

Intro Video: Section 1.2  
Essential Functions and a quick  
trigonometry review

Math F251X Fall 2020

## Linear functions and linear models

Example:

$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$  is constant  
(the slope)

$$32^{\circ}\text{F} = 0^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$212^{\circ}\text{F} = 100^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Let  $C(T)$  be a function that takes as input temperature  $T$ , measured in  $^{\circ}\text{F}$ , and returns  $C(T)$ , measured in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Slope?  $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{100 - 0}{212 - 32} = \frac{100}{180} = \frac{10}{18} = \frac{5}{9}$

$$C(T) = \frac{5}{9}(T - 32) + 0 \quad \text{4-point-slope form using point } (32, 0).$$

# Polynomials

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

quadratic

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

Example

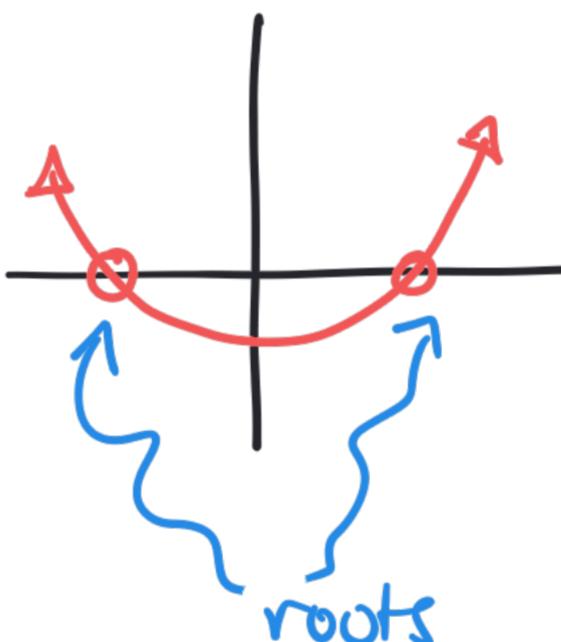
$$\begin{aligned}g(x) &= (2x+3)(x-1) \\&= 2x^2 + x - 3\end{aligned}$$

To find roots: solve  $g(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (2x+3)(x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow 2x+3 = 0 \text{ or } x-1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ or } x = 1$$

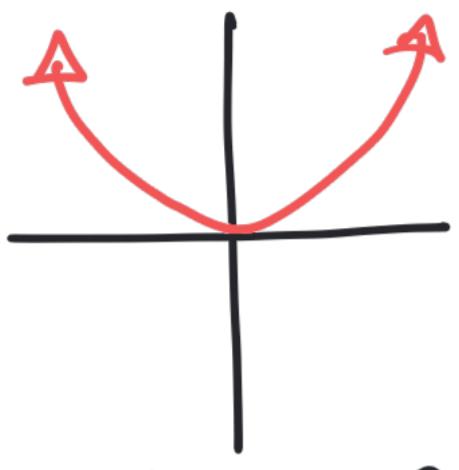
Or use the quadratic equation!



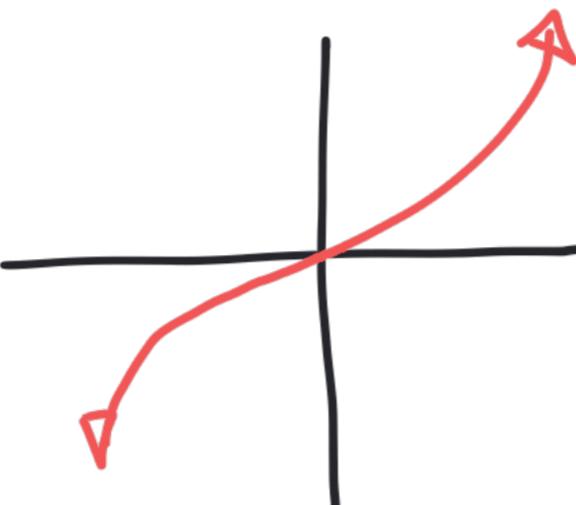
Solve  $f(x) = 0$   
to find the  
root

Roots: where the function  
intersects the  $x$ -axis

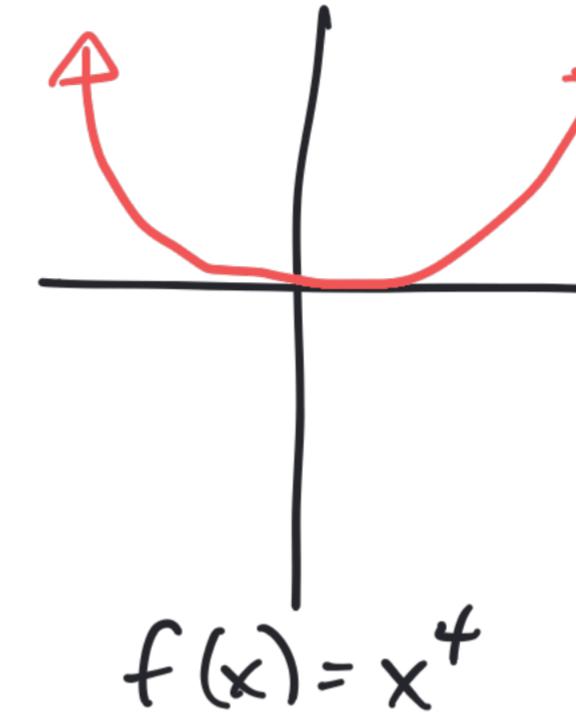
## Functions whose graphs you should know



