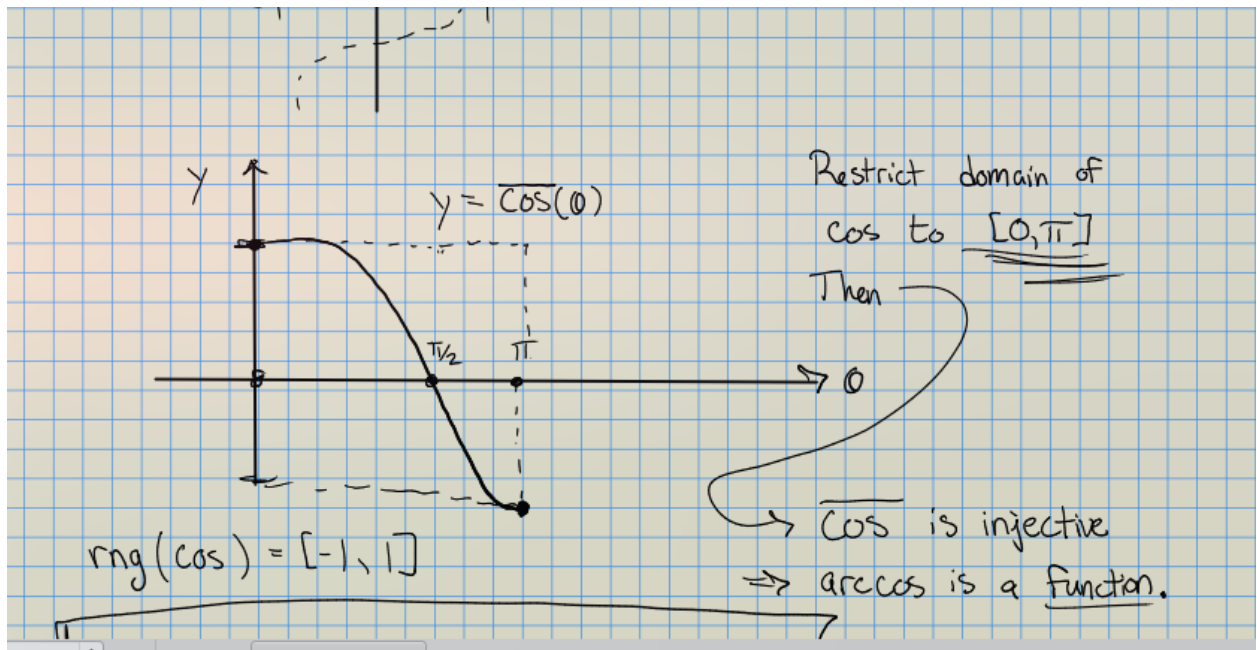


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Back on our original graph, this looks like the following:

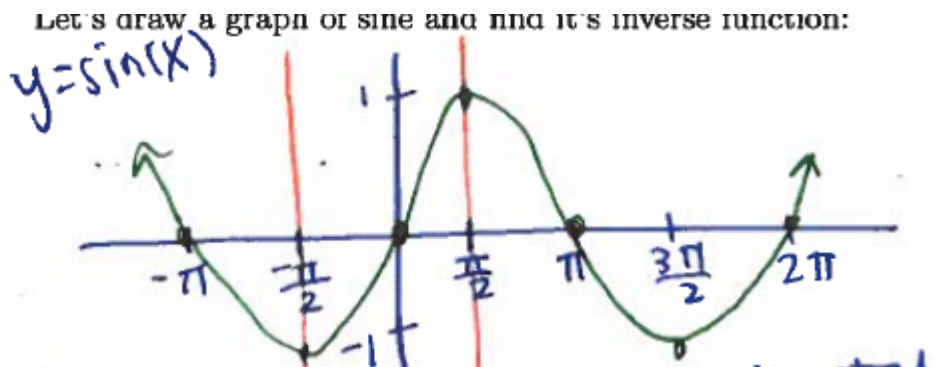


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Restricting, we get

- $\text{dom}(\arccos) := \text{range}(\cos) = [-1, 1]$ .
- $\text{range}(\arccos) := \text{dom}(\cos) = [0, \pi]$ .

