

## Lesson 45 – Special Right Triangles

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## OVERVIEW

- Where we've been
- Where we're going
- (1) How we now understand angles → Angles in Standard Position
- (2) How we determine the Trig Ratios of Angles in Standard Position
- (1) How do you solve a trig equation?
- (2) How do you use right triangles to generate a sinusoidal function?

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## Lesson Objectives

- Know the trig ratios of all multiples of  $30^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$  angles
- Understand the concepts behind the trig ratios of special angles in all four quadrants
- Solve simple trig equations involving special trig ratios

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## (A) Review – Special Triangles

- Review  $45^\circ$ -  $45^\circ$ -  $90^\circ$  triangle
- $\sin(45^\circ) =$
- $\cos(45^\circ) =$
- $\tan(45^\circ) =$

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## (A) Review – Special Triangles

- Review  $30^\circ$ -  $60^\circ$ -  $90^\circ$  triangle →  $30^\circ$
- $\sin(30^\circ) =$
- $\cos(30^\circ) =$
- $\tan(30^\circ) =$
- Review  $30^\circ$ -  $60^\circ$ -  $90^\circ$  triangle →  $60^\circ$
- $\sin(60^\circ) =$
- $\cos(60^\circ) =$
- $\tan(60^\circ) =$

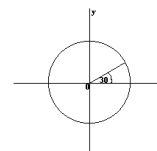
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## (B) Trig Ratios of First Quadrant Angles

- We have already reviewed first quadrant angles in that we have discussed the sine and cosine of  $30^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ , and  $60^\circ$  angles
- What about the quadrantal angles of  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ ?



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### (B) Trig Ratios of First Quadrant Angles – Quadrantal Angles

- Let's go back to the x,y,r definitions of sine and cosine ratios and use ordered pairs of angles whose terminal arms lie on the positive x axis ( $0^\circ$  angle) and the positive y axis ( $90^\circ$  angle)

- $\sin(0^\circ) = 0$
- $\cos(0^\circ) = 1$
- $\tan(0^\circ) = 0$
- $\sin(90^\circ) = 1$
- $\cos(90^\circ) = 0$
- $\tan(90^\circ) = \text{undefined}$

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- $\sin(0^\circ) = 0/1 = 0$
- $\cos(0^\circ) = 1/1 = 1$
- $\tan(0^\circ) = 0/1 = 0$
- $\sin(90^\circ) = 1/1 = 1$
- $\cos(90^\circ) = 0/1 = 0$
- $\tan(90^\circ) = 1/0 = \text{undefined}$

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### (B) Trig Ratios of First Quadrant Angles - Summary

	$0^\circ$	$30^\circ$	$45^\circ$	$60^\circ$	$90^\circ$
$\sin \theta$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
$\cos \theta$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
$\tan \theta$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	$\pm \infty$

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### (C) Trig Ratios of Second Quadrant Angles

- Now let's apply the same ideas & concepts to considering special second quadrant angles of  $120^\circ$ ,  $135^\circ$ ,  $150^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$

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$\theta$	$\sin(\theta)$	$\cos(\theta)$	$\tan(\theta)$
$120^\circ$			
$150^\circ$			

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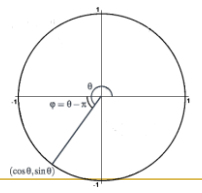
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$135^\circ$			
$180^\circ$			

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### (D) Trig Ratios of Third Quadrant Angles

- Now let's apply the same ideas & concepts to considering special second quadrant angles of  $210^\circ$ ,  $225^\circ$ ,  $240^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$

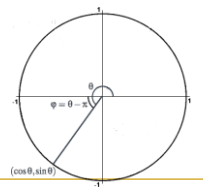


$\theta$	$\text{Sin}(\theta)$	$\text{Cos}(\theta)$	$\text{Tan}(\theta)$
$210^\circ$			
$240^\circ$			

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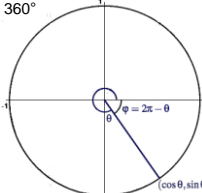


$\theta$	$\text{Sin}(\theta)$	$\text{Cos}(\theta)$	$\text{Tan}(\theta)$
$225^\circ$			
$270^\circ$			

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### (E) Trig Ratios of Fourth Quadrant Angles

- Now let's apply the same ideas & concepts to considering special second quadrant angles of  $300^\circ$ ,  $315^\circ$ ,  $330^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$

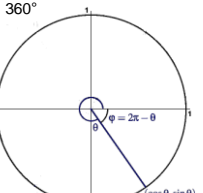


$\theta$	$\text{Sin}(\theta)$	$\text{Cos}(\theta)$	$\text{Tan}(\theta)$
$300^\circ$			
$330^\circ$			

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- Now let's apply the same ideas & concepts to considering special second quadrant angles of  $300^\circ$ ,  $315^\circ$ ,  $330^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$



$\theta$	$\text{Sin}(\theta)$	$\text{Cos}(\theta)$	$\text{Tan}(\theta)$
$315^\circ$			
$360^\circ$			

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### (F) Summary (As a Table of Values)

	0	30	45	60	90	120	135	150	180
sin									
cos									

	210	225	240	270	300	315	330	360
sin								
cos								

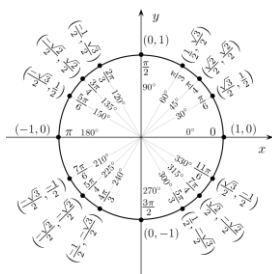
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### (G) Summary – As a “Unit Circle”

- The Unit Circle is a tool used in understanding sines and cosines of angles found in right triangles.
- It is so named because its radius is exactly one unit in length, usually just called "one".
- The circle's center is at the origin, and its circumference comprises the set of all points that are exactly one unit from the origin while lying in the plane.

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## (G) Summary – As a “Unit Circle”



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## Angles in Standard Position – Interactive Applet

- Go to the link below and work through the ideas presented so far with respect to angles in standard position

- [Angles In Trigonometry from AnalyzeMath](#)

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## (H) Examples

- Complete the worksheet:
- <http://www.edhelper.com/math/trigonometry104.htm>
- <http://www.edhelper.com/math/trigonometry108.htm>

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## (H) Trig Equations

- Simplify or solve
  - $\sin 30^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \tan 30^\circ$
  - $\sin 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ - (\tan 60^\circ)^2$
  - $\frac{\sin 150^\circ}{\sec 210^\circ} - \csc(-330^\circ)$
  - $\sin(\theta) = -\frac{1}{2}$
  - $2\cos(\theta) = 1$
  - $\sqrt{3} \tan(\theta) = 1$

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## Homework

- Nelson 11, Chap 6.3, p532, Q3,4,6,8,9,10ac,11ab,12

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