

# Precalculus

## Trig cofunction identities and angle-sum formulas

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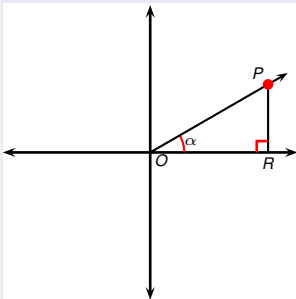
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- There is an algebraically simpler (but theoretically advanced) way to prove the above identities through the angle sum formulas, derived in turn from Euler's formula (studied later/in another course).

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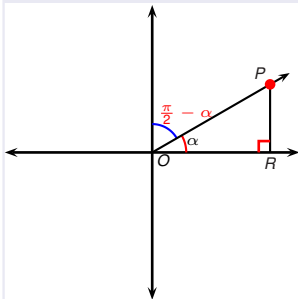


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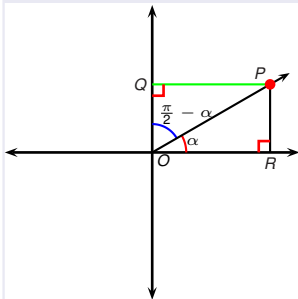


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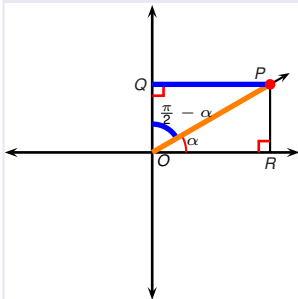


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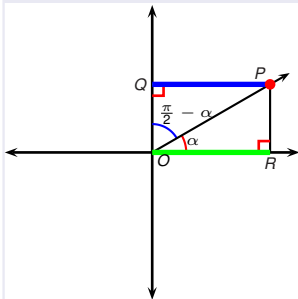


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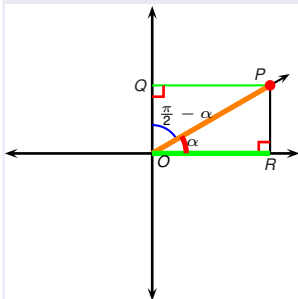


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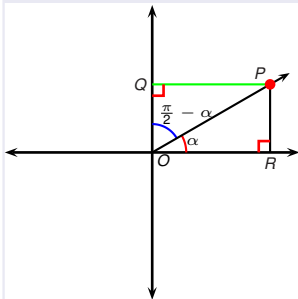


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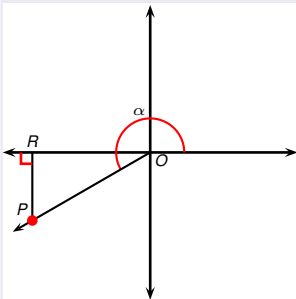


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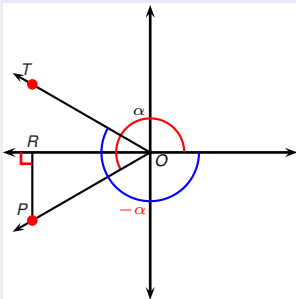


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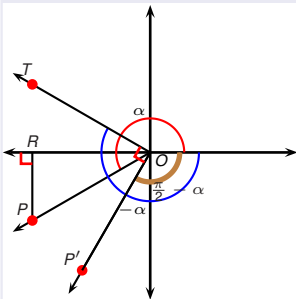


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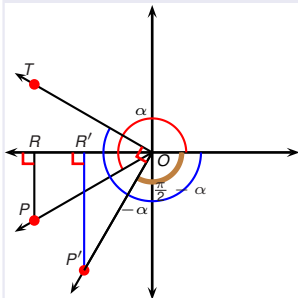


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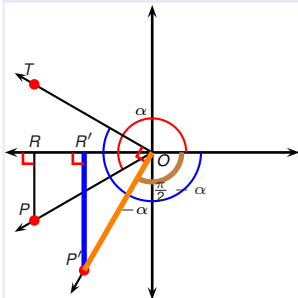