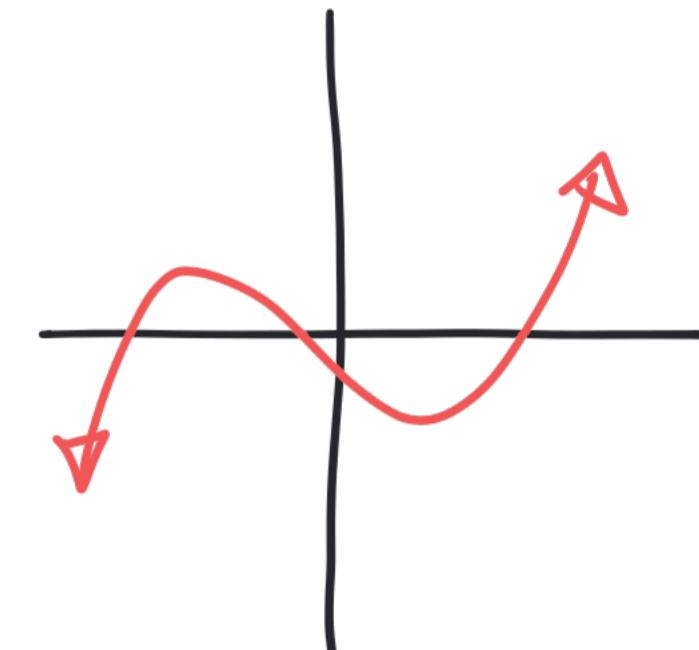
$$f(x) = x^2$$



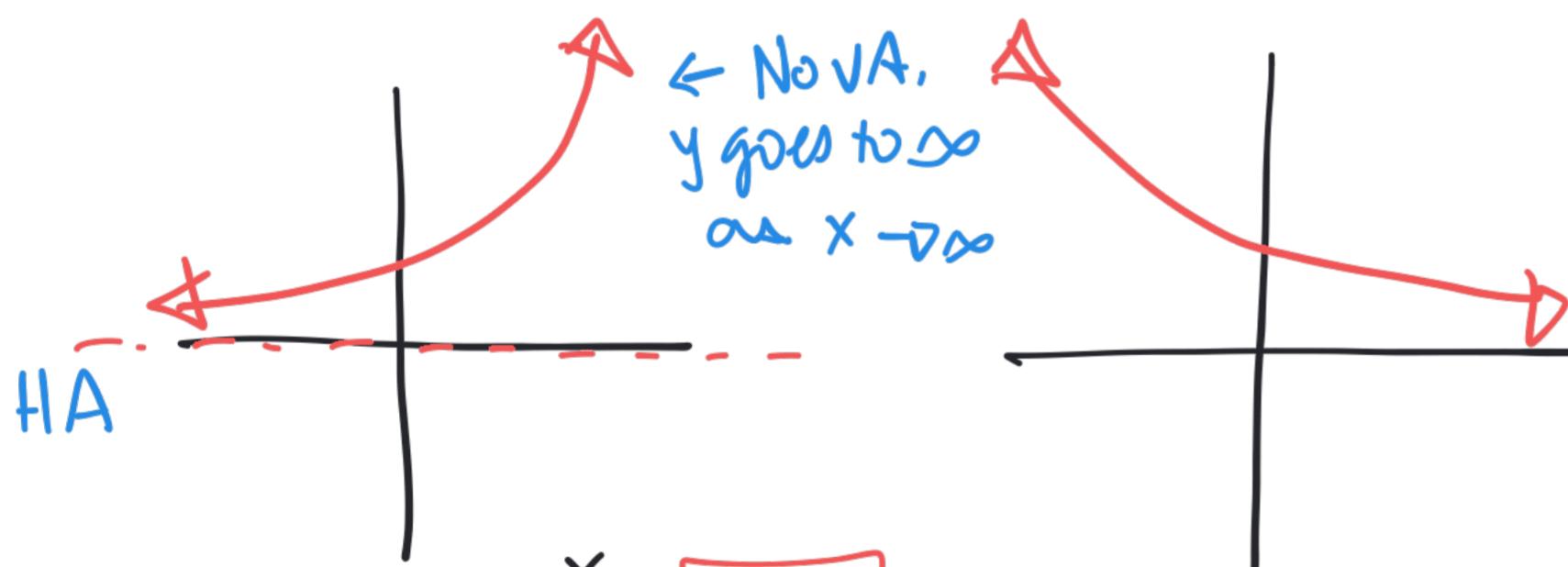
$$f(x) = x^3$$



$$f(x) = x^4$$

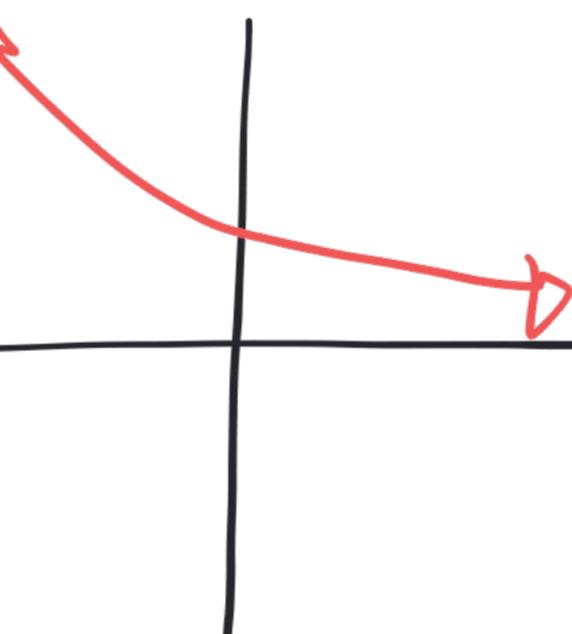


$$f(x) = \text{generic cubic}$$

