

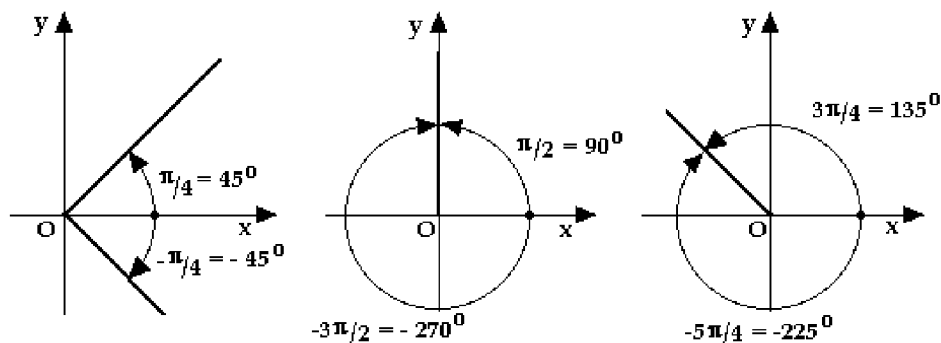
## 6. Trigonometry

This section contains review material on:

- Trigonometric ratios and trigonometric functions
- Trigonometric identities and trigonometric equations

**Angles.** Recall that a positive angle is measured counterclockwise from the direction of the positive  $x$ -axis. If it is measured clockwise, it is negative; see the figure below. The units commonly used are degrees ( $^\circ$ ) and radians (rad). By convention, we use radians (unless stated otherwise). For example,  $\sin 1$  denotes the value of the trigonometric function sine for 1 radian (using a calculator, we get  $\sin 1 \approx 0.841471$ ).

A full revolution equals 360 degrees =  $2\pi$  radians. Thus, 1 degree equals  $2\pi/360 = \pi/180$  radians (that is, to convert from degrees to radians, we multiply by  $\pi/180$ ). Conversely, 1 radian equals  $360/(2\pi) = 180/\pi$  degrees (and in order to convert radians into degrees, we multiply by  $180/\pi$ ). For example, 90 degrees equals  $90 \frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{\pi}{2}$  radians. Similarly,  $\frac{5\pi}{4}$  radians equals  $\frac{5\pi}{4} \frac{180}{\pi} = 225$  degrees.



### Exercise 1.

(a) Express 225 degrees in radians

(b) Express  $\frac{7\pi}{6}$  radians in degrees.



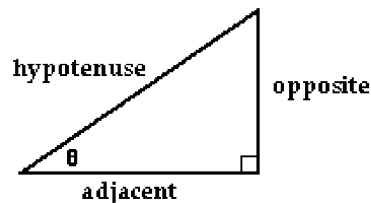
**Trigonometric Ratios.** For an acute angle, the trigonometric ratios are defined as ratios of lengths of sides in a right triangle.

Basic trigonometric ratios

$$\text{sine: } \sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\text{cosine: } \cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\text{tangent: } \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$$

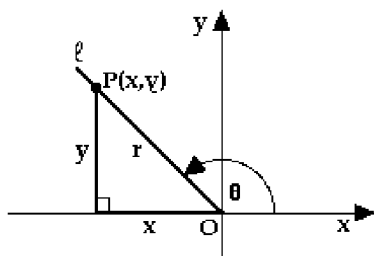


The remaining three ratios are usually defined as the reciprocals of  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$  and  $\tan \theta$ .

Trigonometric ratios	
cosecant:	$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{opposite}}$
secant:	$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent}}$
cotangent:	$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}}$

For general angles (such as obtuse or negative angles) the above definition does not apply, and we proceed as follows.

Let  $\theta$  be an angle defined by the  $x$ -axis and a line  $\ell$ , see the figure below.



Choose a point  $P$  anywhere on the line  $\ell$  (as long as it is not the origin), and denote by  $(x, y)$  its coordinates. Let  $r$  be the distance between  $P$  and the origin (recall that  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} > 0$ ). We define:

Trigonometric ratios for general angles		
$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$	$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$	$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$
$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{r}{y}$	$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{r}{x}$	$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{x}{y}$

Note that  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  are always defined. However, that is not true for the remaining four ratios. The ratios  $\tan \theta$  and  $\sec \theta$  are not defined when  $x = 0$ , and  $\cot \theta$  and  $\csc \theta$  are not defined when  $y = 0$ .

For an acute angle, the two definitions agree.

