

Right Triangle Trigonometry

Objectives

- Use the Right Triangle Trigonometry Functions to evaluate angles of right triangles.

Notes

The Right Triangle Trigonometric Functions

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}} \quad \sec \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}$$

Many applications of trigonometry involve a process called *solving right triangles*. In this type of application, you are usually given one side of a right triangle and one of the acute angles and asked to find one of the other sides, *or* you are given two sides and asked to find one of the acute angles.

Many times it is very helpful to draw a diagram to help organize your thoughts and help visualize the problem.

Examples

Find the exact values of the six trig functions of the angle θ .