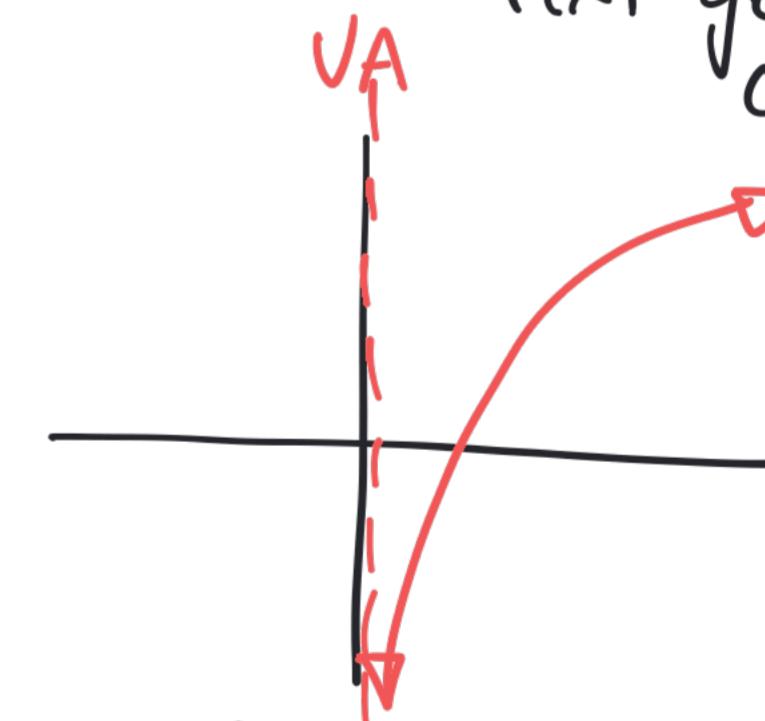


$$f(x) = a^x, \boxed{a > 1}$$

note  $f(x) = e^x$  is  
in this collection



$$f(x) = a^x, 0 < a < 1$$



$$f(x) = \ln(x)$$

## Quick Trigonometry Review

Three views of trigonometry:

