

MATH 110 Review 0.D

Review of Trigonometry

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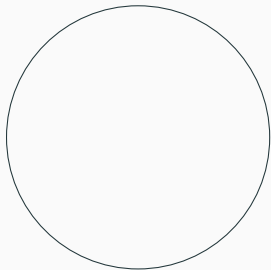
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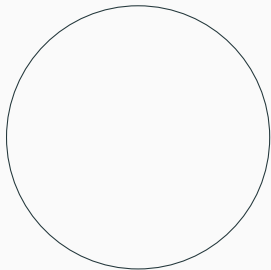
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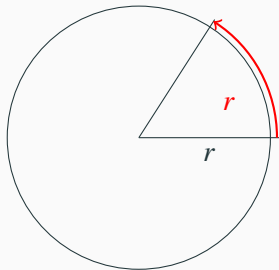
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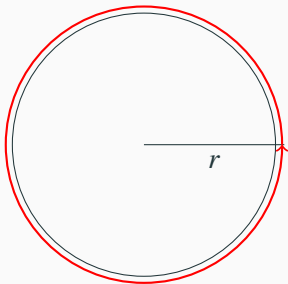
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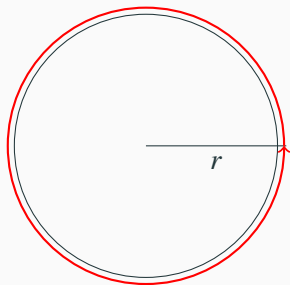
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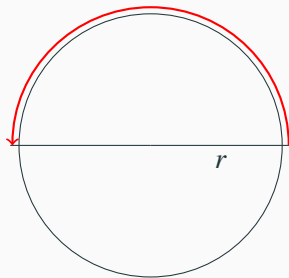
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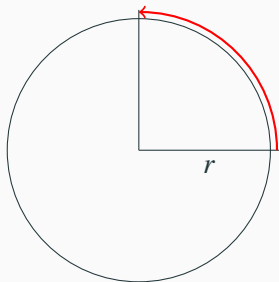
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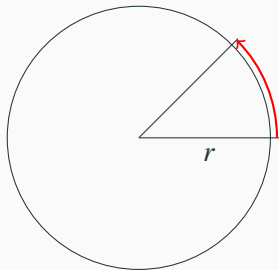
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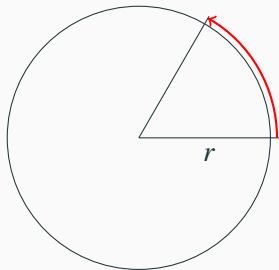
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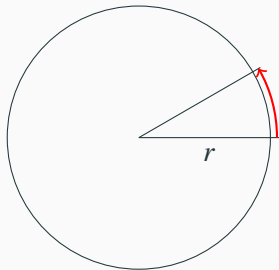
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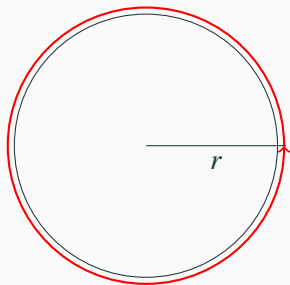
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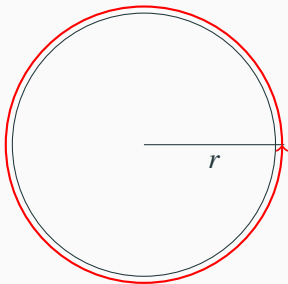
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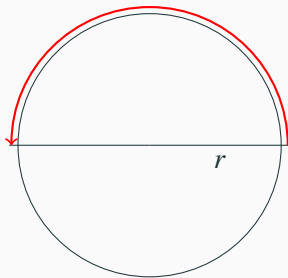