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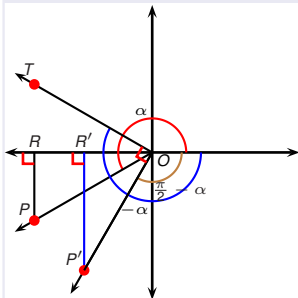


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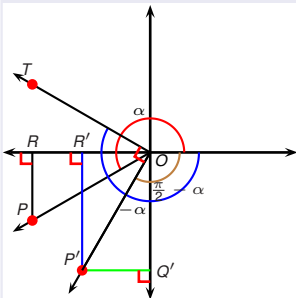


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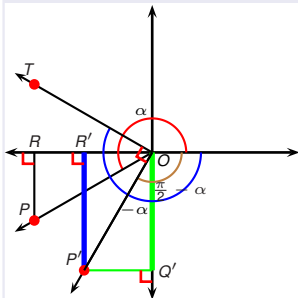


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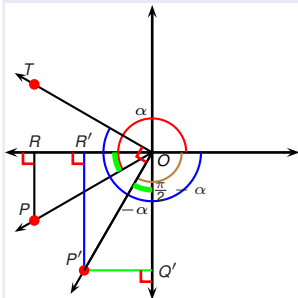


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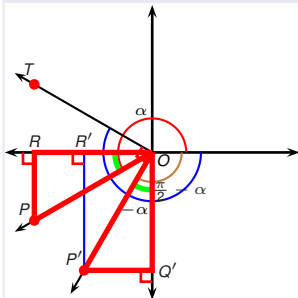
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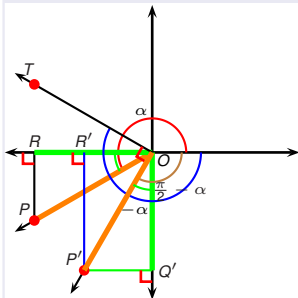
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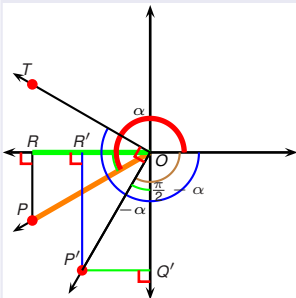


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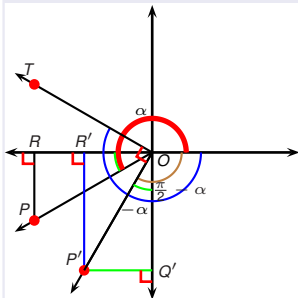


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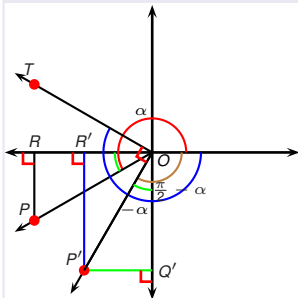


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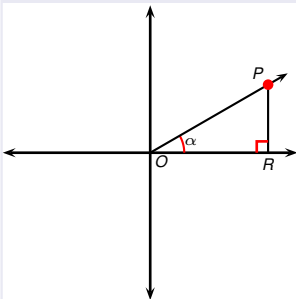


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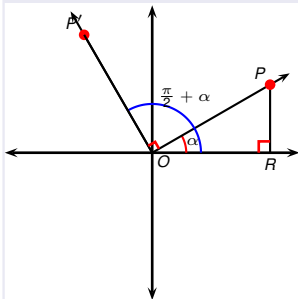


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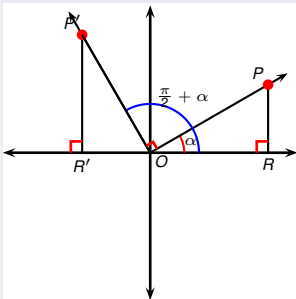