**Remark 4.13.10:** A similar analysis works for  $\sin(\theta)$ :

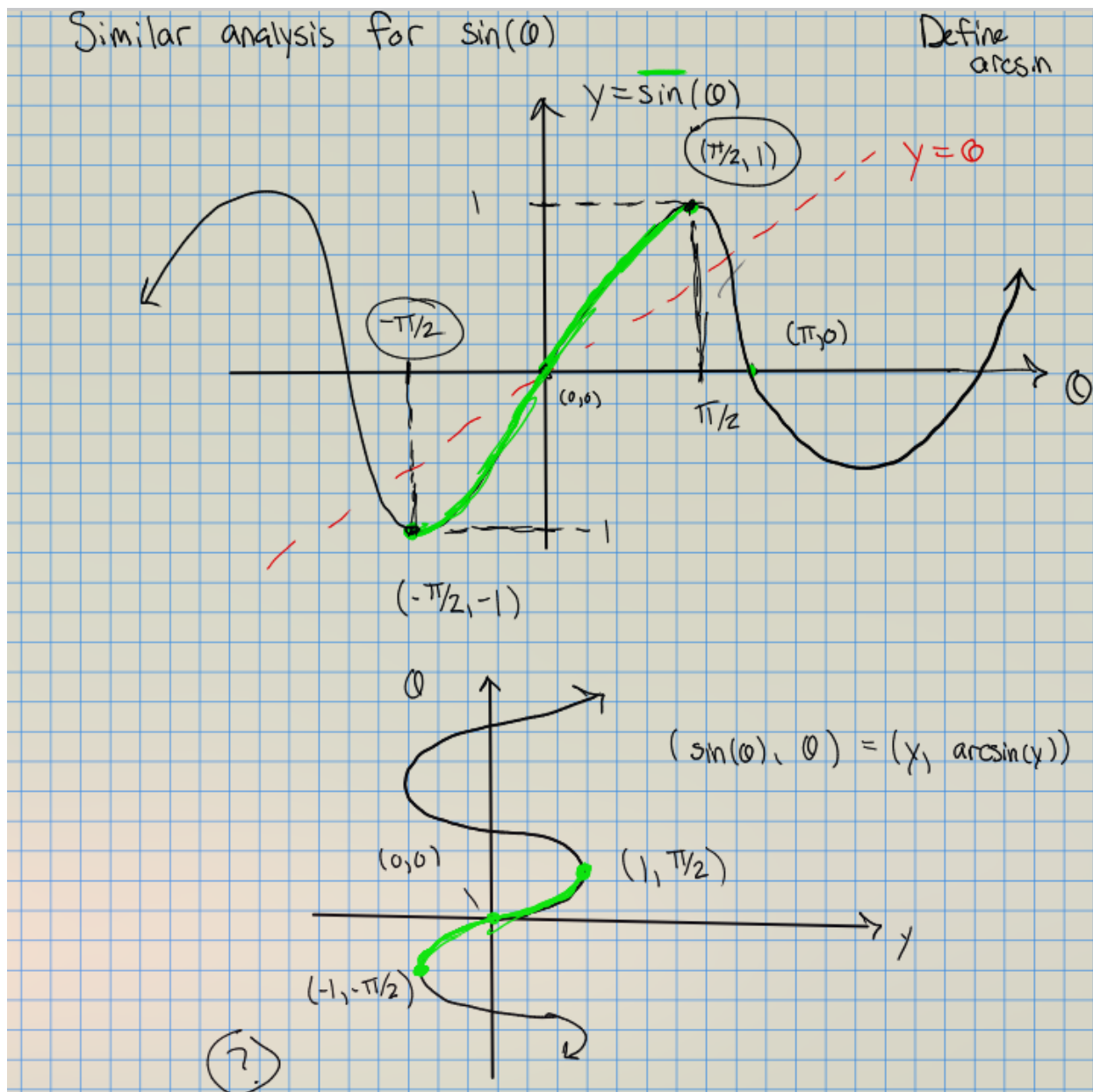


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Restricting, we get

- $\text{dom}(\arcsin) := \text{range}(\sin) = [-1, 1]$ .
- $\text{range}(\arcsin) := \text{dom}(\sin) = [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ .

