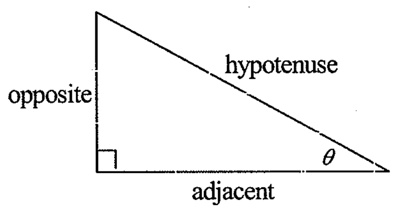
Trig Cheat Sheet

Definition of the Trig Functions

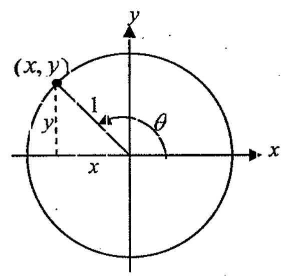
Right triangle definition
For this definition we assume that

$0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $0° < \theta < 90°$.



$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} \qquad \csc\theta = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{opposite}}$$
$$\cos\theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} \qquad \sec\theta = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent}}$$
$$\tan\theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} \qquad \cot\theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}}$$

Unit circle definition
For this definition θ is any angle.



$$\sin\theta = \frac{y}{1} = y \qquad \csc\theta = \frac{1}{y}$$
$$\cos\theta = \frac{x}{1} = x \qquad \sec\theta = \frac{1}{x}$$
$$\tan\theta = \frac{y}{x} \qquad \cot\theta = \frac{x}{y}$$

Facts and Properties

Domain
The domain is all the values of θ that can be plugged into the function.

$\sin\theta$, θ can be any angle
$\cos\theta$, θ can be any angle
$\tan\theta$, $\theta \neq \left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\pi,\ n = 0, \pm1, \pm2, \ldots$
$\csc\theta$, $\theta \neq n\pi,\ n = 0, \pm1, \pm2, \ldots$
$\sec\theta$, $\theta \neq \left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\pi,\ n = 0, \pm1, \pm2, \ldots$
$\cot\theta$, $\theta \neq n\pi,\ n = 0, \pm1, \pm2, \ldots$

Range
The range is all possible values to get out of the function.

$-1 \le \sin\theta \le 1$ $\quad \csc\theta \ge 1$ and $\csc\theta \le -1$
$-1 \le \cos\theta \le 1$ $\quad \sec\theta \ge 1$ and $\sec\theta \le -1$
$-\infty < \tan\theta < \infty$ $\quad -\infty < \cot\theta < \infty$

Period
The period of a function is the number, T, such that $f(\theta+T) = f(\theta)$. So, if ω is a fixed number and θ is any angle we have the following periods.

$$\sin(\omega\theta) \rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$
$$\cos(\omega\theta) \rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$
$$\tan(\omega\theta) \rightarrow T = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$$
$$\csc(\omega\theta) \rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$
$$\sec(\omega\theta) \rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$
$$\cot(\omega\theta) \rightarrow T = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$$

Formulas and Identities

Tangent and Cotangent Identities

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} \qquad \cot\theta = \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}$$

Reciprocal Identities

$$\csc\theta = \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \qquad \sin\theta = \frac{1}{\csc\theta}$$
$$\sec\theta = \frac{1}{\cos\theta} \qquad \cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sec\theta}$$
$$\cot\theta = \frac{1}{\tan\theta} \qquad \tan\theta = \frac{1}{\cot\theta}$$

Pythagorean Identities

$$\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$$
$$\tan^2\theta + 1 = \sec^2\theta$$
$$1 + \cot^2\theta = \csc^2\theta$$

Even/Odd Formulas

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin\theta \qquad \csc(-\theta) = -\csc\theta$$
$$\cos(-\theta) = \cos\theta \qquad \sec(-\theta) = \sec\theta$$
$$\tan(-\theta) = -\tan\theta \qquad \cot(-\theta) = -\cot\theta$$

Periodic Formulas
If n is an integer.

$$\sin(\theta+2\pi n) = \sin\theta \qquad \csc(\theta+2\pi n) = \csc\theta$$
$$\cos(\theta+2\pi n) = \cos\theta \qquad \sec(\theta+2\pi n) = \sec\theta$$
$$\tan(\theta+\pi n) = \tan\theta \qquad \cot(\theta+\pi n) = \cot\theta$$

Double Angle Formulas

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$$
$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta = 2\cos^2\theta - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2\theta$$
$$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1-\tan^2\theta}$$

Degrees to Radians Formulas
If x is an angle in degrees and t is an angle in radians then

$$\frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{t}{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = \frac{\pi x}{180} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \frac{180t}{\pi}$$

Half Angle Formulas

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

Sum and Difference Formulas

$$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin\alpha\cos\beta \pm \cos\alpha\sin\beta$$
$$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos\alpha\cos\beta \mp \sin\alpha\sin\beta$$
$$\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan\alpha \pm \tan\beta}{1 \mp \tan\alpha\tan\beta}$$

Product to Sum Formulas

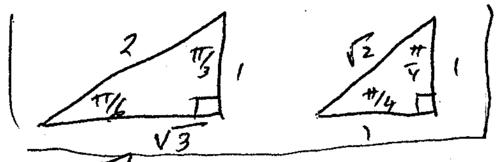
$$\sin\alpha\sin\beta = \frac{1}{2}\left[\cos(\alpha-\beta) - \cos(\alpha+\beta)\right]$$
$$\cos\alpha\cos\beta = \frac{1}{2}\left[\cos(\alpha-\beta) + \cos(\alpha+\beta)\right]$$
$$\sin\alpha\cos\beta = \frac{1}{2}\left[\sin(\alpha+\beta) + \sin(\alpha-\beta)\right]$$
$$\cos\alpha\sin\beta = \frac{1}{2}\left[\sin(\alpha+\beta) - \sin(\alpha-\beta)\right]$$