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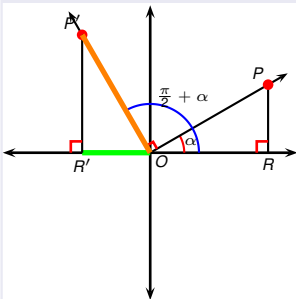


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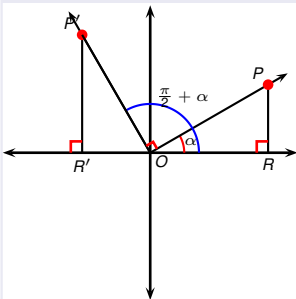


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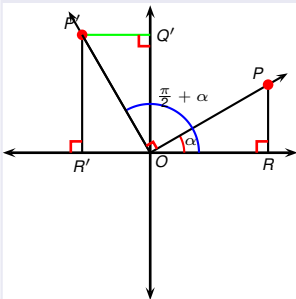


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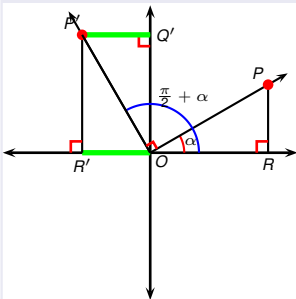


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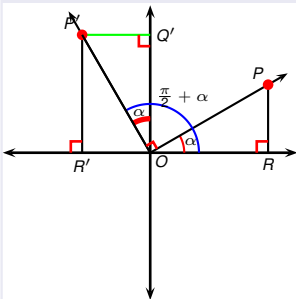


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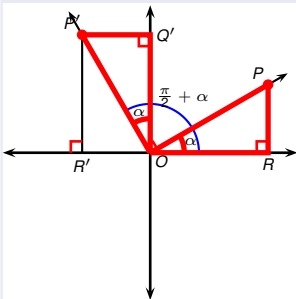


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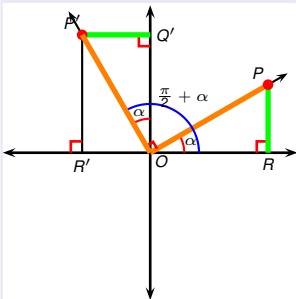


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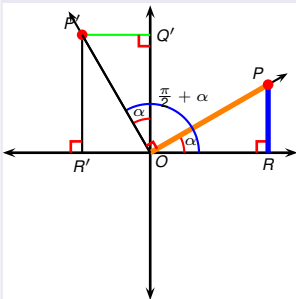


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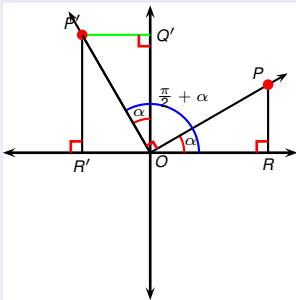
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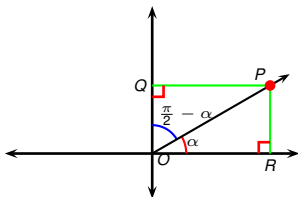
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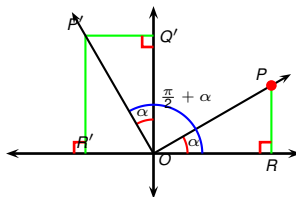
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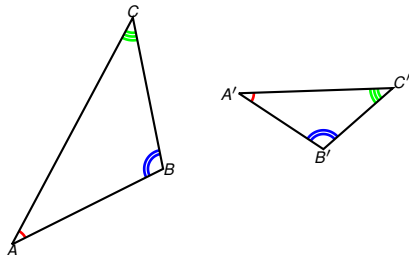
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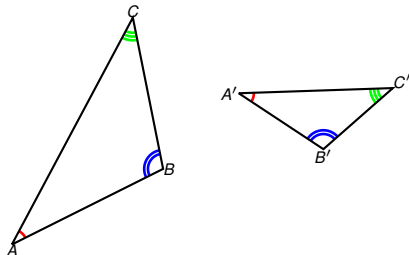
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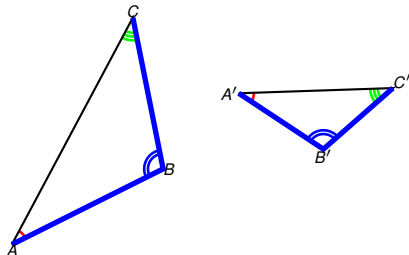




