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13.1 Right Triangle Trigonometry





13.2 Angles and Angle Measures



Name: _____Period: _____Period: _____ The Unit Circle We're going to be using special right triangles, so first, remind yourself of the patterns of 45-45-90 triangles and 30-60-90 triangles: 45°

▶ Use special right triangles to fill in the lengths of the missing sides. NO DECIMALS.



➤ Now use what you know about trigonometry to write the following sine and cosine ratios for the angles shown in these triangles. SIMPLIFY THOSE RATIOS!

sin 45° =

sin 30° =

cos 30° =

(0.0)

cos 45° =

cos 60° =

Next we'll take one of those triangles and put it on a coordinate plane:

What would the x- and y- coordinates of point A (formed by a 30° angle) be? (Hint: Use the lengths of the sides of the triangle.)

(0,0)



 \blacktriangleright Do the same for a 45° angle and a 60° angle:

If you look at the three points we have traced out so far, they all lie on a circle centered at the origin.

60°

sin 60° =



The circle is known as the **unit circle**, since its radius is one unit. It is an integral part of trigonometry.

You will cut out the triangles on the next page to help fill in the coordinates of this unit circle. Use what you know about reflections to help!



▶ Use the work you did with the triangles on the front page to fill in the following table:

Angle	Coordinate	Value of	Value of	
measure	on unit circle	sine	cosine	
30°				
45°				
60°				

What relationship do you notice between the coordinate on the unit circle and the values of sine and cosine?

 \blacktriangleright Look at the point shown below, which corresponds to 90°.



▶ More practice: Use the unit circle you just made - your answers should be exact, NO DECIMALS.

1.	sin 120° =	4.	sin 315° =
2.	$\cos 180^\circ =$	5.	cos 240° =
3.	$\cos 135^\circ =$	6.	sin 330° =

(Hint: Write the sides lengths inside each triangle)



The unit circle is powerful because it can be used to solve trigonometric equations with exact answers rather than decimals that have to be rounded.

For example:

$$\sin 45^\circ = \frac{6}{x}$$

From the unit circle,

$$\sin 45^{\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{6}{x}$$
Substitute
$$\frac{x\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{2}}$$
Cross-multiply
Divide to isolate x
$$x = \frac{12}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{12\sqrt{2}}{2} = 6\sqrt{2}$$
Simplify

More importantly, the unit circle lets you solve these trig equations **without** a calculator, which you will often be expected to do in future math classes.

Solve:

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{x}{18}$$
 $\sin 315^\circ = \frac{20}{n}$ $\cos 210^\circ = \frac{5}{m}$

You should either memorize the unit circle or be able to use triangles to recreate it at a moment's notice.

13.3 Trigonometric Functions of General Angles



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Example 2: Use a Reference Angle to Find a Trigonometric Value Find the exact value of each trigonometric function.				
a) sin 300º	b) cos 135º	c) cos 180º		
ref. angle =	ref. angle =	ref. angle =		
Q	Q	Q		
exact value:	exact value:	exact value:		
d) tan 5π/6	e) csc 5π/3	f) sec 7π/4		
ref. angle =	ref. angle =	ref. angle =		
Q	Q	Q		
exact value:	exact value:	exact value:		
If you know the quadrant that contains the terminal side of θ in standard position and the exact value of one of the trigonometric functions of θ , you can find the values of the other trigonometric functions of θ using the function definitions.				
Example 3: Quadrant and One Trigonometric Value of θ Suppose θ is an angle in standard position whose terminal side is in the given quadrant. For each function, find the exact values of the remaining five trigonometric functions of θ .				
a) tan $ heta$ = -2/3, Quadrant IV				
b) cos θ = -1/2, Quadrant II				

c) cot heta = - $\sqrt{2}/2$, Quadrant IV

RIGHT TRIANGLE TRIGONOMETRY - WORD PROBLEMS

For each problem, do the following:

1) Draw a picture. (Right triangle)

2) Label the given parts.

3) Set up the trig. ratios and solve.

- 1. A damsel is in distress and is being held captive in a tower. Her knight in shining armor is on the ground below with a ladder. When the knight stands 15 feet from the base of the tower and looks up at his precious damsel, the angle of elevation to her window is 60 degrees. How long does the ladder have to be?
- 2. A 12-meter flagpole casts a 9-meter shadow. Find the angle of elevation of the sun.\
- 3. Suppose you're flying a kite, and it gets caught at the top of the tree. You've let out all 100 feet of string for the kite, and the angle that the string makes with the ground is 75 degrees. Instead of worrying about how to get your kite back, you wonder. "How tall is that tree?"
- 4. A submersible traveling at a depth of 250 feet dives at an angle of 15 degrees with respect to a line parallel to the water's surface. It travels a horizontal distance of 1500 feet during the dive. What is the depth of the submersible after the dive?
- 5. A fire department's longest ladder is 110 feet long, and the safety regulation states that they can use it for rescues up to 100 feet off the ground. What is the maximum safe angle of elevation for rescue ladder?
- 6. Brothers Bob and Tom buy a tent that has a center pole 6.25 feet high. If the sides of the tent are supposed to make a 50 degree angle with the ground, how wide is the tent?
- 7. A swimming pool is 30 meters long and 12 meters wide. The bottom of the pool is slanted so that the water depth is 1.3 meters at the shallow end and 4 meters at the deep end. Find the angle of depression of the bottom of the pool.
- 8. In rhombus ABCD, diagonals AC and BD meet at point E. If the measure of angle DAB is 46 degrees, find the length of EB.
- 9. The tallest television transmitting tower in the world is in North Dakota, and it is 2059 feet tall. If you are on a level ground exactly 5280 feet (one mile) from the base of the tower, what is your angle of elevation looking up at the top of the tower?
- 10. Ophelia Payne is walking to her office building which she knows is 150 feet high. The angle to the top of the building from her current location is 6 degrees. How much further does she need to walk?
- 11. A communications tower is built on top of a building with the following specifications: from a point 200 meters from the base of the building, the angle of elevation to the top of the building is 23.6 degrees and the angle of elevation to the top of the tower is 15.9 degrees. Find the height of the tower.