

4.3 Trigonometric Functions on the Unit Circle

Key Concept Trigonometric Functions of Any Angle

Let θ be any angle in standard position and point $P(x, y)$ be a point on the terminal side of θ . Let r represent the nonzero distance from P to the origin.

That is, let $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \neq 0$. Then the trigonometric functions of θ are as follows.

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

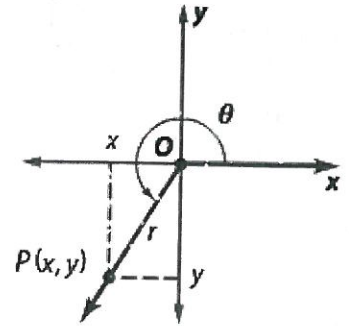
$$\csc \theta = \frac{r}{y}, y \neq 0$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{r}{x}, x \neq 0$$

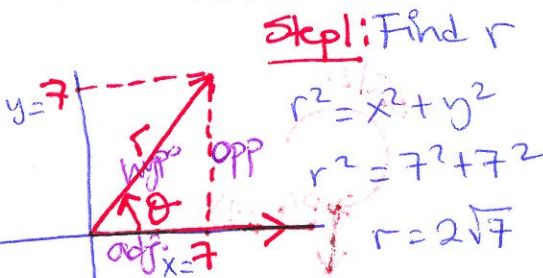
$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}, x \neq 0$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{x}{y}, y \neq 0$$



Examples: The given points lie on the terminal side of an angle θ in standard position. Find the values of the six trigonometric functions of θ .

1. (7, 7)

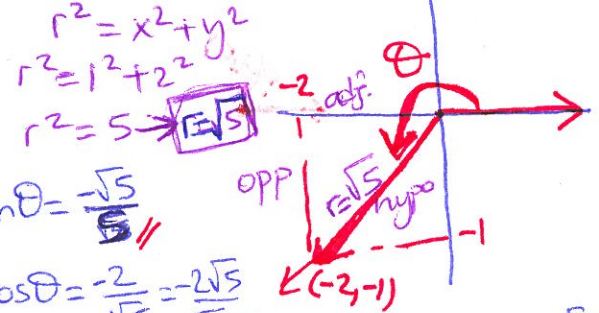


Step 2: Find trig

* Rationalize denominator

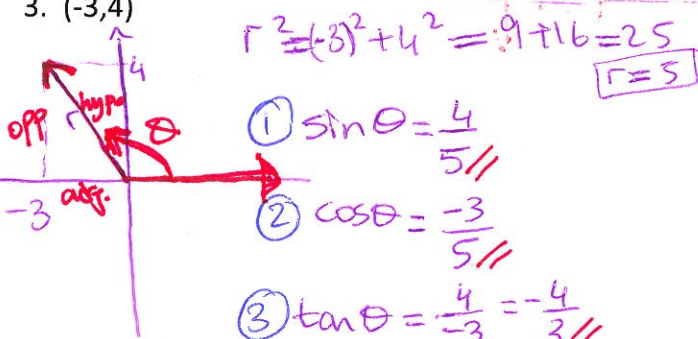
- $\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{7}{2\sqrt{7}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$
- $\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{7}{2\sqrt{7}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$
- $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{7}{7} = 1$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{x}{y} = 1$
- $\sec \theta = \frac{r}{x} = \frac{2\sqrt{7}}{7}$
- $\csc \theta = \frac{r}{y} = \frac{2\sqrt{7}}{7}$

2. (-2, -1)



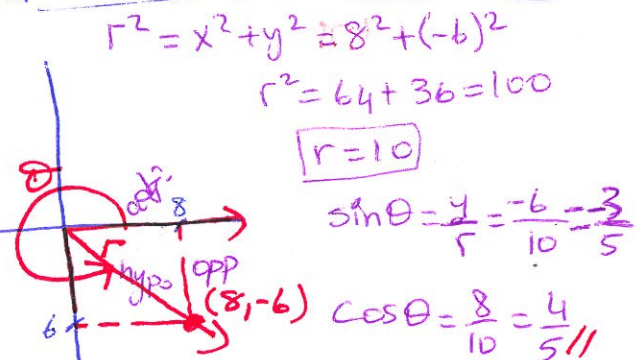
- $\sin \theta = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$
- $\cos \theta = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$
- $\tan \theta = \frac{-1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{x}{y} = \frac{-2}{-1} = 2$
- $\sec \theta = \frac{r}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{-2} = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$
- $\csc \theta = \frac{r}{y} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{-1} = -\sqrt{5}$

3. (-3, 4)



- $\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}$
- $\cos \theta = \frac{-3}{5}$
- $\tan \theta = \frac{4}{-3} = -\frac{4}{3}$
- $\cot \theta = \frac{-3}{4}$
- $\sec \theta = \frac{5}{-3} = -\frac{5}{3}$
- $\csc \theta = \frac{5}{4}$

4. (8, -6)



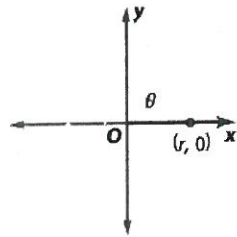
$\sin \theta = \frac{-6}{10} = -\frac{3}{5}$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{8}{10} = \frac{4}{5}$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{-6}{8} = -\frac{3}{4}$
 $\cot \theta = \frac{-8}{6} = -\frac{4}{3}$
 $\csc \theta = \frac{10}{-6} = -\frac{5}{3}$
 $\sec \theta = \frac{10}{8} = \frac{5}{4}$

Quadrantal Angles: When the terminal side of an angle θ that is in standard position lies on one of the coordinate axes, the angle is called a quadrantal angle. Now, we will find six trig functions when only θ is known.