**Remark 4.13.11:** This gives us a new tool to solve equations:

$$\begin{aligned} & \vdots = \vdots \\ \implies & \cos(x) = b \\ \implies & \arccos(\cos(x)) = \arccos(b) \\ \implies & x = \arccos(b), \end{aligned}$$

but only if we know this makes sense based on domain/range issues.

**Proposition 4.13.12 (Domains of inverse trigonometric functions).**

Restrict domains in the following ways:

- $\sin: [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$
- $\cos: [0, \pi]$
- $\tan: [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$

Function	Domain	Range
$\arcsin$	$[-1, 1]$	$[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$
$\arccos$	$[-1, 1]$	$[0, \pi]$
$\arctan$	$\mathbb{R}$	$(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$
$\operatorname{arccsc}$	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, \pm\pi, \pm2\pi, \dots\}$	?
$\operatorname{arcsec}$	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \pm\frac{\pi}{2}, \pm\frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots \right\}$	?
$\operatorname{arccot}$	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, \pm\pi, \pm2\pi, \dots\}$	?

### Slogan 4.13.13

There is an easy way to remember this:

- Cosines are  $x$ -values, pick the upper (or lower) half of the circle to make them unique.
- Sines are  $y$ -values, pick the right (or left) half of the circle to make them unique.