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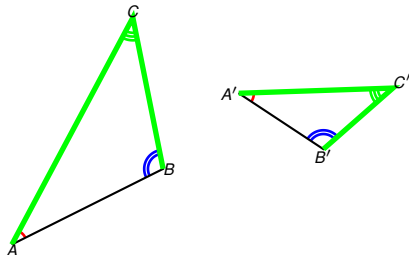
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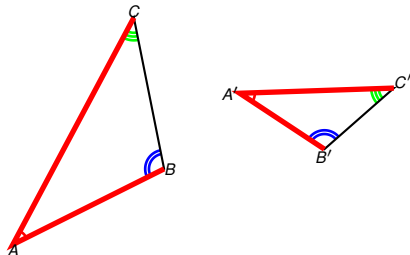
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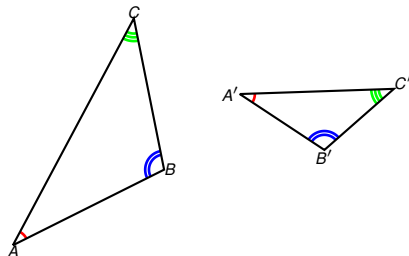


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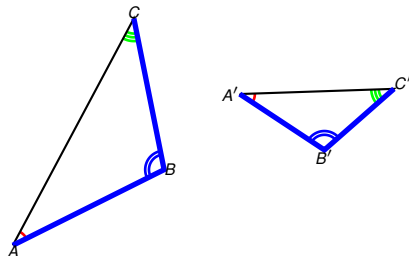


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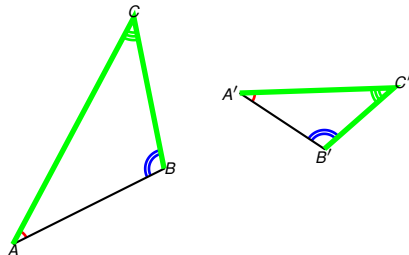


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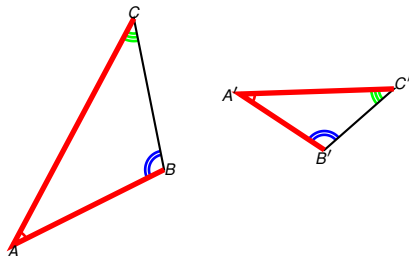


