

4.2 Trigonometric Functions of Acute Angles

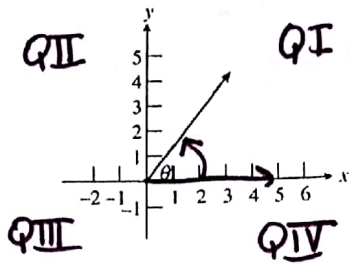
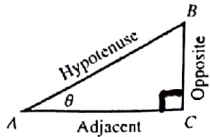


FIGURE 4.7 An acute angle θ in *standard position*, with one ray along the positive x -axis and the other extending into the first quadrant.



Right Triangle Definitions of Trigonometric Functions

Let θ be an acute angle of a right triangle. The six trigonometric functions of the angle θ are defined as follows.

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

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

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}}$$

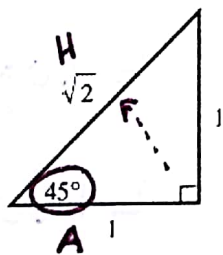
$$\sec \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}$$

→ No decimal answers! Simplify Radicals

- 1) Find the value of all six trigonometric functions for a 45-degree angle

$$\frac{O}{H} = \sin 45^\circ = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \frac{H}{O} = \csc 45^\circ = \sqrt{2}$$



$$\frac{O}{H} = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\frac{H}{A} = \sec 45^\circ = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{O}{A} = \tan 45^\circ = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$\frac{A}{O} = \cot 45^\circ = 1$$

FIGURE 4.9 An isosceles right triangle. (Example 1)

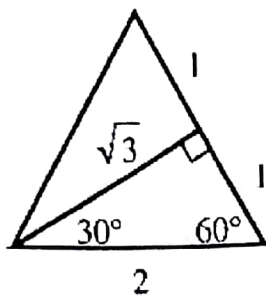
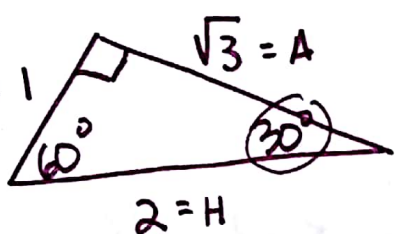


FIGURE 4.10 An altitude to any side of an equilateral triangle creates two congruent 30°-60°-90° triangles. If each side of the equilateral triangle has length 2, then the two 30°-60°-90° triangles have sides of length 2, 1, and $\sqrt{3}$. (Example 2)

2) Find the value of all six trigonometric functions for a 30-degree angle



$$\sin 30 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\csc 30 = 2$$

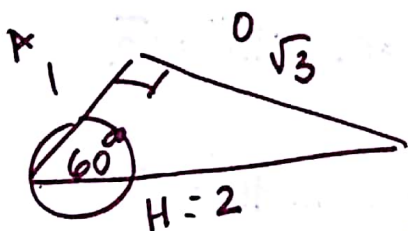
$$\cos 30 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sec 30 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\tan 30 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\cot 30 = \sqrt{3}$$

3) Find the value of all six trigonometric functions for a 60-degree angle



$$\sin 60 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\csc 60 = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

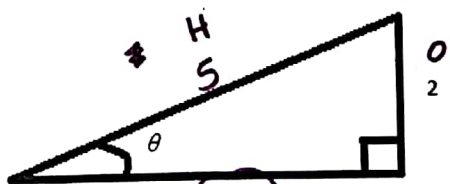
$$\cos 60 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sec 60 = 2$$

$$\tan 60 = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\cot 60 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

4) Find the six trigonometric functions of θ in the figure.



$$\sin \theta = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{21}}{5}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{21}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{21}}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}$$

$$2^2 + A^2 = 5^2$$

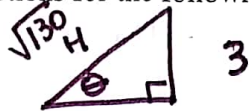
$$4 + A^2 = 25$$

$$A^2 = 21$$

$$A = \sqrt{21}$$

Assume that θ is an acute angle in a right triangle satisfying the given conditions. Evaluate the remaining trigonometric functions for the following problems.

a) $\cot \theta = \frac{11}{3} \leftarrow \frac{A}{O}$



$$\sin \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{130}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{11}{\sqrt{130}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{11}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{\sqrt{130}}{3}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{\sqrt{130}}{11}$$

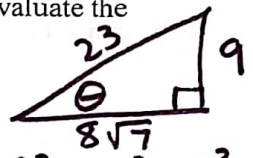
$$\cot \theta = \frac{11}{3}$$

$$3^2 + 11^2 = H^2$$

$$9 + 121 = H^2$$

$$\sqrt{130} = \sqrt{H^2}$$

b) $\csc \theta = \frac{23}{9} \leftarrow \frac{H}{O}$



$$\sin \theta = \frac{9}{23}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{8\sqrt{7}}{23}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{9}{8\sqrt{7}}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{23}{9}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{23}{8\sqrt{7}}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{8\sqrt{7}}{9}$$

$$x^2 + 9^2 = 23^2$$

$$x^2 + 81 = 529$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{448}$$

$$\sqrt{64 \cdot 7}$$

$$8\sqrt{7}$$

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