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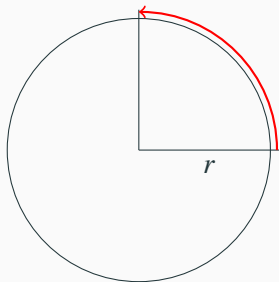
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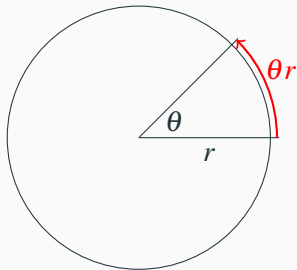
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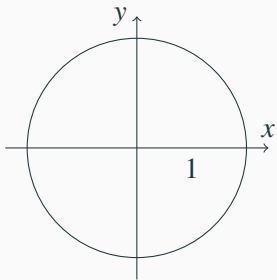
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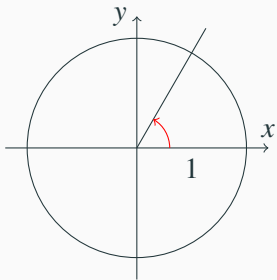
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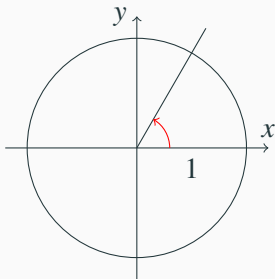
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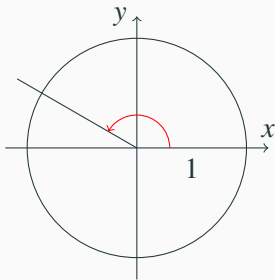
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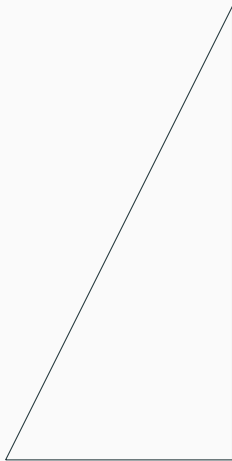
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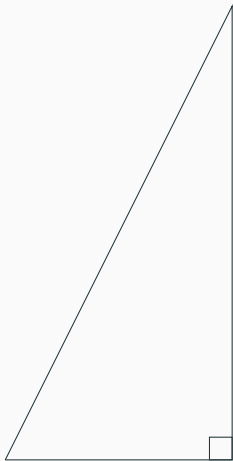
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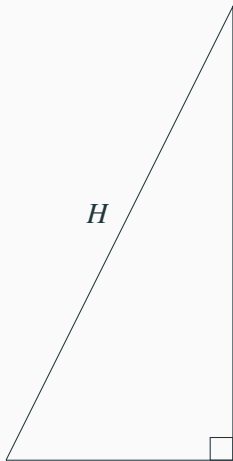
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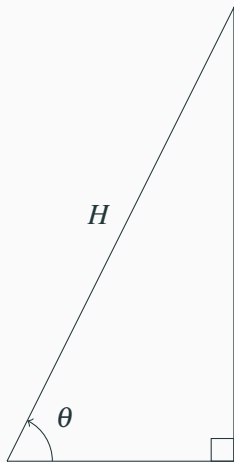
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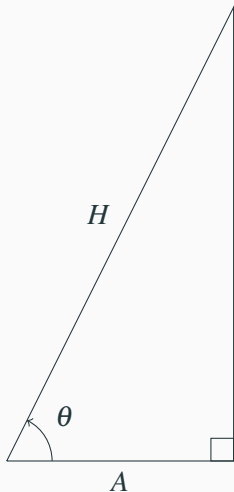
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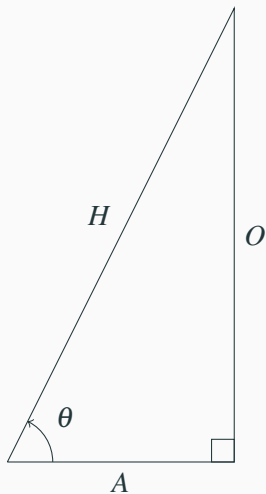
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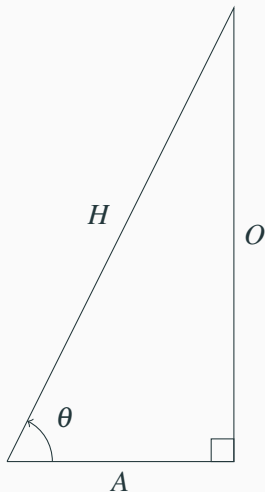