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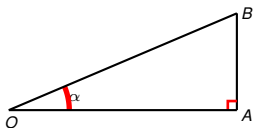
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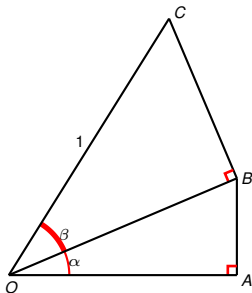
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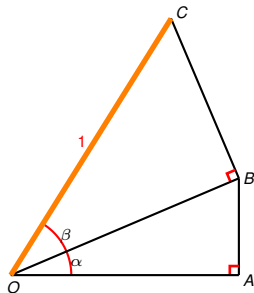
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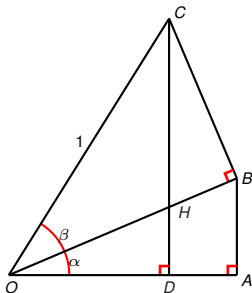
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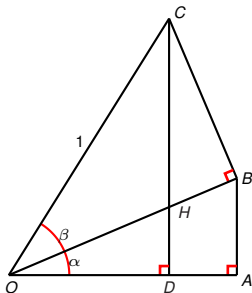
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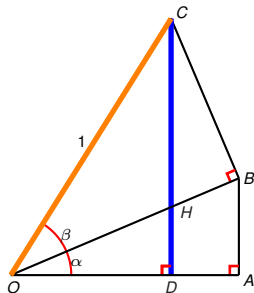
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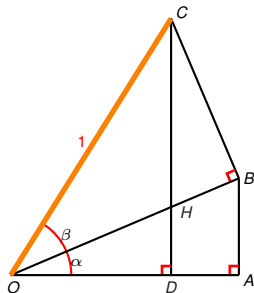
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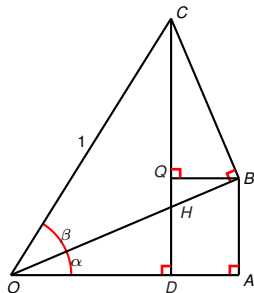
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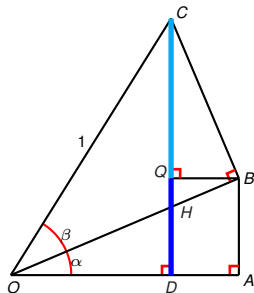


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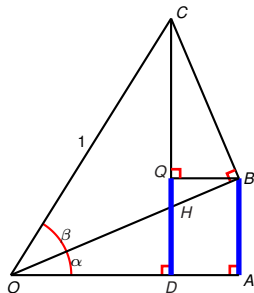
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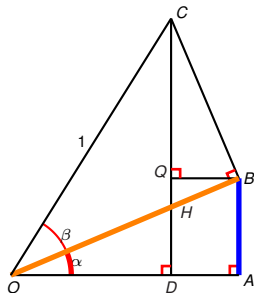
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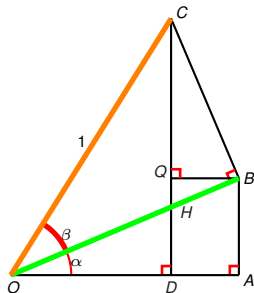
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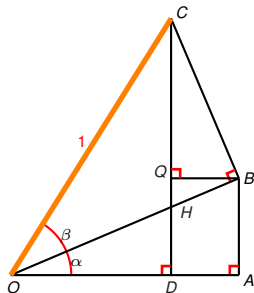


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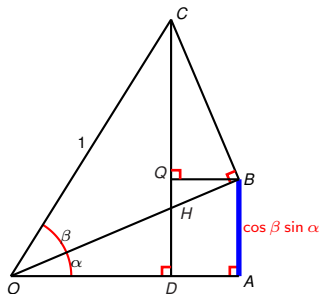


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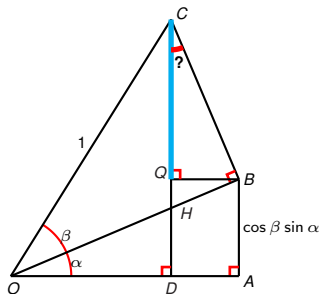


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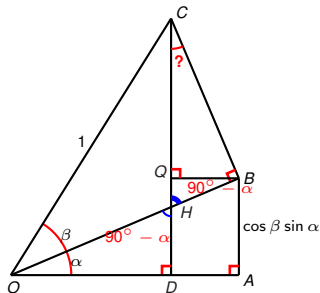
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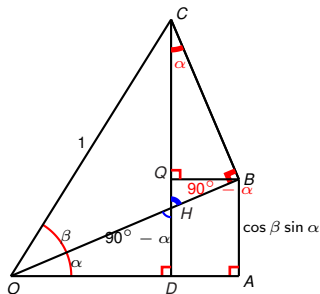


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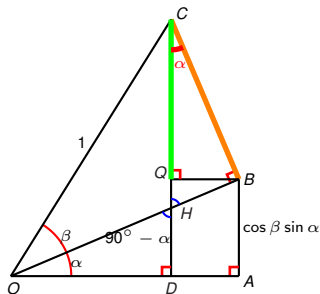


