

Trigonometry

Trigonometric Functions of General Angles

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Find the Exact Values of the Trigonometric Functions for General Angles

DEFINITION

Let θ be any angle in standard position, and let (a, b) denote the coordinates of any point, except the origin $(0, 0)$, on the terminal side of θ . If $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ denotes the distance from $(0, 0)$ to (a, b) , then the **six trigonometric functions of θ** are defined as the ratios

$\sin \theta = \frac{b}{r}$	$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{r}$	$\tan \theta = \frac{b}{a}$
$\csc \theta = \frac{r}{b}$	$\sec \theta = \frac{r}{a}$	$\cot \theta = \frac{a}{b}$

provided no denominator equals 0. If a denominator equals 0, that trigonometric function of the angle θ is not defined.

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Finding the Exact Values of the Six Trigonometric Functions of θ , Given a Point on the Terminal Side

Find the exact value of each of the six trigonometric functions of a positive angle θ if $(4, -3)$ is a point on its terminal side.

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$$\sin \theta = \frac{b}{r} = -\frac{3}{5} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{a}{r} = \frac{4}{5} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{b}{a} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{r}{b} = -\frac{5}{3} \quad \sec \theta = \frac{r}{a} = \frac{5}{4} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{a}{b} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

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Finding the Exact Values of the Six Trigonometric Functions of Quadrantal Angles

Find the exact values of each of the six trigonometric functions of

(a) $\theta = 0 = 0^\circ$ (b) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} = 90^\circ$ (c) $\theta = \pi = 180^\circ$ (d) $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2} = 270^\circ$

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θ (Radians)	θ (Degrees)	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$	$\csc \theta$	$\sec \theta$	$\cot \theta$
0	0°	0	1	0	Not defined	1	Not defined
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	90°	1	0	Not defined	1	Not defined	0
π	180°	0	-1	0	Not defined	-1	Not defined
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	270°	-1	0	Not defined	-1	Not defined	0

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Determine the Signs of the Trigonometric Functions of an Angle in a Given Quadrant

If θ is not a quadrantal angle, then it will lie in a particular quadrant. In such a case, the signs of the x-coordinate and y-coordinate of a point (a, b) on the terminal side of θ are known. Because $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} > 0$, it follows that the signs of the trigonometric functions of an angle θ can be found if we know in which quadrant θ lies.

Quadrant of θ	$\sin \theta, \csc \theta$	$\cos \theta, \sec \theta$	$\tan \theta, \cot \theta$
I	Positive	Positive	Positive
II	Positive	Negative	Negative
III	Negative	Negative	Positive
IV	Negative	Positive	Negative

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I (+, +)
 All positive

II (-, +)
 $\sin \theta > 0$, $\csc \theta > 0$
 others negative

III (-, -)
 $\tan \theta > 0$, $\cot \theta > 0$
 others negative

IV (+, -)
 $\cos \theta > 0$, $\sec \theta > 0$
 others negative

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Finding the Quadrant in Which an Angle Lies

If $\sin \theta < 0$ and $\cos \theta < 0$, name the quadrant in which the angle θ lies.

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Find the Reference Angle of a General Angle

DEFINITION

Let θ denote an angle that lies in a quadrant. The acute angle formed by the terminal side of θ and the x -axis is called the **reference angle** for θ .

Figure 53

Figure 53 illustrates the reference angle for some general angles θ . Note that a reference angle is always an acute angle. That is, a reference angle has a measure between 0° and 90° .

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Finding Reference Angles

Find the reference angle for each of the following angles:

(a) 150° (b) -45° (c) $\frac{9\pi}{4}$ (d) $-\frac{5\pi}{6}$

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Use a Reference Angle to Find the Exact Value of a Trigonometric Function

THEOREM

Reference Angles

If θ is an angle that lies in a quadrant and if α is its reference angle, then

$\sin \theta = \pm \sin \alpha$	$\cos \theta = \pm \cos \alpha$	$\tan \theta = \pm \tan \alpha$
$\csc \theta = \pm \csc \alpha$	$\sec \theta = \pm \sec \alpha$	$\cot \theta = \pm \cot \alpha$

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where the + or - sign depends on the quadrant in which θ lies.