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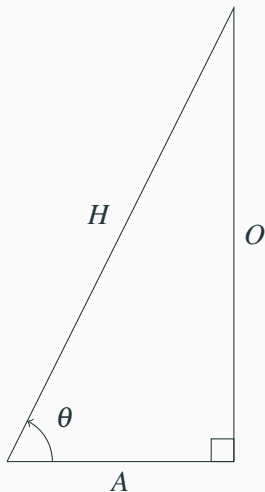
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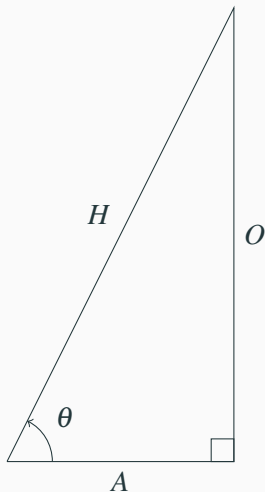
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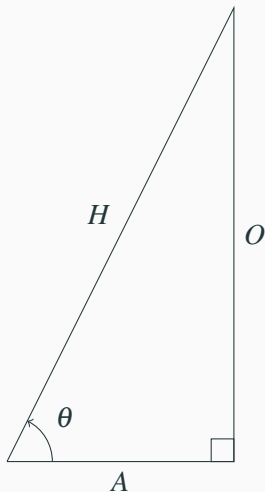
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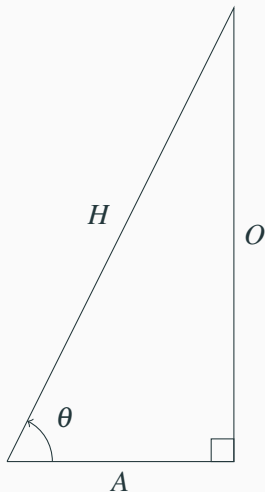
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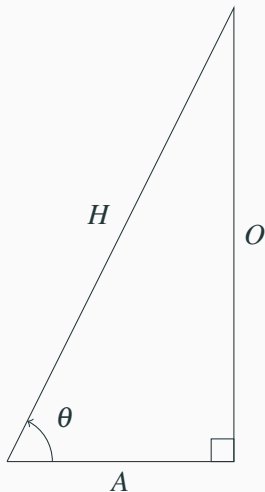
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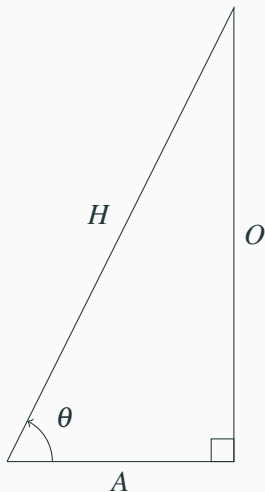
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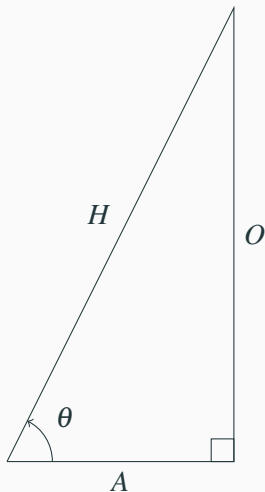
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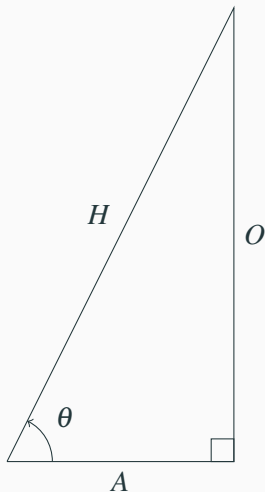
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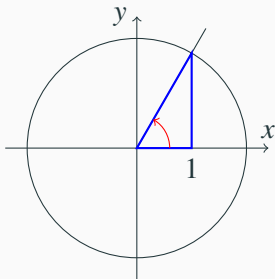
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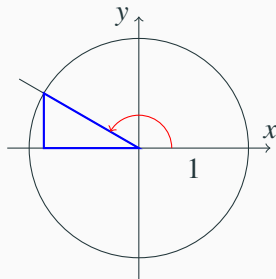
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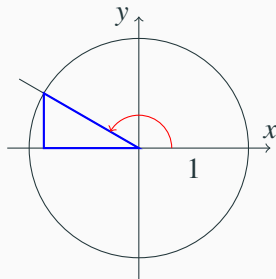
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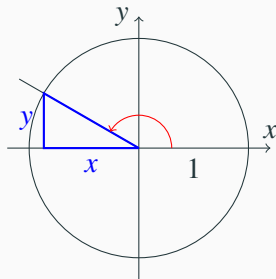
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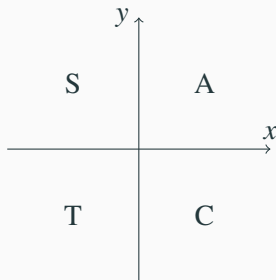
