### 15-1. Trigonometric Ratios of Acute Angles

A ratio of the lengths of sides of a right triangle is called a **trigonometric ratio**. The six trigonometric ratios are **sine**, **cosine**, **tangent**, **cosecant**, **secant**, and **cotangent**.

Their abbreviations are sin, cos, tan, csc, sec, and cot, respectively. The six trigonometric ratios of any angle  $0^{\circ} < \theta < 90^{\circ}$ , sine, cosine, tangent, cosecant, secant, and cotangent, are defined as follows.



The sine and cosine are called **cofunctions**. In a right triangle *ABC*,  $\angle A$  and  $\angle B$  are complementary, that is,  $m \angle A + m \angle B = 90$ . Thus any trigonometric function of an acute angle is equal to the cofunction of the complement of the angle.

### **Complementary Angle Theorem**

 $\sin \theta = \cos(90^\circ - \theta) \qquad \cos \theta = \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$ If  $\sin \angle A = \cos \angle B$ , then  $m \angle A + m \angle B = 90^\circ$ .

### **Trigonometric Identities**

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \qquad \qquad \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

Example 1  $\Box$  In the right triangle shown at the right, find  $\cos \theta$  and  $\tan \theta$  if  $\sin \theta = \frac{2}{3}$ .



Solution   

$$\begin{aligned}
\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta &= 1 \\
(\frac{2}{3})^2 + \cos^2 \theta &= 1 \\
\cos^2 \theta &= 1 - (\frac{2}{3})^2 &= 1 - \frac{4}{9} &= \frac{5}{9} \\
\cos \theta &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{9}} &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{9}} &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \\
\tan \theta &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} &= \frac{2/3}{\sqrt{5}/3} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} &= \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}
\end{aligned}$$
Trigonometric identity
Substitute  $\frac{2}{3}$  for  $\sin \theta$ .

Example 2  $\Box$  In a right triangle,  $\theta$  is an acute angle. If  $\sin \theta = \frac{4}{9}$ , what is  $\cos(90^\circ - \theta)$ ?

Solution  $\Box$  By the complementary angle property of sine and cosine,  $\cos(90^\circ - \theta) = \sin \theta = \frac{4}{9}$ .



## **Exercises - Trigonometric Ratios of Acute Angles**

### 15-2. The Radian Measure of an Angle

One **radian** is the measure of a central angle  $\theta$  whose intercepted arc has a length equal to the circle's radius. In the figure at the right, if length of the arc AB = OA,

then  $m \angle AOB = 1$  radian.

Since the circumference of the circle is  $2\pi r$  and

a complete revolution has degree measure 360°,

 $2\pi$  radians = 360°, or  $\pi$  radians = 180°.

The conversion formula  $\pi$  radians = 180° can be used to convert radians to degrees and vice versa.

1 radian = 
$$\frac{180^{\circ}}{\pi} \approx 57.3^{\circ}$$
 and  $1^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{180}$  radians



The measure of a central angle  $\theta$  is 1 radian, if the length of the arc *AB* is equal to the radius of the circle.

On a coordinate plane, an angle may be drawn by two rays that share a fixed endpoint at the origin. The beginning ray, called the **initial side** of the angle and the final position, is called the **terminal side** of the angle. An angle is in **standard position** if the vertex is located at the origin and the initial side lies along the positive x-axis. Counterclockwise rotations produce **positive angles** and clockwise rotations produce **negative angles**. When two angles have the same initial side and the same terminal side, they are called **coterminal angles**.



You can find an angle that is coterminal to a given angle by adding or subtracting integer multiples of  $360^{\circ}$  or  $2\pi$  radians. In fact, the sine and cosine functions repeat their values every  $360^{\circ}$  or  $2\pi$  radians, and tangent functions repeat their values every  $180^{\circ}$  or  $\pi$  radians.