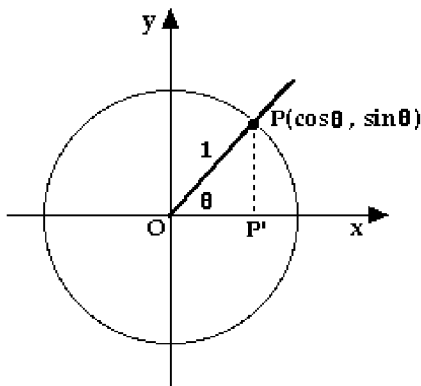
Note that

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = \frac{y^2}{r^2} + \frac{x^2}{r^2} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{r^2} = 1,$$

since  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ . Thus, we have obtained the basic trigonometric identity:

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

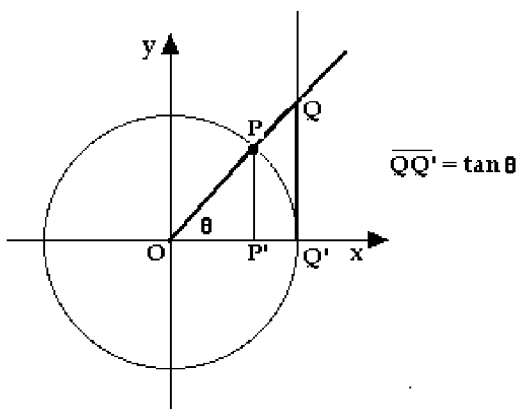
It is also possible to use a unit circle to define trigonometric ratios. Let  $P$  be the point of intersection of a circle of radius 1 and the line whose angle (positive or negative) with respect to the  $x$ -axis is  $\theta$ ; see the figure below.



By definition, the coordinates of  $P$  are  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$ . In other words,  $\overline{OP'} = \cos \theta$  and  $\overline{PP'} = \sin \theta$ . Now, draw the vertical line that intersects the  $x$ -axis at  $(1, 0)$  and label its intersection with the line  $OP$  by  $Q$ , see the figure below. The triangles  $OPP'$  and  $OQQ'$  are similar. Thus,

$$\frac{\overline{QQ'}}{\overline{OQ'}} = \frac{\overline{PP'}}{\overline{OP'}} \quad \text{implies} \quad \frac{\overline{QQ'}}{1} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}.$$

Thus,  $\overline{QQ'} = \tan \theta$ .

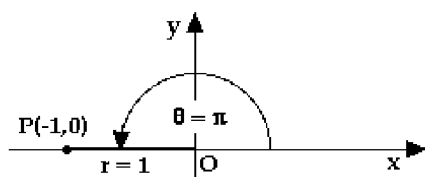


### Values of Trigonometric Ratios for Special Angles.

(1)  $\theta = 0$  (radians). Looking at the unit circle we see that, when  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\overline{OP'} = 1$  and  $\overline{PP'} = 0$ ; in other words,  $\cos 0 = 1$  and  $\sin 0 = 0$ . Consequently,  $\tan 0 = \sin 0 / \cos 0 = 0$ , and  $\sec 0 = 1 / \cos 0 = 1$ . The ratios  $\cot 0$  and  $\csc 0$  are not defined.

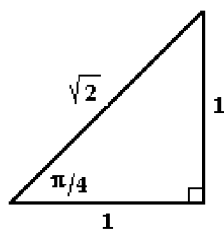
(2)  $\theta = \pi/2$  (radians). In this case (use the unit circle definition again),  $\overline{OP'} = 0$  and  $\overline{PP'} = 1$  (in other words, the coordinates of  $P$  are  $(0, 1)$ ). Thus,  $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$  and  $\sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$ . It follows that  $\tan \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\sec \frac{\pi}{2}$  are not defined. Finally,  $\cot \frac{\pi}{2} = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} / \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 0/1 = 0$  and  $\csc \frac{\pi}{2} = 1 / \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$ .

(3)  $\theta = \pi$  (radians). For a change, we use the definition for general angles: pick a point  $P(x = -1, y = 0)$ ; then  $r = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 0^2} = 1$ .



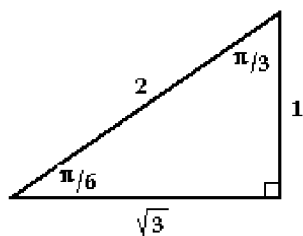
It follows that  $\cos \pi = x/r = -1/1 = -1$  and  $\sin \pi = y/r = 0/1 = 0$ . Consequently,  $\tan \pi = 0$  and  $\sec \pi = -1$ . The ratios  $\cot \pi$  and  $\csc \pi$  are not defined.

(4)  $\theta = \pi/4$  (radians). The values of trigonometric ratios can be read from the triangle below.



From the definition for acute angles, we get  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \text{opposite} / \text{hypotenuse} = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \text{adjacent} / \text{hypotenuse} = 1/\sqrt{2}$  and  $\tan \frac{\pi}{4} = \text{opposite} / \text{adjacent} = 1$ .