① Right Triangle Trigonometry

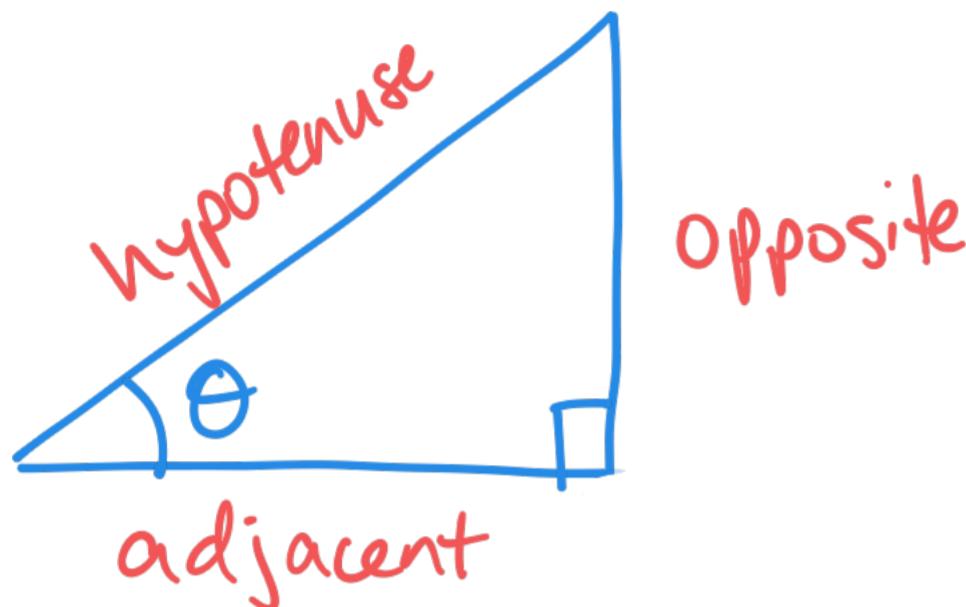
→ ratios of sides of triangles

② Unit Circle Trigonometry

→ coordinates of points on the unit circle

③ As trigonometric functions

## Right Triangle Trigonometry:



$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

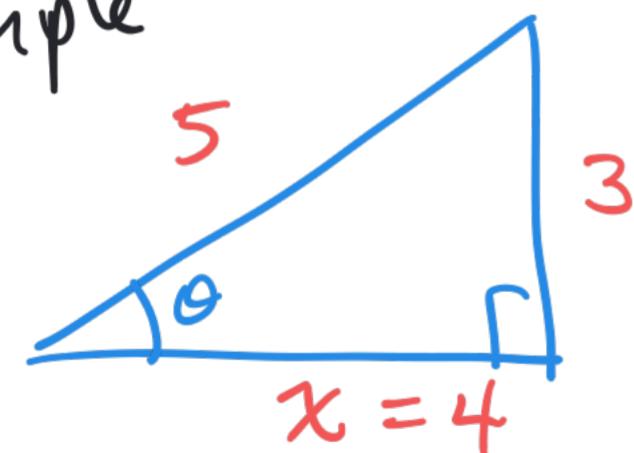
$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$$

$$\csc(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sin\theta} = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}}$$

$$\sec(\theta) = \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\cot(\theta) = \frac{1}{\tan\theta} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}$$

Example



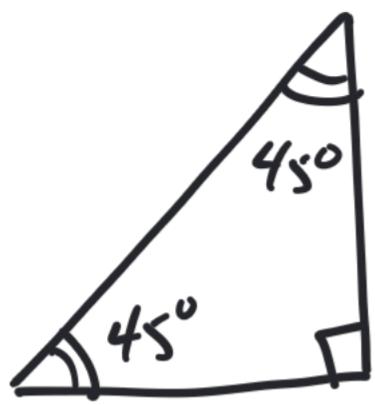
What is  $x$ ? Pythagorean Theorem:

$$3^2 + x^2 = 5^2 \Rightarrow 25 - 9 = x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = 16 \\ x = 4$$

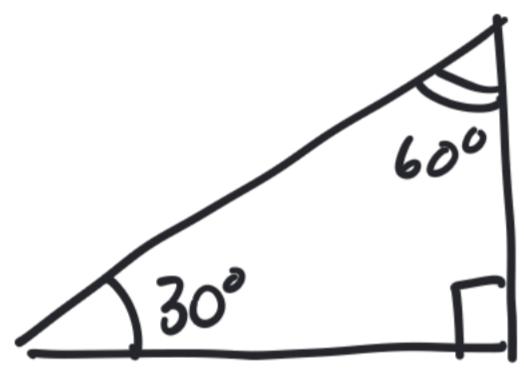
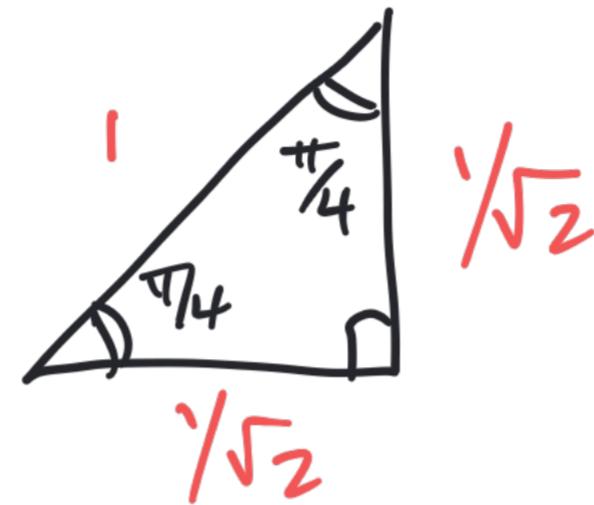
What is  $\cos(x)$ ?  $\frac{4}{5}$

What is  $\cot(x)$ ?

