

Section 1.2 – Trigonometric Functions

Let (x, y) be a point on the terminal side of an angle θ in standard position

The distance from the point to the origin is given by: $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

Six Trigonometry Functions

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{Opposite}}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{y}{r}$$

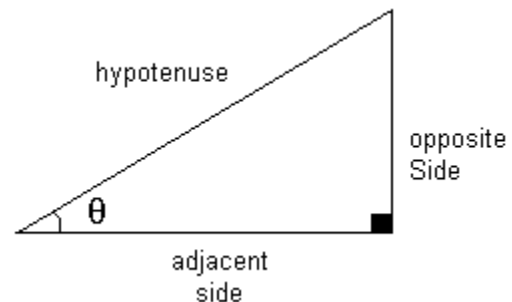
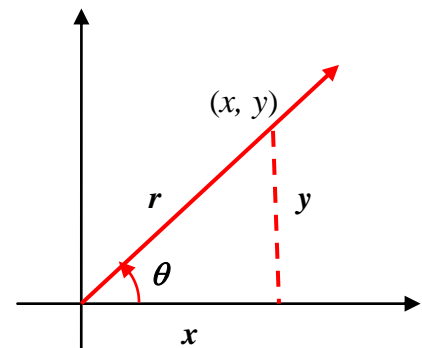
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{Adjacent}}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{x}{y}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{r}{x}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{r}{y}$$



Undefined Function Values

If the terminal side of a quadrantal angle lies along the **y-axis**, then the *tangent* and *secant* functions are undefined.

If the terminal side of a quadrantal angle lies along the **x-axis**, then the *cotangent* and *cosecant* functions are undefined.

Example

Find the six trigonometry functions of θ if θ is in the standard position and the point $(8, 15)$ is on the terminal side of θ .

Solution

$$\Rightarrow r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{8^2 + 15^2} = 17$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{15}{17} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{8}{17} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{15}{8}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{r}{y} = \frac{17}{15} \quad \sec \theta = \frac{r}{x} = \frac{17}{8} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{x}{y} = \frac{8}{15}$$

Example

Find the sine and cosine of 45° at the convenient point (1, 1)

Solution

$$r = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Example

Find the six trigonometry functions of 270°

Solution

The convenient point (0, -1)

$$\Rightarrow r = \sqrt{0^2 + (-1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\sin 270^\circ = \frac{y}{r} = -1$$

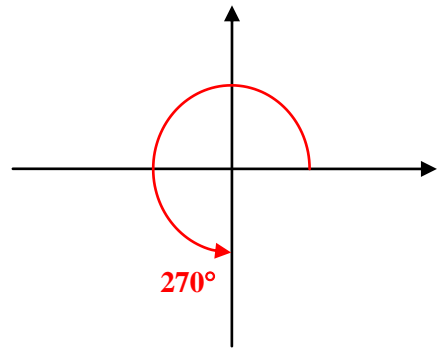
$$\cot 270^\circ = \frac{x}{y} = \frac{0}{-1} = 0$$

$$\cos 270^\circ = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

$$\sec 270^\circ = \frac{r}{x} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

$$\tan 270^\circ = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{-1}{0} = \text{undefined} = -\infty$$

$$\csc 270^\circ = \frac{r}{y} = \frac{1}{-1} = -1$$

**Example**

Which will be greater, $\tan 30^\circ$ or $\tan 40^\circ$?

How large could $\tan \theta$ be?

Solution

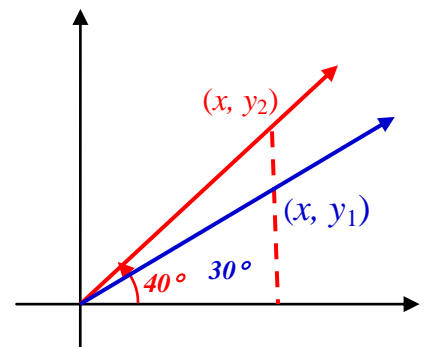
$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{y_1}{x}$$

$$\tan 40^\circ = \frac{y_2}{x}$$

$$\text{Ratio: } \frac{y_2}{x} > \frac{y_1}{x}$$

$$\rightarrow \tan 40^\circ > \tan 30^\circ$$

No limit as to how large $\tan \theta$ can be



Function	I	II	III	IV
$y = \sin x$	+	+	-	-
$y = \cos x$	+	-	-	+
$y = \tan x$	+	-	+	-
$y = \cot x$	+	-	+	-
$y = \csc x$	+	+	-	-
$y = \sec x$	+	-	-	+

Example

If $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, and θ is QIV, find $\sin \theta$ and $\tan \theta$.

