

5.2: Trigonometric Ratios in Right Triangles

STARTER 5.2

Find the reference angle for each angle in standard position.

1) 320°

2) -545°

3) -225°

4) 89°

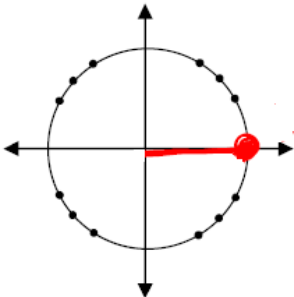
Vocabulary of Angles ...

Initial side

Terminal side

Vertex

Standard position



Quadrant	I	II	III	IV
Reference Angle				

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Objective:

- Find the values of trigonometric ratios for acute angles of right triangles.

In a right triangle, one of the angles measures 90° , and the remaining two angles are **acute** and **complementary**.

acute angle – an angle that measures less than 90°

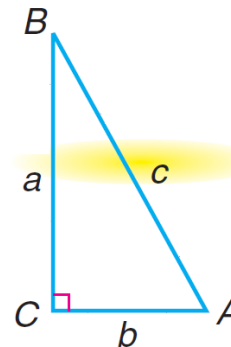
complementary angles – two angles that add up to 90°

hypotenuse – the longest side

legs – the two perpendicular sides of a right triangle

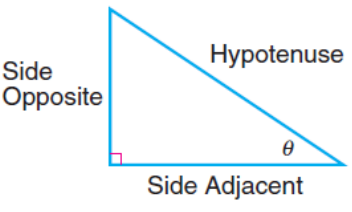
adjacent side – the leg that is a side of an acute angle

opposite side – the leg opposite an acute angle



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TRIGONOMETRIC RATIOS

	Words	Symbol	Definition	
Trigonometric Ratios	sine θ	$\sin \theta$	$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{side opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$	
	cosine θ	$\cos \theta$	$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{side adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$	
	tangent θ	$\tan \theta$	$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{side opposite}}{\text{side adjacent}}$	

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$$\mathbf{S} \sin \theta = \frac{\mathbf{O} \text{pposite}}{\mathbf{H} \text{ypotenuse}}$$

$$\mathbf{C} \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{A} \text{djacent}}{\mathbf{H} \text{ypotenuse}}$$

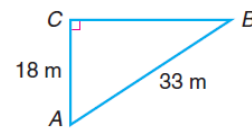
$$\mathbf{T} \tan \theta = \frac{\mathbf{O} \text{pposite}}{\mathbf{A} \text{djacent}}$$

CAUTION!!!

Sin θ is read "the sin of θ ." Writing **"sin"** by itself is meaningless and **must be avoided**. NAKED TRIG FUNCTIONS!

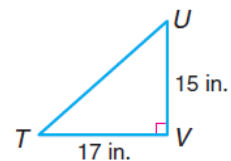
Example 1: Find the values of the sine, cosine, and tangent for $\angle B$.

Leave answers to simplest fraction or radical form.

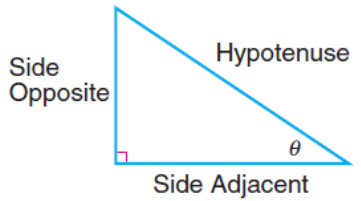


PRACTICE 1: Find the values of the sine, cosine, and tangent for $\angle T$.

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RECIPROCAL IDENTITIES

	Words	Symbol	Definition	
Reciprocal Trigonometric Ratios	cosecant θ	$\csc \theta$	$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$ or $\frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{side opposite}}$	
	secant θ	$\sec \theta$	$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$ or $\frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{side adjacent}}$	
	cotangent θ	$\cot \theta$	$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$ or $\frac{\text{side adjacent}}{\text{side opposite}}$	

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$$\mathbf{csc} \theta = \frac{1}{\mathbf{sin} \theta}$$

$$\mathbf{sec} \theta = \frac{1}{\mathbf{cos} \theta}$$

$$\mathbf{cot} \theta = \frac{1}{\mathbf{tan} \theta}$$

Example 2:

a) If $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{4}$, find $\sec \theta$, $\sin \theta$, and $\cot \theta$.

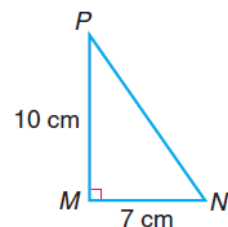
b) If $\csc \theta = 1.345$, find $\sin \theta$.

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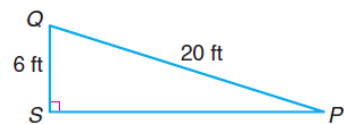
a) If $\sin \theta = \frac{2}{5}$, find $\csc \theta$, $\cos \theta$, and $\cot \theta$.

b) If $\cot \theta = 1.5$, find $\sin \theta$.

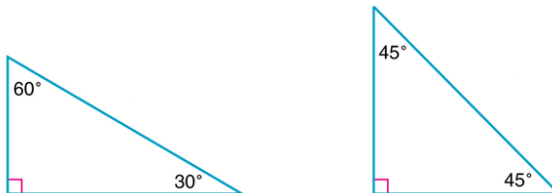
Example 3: Find the values of the six trigonometric ratios for $\angle P$.
Leave answers to simplest fraction or radical form.



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RECALL: Special Triangles $30^\circ\text{-}60^\circ\text{-}90^\circ$ and $45^\circ\text{-}45^\circ\text{-}90^\circ$



Complete the table:

θ	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$	$\csc \theta$	$\sec \theta$	$\cot \theta$
30°						
45°						
60°						

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Look at the values that are the same in this chart. Do you notice a pattern?

Example 4: Evaluate the following expressions without using a calculator.

a) $\cos 30^\circ \sec 30^\circ$

b) $(\sin 60^\circ)^2 + (\cos 60^\circ)^2$

c) $\sin 45^\circ \cos 45^\circ$

RECALL:

- Two angles are said to be **complementary** when they add up to **90°** .
- The angles **θ** and **$90^\circ - \theta$** are **complementary** since they add up to **90°** .
- $\sin 30^\circ = \cos (90^\circ - 30^\circ) = \cos 30^\circ$.

Cofunctions	$\sin \theta = \cos (90^\circ - \theta)$	$\cos \theta = \sin (90^\circ - \theta)$
	$\tan \theta = \cot (90^\circ - \theta)$	$\cot \theta = \tan (90^\circ - \theta)$
	$\sec \theta = \csc (90^\circ - \theta)$	$\csc \theta = \sec (90^\circ - \theta)$

Example 5: Find the complements of each angle and the required cofunction. Complete the table.

θ	Complement	$\sin \theta$	$\cos (90^\circ - \theta)$	$\tan \theta$	$\cot (90^\circ - \theta)$	$\sec \theta$	$\csc (90^\circ - \theta)$
26°							
48°							
72°							
39°							
16°							