#### **Periodic Properties of the Trigonometric Functions**

$$\sin(\theta \pm 360^\circ) = \sin \theta$$
  $\cos(\theta \pm 360^\circ) = \cos \theta$   $\tan(\theta \pm 180^\circ) = \tan \theta$ 

a. 
$$45^{\circ}$$
 b.  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  radians

Solution a.  $45^{\circ} = 45 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}$  radians  $= \frac{\pi}{4}$  radians b.  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  radians  $= \frac{2\pi}{3}$  radians $(\frac{180^{\circ}}{\pi \text{ radians}}) = 120^{\circ}$ 



In the *xy*-plane above, *O* is the center of the circle, and the measure of  $\angle POQ$  is  $k\pi$  radians. What is the value of *k*?



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In the *xy*-plane above, *O* is the center of the circle and the measure of  $\angle AOD$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ . If the radius of circle *O* is 6 what is the length of *AD*?

A) 3 B)  $3\sqrt{2}$ C) 4.5 D)  $3\sqrt{3}$ 

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Which of the following is equal to  $\cos(\frac{\pi}{8})$ ?

A) 
$$\cos(\frac{3\pi}{8})$$
  
B)  $\cos(\frac{7\pi}{8})$   
C)  $\sin(\frac{3\pi}{8})$   
D)  $\sin(\frac{7\pi}{8})$ 

In the figure above, what is the value of  $\cos \angle AOD$ ?

0

∎ y

A(3,4)

D

 $B \rightarrow x$ 

A) 
$$\frac{3}{5}$$
  
B)  $\frac{3}{4}$   
C)  $\frac{4}{5}$   
D)  $\frac{4}{3}$ 

# Exercises - The Radian Measure of an Angle

### 15-3. Trigonometric Functions and the Unit Circle

Suppose P(x, y) is a point on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$  and  $\theta$  is an angle in standard position with terminal side *OP*, as shown at the right. We define sine of  $\theta$  and cosine of  $\theta$  as

$$\sin\theta = \frac{y}{r} \qquad \qquad \cos\theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

The circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  is called the **unit circle**. This circle is the easiest one to work with because  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  are simply the *y*-coordinates and the *x*-coordinates of the points where the terminal side of  $\theta$  intersects the circle.

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{y}{1} = y \qquad \qquad \cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{x}{1} = x \; .$$





Angles in standard position whose measures are multiples of  $30^{\circ}(\frac{\pi}{6} \text{ radians})$  or multiples of  $45^{\circ}(\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ radians})$  are called **familiar angles**. To obtain the trigonometric values of sine, cosine,

and tangent of the familiar angles, use  $30^{\circ}-60^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$  triangle ratio or the  $45^{\circ}-45^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$  triangle ratio.



The **reference angle** associated with  $\theta$  is the acute angle formed by the *x*-axis and the terminal side of the angle  $\theta$ . A reference angle can be used to evaluate trigonometric functions for angles greater than 90°.



### Familiar Angles in a Coordinate Plane

Angles with a reference angle of  $30^{\circ}(=\frac{\pi}{6})$  are  $150^{\circ}(=\frac{5\pi}{6})$ ,  $210^{\circ}(=\frac{7\pi}{6})$ , and  $330^{\circ}(=\frac{11\pi}{6})$ .

Use the 30°-60°-90° triangle ratio to find the trigonometric values of these angles and put the appropriate signs. On the unit circle,  $\sin \theta = y$  is positive in quadrant I and II and  $\cos \theta = x$  is positive in quadrant I and IV.



Angles with a reference angle of  $60^{\circ}(=\frac{\pi}{3})$  are  $120^{\circ}(=\frac{2\pi}{3})$ ,  $240^{\circ}(=\frac{4\pi}{3})$ , and  $300^{\circ}(=\frac{5\pi}{3})$ .

Use the 30°-60°-90° triangle ratio to find the trigonometric values of these angles and put the appropriate signs. On the unit circle,  $\sin \theta = y$  is positive in quadrant I and II and  $\cos \theta = x$  is positive in quadrant I and IV.