(5)  $\theta = \pi/6$  and  $\theta = \pi/3$  (radians). The values of trigonometric ratios can be read from the triangle below.



From the definition for acute angles, we get

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

Similarly,  $\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \sqrt{3}/2$ ,  $\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 1/2$  and  $\tan \frac{\pi}{3} = \sqrt{3}$ .

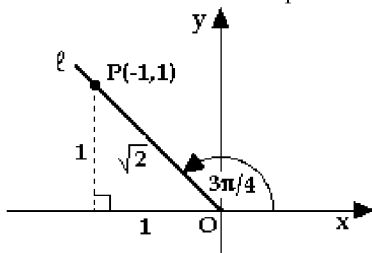
**Example 1.** Find the values of  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$  and  $\tan \theta$  for

(a)  $\theta = 3\pi/4$

(b)  $\theta = 2\pi/3$ .

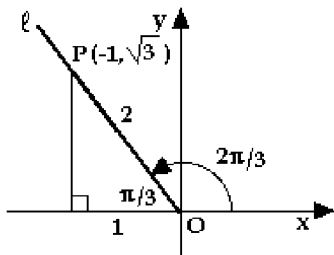
**Solution**

(a) We use the definition for general angles. The line that makes the angle of  $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$  radians with respect to the  $x$ -axis is a line with slope  $-1$ . Thus, we can choose the point  $(x = -1, y = 1)$  as  $P$ .



In that case,  $r = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$ , and it follows that  $\sin \frac{3\pi}{4} = y/r = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\cos \frac{3\pi}{4} = x/r = -1/\sqrt{2}$  and  $\tan \frac{3\pi}{4} = y/x = -1$ .

(b) We use the definition for general angles. Placing the triangle that we used to compute the ratios for  $\pi/6$  and  $\pi/3$  (see (5) above), as shown in the figure, we see that we can use the point  $(x = -1, y = \sqrt{3})$  as  $P$ .



It follows that  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{1+3} = 2$ , and thus  $\sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = y/r = \sqrt{3}/2$ ,  $\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = x/r = -1/2$  and  $\tan \frac{2\pi}{3} = \sqrt{3}$ . ■

**Exercise 2.** Find the values of  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$  and  $\tan \theta$  for

(a)  $\theta = 5\pi/6$

(b)  $\theta = -\pi/6$ .

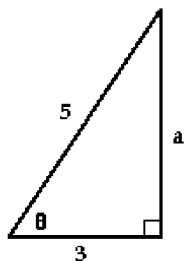


**Example 2.** If  $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ , and  $\cos \theta = 3/5$ , find the values of  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\tan \theta$  and  $\sec \theta$ .

**Solution**

By definition,  $\sec \theta = 1/\cos \theta = 5/3$ .

Using the fact that  $\cos \theta$  is the ratio of the adjacent side to the hypotenuse in an acute triangle (and that is given, since  $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ !), we label the triangle as follows:



By Pythagorean theorem, the opposite side is equal to  $a = \sqrt{5^2 - 3^2} = 4$ . Thus,  $\sin \theta = a/5 = 4/5$  and  $\tan \theta = a/3 = 4/3$ . ■

**Exercise 3.** If  $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ , and  $\csc \theta = 3$ , find the values of  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$  and  $\tan \theta$ .

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**Exercise 4.** Find the values of  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$ ,  $\tan \theta$  and  $\sec \theta$  for  $\theta = -3\pi/2$ .

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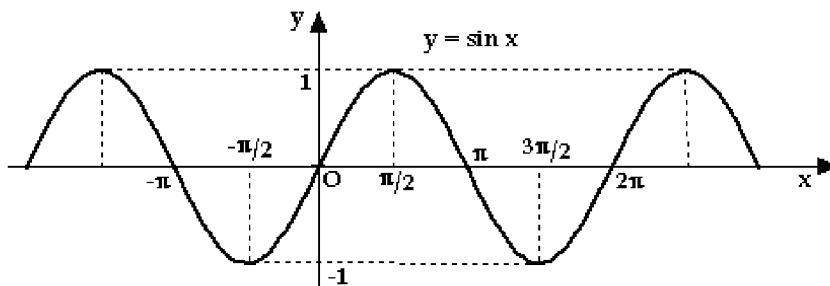
**Trigonometric Functions.** Let  $x$  denote an angle (in radians). Using the general method of defining trigonometric ratios, we can compute the values of the functions  $y = \sin x$  and  $y = \cos x$  for all real numbers  $x$  (keep in mind that  $x$  denotes an angle in radians).

