



## CHAPTER 7

| Trigonometric Functions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Function | Notation | Definition | 0 | 30 | 45 | 60 |
| Sine | $\sin (\alpha)$ | $\frac{\text { opposite side }}{\text { hypotenuse }}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ |
| Cosine | $\cos (\alpha)$ | $\frac{\text { adjacent side }}{\text { hypotenuse }}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Tangent | $\tan (\alpha)$ | $\frac{\text { opposite side }}{\text { adjacent side }}$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ | 1 | $\sqrt{3}$ |

### 7.1 Unit Circle

The unit circle is divided into four quadrants corresponding the the quadrants of the XOY coordinate system. The angles are measured counterclockwise starting from the positive x-axis. Thus, in the first quadrant the angles measure between 0 and 90 degrees, in the 2 -nd quadrant between 90 and 180 degrees, in the 3 -nd quadrant between 180 and 270 degrees, in the 4 -th quadrant between 270 and 360 degrees. We consider the angles measured in the clockwise sense to be negative. When using the unit circle formulation (or looking at trigonometric functions on the Cartesian Coordinate System) we usually use radian measure rather than degree measurement. Radians are simply another unit for measuring the size of an angle. To convert from degrees to radians and back use the circumference of a circle, $2 \pi R$. For the unit circle it becomes $2 \pi$. So

$$
\begin{gathered}
2 \pi \text { radians }=360 \rightarrow \pi \text { radians }=180 \\
x \text { degrees }=\frac{x}{180} \pi \text { radians and } x \text { radians }=180 \dot{x} \text { degrees }
\end{gathered}
$$



(a) Trigonometric Circle (b) Right Triangle

Correspondence : $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ points on the unit circle $(\cos (\theta), \sin (\theta))$
We take in the XOY Cartesian plane coordinate system the circle of radius 1, centered in the origin. We take a $P(x, y)$ on the circle in the first quadrant. Drawing its $x$-coordinate, and $y$-coordinate we can construct a right-angled triangle with O at the origin. We will call $\theta$ the angle between the positive x axis and the hypotenuse.

Recall that

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

By definition

$$
\cos (\theta)=\frac{\text { adjacent side }}{\text { hypotenuse }}=\frac{x}{1} \rightarrow x=\cos (\theta), \text { and } \sin (\theta)=\frac{\text { opposite side }}{\text { hypotenuse }}=\frac{y}{1} \rightarrow y=\sin (\theta)
$$

### 7.2 Trigonometric identities

The trigonometric identities are very useful whenever you are simplifying or solving trigonometric expressions, or finding the measures of more angles. Most of the identities come directly from the Pythagorean Theorem, and a little algebra.
First,

$$
\sin ^{2}(\theta)+\cos ^{2}(\theta)=1, \text { for any angle } \theta
$$

We just need to apply Pythagorean Th. in $\triangle O P Q: O P^{2}=x^{2}+y^{2} \rightarrow 1=\cos ^{2}(\theta)+\sin ^{2}(\theta)$ The other elementary trigonometric identity is

$$
\tan (\alpha)=\frac{\text { opposite side }}{\text { adjacent side }}=\frac{\text { opposite side }}{\text { hypotenuse }} \times \frac{\text { hypotenuse }}{\text { adjacent } \operatorname{side}}=\frac{\sin (\alpha)}{\cos (\alpha)}
$$

We also recall :

$$
\tan (\alpha)=m_{O P}, \text { the tangent equals the slope of the hypotenuse OP }
$$





### 7.3 The sine and the cosine from quadrant to quadrant

Let us take $\theta=30$, and the point P on the circle of coordinates $(\cos (30), \sin (30))$.
Let us move point P around the circle until it arrives in the second quadrant and it makes an angle of 150 with the positive $x$-axis $: \sin (30)=\sin (150)=0.5$ and $\cos (150)=-\cos (30)=-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. Let us move the point P around the circle until it arrives in the third quadrant and it makes an angle of 210 with the positive x-axis : $\sin (210)=-\sin (150)=-\sin (30)=-0.5$ and $\cos (210)=\cos (150)=-\cos (30)=-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. Let us move the point P around the circle until it arrives in the fourth quadrant and it makes an angle of 330 with the positive x-axis : $\sin (330)=-\sin (30)=-0.5$ and $\cos (330)=\cos (30)=\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.
In general, we need to find for any $\theta$ its the acute reference angle $\theta-180>0$, if $\theta>180$ or $180-\theta$ if $\theta<180$