Angles with a reference angle of 
$$45^{\circ}(=\frac{\pi}{4})$$
 are  $135^{\circ}(=\frac{3\pi}{4})$ ,  $225^{\circ}(=\frac{5\pi}{4})$ , and  $315^{\circ}(=\frac{7\pi}{4})^{\circ}$ 

Use the  $45^{\circ}-45^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$  triangle ratio to find the trigonometric values of these angles and put the appropriate signs. On the unit circle,  $\sin \theta = y$  is positive in quadrant I and II and  $\cos \theta = x$  is positive in quadrant I and IV.



For the angles  $0^{\circ}$ ,  $90^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $180^{\circ} = \pi$ , and  $270^{\circ} = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ ,  $\sin \theta$  is equal to the *y* value of the point P(x, y) and  $\cos \theta$  is equal to the *x* value of the point P(x, y). The points P(1, 0), P(0, 1), P(-1, 0), and P(0, -1) on the unit circle corresponds to  $\theta = 0^{\circ} = 0$ ,  $\theta = 90^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\theta = 180^{\circ} = \pi$ , and  $\theta = 270^{\circ} = \frac{3\pi}{2}$  respectively.





# Chapter 15 Practice Test





C) 1

D) 
$$\frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Questions 1 and 2 refer to the following information.



In the *xy*-plane above, *O* is the center of the circle, and the measure of  $\angle POQ$  is  $k\pi$  radians.



What is the value of *k*?

- A)  $\frac{1}{3}$ B)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- C)  $\frac{2}{3}$
- D)  $\frac{3}{4}$

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What is  $\cos(k+1)\pi$ ?





In triangle *ABC* above,  $\overline{AC} \perp \overline{BD}$ . Which of the following does not represent the area of triangle *ABC*?

A)  $\frac{1}{2}(AB \cos \angle A + BC \cos \angle C)(AB \cos \angle ABD)$ B)  $\frac{1}{2}(AB \cos \angle A + BC \cos \angle C)(BC \sin \angle C)$ C)  $\frac{1}{2}(AB \sin \angle ABD + BC \sin \angle CBD)(AB \sin \angle A)$ D)  $\frac{1}{2}(AB \sin \angle ABD + BC \sin \angle CBD)(BC \cos \angle C)$ 



In the isosceles triangle above, what is the value of  $\sin x^\circ$ ?



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In triangle *ABC*, the measure of  $\angle C$  is 90°, *AC* = 24, and *BC* = 10. What is the value of sin *A*?



In the right triangle *ABC* above, the cosine of  $x^{\circ}$  is  $\frac{3}{5}$ . If *BC* = 12, what is the length of *AC*?

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If  $\sin(5x-10)^\circ = \cos(3x+16)^\circ$ , what is the value of x?

### **Answer Key**

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## **Answers and Explanations**

## Section 15-1

1. B



Draw a perpendicular segment from B to the opposite side AC. Let the perpendicular segment intersect side AC at D. Because the triangle is isosceles, a perpendicular segment from the vertex to the opposite side bisects the base and creates two congruent right triangles.

Therefore, 
$$AD = \frac{1}{2}AC = \frac{1}{2}(12) = 6$$
.  
In right  $\triangle ABD$ ,  
 $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{6}{10} = 0.6$ .

2. C

$$AB^{2} = BD^{2} + AD^{2}$$
 Pythagorean Theorem  

$$10^{2} = BD^{2} + 6^{2}$$

$$100 = BD^{2} + 36$$

$$64 = BD^{2}$$

$$8 = BD$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{BD}{AB} = \frac{8}{10} = 0.8$$

3. B

 $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} = \frac{BD}{AD} = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3}$ 

4.D

If x and y are acute angles and  $\cos x^{\circ} = \sin y^{\circ}$ , x + y = 90 by the complementary angle theorem.

(3a-14) + (50-a) = 90 x = 3a-14, y = 50-a 2a + 36 = 90 Simplify. 2a = 54a = 27

5. C



I. 
$$\sin A = \frac{\text{opposite of } \angle A}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{a}{c}$$
  
Roman numeral I is true.

