

The Complete Book of  
**Trigonometric Identities**  
And  
**Unit Circle Values**

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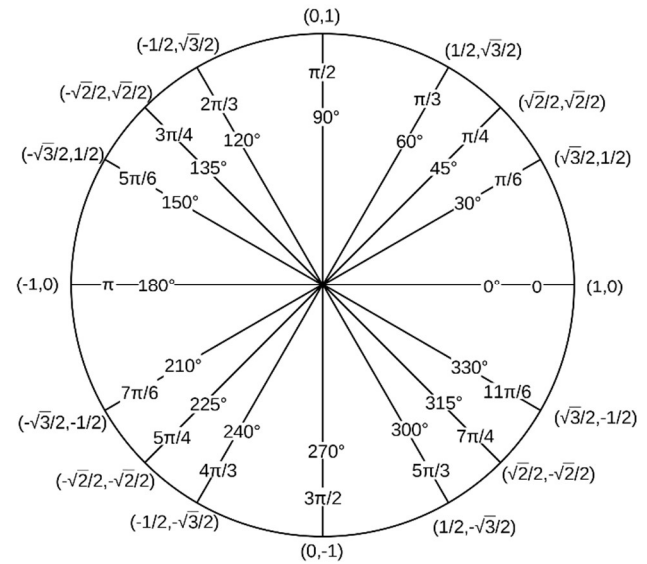
## Author's Note

Trigonometry has been a passion of mine since the late months of 2021. When the unit circle was introduced in my honor's algebra II class, my life was forever changed. Since then, I have taken a similar liking to trig identities; they feel like fun puzzles like sudoku and word search! I truly hope you get as much enjoyment as I do from the trigonometry in this book.

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# Finding Values on the Unit Circle



$$\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{23\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{12\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{16\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{20\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\cot\left(\frac{37\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{13\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{21\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{31\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{19\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{12}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{8\pi}{7}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{9\pi}{10}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{6\pi}{10}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{14}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{20}\right)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{2\pi}{7}\right)$$

$$\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{15}\right)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{2\pi}{13}\right)$$

$$\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right)$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{11\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{13\pi}{12}\right)$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{2\pi}{16}\right)$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{9\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{3\pi}{8}\right)$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{3\pi}{13}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{6\pi}{11}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{7}\right)$$

## Trigonometric Identities

*sin*( $\theta$ )

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*cos*( $\theta$ )

## Reciprocal Identities:

$$\sec(\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\cos(\theta)}\right) \quad \csc(\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sin(\theta)}\right) \quad \cot(\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\tan(\theta)}\right)$$

$$\tan(\theta) \sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta)$$

$$\cot(\theta) \tan(\theta)$$

$$\sin(\theta) \sec(\theta)$$

$$\cos(\theta) \csc(\theta)$$

$$\tan(\theta) \csc(\theta)$$

$$\tan(\theta) \cos(\theta) \csc(\theta)$$

$$\sin(\theta) + \cot(\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

$$\frac{\sec(\theta)}{\csc(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta)}{\csc(\theta)} + \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\sec(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{\cot(\theta)}{\csc(\theta) - \sin(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{1 + \cot(\theta)}{\csc(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{1 + \csc(\theta)}{\cos(\theta) + \cot(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta) \sec(\theta)}{\tan(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{\sec(\theta) - \cos(\theta)}{\tan(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{\cos(\theta) \sec(\theta)}{\tan(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{\tan(\theta)}{\sec(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta)}{\tan(\theta)}$$

$$\frac{\cot(\theta) \sec(\theta)}{\csc(\theta)}$$



# Pythagorean Identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta) &= 1 \\ 1 + \tan^2(\theta) &= \sec^2(\theta) \\ 1 + \cot^2(\theta) &= \csc^2(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan^2(\theta) - \sec^2(\theta) \qquad \cos^2(\theta)(1 + \tan^2(\theta))$$

$$\cos^3(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta)\cos(\theta) \qquad \frac{1}{1 - \sin^2(\theta)}$$

$$\sin^4(\theta)\cos^4(\theta)\cos^2(\theta) \qquad \frac{\sec^2 - 1}{\sec^2}$$

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

$$\tan^2(\theta) - \cot^2(\theta) = \sec^2(\theta) - \csc^2(\theta)$$

$$(\tan(\theta) + \cot(\theta))^2 = \sec^2(\theta) + \csc^2(\theta)$$

$$\tan^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta) = \tan^2(\theta)\sin^2(\theta)$$

$$\sec^4(\theta) - \tan^4(\theta) = \sec^2(\theta) + \tan^2(\theta)$$

$$\sec(\theta)\csc(\theta)(\tan(\theta) + \cot(\theta)) = \sec^2(\theta) + \csc^2(\theta)$$

## Even/Odd Identities

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

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

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

$$\frac{\tan(\theta)}{\sec(-\theta)}$$

$$\tan(\theta) + \cos(-\theta)$$

$$(\cot(\theta) - \csc(\theta))(\cos(\theta) + 1) \quad \frac{\csc(\theta)}{1 + \cot^2(\theta)}$$

$$\sin(\theta)(\tan(\theta) + \cot(\theta)) \quad 9 - \cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta)$$

