

Section 1.4: Trigonometric Functions and Their Inverses

Def: Trigonometric Functions

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

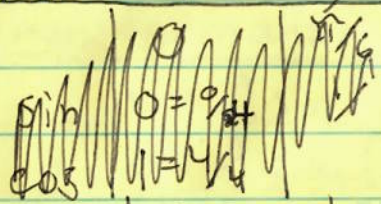
$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}$$

Values of Sine, Cosine in the first quadrant



	0	$\pi/6$	$\pi/4$	$\pi/3$	$\pi/2$
sin	$0 = \sqrt{0}/2$	$1/2 = \sqrt{1}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$\sqrt{4}/2 = 1$
cos	$1 = \sqrt{4}/2$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$1/2$	$\sqrt{0}/2 = 0$

To determine the values in the other quadrants use

S	A
T	C

where A is all trig values are positive
S only sine values are positive
T only tangent values are positive

C only cosine values are positive

Ex: Evaluate $\sin(-\pi/3)$.

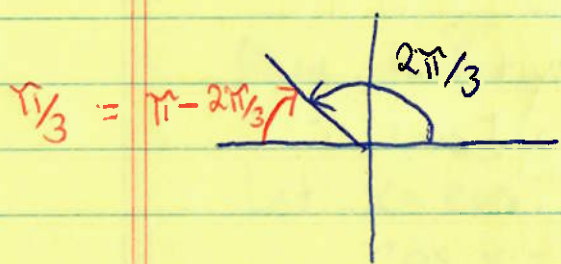
$-\pi/3$ is in Quadrant 4, so the value is negative.

The reference angle of $-\pi/3$ is $\pi/3$. So $\sin(\pi/3) = \sqrt{3}/2$

So the answer is $[-\sqrt{3}/2]$

Remember reference angles are angles that we know values of, and have the same "endpoint."

For example, if we have $2\pi/3$, the reference angle is $\pi/3$ as shown in the image to the left,



Transformation of Trig Graphs

$$y = A \sin(B(\theta - c)) + D$$

$$y = A \cos(B(\theta - c)) + D$$

where $|A|$ is the amplitude,

$\frac{2\pi}{|B|}$ is the period,

c is the horizontal shift, and

D is the vertical shift

Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Def: $y = \sin^{-1}(x) \Leftrightarrow x = \sin(y)$ where $-\pi/2 \leq y \leq \pi/2$
 $y = \cos^{-1}(x) \Leftrightarrow x = \cos(y)$ where $0 \leq y \leq \pi$.

The domain of both $\sin^{-1}(x)$ and $\cos^{-1}(x)$ is $(-1, 1)$

Ex: Evaluate

(a) $\sin^{-1}(\sqrt{3}/2)$

Let $x = \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{3}/2) \Leftrightarrow \sin(x) = \sqrt{3}/2$

This is true when $x = \pi/3$

(b) $\cos^{-1}(\cos(3\pi))$

BEWARE $\cos^{-1}$ and $\cos$ don't cancel out always.
First find $\cos(3\pi)$.

Remember 3π is the same as π . So

$$\cos(3\pi) = \cos(\pi) = -1$$

Plug -1 for $\cos(3\pi)$.

$$\cos^{-1}(\cos(3\pi)) = \cos^{-1}(-1)$$

Let $x = \cos^{-1}(-1)$

$$\cos x = -1 \Rightarrow \text{This happens at } x = \pi.$$

So $\cos^{-1}(\cos(3\pi)) = \pi$ **Not 3π**

HW Question: (#22) Express θ in terms of x using the inverse sine, inverse tangent, and inverse secant functions.



First let's find all the sides, i.e.

Find y . So use Pythagorean Thm.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 9^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 81$$

$$y^2 = 81 - x^2$$

$$y = \sqrt{81 - x^2} \quad (\text{Positive cause it's a length})$$

(a) $\theta = \sin^{-1}(\underline{\hspace{2cm}})$

Remember this is the same as $\sin \theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{Answer: } \frac{x}{y}$$

(b) $\theta = \tan^{-1}(\underline{\hspace{2cm}})$

Remember this is the same as $\tan \theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{x}{y} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{81 - x^2}} \quad \text{Answer: } \frac{x}{\sqrt{81 - x^2}}$$