II. 
$$\cos B = \frac{\text{adjacent of } \angle B}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{a}{c}$$
  
Roman numeral II is true.

III. 
$$\tan A = \frac{\text{opposite of } \angle A}{\text{adjacent of } \angle A} = \frac{a}{b}$$
  
Roman numeral III is false.

### Section 15-2

1. B



The graph shows P(x, y) = P(1, 1). Thus, x = 1and y = 1. Use the distance formula to find the length of radius *OA*.

$$OA = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$
  
sin  $\theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ 

Therefore, the measure of  $\angle POQ$  is  $45^{\circ}$ , which is equal to  $45(\frac{\pi}{180}) = \frac{\pi}{4}$  radians. Thus,  $k = \frac{1}{4}$ .

2. C

Use the complementary angle theorem.  $\cos(\theta) = \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$ , or  $\cos(\theta) = \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)$ Therefore,  $\cos(\frac{\pi}{8}) = \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8}) = \sin(\frac{3\pi}{8})$ . All the other answer choices have values different from  $\cos(\frac{\pi}{8})$ .

3. D



In 
$$\triangle OAD$$
,  $\sin\frac{\pi}{3} = \sin 60^\circ = \frac{AD}{OA} = \frac{AD}{6}$ .  
Since  $\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , you get  $\frac{AD}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .  
Therefore,  $2AD = 6\sqrt{3}$  and  $AD = 3\sqrt{3}$ .

4. A



Use the distance formula to find the length of *OA*.  $OA = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$ 

$$\cos \angle AOD = \frac{OD}{OA} = \frac{3}{5}$$

## Section 15-3

1. A

Draw segment *PR*, which is perpendicular to the *x*-axis. In right triangle *POR*, x = -1

and  $y = \sqrt{3}$ . To find the length of *OP*, use the Pythagorean theorem.  $OP^2 = PR^2 + OR^2 = (\sqrt{3})^2 + (-1)^2 = 4$ 

 $OP = PR + OR = (\sqrt{3}) + (-1) =$ Which gives OP = 2.



2. C

Since the terminal side of  $(a+180)^{\circ}$  is OT, the value of  $\cos(a+180)^{\circ}$  is equal to  $\frac{OS}{OT}$ .  $\frac{OS}{OT} = \frac{1}{2}$ 

3. B



Draw segment *PR*, which is perpendicular to the *x*-axis. In right triangle *POR*,  $x = -\sqrt{3}$ and y = -1. To find the length of *OP*, use the Pythagorean theorem.  $OP^2 = PR^2 + OR^2 = (-1)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 = 4$ Which gives OP = 2.

Since  $\sin \angle POR = \frac{y}{OP} = \frac{-1}{2}$ , the measure of  $\angle POR$  is equal to 30°, or  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  radian.

$$k\pi = \pi + \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{7}{6}\pi$$
  
Therefore,  $k = \frac{7}{6}$ 

4. D  

$$\tan(k\pi) = \tan(\frac{7}{6}\pi) = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{-1}{-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{-\sqrt{3}}$$

### **Chapter 15 practice Test**

1. D



 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ 



In 
$$\triangle ABC$$
,  $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} = \frac{BC}{AC}$ .  
If  $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ , then  $BC = 3$  and  $AC = 4$ .  
By the Pythagorean theorem,  
 $AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2 = 4^2 + 3^2 = 25$ , thus  
 $AB = \sqrt{25} = 5$ .

2. C

 $\sin\theta = \frac{BC}{AB} = \frac{3}{5}$ 



3. C



Draw segment *PR*, which is perpendicular to the *x*-axis. In right triangle *POR*,  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ and  $y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ . To find the length of *OP*, use the Pythagorean theorem.  $OP^2 = PR^2 + OR^2 = (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})^2 + (\frac{-1}{2})^2 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1$ Which gives OP = 1. Thus, triangle *OPR* is  $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$  triangle and the measure of  $\angle POR$ is  $60^\circ$ , which is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  radian. Therefore, the measure of  $\angle POQ$  is  $\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$ , or  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  radian. If  $\angle POQ$  is  $k\pi$  radians then *k* is equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

## 4. B

Since the terminal side of  $(k+1)\pi$  is OT, the value of  $\cos(k+1)\pi$  is equal to  $\frac{OS}{OT}$ .  $\frac{OS}{OT} = \frac{1}{2}$ 

5. D



Area of triangle  $ABC = \frac{1}{2}(AC)(BD)$ Check each answer choice.

