

Trigonometric Function of Angles

Note:
 $(\sin \theta)^2$ is usually written $\sin^2 \theta$. Similar notation for the other functions.)

The Fundamental Identities:

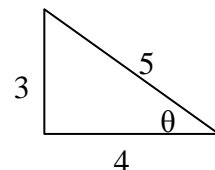
(1) The reciprocal identities:
 $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$ $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$ $\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$

(2) The tangent and cotangent identities:
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$ $\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$

(3) The Pythagorean identities:
 $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$ $1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$

The reciprocal identities are obvious from the definitions of the six trigonometric functions.

Take the simple right triangle with sides 3, 4 and 5 with θ opposite the side of length 3.



To prove the tangent identity, examine the following. The cotangent identity proof is similar.

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} \cdot \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}}{\frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

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

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

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

Find $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$, now find $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta$

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

$$(\sin \theta)^2 + (\cos \theta)^2 = ?$$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = ?$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 = ?$$

$$\frac{9}{25} + \frac{16}{25} = ?$$

$$\frac{25}{25} = 1$$

$$\therefore \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

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

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\text{opp}^2 + \text{adj}^2 = \text{hyp}^2$$

$$\frac{\text{opp}^2}{\text{hyp}^2} + \frac{\text{adj}^2}{\text{hyp}^2} = \frac{\text{hyp}^2}{\text{hyp}^2}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ is a Pythagorean identity since it is derived from the Pythagorean Theorem.

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Divide both sides by $\sin^2 \theta$ to find another Pythagorean identity.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta &= 1 \quad \text{Divide each side by } \sin^2 \theta \\ \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} &= \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \\ 1 + \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}\right)^2 &= \csc^2 \theta \\ \therefore 1 + \cot^2 \theta &= \csc^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

The third Pythagorean identity can be found by dividing the original $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ by $\cos^2 \theta$.

Each of the three Pythagorean identities creates two more identities by subtracting a term from the left side to the right side.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta &= 1 \\ \sin^2 \theta &= 1 - \cos^2 \theta \\ \cos^2 \theta &= 1 - \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \tan^2 \theta &= \sec^2 \theta \\ \tan^2 \theta &= \sec^2 \theta - 1 \\ 1 &= \sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \cot^2 \theta &= \csc^2 \theta \\ \cot^2 \theta &= \csc^2 \theta - 1 \\ 1 &= \csc^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

Verify the identity by transforming the left side into the right side.

$$\tan \theta \cot \theta = 1$$

$$\sin(3\theta) \cot(3\theta) = \cos(3\theta)$$

$$\frac{\sec \theta}{\tan \theta} = \csc \theta$$

$$\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = 1 + \cot\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$(1 - \cos \theta)(1 + \cos \theta) = \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\cos^2 \theta (\sec^2 \theta - 1) = \sin^2 \theta$$

$$(1 - \sin^2 \theta)(1 + \tan^2 \theta) = 1$$

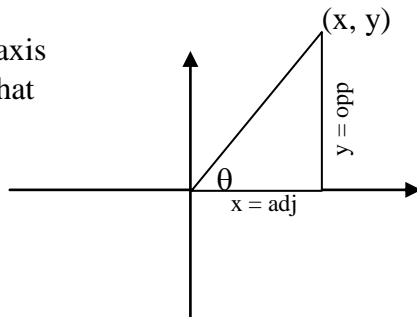
$$\cot \theta + \tan \theta = \csc \theta \sec \theta$$

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Using the coordinate system, draw an angle θ in **standard position** (vertex at the origin and the x -axis is the initial side).

Notice that the adjacent side corresponds to the x -value of the coordinate and the opposite side corresponds the y -value of the coordinate.

The idea that the cosine of θ corresponds to the x -axis and the sine of θ corresponds to the y -axis is one that you need to get used to. This is not saying that $\sin \theta =$ the y value nor that $\cos \theta =$ the x value. It simply says there is a correspondence.



If θ is an angle in **standard position** on a rectangular coordinate system and if $P(-5, 12)$ is on the terminal side of θ , find the values of the six trigonometric functions of θ .

If θ is an angle in **standard position** on a rectangular coordinate system and if $P(4, 3)$ is on the terminal side of θ , find the values of the six trigonometric functions of θ .

Find the exact values of the six trigonometric functions of θ , if θ is in standard position and the terminal side of θ is in the specified quadrant and satisfies the given condition.

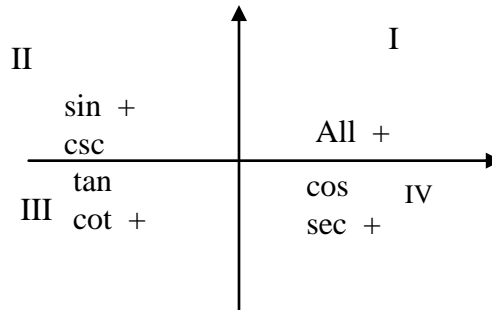
III; on the line $4x - 3y = 0$

II; parallel to the line $3x + y - 7 = 0$

**Notice: $\tan \theta = \text{slope}$
of the line!**

Find the quadrant containing θ if the given conditions are true.

- a) $\tan \theta < 0$ and $\cos \theta > 0$
- b) $\sec \theta > 0$ and $\tan \theta < 0$
- c) $\csc \theta > 0$ and $\cot \theta < 0$
- d) $\cos \theta < 0$ and $\csc \theta < 0$
- e) $\cos \theta < 0$ and $\sec \theta > 0$



To help you remember the picture above: Think (in order of quadrants): ALL STUDENTS TAKE CALCULUS.
 Quadrant I: All functions are positive values.
 Quadrant II: Sine and its inverse are positive, others negative.
 Quadrant III: Tangent and its inverse are positive, others negative.
 Quadrant IV: Cosine and its inverse are positive, other negative.

Use the **fundamental identities** to find the values of the trigonometric functions for the given conditions:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{12}{5} \text{ and } \cos \theta < 0$$

$$\sec \theta = -4 \text{ and } \csc \theta > 0$$