

Radian Trig

No Calculators this Unit!

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Unit Circle → A circle, centered at the origin with a radius of 1.

Label the coordinates of the unit circle below.

$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} : y$

$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} : x$

$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$

Find each of the following trig values using your unit circle:

1. $\sin \pi = 0$
2. $\cos(\pi/2) = 0$
3. $\tan \pi = \frac{0}{1} : 0$
4. $\sin(3\pi/2) = -1$
5. $\cos \pi = -1$
6. $\tan(-3\pi) = \frac{0}{-1} : 0$
7. $\tan \frac{3\pi}{2} = \frac{-1}{0} : \text{undefined}$

More below...

$\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi$

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7. a. Verify $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}\right)$ is a point on the unit circle.

$$r = 1$$

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

$$\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}\right)^2 = 1^2$$

$$\frac{4}{13} + \frac{9}{13} = 1$$

- b. Assume that the terminal side of angle t radians passes through the point $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}\right)$ on the unit circle. Find $\sin t$, $\cos t$, and $\tan t$ in simplest radical form.

$$\sin t = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$= -\frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13}$$

$$\cos t = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{13}}{13}$$

$$\tan t = \frac{y}{x} : \frac{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{13}}{1}}{\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{13}}{1}} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$(cos \theta, sin \theta)$$

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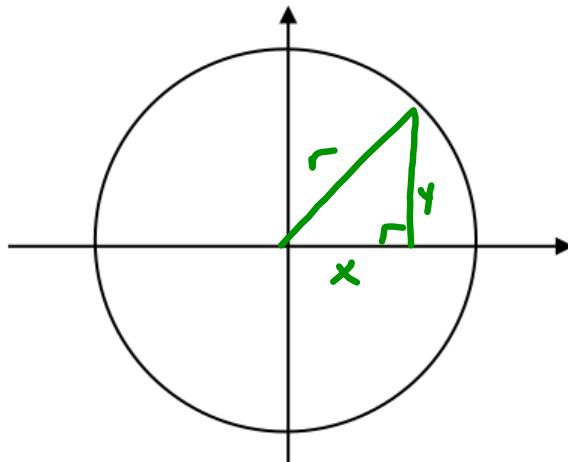
What if the circle has a radius $\neq 1$? Let's call it "

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

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} \cdot \frac{r}{r}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} : \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} : \frac{y}{x}$$



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Find $\sin t$, $\cos t$, and $\tan t$ in simplest radical form when the terminal side of an angle of t radians in standard position passes through the given point.

8. $(5, 3)$ $r = \sqrt{5^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{25+9} = \sqrt{34}$

$$\sin t = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}} = \frac{3\sqrt{34}}{34} \quad \cos t = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{34}} = \frac{5\sqrt{34}}{34} \quad \tan t = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{3}{5}$$

9. $(-1, 6)$ $r = \sqrt{1+36} = \sqrt{37}$

$$\sin t = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{37}} = \frac{6\sqrt{37}}{37} \quad \cos t = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{37}} = \frac{-\sqrt{37}}{37} \quad \tan t = -6$$

10. $(\sqrt{7}, -2)$ $r = \sqrt{7+4} = \sqrt{11}$

$$\sin t = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{-2\sqrt{11}}{11} \quad \cos t = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{\sqrt{77}}{11} \quad \tan t = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{-2\sqrt{7}}{7}$$

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