A)  $\frac{1}{2}(AB\cos \angle A + BC\cos \angle C)(AB\cos \angle ABD)$  $\frac{1}{2}(AD\cos \angle ABD)$ 

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( AB \cdot \frac{AD}{AB} + BC \cdot \frac{CD}{BC} \right) \left( AB \cdot \frac{BD}{AB} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( AD + CD \right) \left( BD \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( AC \right) \left( BD \right)$$

B) 
$$\frac{1}{2}(AB\cos \angle A + BC\cos \angle C)(BC\sin \angle C)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(AB \cdot \frac{AD}{AB} + BC \cdot \frac{CD}{BC})(BC \cdot \frac{BD}{BC})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(AD + CD)(BD) = \frac{1}{2}(AC)(BD)$$

C) 
$$\frac{1}{2}(AB\sin \angle ABD + BC\sin \angle CBD)(AB\sin \angle A)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(AB \cdot \frac{AD}{AB} + BC \cdot \frac{CD}{BC})(AB \cdot \frac{BD}{AB})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(AD + CD)(BD) = \frac{1}{2}(AC)(BD)$$
D) 
$$\frac{1}{2}(AB\sin \angle ABD + BC\sin \angle CBD)(BC\cos \angle C)$$

$$2^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (AB \cdot \frac{AD}{AB} + BC \frac{CD}{BC})(BC \cdot \frac{CD}{BC})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (AD + CD)(CD) = \frac{1}{2} (AC)(CD)$$
Which does not represent the area of

triangle *ABC*.

Choice D is correct.

6. D



Draw segment *BD*, which is perpendicular to side *AC*. Because the triangle is isosceles, a perpendicular segment from the vertex to the opposite side bisects the base and creates two congruent right triangles.

Therefore, 
$$AD = \frac{1}{2}AC = \frac{1}{2}(24) = 12$$
.  
By the Pythagorean theorem,  $AB^2 = BD^2 + AD^2$   
Thus,  $20^2 = BD^2 + 12^2$ .  
 $BD^2 = 20^2 - 12^2 = 256$   
 $BD = \sqrt{256} = 16$   
In right  $\triangle ABD$ ,  
 $\sin x^\circ = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{BD}{AB} = \frac{16}{20} = \frac{4}{5}$ .

7. 
$$\frac{5}{13}$$

Sketch triangle ABC.



 $AB^{2} = BC^{2} + AC^{2}$  $AB^{2} = 10^{2} + 24^{2} = 676$  $AB = \sqrt{676} = 26$  $\sin A = \frac{10}{26} = \frac{5}{13}$ 

8. 9



$$\cos x^{\circ} = \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{3}{5}$$
Let  $AC = 3x$  and  $AB = 5x$ .  
 $AB^2 = BC^2 + AC^2$  Pythagorean Theorem  
 $(5x)^2 = 12^2 + (3x)^2$   $BC = 12$   
 $25x^2 = 144 + 9x^2$   
 $16x^2 = 144$   
 $x^2 = 9$   
 $x = \sqrt{9} = 3$   
Therefore,  $AC = 3x = 3(3) = 9$ 

9. 10.5

According to the complementary angle theorem,  $\sin \theta = \cos(90 - \theta)$ .

If 
$$\sin(5x-10)^{\circ} = \cos(3x+16)^{\circ}$$
,  
 $3x+16 = 90 - (5x-10)$ .  
 $3x+16 = 90 - 5x + 10$   
 $3x+16 = 100 - 5x$   
 $8x = 84$   
 $x = 10.5$