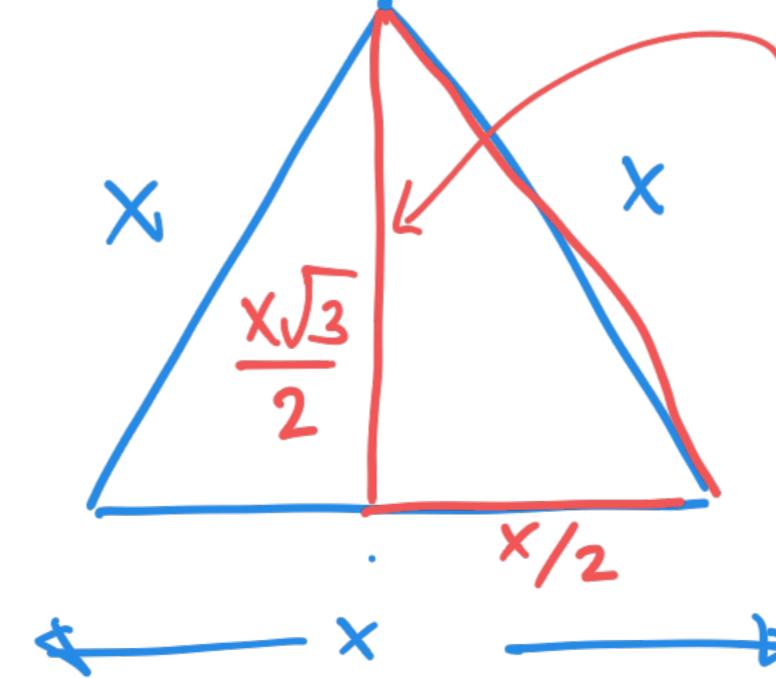
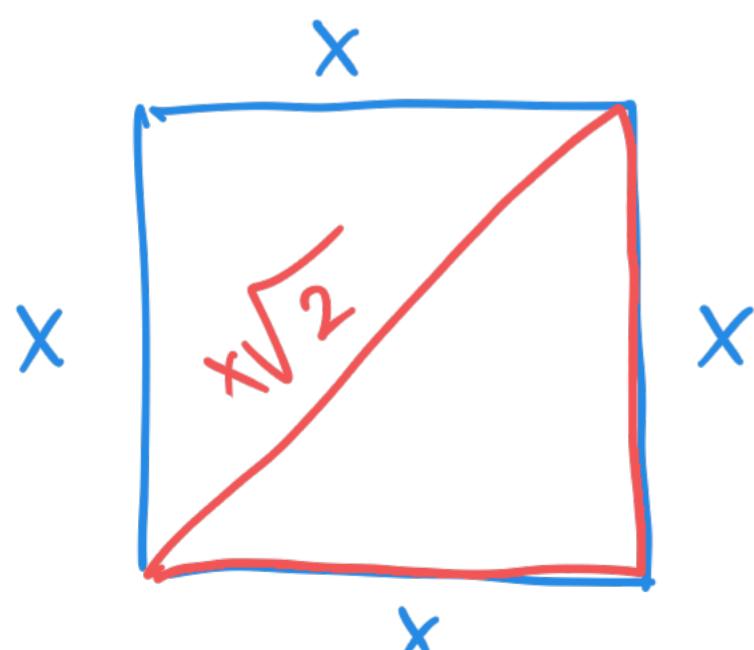
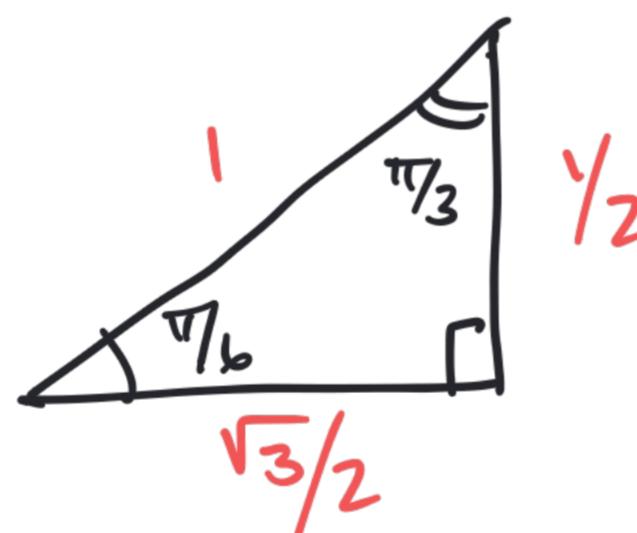
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