

Section 6.3: Angles, Rotations, and Angle Measures

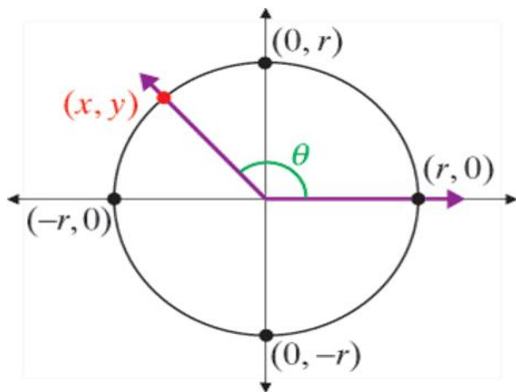


Figure: An angle in standard position determined by a point (x, y) . Any such point lives on a circle in the plane centered at the origin having radius

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

Trigonometric Function of any Angle

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} \quad (\text{for } x \neq 0)$$

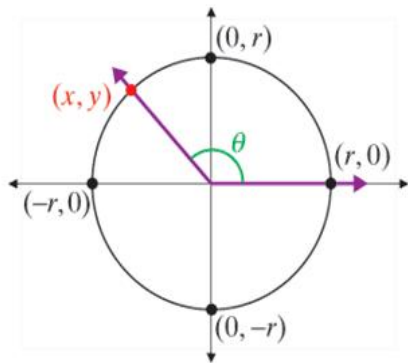


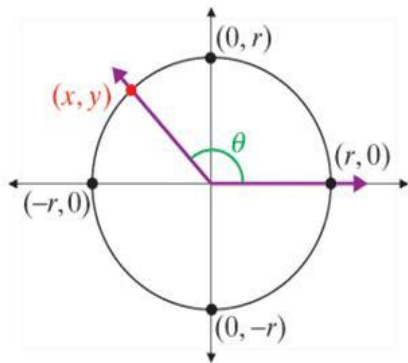
Figure: The definitions for the sine, cosine and tangent of any angle θ are given in terms of x , y , and r .

Trigonometric Function of any Angle

$$\csc \theta = \frac{r}{y} \quad (\text{for } y \neq 0)$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{r}{x} \quad (\text{for } x \neq 0)$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{x}{y} \quad (\text{for } y \neq 0)$$



Trigonometric Function of any Angle (Unit Circle Case)

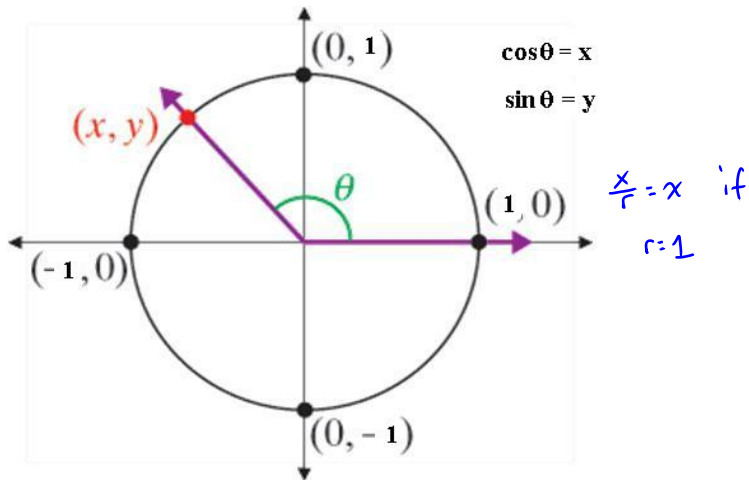


Figure: A point on the unit circle, $r = 1$, has coordinates $(x, y) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$.

Reciprocal Identities

equation is true for all input values for which both sides are defined

We have the first in a long list of **trigonometric identities**:

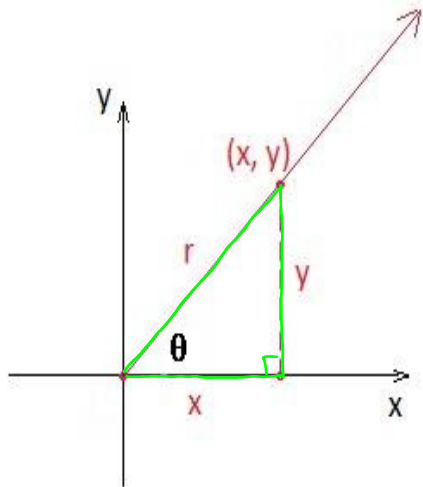
Reciprocal Identities: For any given θ for which both sides are defined

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}, \quad \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}, \quad \& \quad \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}.$$

Equivalently

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta}, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}, \quad \& \quad \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}.$$

Comparison to Acute Angle Definitions



$$r = \text{hyp} \quad x = \text{adj} \quad y = \text{opp}$$

$$\text{Old } \sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\text{New } \sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

Same

$$\text{Old } \cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\text{New } \cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

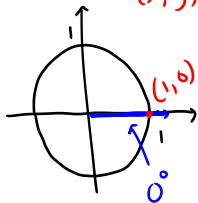
Same

Figure: Note that the acute angle definitions still hold.

