

Pre-Calculus Notes

Name: Key

Section 4.1 - The 6 Trigonometric Functions

PART ONE: Definitions Using Right Triangles: SOH-CAH-TOA

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

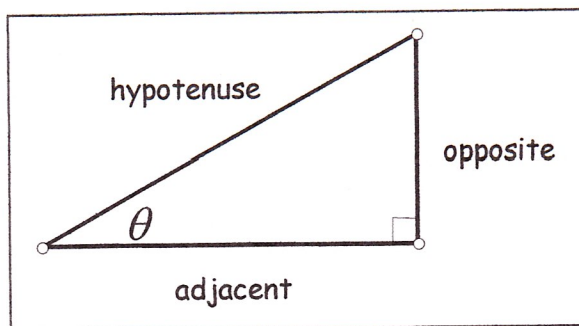
$$\csc \theta = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{opposite}}$$

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

$$\sec \theta = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent}}$$

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

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}}$$



Example 1: Find the values of the six trigonometric functions of θ .

hyp 13
adj 12
opp 5

$$a^2 + 12^2 = 13^2$$

$$a^2 = 25$$

$$a = 5$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{5}{13} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{12}{13} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{13}{5} \quad \sec \theta = \frac{13}{12} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{12}{5}$$

Example 2: Find the 6 trig. values of the angle shown. Give exact values, simplified.

hyp c = 2*sqrt(5)
adj 2
opp 4

$$2^2 + 4^2 = c^2$$

$$c^2 = 20$$

$$c = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{4}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{2}{1}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{5}{2} \quad \sec \theta = \sqrt{5} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

Example 3: Sketch a right triangle corresponding to the given trig. function and its value. Find the third side and the other trig. values.

hyp 5
adj 3
opp 4 (triple)

$$\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{3}{5} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{5}{4} \quad \sec \theta = \frac{5}{3} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

You will need to have the following trig value **MEMORIZED** very "SOON".

Example 4: Find the values of the six trigonometric functions of θ in a $45^\circ - 45^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle.

hyp x*sqrt(2)
adj x
opp x

$$x^2 + x^2 = c^2$$

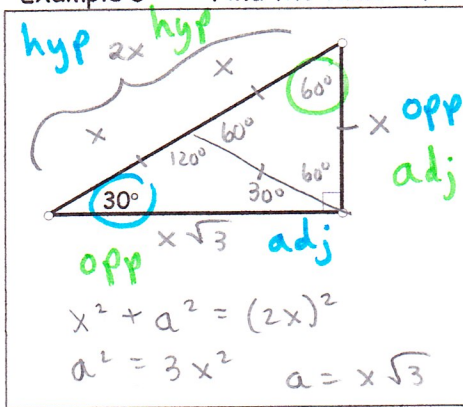
$$2x^2 = c^2$$

$$c = x\sqrt{2}$$

$$\sin 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \cos 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \tan 45^\circ = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$\csc 45^\circ = \sqrt{2} \quad \sec 45^\circ = \sqrt{2} \quad \cot 45^\circ = \frac{1}{1}$$

Example 5: Find the values of the six trigonometric functions of θ in a $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle.



$$\begin{aligned} \sin 30^\circ &= \frac{x}{2x} = \frac{1}{2} & \cos 30^\circ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \tan 30^\circ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ \csc 30^\circ &= 2 & \sec 30^\circ &= \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} & \cot 30^\circ &= \sqrt{3} \\ \sin 60^\circ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \cos 60^\circ &= \frac{1}{2} & \tan 60^\circ &= \sqrt{3} \\ \csc 60^\circ &= \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} & \sec 60^\circ &= 2 & \cot 60^\circ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Could we summarize the above information into a single chart? Yes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

* teach "handjive" here

| | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ or 30° | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ or 45° | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ or 60° |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $\cos \theta$ | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| $\sin \theta$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ |
| $\tan \theta$ | $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ | 1 | $\sqrt{3}$ |

Example 6: Fill in the blanks with the angle measure or function value.

| Function | θ in degrees | θ in radians | Value |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| sec so $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ | 45° | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\sqrt{2}$ |
| tan | 45° | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | 1 |
| cos | 60° | $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| csc so $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ | 30° | $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | 2 |

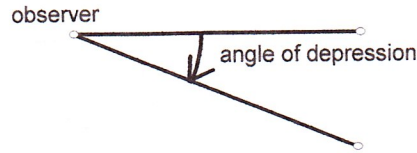
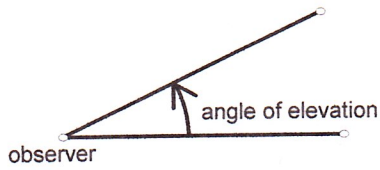
Now let's do these on the CALCULATOR...