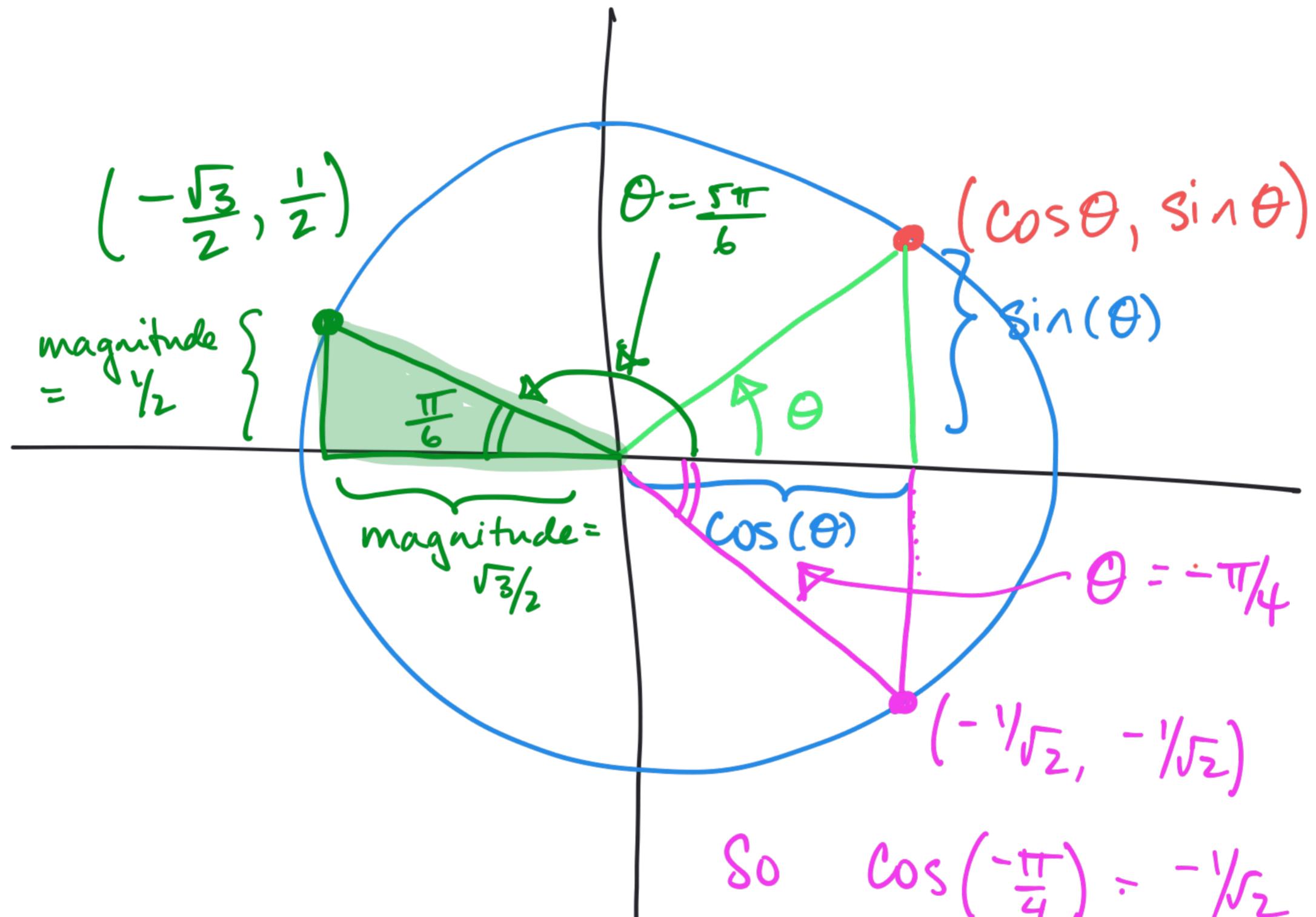
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derive side lengths from pythagorean theorem and geometry