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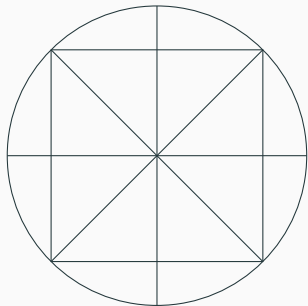


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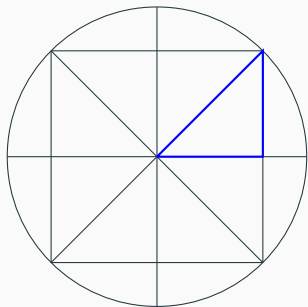
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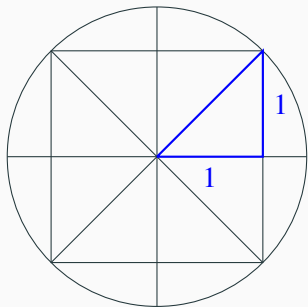
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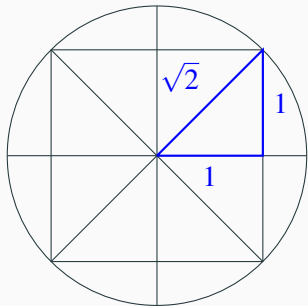
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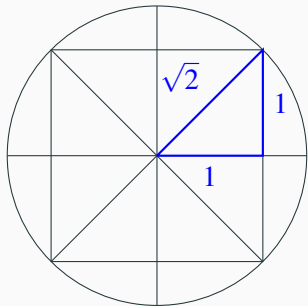
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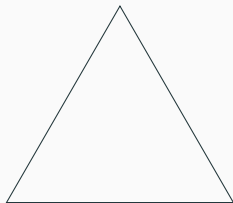
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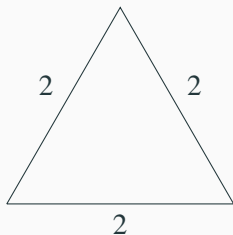
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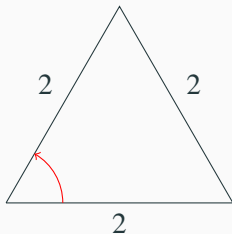
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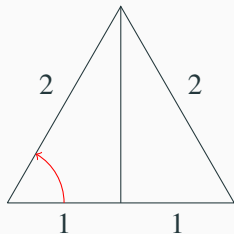
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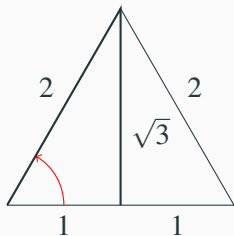
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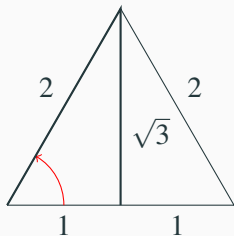
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- In the resulting right triangle, the hypotenuse is 2 and the base is 1. By the Pythagorean theorem the other side is $\sqrt{2^2 - 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$.