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Using the Reference Angle to Find the Exact Value of a Trigonometric Function

Find the exact value of each of the following trigonometric functions using reference angles.

(a) $\sin 135^\circ$ (b) $\cos 600^\circ$ (c) $\cos \frac{17\pi}{6}$ (d) $\tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

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Finding the Values of the Trigonometric Functions of a General Angle

If the angle θ is a quadrantal angle, draw the angle, pick a point on its terminal side, and apply the definition of the trigonometric functions.

If the angle θ lies in a quadrant:

1. Find the reference angle α of θ .
2. Find the value of the trigonometric function at α .
3. Adjust the sign (+ or -) according to the sign of the trigonometric function in the quadrant where θ lies.

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Finding the Exact Values of Trigonometric Functions

Given that $\cos \theta = -\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi$, find the exact value of each of the remaining trigonometric functions.

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Figure 63
 $\cos \alpha = \frac{2}{3}$

$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$ $\cos \theta = -\frac{2}{3}$ $\tan \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$
 $\csc \theta = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$ $\sec \theta = -\frac{3}{2}$ $\cot \theta = -\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$

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Finding the Exact Values of Trigonometric Functions

If $\tan \theta = -4$ and $\sin \theta < 0$, find the exact value of each of the remaining trigonometric functions of θ .

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Figure 64
 $\tan \alpha = 4$

$\sin \theta = -\frac{4\sqrt{17}}{17}$ $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{17}}{17}$ $\tan \theta = -4$
 $\csc \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$ $\sec \theta = \sqrt{17}$ $\cot \theta = -\frac{1}{4}$


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In Problems 59–88, use the reference angle to find the exact value of each expression. Do not use a calculator.

59. $\sin 150^\circ$	60. $\cos 210^\circ$	61. $\cos 315^\circ$	62. $\sin 120^\circ$	63. $\sin 510^\circ$
65. $\cos(-45^\circ)$	66. $\sin(-240^\circ)$	67. $\sec 240^\circ$	68. $\csc 300^\circ$	69. $\cot 330^\circ$
71. $\sin \frac{3\pi}{4}$	72. $\cos \frac{2\pi}{3}$	73. $\cot \frac{7\pi}{6}$	74. $\csc \frac{7\pi}{4}$	75. $\cos \frac{13\pi}{4}$
77. $\sin\left(-\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$	78. $\cot\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$	79. $\tan \frac{14\pi}{3}$	80. $\sec \frac{11\pi}{4}$	81. $\csc(-315^\circ)$
83. $\sin(8\pi)$	84. $\cos(-2\pi)$	85. $\tan(7\pi)$	86. $\cot(5\pi)$	87. $\sec(-3\pi)$

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In Problems 89–106, find the exact value of each of the remaining trigonometric functions of θ .

<p>89. $\sin \theta = \frac{12}{13}$, θ in Quadrant II</p> <p>92. $\sin \theta = -\frac{5}{13}$, θ in Quadrant III</p> <p>95. $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{3}$, $180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$</p> <p>98. $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{4}$, $\tan \theta > 0$</p> <p>101. $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$, $\sin \theta < 0$</p> <p>104. $\sec \theta = -2$, $\tan \theta > 0$</p>	<p>90. $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$, θ in Quadrant IV</p> <p>93. $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{13}$, $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$</p> <p>96. $\sin \theta = -\frac{2}{3}$, $180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$</p> <p>99. $\sec \theta = 2$, $\sin \theta < 0$</p> <p>102. $\cot \theta = \frac{4}{3}$, $\cos \theta < 0$</p> <p>105. $\csc \theta = -2$, $\tan \theta > 0$</p>
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