

Finding the Trigonometric Function of Any Angle – Day 2

Module 3, Unit 6, Lesson 5

Trigonometric Functions of Any Angle

Let θ be any angle in standard position and let $P = (x, y)$ be a point on the terminal side of θ . If $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ is the distance from $(0, 0)$ to a point on the circle. Then the trig functions of any angle are:

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

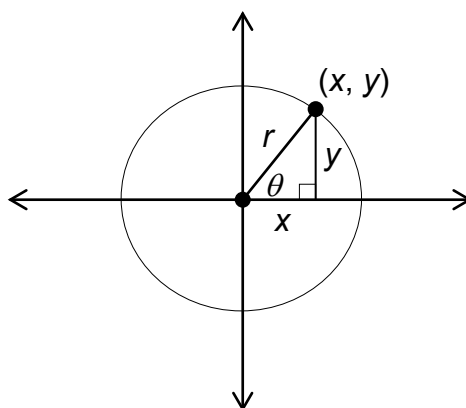
$$\csc = \frac{r}{y}$$

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

$$\sec = \frac{r}{x}$$

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

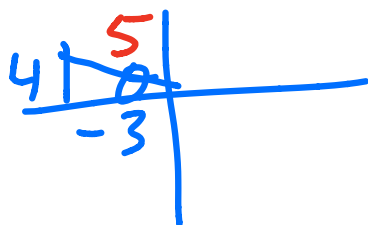
$$\cot = \frac{x}{y}$$



Finding Trigonometric Functions Given a Point

1. Plot the point.
2. Connect the point back to the origin.
3. Connect the point to the x-axis.
4. Label the directional distances.
5. Use Pythagorean Theorem to find the missing hypotenuse.

Example 1: Let $P = (-3, 4)$ be a point on the terminal side of θ . Find each of the six trig functions of θ .

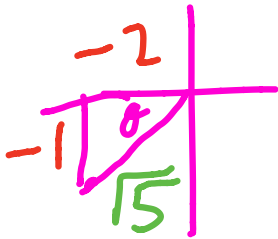


$$\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5} \quad \csc \theta = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{3}{5} \quad \sec \theta = -\frac{5}{3}$$

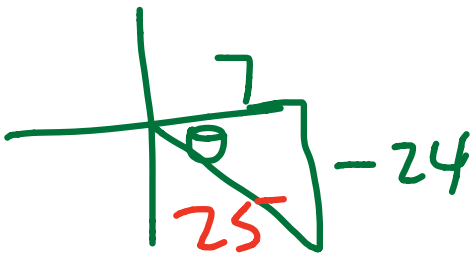
$$\tan \theta = -\frac{4}{3} \quad \cot \theta = -\frac{3}{4}$$

Example 2: Let $P = (-2, -1)$ be a point on the terminal side of θ . Find each of the six trig functions of θ .



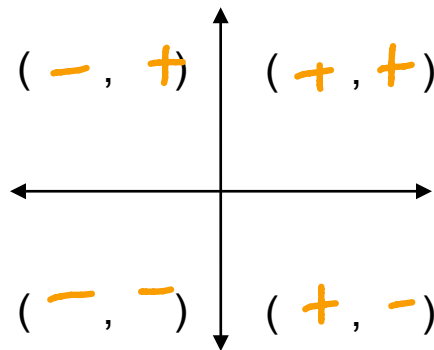
$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &= -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} & \csc \theta &= -\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \cos \theta &= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \sec \theta &= -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{1}{2} & \cot \theta &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Let $P = (7, -24)$ be a point on the terminal side of θ . Find each of the six trig functions of θ .



$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &= -\frac{24}{25} & \csc \theta &= -\frac{25}{24} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{7}{25} & \sec \theta &= \frac{25}{7} \\ \tan \theta &= -\frac{24}{7} & \cot \theta &= -\frac{7}{24} \end{aligned}$$

Where the Trig Functions are Positive



Example 4: If $\tan \theta < 0$ and $\cos \theta > 0$, name the quadrant in which angle θ lies.

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Example 5: If $\cos \theta < 0$ and $\sin \theta > 0$, name the quadrant in which angle θ lies.

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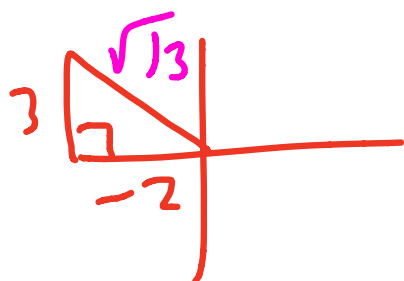
Example 6: If $\sec \theta < 0$ and $\csc \theta < 0$, name the quadrant in which angle θ lies.

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Example 7: Given $\tan \theta = -\frac{2}{3}$ and $\sin \theta > 0$, find the remaining five trigonometric functions.

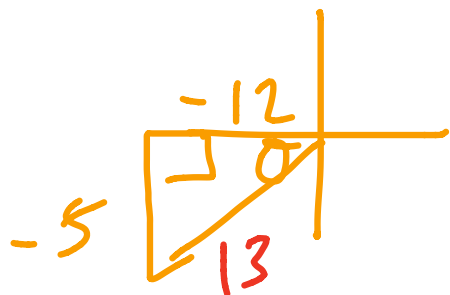
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$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &= \frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13} & \csc \theta &= \frac{\sqrt{13}}{3} \\ \cos \theta &= -\frac{2\sqrt{13}}{13} & \sec \theta &= -\frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} \\ & & \cot \theta &= -\frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

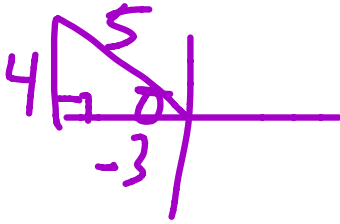
Example 8: Given $\tan \theta = \frac{5}{12}$ and $\cos \theta < 0$, find the remaining five trigonometric functions.

I, III II, III



$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &= -\frac{5}{13} & \csc \theta &= -\frac{13}{5} \\ \cos \theta &= -\frac{12}{13} & \sec \theta &= -\frac{13}{12} \\ & & \cot \theta &= \frac{12}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Example 9: Given $\cos \theta = -\frac{3}{5}$ and $\cot \theta < 0$, find the remaining five trigonometric functions.



$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &= \frac{4}{5} & \csc \theta &= \frac{5}{4} \\ \tan \theta &= -\frac{4}{3} & \cot \theta &= -\frac{3}{4} \\ \sec \theta &= -\frac{5}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Example 9: John was asked to find the $\sin 210^\circ$. He followed the following steps.

1. Sketch the angle and found it to be in quadrant III.
2. Found the reference angle by subtraction: $210^\circ - 180^\circ = 30^\circ$
3. Used his understanding of the $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle to find $\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$.
4. Conclude that since the reference angles for 210° is 30° , then $\sin 210^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$.

Do you agree or disagree with John? Explain.