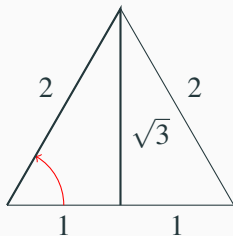
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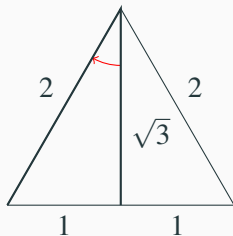
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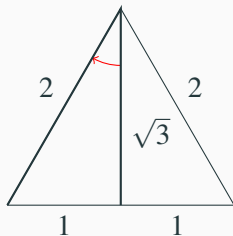
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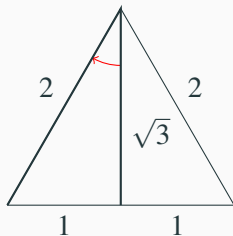
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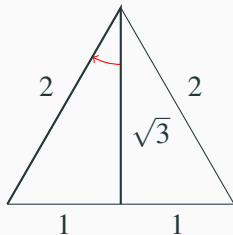
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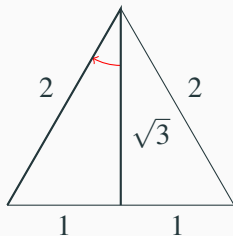


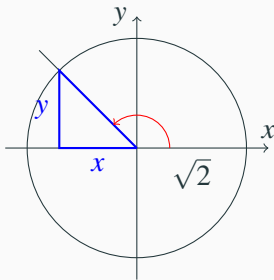
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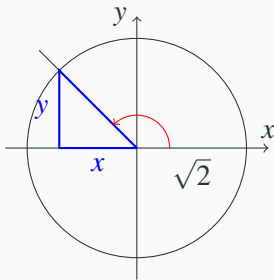
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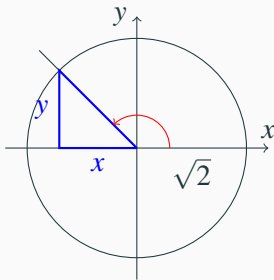
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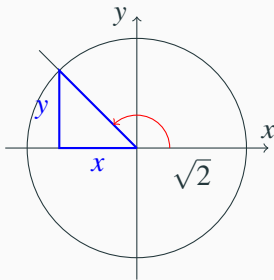
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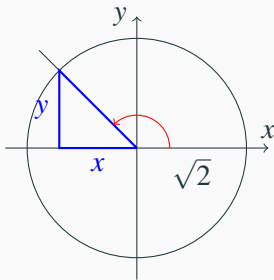
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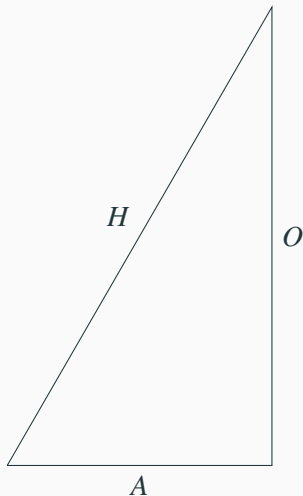
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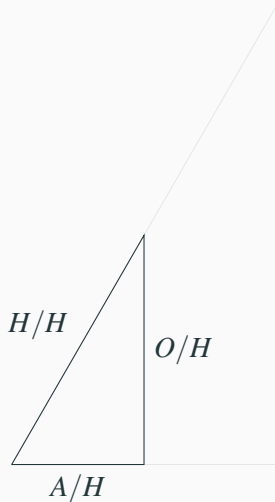
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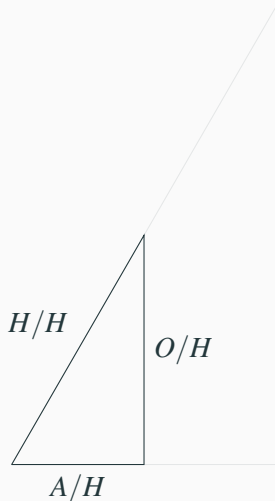