Solution

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{x}{r} \rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}, \quad r = 2$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = r^2 - x^2$$

$$y = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$$

$$y = \sqrt{2^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4-3}$$

$$= 1 \quad \text{Since } \theta \text{ is Q IV} \Rightarrow y = -1$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

Reciprocal Identities

$$\begin{aligned}\csc \theta &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} & \sin \theta &= \frac{1}{\csc \theta} & \cot \theta &= \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \\ \sec \theta &= \frac{1}{\cos \theta} & \cos \theta &= \frac{1}{\sec \theta} & \tan \theta &= \frac{1}{\cot \theta}\end{aligned}$$

Ratio Identities

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

Pythagorean Identities

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$\frac{x^2}{r^2} + \frac{y^2}{r^2} = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{r}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{r}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$(\cos \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1}$$

Solving for $\cos \theta$

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

Solving for $\sin \theta$

$$\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta \Rightarrow \boxed{\sin \theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\frac{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

$$\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

$$\left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta}\right)^2$$

$$\boxed{1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\sin \theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

Example

Prove $\sin \theta \cot \theta = \cos \theta$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta \cot \theta &= \sin \theta \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

Example

Write $\tan \theta$ in terms of $\sin \theta$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \theta &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}} \\ &= \pm \frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}}\end{aligned}$$

Example

If $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ and θ terminated in QIV, find the remaining trigonometric ratios for θ .

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta &= -\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \\ &= -\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \\ &= -\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}} \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{1}{1/2} = 2$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{-\sqrt{3}/2} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\cot \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Example

Find $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$, given that $\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$ and θ is in QIII.

Solution

Using the identity $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}\sec^2 \theta &= 1 + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 \\ &= 1 + \frac{16}{9} \\ &= \frac{25}{9}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sec \theta = -\sqrt{\frac{25}{9}} = -\frac{5}{3} \qquad \theta \in \text{QIII} \Rightarrow \cos \theta < 0 \rightarrow \sec \theta < 0$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{3}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 \theta &= 1 - \cos^2 \theta \\ &= 1 - \left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 \\ &= 1 - \frac{9}{25} \\ &= \frac{16}{25}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{4}{5} \quad (\theta \in \text{QIII})$$

Example

Show that the following statement is true by transforming the left side into the right side.

$$\cos \theta \tan \theta = \sin \theta$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta \tan \theta &= \cos \theta \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$

Example

Simplify the expression $\sqrt{x^2 + 9}$ as much as possible after substituting $3 \tan \theta$ for x

Solution

$$x = 3 \tan \theta$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 9} = \sqrt{(3 \tan \theta)^2 + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 \tan^2 \theta + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{9(\tan^2 \theta + 1)}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta}$$

$$= 3 \sec \theta$$

Exercise

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1. Find the six trigonometry functions of θ if θ is in the standard position and the point $(-2, 3)$ is on the terminal side of θ .
2. Find the six trigonometry functions of θ if θ is in the standard position and the point $(-3, -4)$ is on the terminal side of θ .
3. Find the six trigonometry functions of θ in standard position with terminal side through the point $(-3, 0)$.
4. Find the six trigonometry functions of θ if θ is in the standard position and the point $(12, -5)$ is on the terminal side of θ .
5. Find the values of the six trigonometric functions for an angle of 90° .
6. Indicate the two quadrants θ could terminate in if $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$
7. Indicate the two quadrants θ could terminate in if $\csc \theta = -2.45$
8. Find the remaining trigonometric function of θ if $\sin \theta = \frac{12}{13}$ and θ terminates in QI.
9. Find the remaining trigonometric function of θ if $\cot \theta = -2$ and θ terminates in QII.
10. Find the remaining trigonometric function of θ if $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ and θ terminates in QIII.
11. Find the remaining trigonometric function of θ if $\cos \theta = \frac{24}{25}$ and θ terminates in QIV.
12. Find the remaining trigonometric functions of θ if $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and θ is terminates in QIV.
13. Find the remaining trigonometric functions of θ if $\tan \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $\cos \theta > 0$.
14. If $\sin \theta = -\frac{5}{13}$, and θ is QIII, find $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$.
15. If $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$, and θ is QIV, find $\sin \theta$ and $\tan \theta$.
16. Use the reciprocal identities if $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ find $\sec \theta$
17. Find $\cos \theta$, given that $\sec \theta = \frac{5}{3}$
18. Find $\sin \theta$, given that $\csc \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{12}}{2}$
19. Use a ratio identity to find $\tan \theta$ if $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $\cos \theta = -\frac{4}{5}$

20. If $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$ and θ terminates in QII, find $\sin \theta$
21. If $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and θ terminated in QII, find $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$.
22. Find $\tan \theta$ if $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{3}$ and θ terminates in QI
23. Find the remaining trigonometric ratios of θ , if $\sec \theta = -3$ and $\theta \in QIII$
24. Using the calculator and rounding your answer to the nearest hundredth, find the remaining trigonometric ratios of θ if $\csc \theta = -2.45$ and $\theta \in QIII$
25. Write $\frac{\sec \theta}{\csc \theta}$ in terms of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$, and then simplify if possible.
26. Write $\cot \theta - \csc \theta$ in terms of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$, and then simplify if possible.
27. Write $\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$ in terms of $\sin \theta$ and/or $\cos \theta$, and then simplify if possible.
28. Write $\sin \theta \cot \theta + \cos \theta$ in terms of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$, and then simplify if possible.
29. Multiply $(1 - \cos \theta)(1 + \cos \theta)$
30. Multiply $(\sin \theta + 2)(\sin \theta - 5)$
31. Simplify the expression $\sqrt{25 - x^2}$ as much as possible after substituting $5 \sin \theta$ for x .
32. Simplify the expression $\sqrt{4x^2 + 16}$ as much as possible after substituting $2 \tan \theta$ for x