

TRIGONOMETRIC IDENTITIES



The six trigonometric functions:

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}} = \frac{r}{y} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{r}{x} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}} = \frac{x}{y} = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

Sum or difference of two angles:

$$\sin(a \pm b) = \sin a \cos b \pm \cos a \sin b$$

$$\cos(a \pm b) = \cos a \cos b \mp \sin a \sin b$$

$$\tan(a \pm b) = \frac{\tan a \pm \tan b}{1 \mp \tan a \tan b}$$

Double angle formulas:

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

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Pythagorean Identities:

$$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\cot^2 \theta + 1 = \csc^2 \theta$$

Half angle formulas:

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

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2\theta)$$

$$\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}}$$

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}} = \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

Sum and product formulas:

$$\sin a \cos b = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(a+b) + \sin(a-b)]$$

$$\cos a \sin b = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(a+b) - \sin(a-b)]$$

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$$\sin a \sin b = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(a-b) - \cos(a+b)]$$

$$\sin a + \sin b = 2 \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin a - \sin b = 2 \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos a + \cos b = 2 \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos a - \cos b = -2 \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)$$

Useful
in
Calc.

Law of cosines: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$
where A is the angle of a scalene triangle opposite side a .

Radian measure: 8.1 p420 $1^\circ = \frac{\pi}{180}$ radians

$$1 \text{ radian} = \frac{180^\circ}{\pi}$$

Reduction formulas:

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta \quad \cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\sin(\theta) = -\sin(\theta - \pi) \quad \cos(\theta) = -\cos(\theta - \pi)$$

$$\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta \quad \tan(\theta) = \tan(\theta - \pi)$$

$$\pm \sin x = \cos(x \pm \frac{\pi}{2}) \quad \pm \cos x = \sin(x \pm \frac{\pi}{2})$$

TRIGONOMETRIC VALUES FOR COMMON ANGLES

Degrees	Radians	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$	$\cot \theta$	$\sec \theta$	$\csc \theta$
0°	0	0	1	0	Undefined	1	Undefined
30°	$\pi/6$	$1/2$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$\sqrt{3}/3$	$\sqrt{3}$	$2\sqrt{3}/3$	2
45°	$\pi/4$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	1	1	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$
60°	$\pi/3$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$1/2$	$\sqrt{3}$	$\sqrt{3}/3$	2	$2\sqrt{3}/3$
90°	$\pi/2$	1	0	Undefined	0	Undefined	1
120°	$2\pi/3$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$-1/2$	$-\sqrt{3}$	$-\sqrt{3}/3$	-2	$2\sqrt{3}/3$
135°	$3\pi/4$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$-\sqrt{2}/2$	-1	-1	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$
150°	$5\pi/6$	$1/2$	$-\sqrt{3}/2$	$-\sqrt{3}/3$	$-\sqrt{3}$	$-2\sqrt{3}/3$	2
180°	π	0	-1	0	Undefined	-1	Undefined
210°	$7\pi/6$	$-1/2$	$-\sqrt{3}/2$	$\sqrt{3}/3$	$\sqrt{3}$	$-2\sqrt{3}/3$	-2
225°	$5\pi/4$	$-\sqrt{2}/2$	$-\sqrt{2}/2$	1	1	$-\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$
240°	$4\pi/3$	$-\sqrt{3}/2$	$-1/2$	$\sqrt{3}$	$\sqrt{3}/3$	-2	$-2\sqrt{3}/3$
270°	$3\pi/2$	-1	0	Undefined	0	Undefined	-1
300°	$5\pi/3$	$-\sqrt{3}/2$	$1/2$	$-\sqrt{3}$	$-\sqrt{3}$	2	$-2\sqrt{3}/3$
315°	$7\pi/4$	$-\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	-1	-1	$\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$
330°	$11\pi/6$	$-1/2$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$-\sqrt{3}/3$	$-\sqrt{3}$	$2\sqrt{3}/3$	-2
360°	2π	0	1	0	Undefined	1	Undefined