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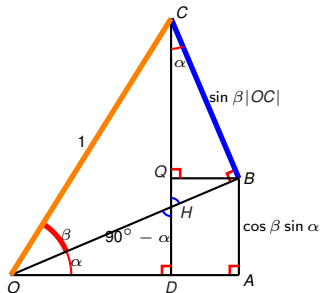


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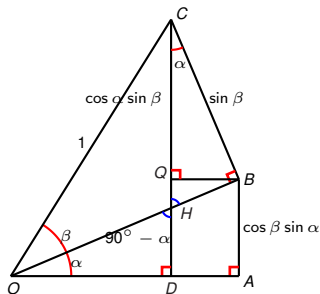
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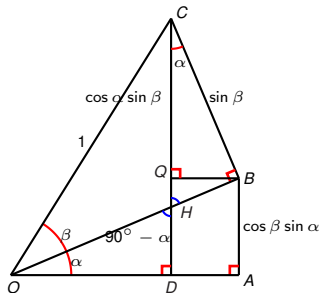


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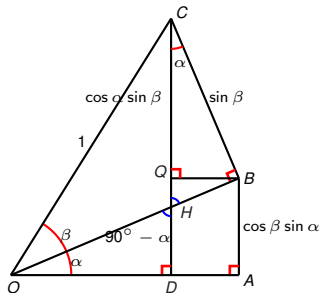
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from the (already demonstrated) identities

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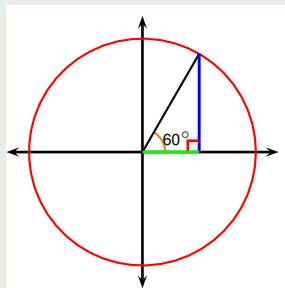
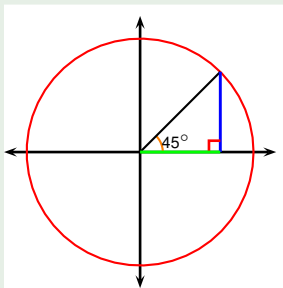
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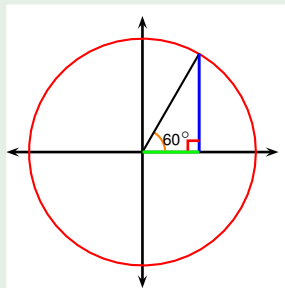
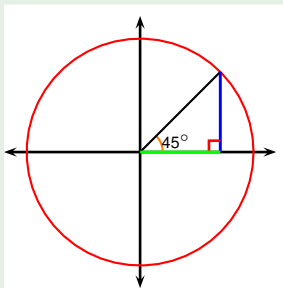