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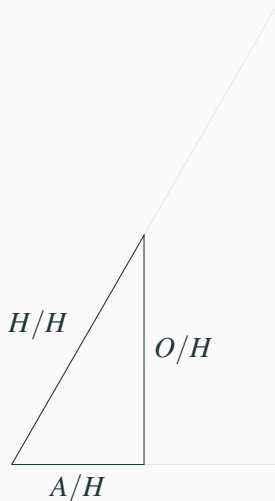
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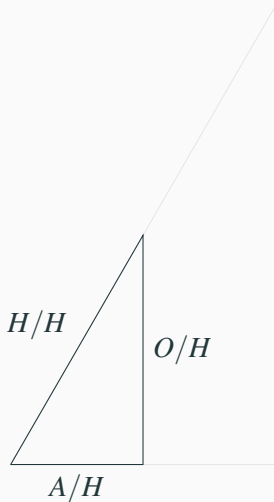
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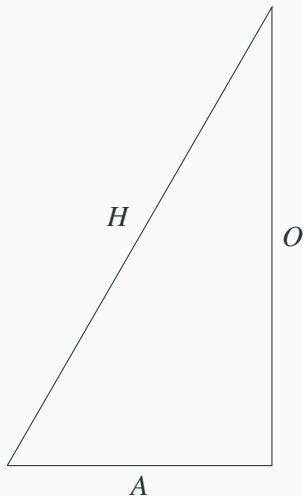
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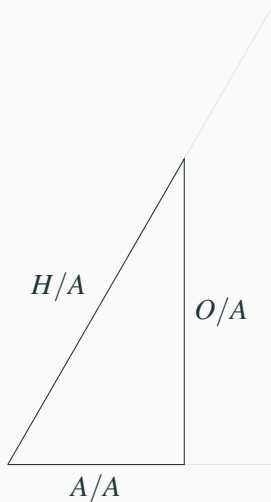
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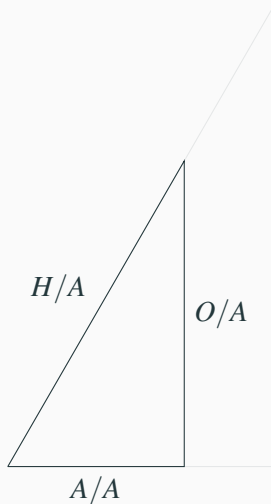
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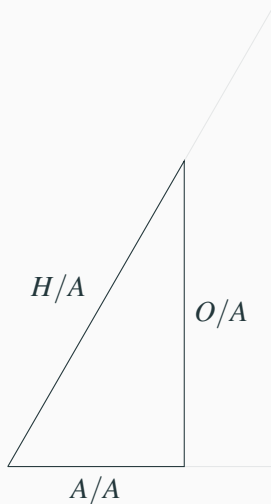
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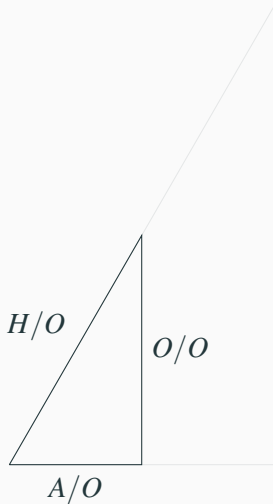
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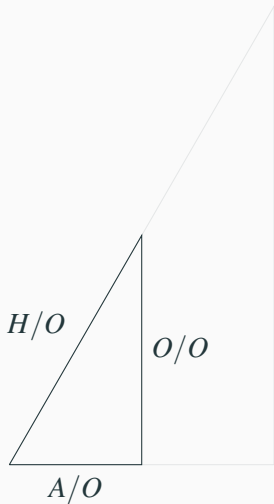
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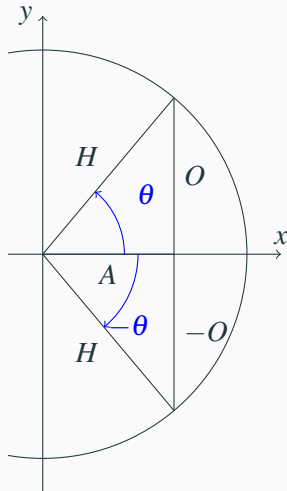
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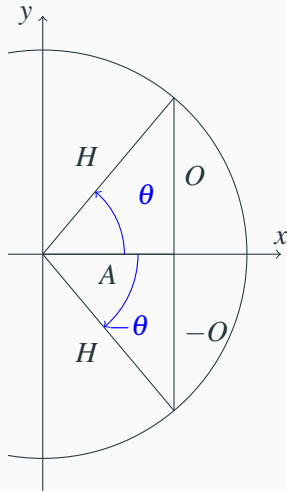
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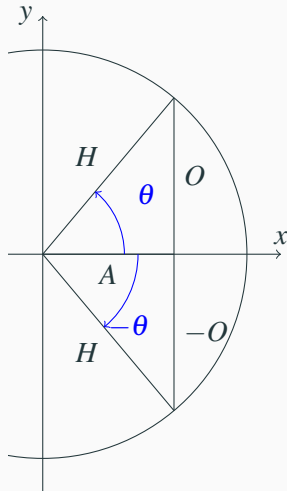
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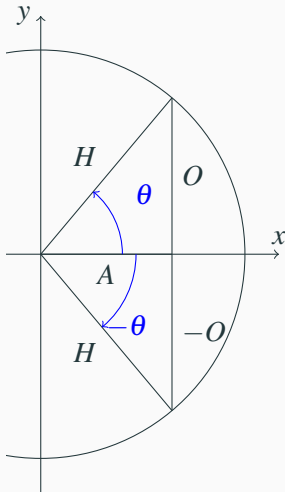
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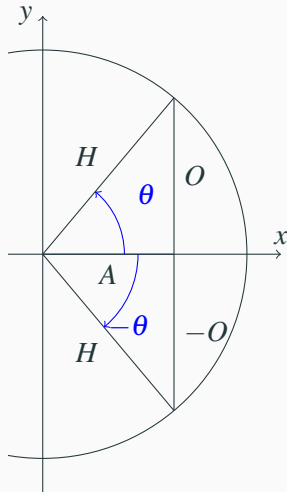
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