

“SINE, COSINE, AND TANGENT: THE UNIT CIRCLE”
problems

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This video is intended for students who find this material to be difficult, so in the video I proceed slowly and repeat myself a lot. If you find the video to move too slowly, you can simply try the problems in this Problems document, check the answers in the Answers document, and skip to any particular parts of the video that cover problems that you find confusing.

Answer all the following questions without using a calculator.

Label $\cos 170^\circ$ and $\sin 170^\circ$ on the unit circle.
Predict whether $\cos 170^\circ$ and $\sin 170^\circ$ are positive or negative.

Find $\cos 90^\circ$ and $\sin 90^\circ$.
Find $\cos 0$ and $\sin 0$.
Find $\cos 180^\circ$ and $\sin 180^\circ$.
Find $\cos 360^\circ$ and $\sin 360^\circ$.
Find $\cos (2\pi \text{ rad})$ and $\sin (2\pi \text{ rad})$.

What is $\tan 0$? What is $\tan 90^\circ$? What is $\tan 180^\circ$?

Suppose θ is an acute angle.
When θ increases, does $\cos \theta$ increase or decrease?
When θ increases, does $\sin \theta$ increase or decrease?
When θ increases, does $\tan \theta$ increase or decrease?

What is the range of outputs of $\cos \theta$?
What is the range of outputs of $\sin \theta$?
What is the range of outputs of $\tan \theta$?

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Your friend Bob tells you that he knows that

$$\cos(30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \text{ and that}$$

$$\sin(30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

but he can't remember which one equals $\frac{1}{2}$ and which one equals $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.

Which is which?

What are $\cos(60^\circ)$ and $\sin(60^\circ)$?

What do you predict about $\cos(45^\circ)$ and $\sin(45^\circ)$?

Consider an acute angle θ .

(a) Prove that SOH CAH TOA implies that $\cos \theta$ represents an x-coordinate on the unit circle, and that $\sin \theta$ represents a y-coordinate on the unit circle.

(b) Prove that SOH CAH TOA implies that $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$.

SUMMARY

fill in the blanks

Define "unit circle":

unit circle interpretations:

$$\cos \theta =$$

$$\sin \theta =$$

$$\tan \theta =$$

$$\cos 0 =$$

$$\cos 90^\circ =$$

$$\cos 180^\circ =$$

$$\cos (2\pi \text{ rad}) =$$

$$\sin 0 =$$

$$\sin 90^\circ =$$

$$\sin 180^\circ =$$

$$\sin (2\pi \text{ rad}) =$$

$$\tan 0 =$$

$$\tan 90^\circ =$$

$$\tan 180^\circ =$$

$$\tan (2\pi \text{ rad}) =$$

Suppose θ is an acute angle.When you increase θ , $\cos \theta$ When you increase θ , $\sin \theta$ When you increase θ , $\tan \theta$ The range of outputs of $\cos \theta$ is:The range of outputs of $\sin \theta$ is:The range of outputs of $\tan \theta$ is:

$$\cos 30^\circ =$$

$$\cos 45^\circ =$$

$$\cos 60^\circ =$$

$$\sin 30^\circ =$$

$$\sin 45^\circ =$$

$$\sin 60^\circ =$$

$$\tan 45^\circ =$$