

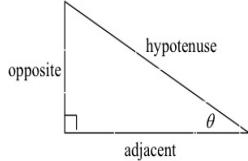
Trig Cheat Sheet

Definition of the Trig Functions

Right triangle definition

For this definition we assume that

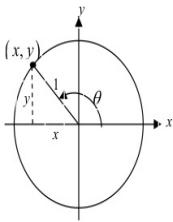
$$0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } 0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ.$$



$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta &= \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} & \csc \theta &= \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{opposite}} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} & \sec \theta &= \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent}} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} & \cot \theta &= \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}}\end{aligned}$$

Unit circle definition

For this definition θ is any angle.



$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta &= \frac{y}{1} = y & \csc \theta &= \frac{1}{y} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{x}{1} = x & \sec \theta &= \frac{1}{x} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{y}{x} & \cot \theta &= \frac{x}{y}\end{aligned}$$

Facts and Properties

Domain

The domain is all the values of θ that can be plugged into the function.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta, \quad \theta &\text{ can be any angle} \\ \cos \theta, \quad \theta &\text{ can be any angle} \\ \tan \theta, \quad \theta \neq \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \\ \csc \theta, \quad \theta \neq n\pi, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \\ \sec \theta, \quad \theta \neq \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \\ \cot \theta, \quad \theta \neq n\pi, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\end{aligned}$$

Range

The range is all possible values to get out of the function.

$$\begin{aligned}-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1 & \quad \csc \theta \geq 1 \text{ and } \csc \theta \leq -1 \\ -1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1 & \quad \sec \theta \geq 1 \text{ and } \sec \theta \leq -1 \\ -\infty \leq \tan \theta \leq \infty & \quad -\infty \leq \cot \theta \leq \infty\end{aligned}$$

Period

The period of a function is the number, T , such that $f(\theta + T) = f(\theta)$. So, if ω is a fixed number and θ is any angle we have the following periods.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\omega\theta) &\rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \\ \cos(\omega\theta) &\rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \\ \tan(\omega\theta) &\rightarrow T = \frac{\pi}{\omega} \\ \csc(\omega\theta) &\rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \\ \sec(\omega\theta) &\rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \\ \cot(\omega\theta) &\rightarrow T = \frac{\pi}{\omega}\end{aligned}$$

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Formulas and Identities

Tangent and Cotangent Identities

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

Reciprocal Identities

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

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

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

Half Angle Formulas

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

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

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

Sum and Difference Formulas

$$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha \pm \tan \beta}{1 \mp \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

Product to Sum Formulas

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

$$\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$$

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

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

Sum to Product Formulas

$$\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin \alpha - \sin \beta = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos \alpha - \cos \beta = -2 \sin\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$$

Cofunction Formulas

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cos \theta \quad \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sin \theta$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sec \theta \quad \sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \csc \theta$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cot \theta \quad \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \tan \theta$$

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