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Solve } \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + ?^2 = x^2 \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{4} + ?^2 = x^2 \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{3x^2}{4} = ?^2 \Rightarrow ? = \frac{x\sqrt{3}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

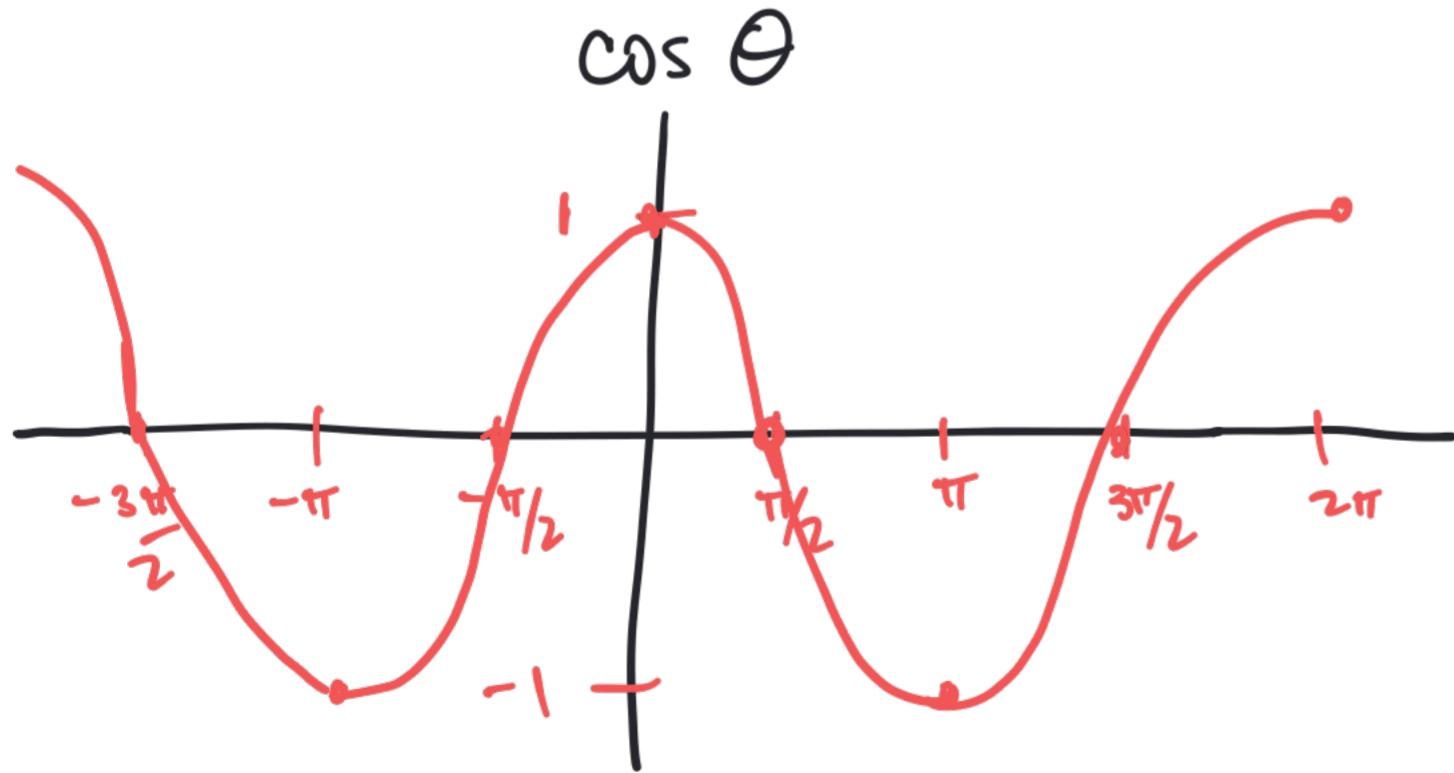