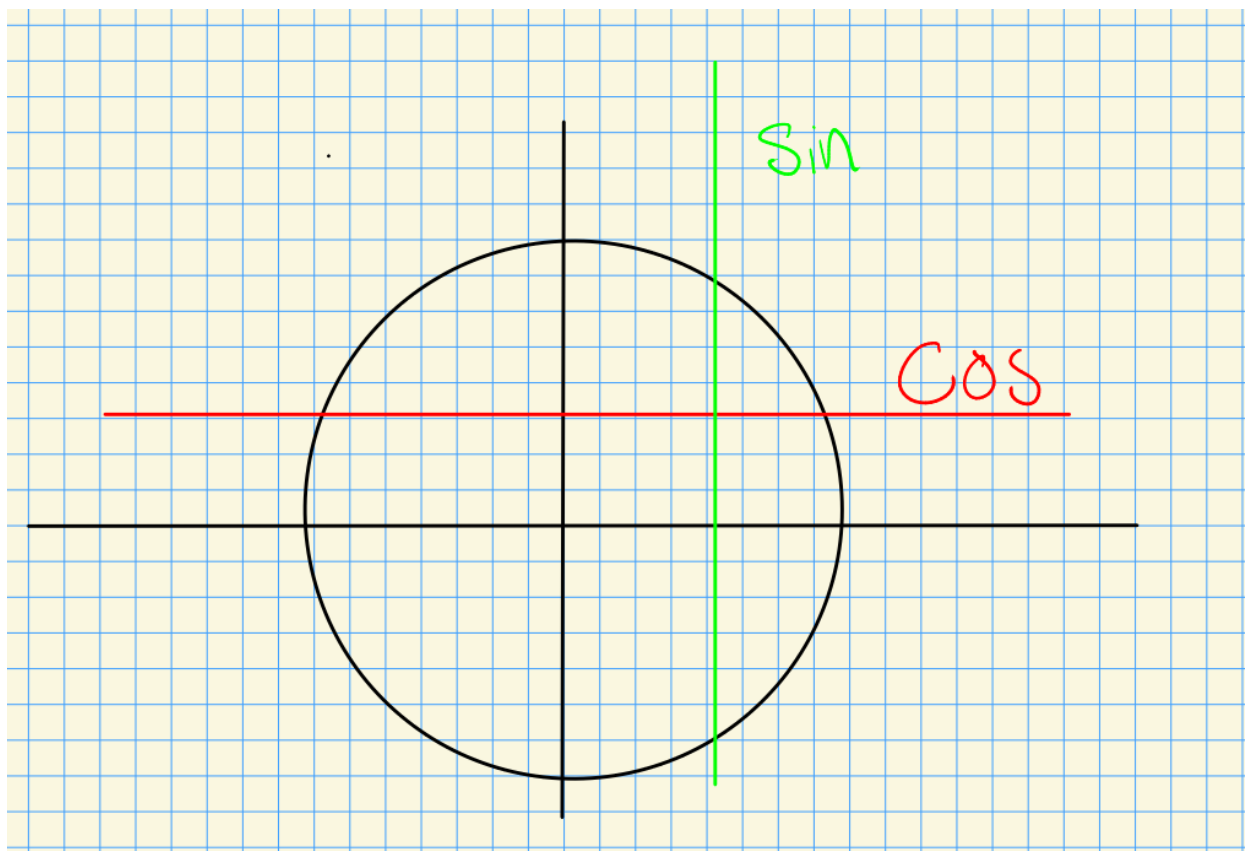


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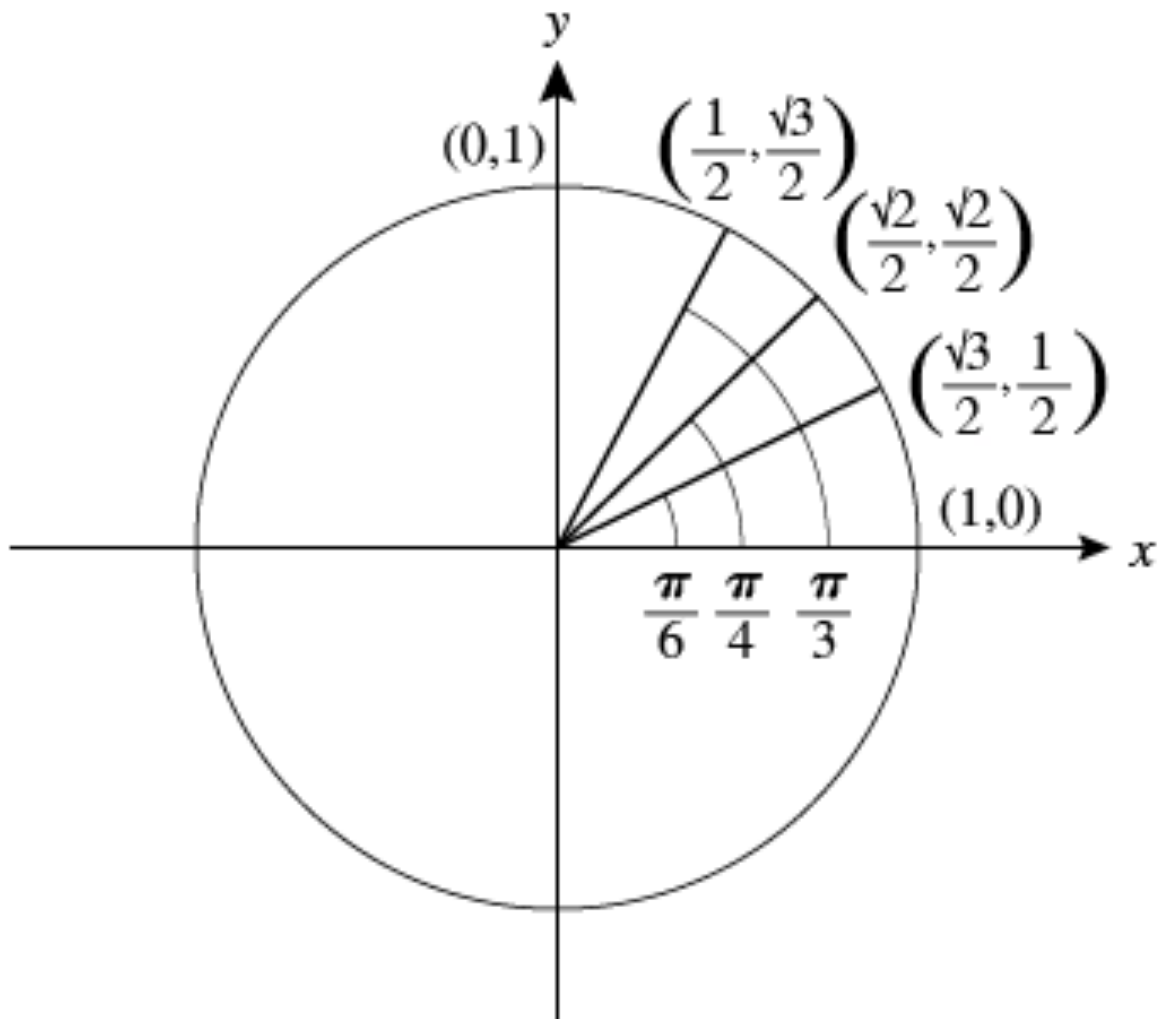