A Couple of Degenerate Triangles

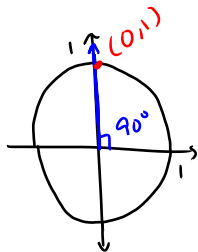
Determine the sine, cosine, and tangent values of 0° and 90° as possible.

$$(x, y) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$



$$\cos 0^\circ = 1 \quad \sin 0^\circ = 0$$

$$\tan 0^\circ = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$



$$\cos 90^\circ = 0 \quad \sin 90^\circ = 1$$

$$\tan 90^\circ = \frac{1}{0} \text{ undefined}$$

Quadrantal Angles

The angles 0° and 90° both have the property that when put in standard position, the terminal side is concurrent with one of the coordinate axes.

Definition: Quadrantal angles are those angles that when put in standard position have terminal side concurrent with a coordinate axis. In addition to 0° and 90° , some quadrantal angles include

$$180^\circ, \quad 270^\circ, \quad -90^\circ, \quad \text{and} \quad 360^\circ$$

A Useful Table of Trigonometric Values

θ°	0°	30°	45°	60°	90°
$\sin \theta$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
$\cos \theta$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
$\tan \theta$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	undef.

Quadrants & Signs

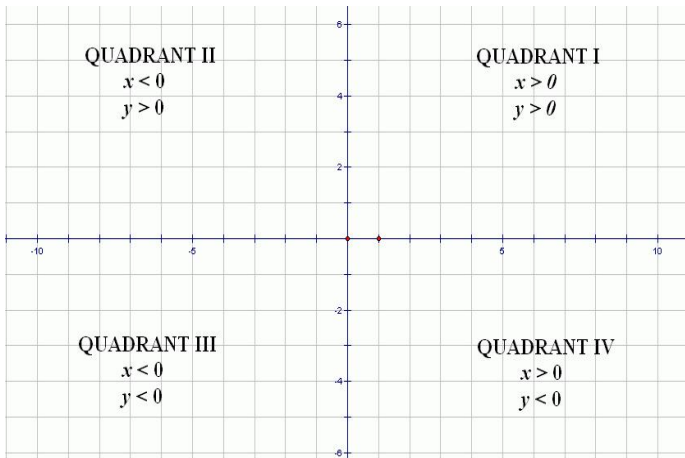
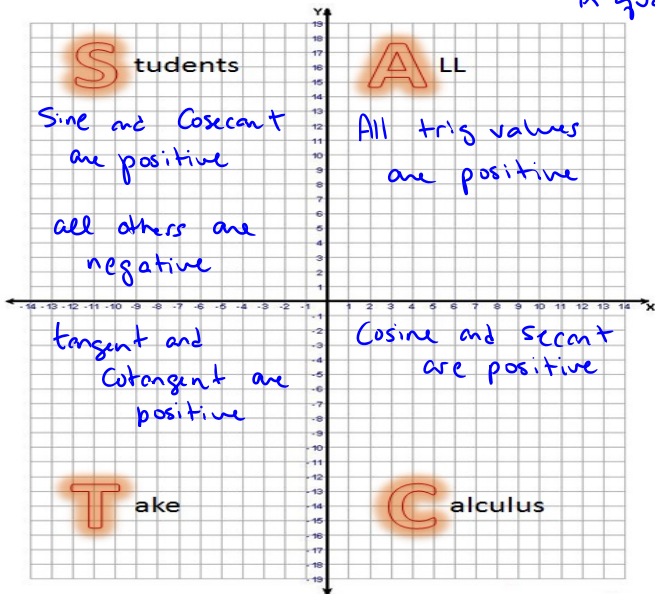


Figure: The trigonometric values for a general angle may be positive, negative, zero, or undefined. The signs are determined by the signs of the x and y values. **Note that $r > 0$ by definition.**

Quadrants & Signs of Trig Values

for θ 's terminal side
in quadrant...



Example

Determine which quadrant the terminal side of θ must be in if

(a) $\sin \theta > 0$ and $\tan \theta < 0$

In standard
position terminal
side is in
Quad I or II

↓
quad II
or IV

θ is a quadrant II
angle

(b) $\sec \theta < 0$ and $\cot \theta > 0$

↓
quad II
or III

↓
quad I or
III

θ is a quadrant III
angle

Question

Suppose that $\sin \theta = -0.3420$ and $\cos \theta = -0.9397$. Which of the following must be true about θ ?

and $0 < \theta < 360^\circ$

quadrant III

(a) $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$

(b) $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$

(c) $180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$

(d) $270^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$

(e) any of the above may be true, more information is needed to determine which is true

Reference Angles

Suppose we want to find the trig values for the angle θ shown. Note that the acute angle (pink) has terminal side through (x, y) , and by symmetry the terminal side of θ passes through the point $(-x, y)$ (same y and opposite sign x).

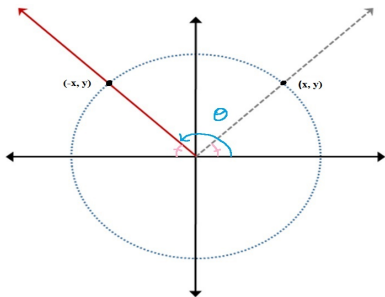


Figure: What is the connection between the trig values for θ and those for the acute angle in pink?

Reference Angles

Definition: Let θ be an angle in standard position. The **reference angle** θ' associated with θ is the angle of measure $0^\circ < \theta' < 90^\circ$ between the terminal side of θ and the *nearest* part of the x -axis.

