4 Trigonometry and Euclid

4.1 Tues., Mar. 19: Representative triangles

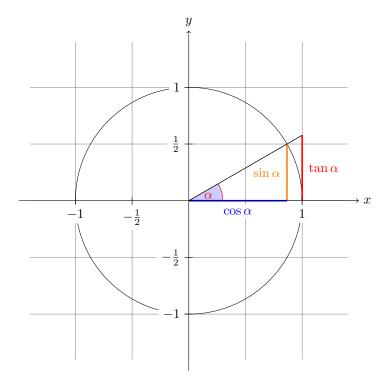
In calc we turn from degree measure to radian measure... as we learned from deriving π , there are 6.28 radius lengths in a circle and so we have the formula:

$$s = 2\pi r \tag{40}$$

So $\frac{2\pi}{2}$ is a half revolution, or 180 degrees. It's also useful to know that $\frac{\pi}{6}=30^\circ$, $\frac{\pi}{4}=45^\circ$, $\frac{\pi}{2}=90^\circ$. We can convert from degrees to radians easily by observing:

$$360^{\circ} = 2\pi \,\mathrm{rad} \tag{41}$$

 $\frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}}$ is the conversion you most often want to multiply by.



The trig ratios are:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \sin(\theta) = \frac{opposite}{hypotenuse} & \csc(\theta) = \frac{h}{o} \\ \sin(\theta) = \frac{opposite}{hypotenuse} & \csc(\theta) = \frac{h}{a} \\ \sin(\theta) = \frac{opposite}{hypotenuse} & \csc(\theta) = \frac{a}{o} \end{array}$$

Exercise 44. Find the trig ratios for the representative triangles 45 - 45 - 90 and 30 - 60 - 90 in each quadrant.

Exercise 45. Compute $\sin(\theta)$ for three θ you choose... then compute $\cos(\theta - 90^{\circ})$ for the same three θ values. What is their relationship? Why?

- 4.2 Thurs., Mar. 21
- 4.3 Fri., Mar. 22