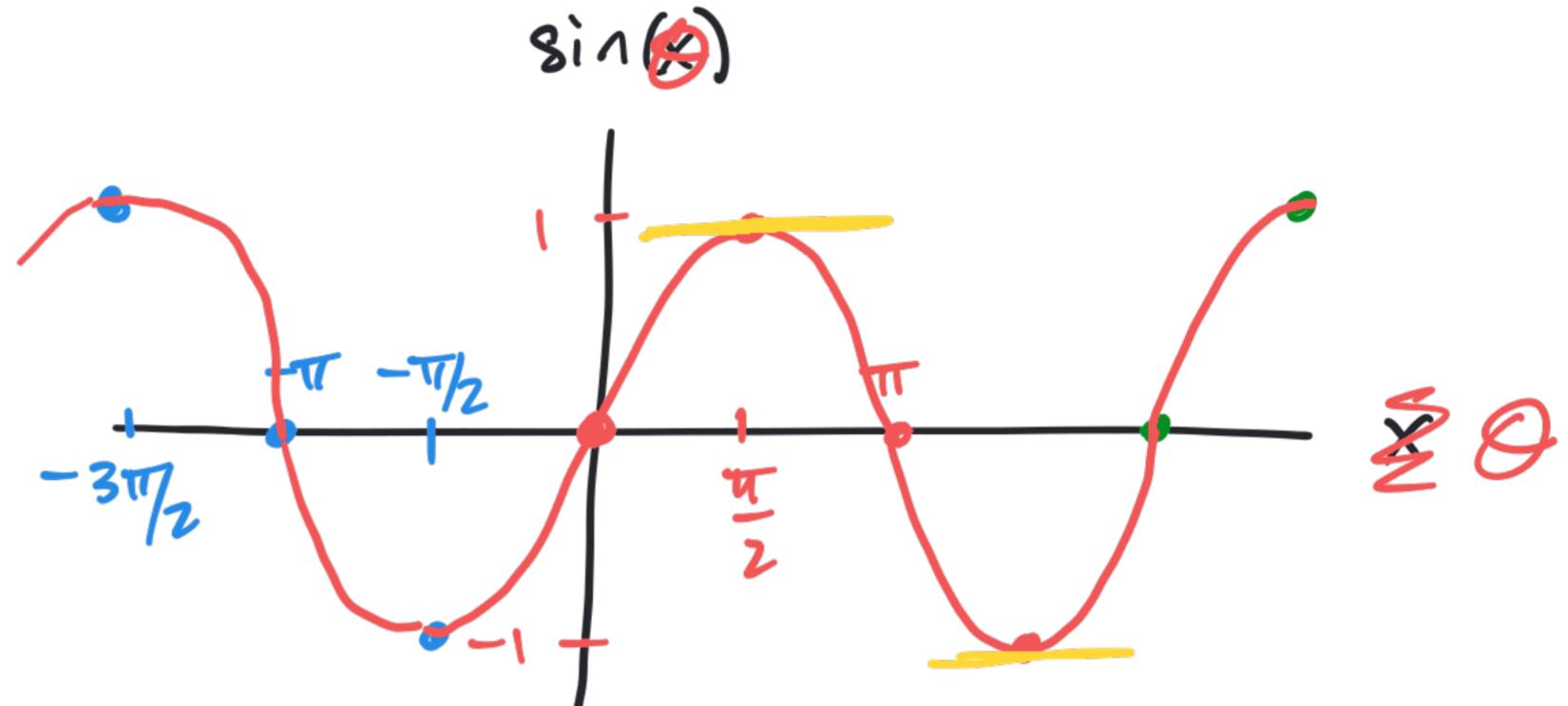
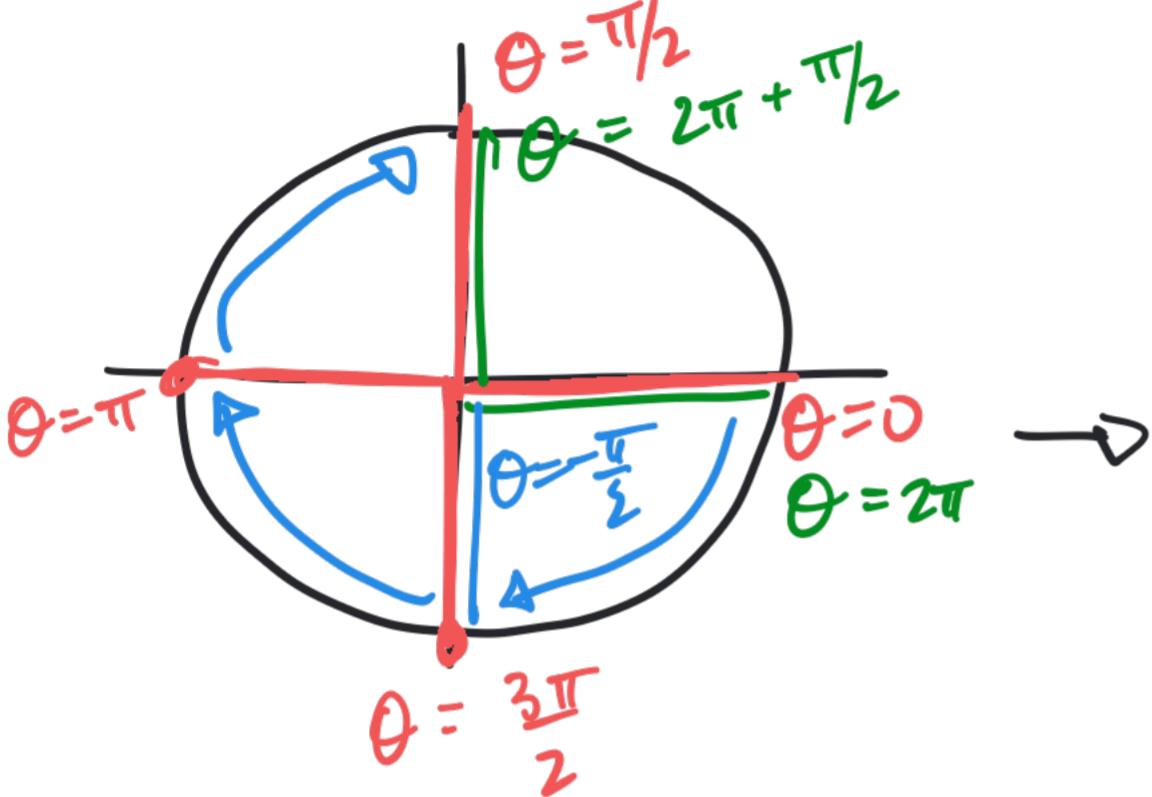
# Unit Circle Trigonometry



$$\text{So } \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sin(-\frac{\pi}{4}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Unit Circle  $\rightarrow$  trigonometric functions



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