Sum to Product Formulas

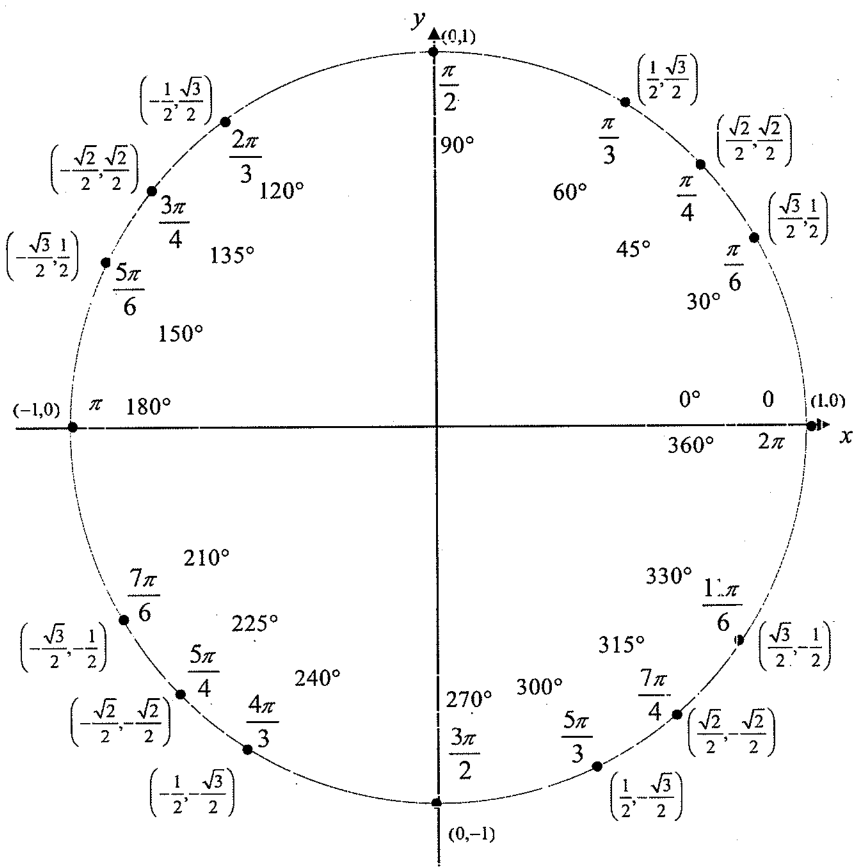
$$\sin\alpha + \sin\beta = 2\sin\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$$
$$\sin\alpha - \sin\beta = 2\cos\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$$
$$\cos\alpha + \cos\beta = 2\cos\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$$
$$\cos\alpha - \cos\beta = -2\sin\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$$

Cofunction Formulas

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\theta\right) = \cos\theta \qquad \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\theta\right) = \sin\theta$$
$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\theta\right) = \sec\theta \qquad \sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\theta\right) = \csc\theta$$
$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\theta\right) = \cot\theta \qquad \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\theta\right) = \tan\theta$$



Unit Circle



For any ordered pair on the unit circle (x, y): $\cos\theta = x$ and $\sin\theta = y$

Example

$$\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \qquad \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Inverse Trig Functions

Definition

$y = \sin^{-1} x$ is equivalent to $x = \sin y$

$y = \cos^{-1} x$ is equivalent to $x = \cos y$

$y = \tan^{-1} x$ is equivalent to $x = \tan y$

Inverse Properties

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

$\sin(\sin^{-1}(x)) = x \qquad \sin^{-1}(\sin(\theta)) = \theta$

$\tan(\tan^{-1}(x)) = x \qquad \tan^{-1}(\tan(\theta)) = \theta$

Domain and Range

Function	Domain	Range
$y = \sin^{-1} x$	$-1 \le x \le 1$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \le y \le \frac{\pi}{2}$
$y = \cos^{-1} x$	$-1 \le x \le 1$	$0 \le y \le \pi$
$y = \tan^{-1} x$	$-\infty < x < \infty$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$

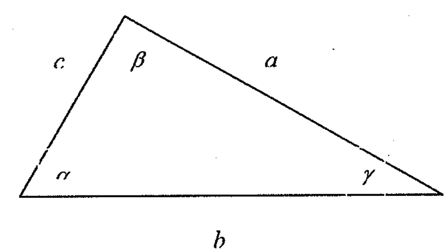
Alternate Notation

$\sin^{-1} x = \arcsin x$

$\cos^{-1} x = \arccos x$

$\tan^{-1} x = \arctan x$

Law of Sines, Cosines and Tangents



Law of Sines

$$\frac{\sin\alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin\beta}{b} = \frac{\sin\gamma}{c}$$

Law of Cosines

$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc\cos\alpha$

$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac\cos\beta$

$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab\cos\gamma$

Mollweide's Formula

$$\frac{a+b}{c} = \frac{\cos\frac{1}{2}(\alpha-\beta)}{\sin\frac{1}{2}\gamma}$$

Law of Tangents

$$\frac{a-b}{a+b} = \frac{\tan\frac{1}{2}(\alpha-\beta)}{\tan\frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\beta)}$$

$$\frac{b-c}{b+c} = \frac{\tan\frac{1}{2}(\beta-\gamma)}{\tan\frac{1}{2}(\beta+\gamma)}$$

$$\frac{a-c}{a+c} = \frac{\tan\frac{1}{2}(\alpha-\gamma)}{\tan\frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\gamma)}$$

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