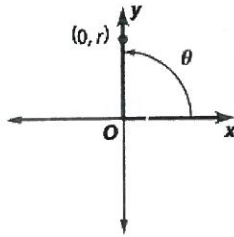
StudyTip

Quadrantal Angles There are infinitely many quadrantal angles that are coterminal with the quadrantal angles listed at the right. The measure of a quadrantal angle is a multiple of 90° or $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

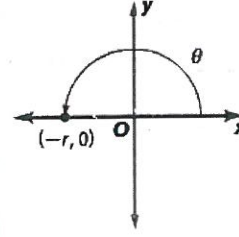
KeyConcept Common Quadrantal Angles



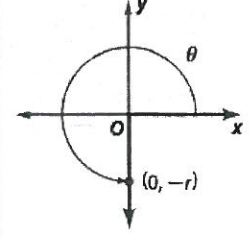
$\theta = 0^\circ$ or 0 radians



$\theta = 90^\circ$ or $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians



$\theta = 180^\circ$ or π radians

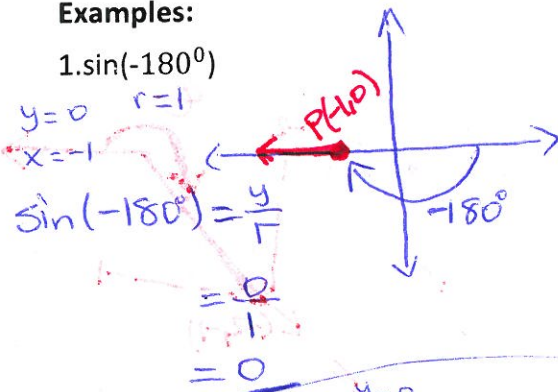


$\theta = 270^\circ$ or $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ radians

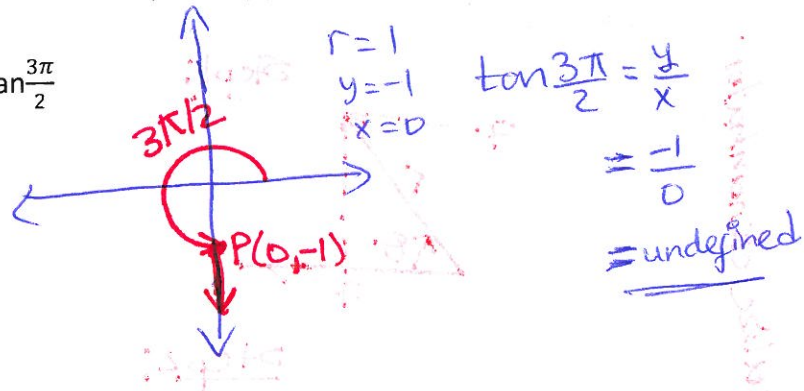
We can find the values of the trigonometric functions of quadrantal angles by choosing a point on the terminal side of the angle and evaluating the function at that point. We can pick any point, but we will choose $r=1$

Examples:

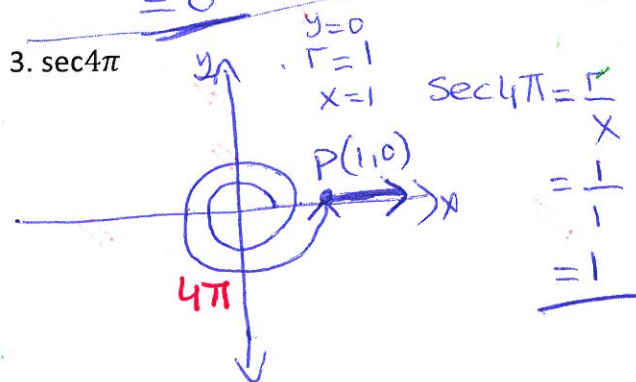
1. $\sin(-180^\circ)$



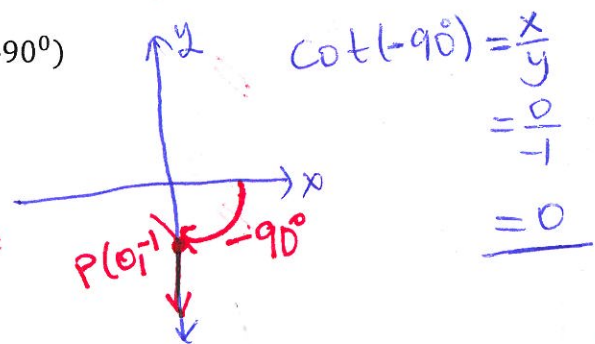
2. $\tan \frac{3\pi}{2}$



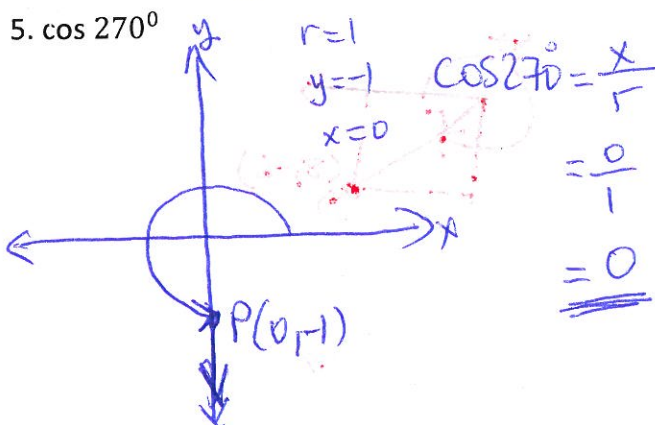
3. $\sec 4\pi$



4. $\cot(-90^\circ)$



5. $\cos 270^\circ$



5. $\csc \frac{\pi}{2}$