## Sum & Difference Identities

$$\sin(A + B) = \sin(A)\cos(B) + \cos(A)\sin(B)$$

$$\sin(A - B) = \sin(A)\cos(B) - \cos(A)\sin(B)$$

$$\cos(A + B) = \cos(A)\cos(B) - \sin(A)\sin(B)$$

$$\cos(A - B) = \cos(A)\cos(B) + \sin(A)\sin(B)$$

$$\sin(x + y) - \sin(x - y) = 2\cos(x)\sin(y)$$

$$\cos(x + y) - \cos(x - y) = 2\cos(x)\cos(y)$$

$$\cos(x + y)\cos(x - y) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(y)$$

$$\sin(x - \pi) = -\sin(x)$$

$$\tan(x) - \tan(y) = \frac{\sin(x - y)}{\cos(x) \cos(y)}$$

$$\cos(3\theta) + \cos(\theta) = 2 \cos(2\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

$$\sin(4\theta) + \sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin(3\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

$$\sin(3\theta) = 3\cos^2(\theta) \sin(\theta) - \sin^3(\theta)$$

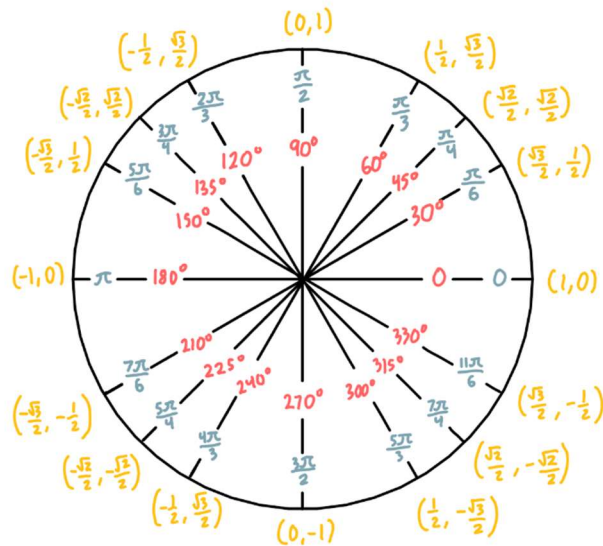
$$\sin(2\theta) \cos(\theta) = \cos(2\theta) \sin(\theta)$$

$$\cos(3\theta) \cos(\theta) = \sin(3\theta) \sin(\theta)$$

$$\cos(3\theta) = \cos^3(\theta) - 3\sin^2(\theta)\cos(\theta)$$

# Complete Unit Circle Diagram

(With explanations/tricks)



**Degrees:** the key for looking at degrees is really by mainly memorizing the values on each axis, and building from there based on which quadrant your desired value is in.

Ex: looking for  $135^\circ$

1. Determine which quadrant your angle is in by thinking

2. what two axis points it is
3. between ( $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  -> second quad.)
4. If the value has a "5" in it, use the middle line to place it
5. If the value is one of the other two, place it on the line closer to  $90^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$  based on what it's closer to

**Radians:** the key for looking at radians mainly relies on memorizing the placement of the first  $\pi/6$ , and  $\pi/4$  and add/reduce fractions from there.

Ex: looking for  $2\pi/3$

1. Locate  $\pi/6$  and start counting around on all lines but the "middle of quadrant" ones, adding as you go
2. Reduce  $4\pi/6$  to  $2\pi/3$

Ex: looking for  $\pi/4$

1. Repeat the same process, only using the "middle of quadrant" lines and axis lines

**Points:** the key for looking at points truly only requires memorizing two points: any one of the points on the “non-middle/non axis lines,” and  $\pi/4$ . From there, simply remember these rules:

For the first group of points, if the point you are looking for is in the same quadrant as your memorized point, then the values will swap positions:  $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \rightarrow (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ . If the value is across an axis, the positions stay the same, but +/- signs switch depending on the quadrant

For the second group of points, know that any point on a variation of  $\pi/4$  will always have a value of  $(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$  with +/- signs varying based on quadrant

For the third group, consider these axis points in terms of the radius. If it's an x-axis, the value will be (1,0), with the radius in the x position, and if on a y-axis, it will be in the y position, (0,1). Change +/- signs based on quadrant

## Glossary of All Trigonometric Identities

(With explanations/tricks)

### Reciprocal Identities:

$$\sec(\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\cos(\theta)}\right)$$

$$\csc(\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sin(\theta)}\right)$$

$$\cot(\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\tan(\theta)}\right)$$

*\*you can also view **cot** as just **cos/sin***

### Pythagorean Identities:

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

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

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

*\*derive the singular **sec** and **csc**, as well as the **sin** and **cos** versions of these identities by solving for the desired value from the above identities*

**Even/Odd Identities:**

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

$$\csc(-\theta) = -\csc(\theta)$$

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

$$\sec(-\theta) = \sec(\theta)$$

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

$$\cot(-\theta) = -\cot(\theta)$$

*\*Essentially, for memorization, just recall that the reciprocal identities for each rule will follow the same format as the "original."*

**Sum and Difference Identities:**

$$\sin(A + B) = \sin(A)\cos(B) + \cos(A)\sin(B)$$

$$\sin(A - B) = \sin(A)\cos(B) - \cos(A)\sin(B)$$

$$\cos(A + B) = \cos(A)\cos(B) - \sin(A)\sin(B)$$

$$\cos(A - B) = \cos(A)\cos(B) + \sin(A)\sin(B)$$

$$\tan(A - B) = \frac{\tan(A) - \tan(B)}{1 + \tan(A)\tan(B)}$$

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan(A) + \tan(B)}{1 - \tan(A)\tan(B)}$$

*\*(Sum/Difference Cont.) For **sin** identities, the +/- sign stays consistent with the left side of the equation, and pairs of **sin** and **cos** mix.*

*For **cos** identities, the +/- sign is the opposite of the left side of the equation, and pairs of **sin** and **cos** go together*

*For **tan** identities, the additive piece goes on the top, and the multiplicative on the bottom with a "1." The +/- sign on the left side of the equation stays consistent on the top, and switches on the bottom.*

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