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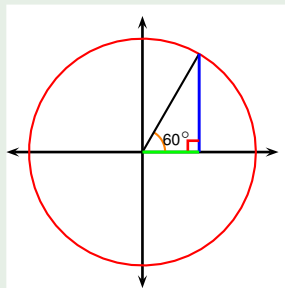
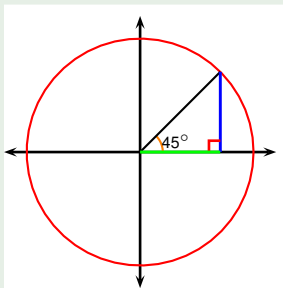
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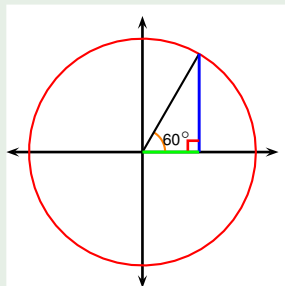
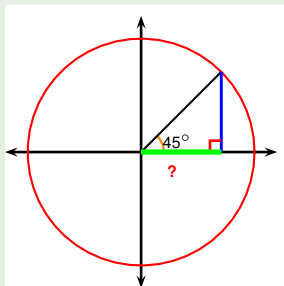
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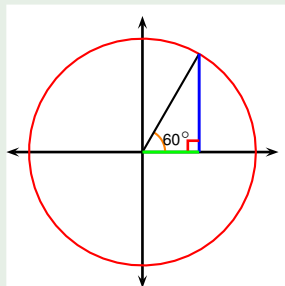
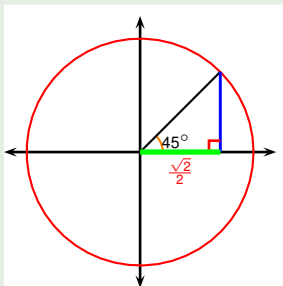
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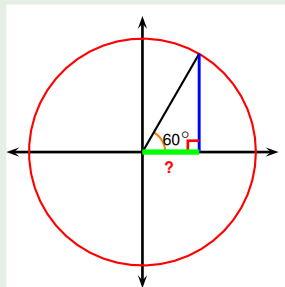
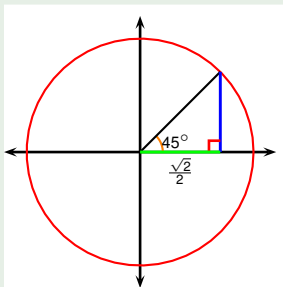
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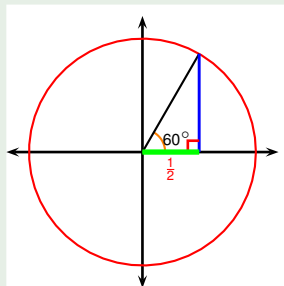
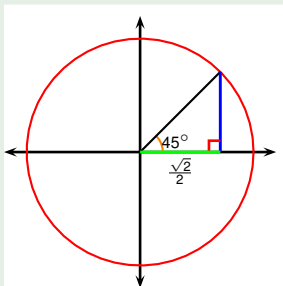
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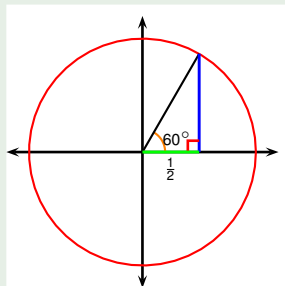
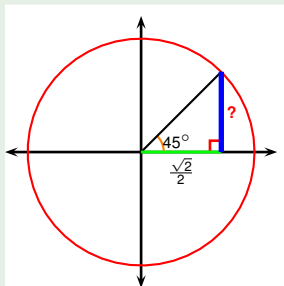
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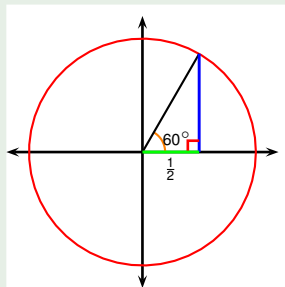
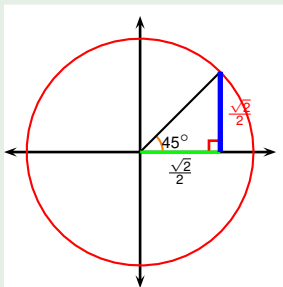
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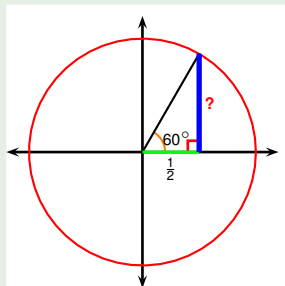
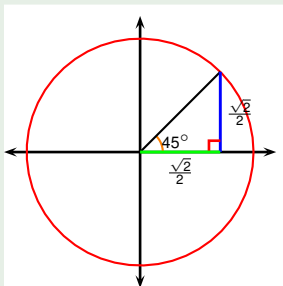
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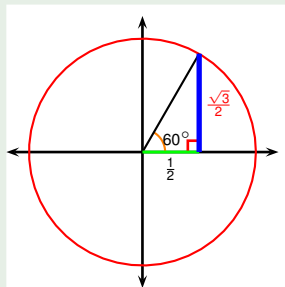
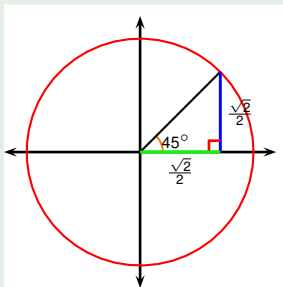
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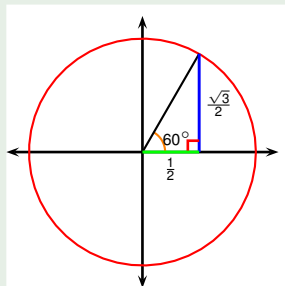
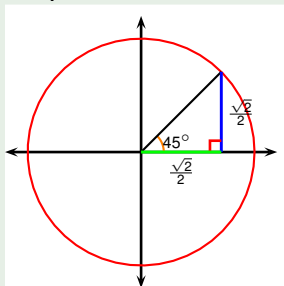
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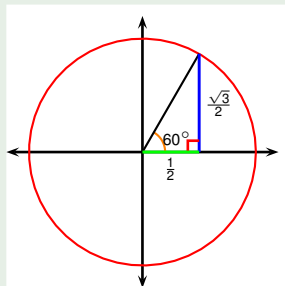
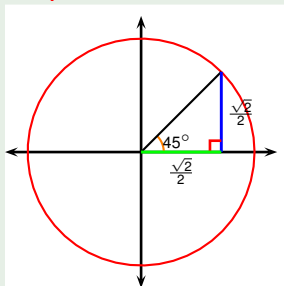
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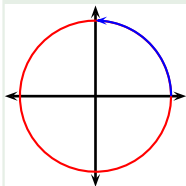
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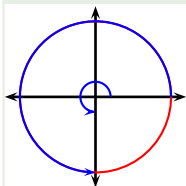
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*The tangent and cotangent functions are  $\pi$ -periodic, in other words,*

