

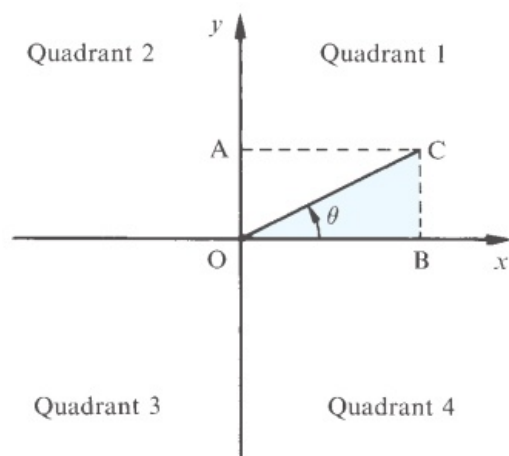
# Cheatsheet - Trigonometrical Functions & Identities

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## 1. Quadrants & Projections

The x and y axes divide the plane into four quadrants. The angle  $\theta$  is of the following degree based where the arm is located:

- First quadrant, then  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$
- Second quadrant, then  $90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$
- Third quadrant, then  $180^\circ \leq \theta \leq 270^\circ$
- Fourth quadrant, then  $270^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$



Consider the projection of the arm to be  $OC$  and label the x projection  $OB$  and the y projection  $OA$ . The trigonometrical ratios are defined as:

$$\sin \theta = \frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{BC}{OC}$$

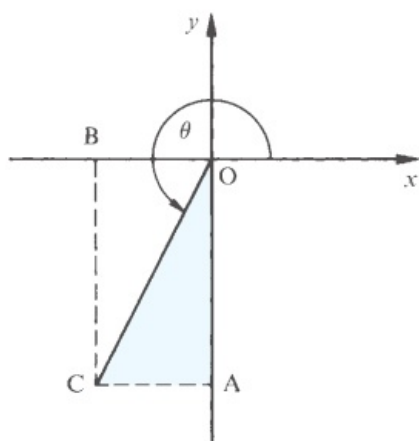
$$\cos \theta = \frac{OB}{OC} = \frac{AC}{OC}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{OA}{OB} = \frac{BC}{AC}$$

(Note that in the image above,  $OA=BC$  and  $OB=AC$ . The rules for those trigonometrical functions are not any different than what's already covered in 'Cheatsheet - Trigonometry')

Given that x and y can be negative, this also means that  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$  and/or  $\tan \theta$  can either be positive or negative, depending on in which quadrant the arm is located and which projection is used for the calculation.

For example, in this graph:



$\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  are negative and  $\tan \theta$  is positive, because x ( $OB$ ) and y ( $OA$ ) are negative, but  $OC$  is positive.

## 2. Adding/Subtracting $360^\circ$

Adding or subtracting  $360^\circ$  to/from the arm does not alter the ratios, since it's a full rotation. Hence:

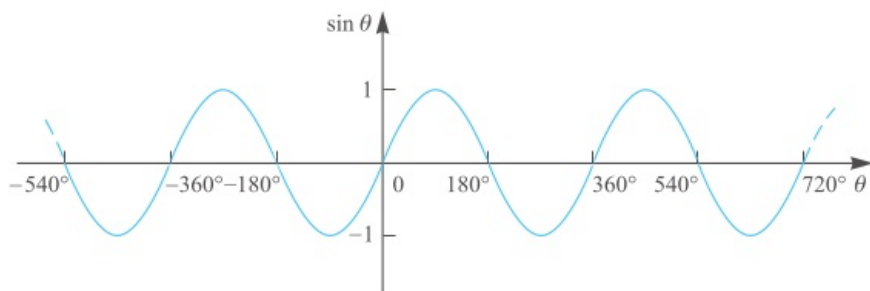
$$\sin \theta = \sin(\theta + 360^\circ) = \sin(\theta - 360^\circ)$$

$$\cos \theta = \cos(\theta + 360^\circ) = \cos(\theta - 360^\circ)$$

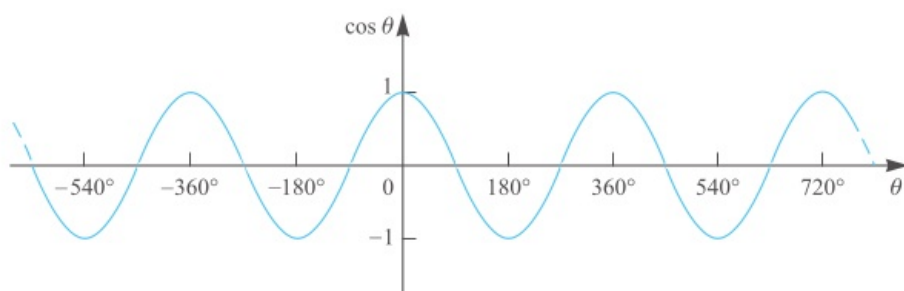
$$\tan \theta = \tan(\theta + 360^\circ) = \tan(\theta - 360^\circ)$$

### 3. The Sine, Cosine and Tans Functions

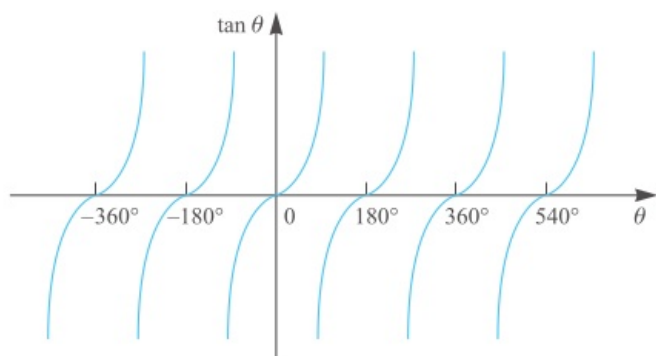
The sine function is  $y = \sin \theta$ , which repeats every  $360^\circ$ :



This cosine function is  $y = \cos \theta$ , which repeats every  $360^\circ$ :



The tangent function is  $y = \tan \theta$ , which repeats every  $180^\circ$ :



### 4. Identities

Identities imply equations that are true for every value of the involved variables. Important ones are:

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} (\sin A)^2 + (\cos A)^2 \\ = \sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Additionally:

$$\sin \theta = -\sin(\theta - 180^\circ)$$

$$\sin \theta = \sin(180^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\sin \theta = -\sin(360^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\cos \theta = -\cos(\theta - 180^\circ)$$

$$\cos \theta = -\cos(180^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\cos \theta = \cos(360^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\tan \theta = -\tan(180^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\tan \theta = \tan(\theta - 180^\circ)$$

$$\tan \theta = -\tan(360^\circ - \theta)$$

This means that trigonometric functions can have more than one solution.

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