Example 2: Calculate to 4 decimal places.

| | | |
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| a. $\sin 25^\circ$ 0.4226 | b. $\cos 32.4^\circ$ 0.8443 | c. $\tan 40^\circ 15' 10''$ 0.8466 |
| d. $\csc 85^\circ = \frac{1}{\sin 85^\circ}$ 1.0038 | e. $\sec 75^\circ 30' = \frac{1}{\cos 75^\circ 30'}$ 3.9939 | f. $\cot 56.27^\circ = \frac{1}{\tan 56.27^\circ}$ 0.6677 |

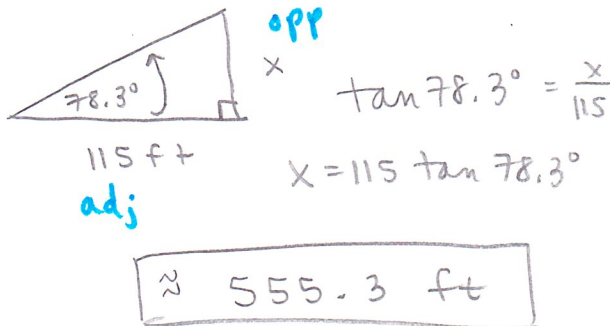
Applications - Solving Right Triangles

Do you remember angle of elevation and angle of depression?

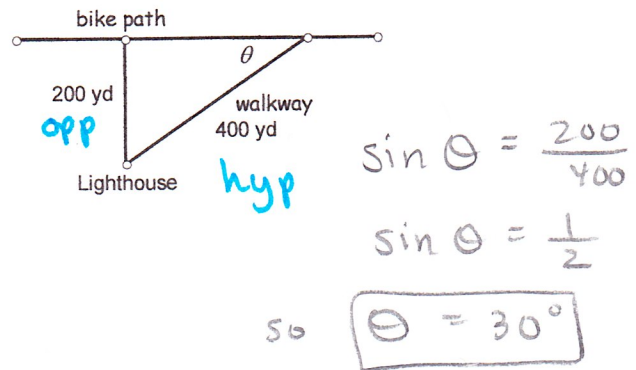


Example 3:

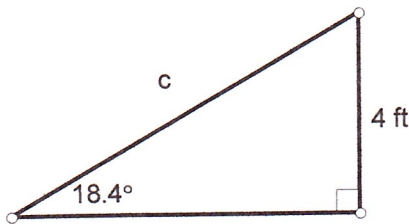
A surveyor is standing 115 feet from the base of the Washington Monument. The surveyor measures the angle of elevation to the top of the monument as 78.3° . How tall is the Washington Monument?



An historic lighthouse is 200 yards from a bike path along the lake. A walkway to the lighthouse is 400 yards long. Find the acute angle between the bike path and the walkway.



Example 5: Solve for c .



$$\sin 18.4^\circ = \frac{4}{c}$$

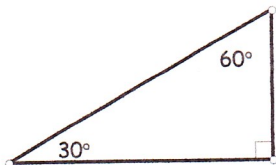
$$c \sin 18.4^\circ = 4$$

$$c = \frac{4}{\sin 18.4^\circ}$$

$$c \approx 12.67 \text{ ft}$$

PART TWO: Let's talk now about the topic of "CO-FUNCTIONS".

Think about the $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle.



$$\begin{array}{l} \sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \\ \tan 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ \sec 30^\circ = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{array} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \\ \cot 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ \csc 60^\circ = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{array}$$

WHY are those values equal? angles are complementary and b/c for each, the opp/adj switch

WHEN will those function values be equal? When you have co-functions!

In general, it can be shown from the right triangle definitions that **co-functions of complementary angles are equal**. That is, if θ is an acute angle, the following relationships are true:

$$\sin \theta = \cos(90^\circ - \theta) \text{ or } \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)$$

$$\tan \theta = \cot(90^\circ - \theta) \text{ or } \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)$$

$$\sec \theta = \csc(90^\circ - \theta) \text{ or } \csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)$$

So, let's try this again. What functions are **CO-FUNCTIONS**?

sine AND cosine tangent AND cotangent secant AND cosecant

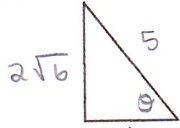
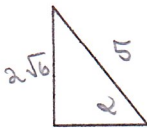
WHEN will the co-function values be equal? when angles are complementary

We also need to start looking at some of the TRIG. IDENTITIES.

Look at the following and discuss WHY they are true.

| Fundamental Identities: | |
|--|---|
| Reciprocal Identities: | Quotient Identities: |
| $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta}; \quad \csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$ $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}; \quad \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$ $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}; \quad \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$ | $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$ $\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$ |

Example 1: Use **CO-FUNCTIONS** and **TRIG IDENTITIES** to find the other values.

If $\sec \theta = 5$  and $\tan \alpha = 2\sqrt{6}$,  then find the following...

a. $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta} = \boxed{\frac{1}{5}}$

b. $\cot \alpha = \frac{1}{\tan \alpha} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{6}}{12}}$

c. $\csc(90^\circ - \theta) = \sec \theta = \boxed{5}$

d. $\cot(90^\circ - \alpha) = \tan \alpha = \boxed{2\sqrt{6}}$

e. $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$

f. $\tan(90^\circ - \alpha) = \cot \alpha = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{6}}{12}}$