Table of $\tan$ (angle)

| Angle | $\tan (\mathrm{a})$ | Angle | $\tan (\mathrm{a})$ | Angle | $\tan (\mathrm{a})$ | Angle | $\tan (\mathrm{a})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 0.00 | 25.0 | . 4663 | 46.0 | 1.0355 | 71.0 | 2.9042 |
| 1.0 | .0175 | 26.0 | . 4877 | 47.0 | 1.0724 | 72.0 | 3.0777 |
| 2.0 | . 0349 | 27.0 | . 5095 | 48.0 | 1.1106 | 73.0 | 3.2709 |
| 3.0 | . 0524 | 28.0 | . 5317 | 49.0 | 1.1504 | 74.0 | 3.4874 |
| 4.0 | . 0699 | 29.0 | . 5543 | 50.0 | 1.1918 | 75.0 | 3.7321 |
| 5.0 | . 0875 | 30.0 | . 5773 | 51.0 | 1.2349 | 76.0 | 4.0108 |
| 6.0 | . 1051 | 31.0 | . 6009 | 52.0 | 1.2799 | 77.0 | 4.3315 |
| 7.0 | . 1228 | 32.0 | . 6249 | 53.0 | 1.3270 | 78.0 | 4.7046 |
| 8.0 | . 1405 | 33.0 | . 6494 | 54.0 | 1.3764 | 79.0 | 5.1446 |
| 9.0 | . 1584 | 34.0 | . 6745 | 55.0 | 1.4281 | 80.0 | 5.6713 |
| 10.0 | . 1763 | 35.0 | . 7002 | 56.0 | 1.4826 | 81.0 | 6.3138 |
| 11.0 | . 1944 | 36.0 | . 7265 | 57.0 | 1.5399 | 82.0 | 7.1154 |
| 12.0 | . 2126 | 37.0 | . 7535 | 58.0 | 1.6003 | 83.0 | 8.1443 |
| 13.0 | . 2309 | 38.0 | . 7813 | 59.0 | 1.6643 | 84.0 | 9.5144 |
| 14.0 | . 2493 | 39.0 | . 8098 | 60.0 | 1.7321 | 85.0 | 11.430 |
| 15.0 | . 2679 | 40.0 | . 8391 | 61.0 | 1.8040 | 86.0 | 14.301 |
| 16.0 | . 2867 | 41.0 | . 8693 | 62.0 | 1.8907 | 87.0 | 19.081 |
| 17.0 | . 3057 | 42.0 | . 9004 | 63.0 | 1.9626 | 88.0 | 28.636 |
| 18.0 | . 3249 | 43.0 | . 9325 | 64.0 | 2.0503 | 89.0 | 57.290 |
| 19.0 | . 3443 | 44.0 | . 9657 | 65.0 | 2.1445 | 90.0 | infinite |
| 20.0 | . 3640 | 45.0 | 1.000 | 66.0 | 2.2460 |  |  |
| 21.0 | . 3839 |  |  | 67.0 | 2.3559 |  |  |
| 22.0 | . 4040 |  |  | 68.0 | 2.4751 |  |  |
| 23.0 | . 4245 |  |  | 69.0 | 2.6051 |  |  |
| 24.0 | . 4452 |  |  | 70.0 | 2.7475 |  |  |

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### 7.4 Problems

1. Use the reference angle $\theta$ to determine $\sin (195), \sin (210), \cos (120)$.
[195 is in the 3 -rd quadrant $195 \geq 180$ then $195-180=15$ and $\sin (190)=-\sin (15)=-.2528$ ]
2. Using angles from all the four quadrants, write all the expressions equivalent to $\cos (120)$.
3. Use the reference angle $\theta$ to determine $\cos (-120)$. $[\cos (-120)=\cos (-120+360)=\cos (240)=-\cos (240-180)=-\cos 60(240$ is in the 3-rd quadrant $)]$
4. Write all the sine and cosine values equal to $\sin (180)$.
5. For which values from 0 to 360 is $\tan (\theta)$ undefined?
6. Draw on the trigonometric circle the angle 60 and find the coordinates of the point $P(\cos (60), \sin (60))$.
7. Draw on the trigonometric circle the angle 240 and find the coordinates of the point $P(\cos (240), \sin (240))$.
8. Evaluate the expressions $\sin ^{2}(\theta)+\cos ^{2}(\theta)$ and $\sin ^{2}(2 \theta)+\cos ^{2}(2 \theta)$
9. Simplify the expression $\frac{\cos ^{2}(\theta)}{\tan (\theta)}$
10. Simplify the expression $\frac{1-\sin ^{2}(\theta)}{\cos ^{2}(\theta)}$
11. Simplify the expression $\frac{\sin (\theta)}{\cos (\theta) \cdot \tan (\theta)}$