Figure 15: Unit Circle

**Example 4.13.14**(*Using special angles*): We have some exact values.

Sines should be in QI or QIV:

- $\arcsin(1/2) = \pi/6$
- $\arcsin(\sqrt{3}/2) = \pi/3$
- $\arcsin(-1/2) = -\pi/6$

Cosines should be in QI or QII:

- $\arccos(\sqrt{3}/2) = \pi/6$
- $\arccos(-\sqrt{2}/2) = 3\pi/4$
- $\arccos(1/2) = \pi/3$

Tangents should be in QI or QIV:

- $\arctan(\sqrt{3}/3) = \pi/6$
- $\arctan(0) = 0$
- $\arctan(1) = \pi/4$

### **Warning 4.13.15**

Note that if  $f, g$  are an inverse pair, we have

$$f \circ g = \text{id} \iff f(g(x)) = x, \quad g(f(x)) = x.$$

However, we have to be careful with domains for trigonometric functions:

- $\arcsin(\sin(x)) = x \iff x \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$  (restricted domain of  $\sin$ )
- $\sin(\arcsin(x)) = x \iff x \in [-1, 1]$  (domain of  $\arcsin$ )
- $\arccos(\cos(x)) = x \iff x \in [0, \pi]$  (restricted domain of  $\cos$ )
- $\cos(\arccos(x)) = x \iff x \in [-1, 1]$  (domain of  $\arccos$ )
- $\arctan(\tan(x)) = x \iff x \in [0]$  (restricted domain of  $\tan$ )
- $\tan(\arctan(x)) = x \iff x \in \mathbb{R}$

– Domain of  $\arctan$ , then range is  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ , which is in the domain of  $\tan$ .

## 4.14 Double/Half-Angle Identities

**Remark 4.14.1:** Sometimes we are interested in **superposition** of waves. Mathematically this is modeled by multiplying two wave functions together. We can sometimes rewrite these as a *single* wave with a phase shift.

### **Proposition 4.14.2(?)**

Identities:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\theta + \psi) &= \sin(\theta) \cos(\psi) + \cos(\theta) \sin(\psi) \\ \cos(\theta + \psi) &= \cos(\theta) \cos(\psi) - \sin(\theta) \sin(\psi).\end{aligned}$$

Note that you can divide these to get

$$\tan(\theta + \psi) = \frac{\tan(\theta) + \tan(\psi)}{1 - \tan(\theta) \tan(\psi)},$$

and replace  $\psi$  with  $-\psi$  and use even/odd properties to get formulas for  $\sin(\theta - \psi), \cos(\theta - \psi)$

### **Slogan 4.14.3**

Sines are friendly and cosines are clique-y!