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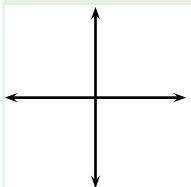
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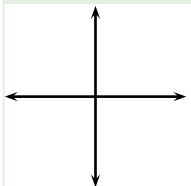


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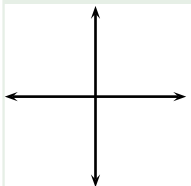


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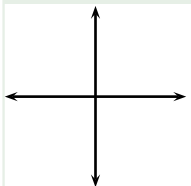


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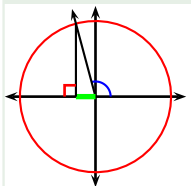


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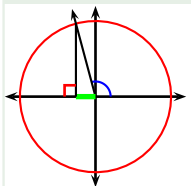


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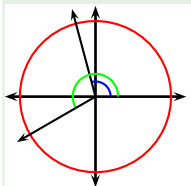


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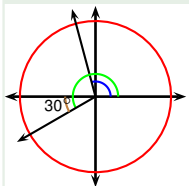


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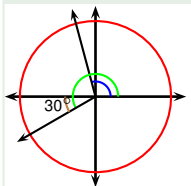


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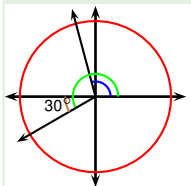


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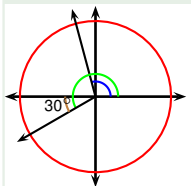


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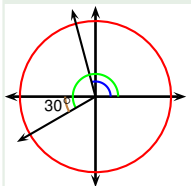


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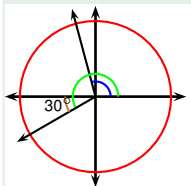




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