**Remark 4.14.4:** The most interesting modifications of waves: superpositions and damped waves.

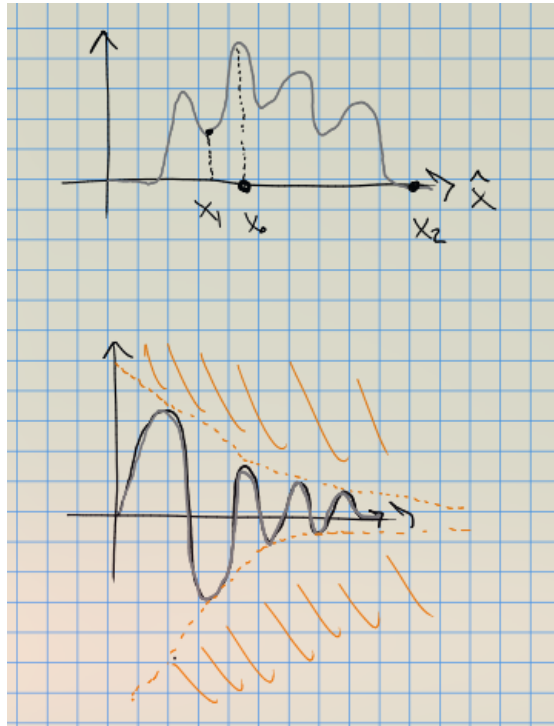


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**Corollary 4.14.5 (Double angle identities).**

Taking  $\theta = \psi$  in the above identities yields

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(2\theta) &= \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) + \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) \\ &= 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(2\theta) &= \cos(\theta) \cos(\theta) - \sin(\theta) \sin(\theta) \\ &= \cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta).\end{aligned}$$

**Warning 4.14.6**

The latter is not equal to 1! That would be  $\cos^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta)$ .

**Remark 4.14.7:** Why do we care? We had 16 special angles, this gives a lot more. For example,

$$\cos(\pi/12) = \cos(\pi/3 - \pi/4) = \dots \text{ plug in.}$$

By allowing increments of  $\pi/12$ , we have 24 total angles.

**Corollary 4.14.8 (?).**

Starting from the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(2\theta) &= \cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta) \\ &= \cos^2(\theta) - (1 - \cos^2(\theta)) \\ &= 2\cos^2(\theta) - 1\end{aligned}\quad \text{using } s^2 + c^2 = 1,$$

one can solve for

$$\cos^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2\theta)).$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(2\theta) &= \cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta) \\ &= (1 - \sin^2(\theta)) - \sin^2(\theta) \\ &= 1 - 2\sin^2(\theta)\end{aligned}\quad \text{using } s^2 + c^2 = 1,$$

solving yields

$$\sin^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2\theta)).$$

## 4.15 Bonus: Complex Exponentials

**Remark 4.15.1:** Components of vectors: every  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  breaks up as the sum of two vectors, i.e.  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_x + \mathbf{v}_y$ .

**Remark 4.15.2:** We've worked with the *Cartesian plane* all semester. One powerful tool is replacing this with the *complex plane*. We formally define a new symbol  $i$  such that  $i^2 = -1$ , and replace the  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  direction with the  $i$  direction – this amounts to replacing ordered pairs  $(a, b) := a\hat{\mathbf{x}} + b\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  by a single number  $x + iy$ .

**Proposition 4.15.3 (Euler's Identity).**

$$e^{i\pi} = -1.$$

**Remark 4.15.4:** The way you read this:  $e^{i\theta} \in S^1$  is a complex number (identified with a vector!), and the  $\theta$  tells you what direction it points in radians.  $\pi$  radians is directly to the left!

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