Since the angles  $x$  and  $x + 2\pi$  are the same (think of an angle and what it looks like one full revolution later), it follows that

Periodicity of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$	
$\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin x$	$\cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos x$

These formulas state that the values of  $\sin$  and  $\cos$  repeat after  $2\pi$  radians. In other words,  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  are periodic with period equal to  $2\pi$ .

By plotting points we obtain the graphs of the two functions. Given below is the graph of  $y = \sin x$ .

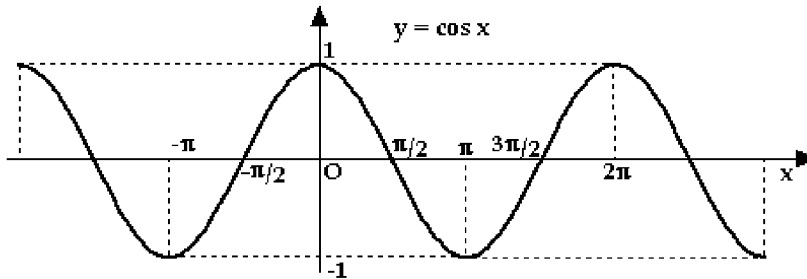


The part of the graph of  $\sin x$  over the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  is called the main period. That part is repeated in both directions to produce the whole graph.

Note that  $\sin x = 0$  when  $x = \dots, -2\pi, -\pi, 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots$ . In words,  $\sin x = 0$  when  $x$  is an integer multiple of  $\pi$ , i.e., when  $x = k\pi$  ( $k$  is an integer). We have to remember this fact.

$$\sin x = 0 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x = k\pi \quad (k = \text{integer})$$

Given below is the graph of  $y = \cos x$ .



Note that  $\cos x = 0$  when  $x = \dots, -3\pi/2, -\pi/2, \pi/2, 3\pi/2, \dots$ . In words,  $\cos x = 0$  at  $\pi/2$  and all points that are a multiple of  $\pi$  away from it. Thus,

$$\cos x = 0 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \quad (k = \text{integer})$$

The part of the graph of  $\cos x$  over the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  is called the main period. That part is repeated in both directions to produce the whole graph.

Note that

$$-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad -1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$$

Recall the basic trigonometric identity

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

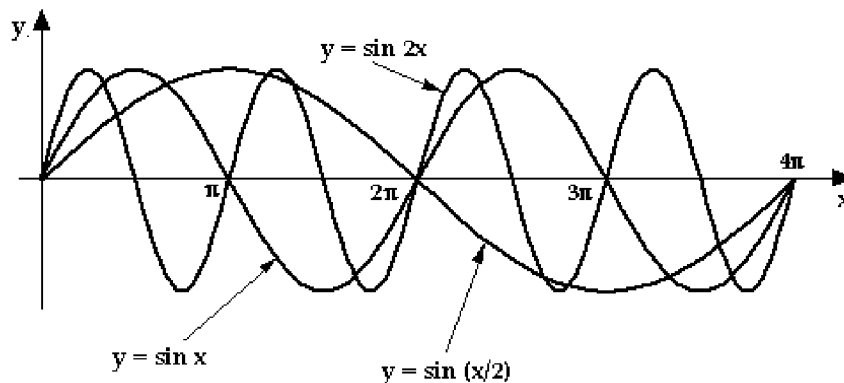
**Example 3.** Sketch the graphs of  $y = \sin x$ ,  $y = \sin 2x$  and  $y = \sin(x/2)$  in the same coordinate system.

**Solution**

(a) Recall that the main period of  $\sin x$  is defined to be the interval from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 2\pi$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2x$ , we get that the main period of  $\sin 2x$  is the interval from  $2x = 0$  (i.e.,  $x = 0$ ) to  $2x = 2\pi$  (i.e.,  $x = \pi$ ). In other words, the period of  $\sin 2x$  is  $\pi$ .

Rephrasing the above argument, we can show that the period of  $\sin(ax)$  is  $2\pi/a$ .

Thus, the graph of  $\sin 2x$  is obtained from the graph of  $\sin x$  by compressing it along the  $x$ -axis by the factor of 2. The period of  $\sin(x/2)$  is  $2\pi/(1/2) = 4\pi$ . Thus, its graph is obtained by stretching  $\sin x$  along the  $x$ -axis by a factor of 2. See the figure below.



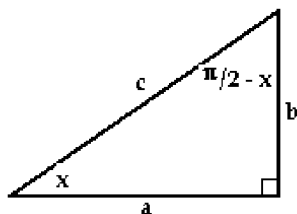
**Exercise 5.** What is the period of  $\cos(ax)$ ?

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**Exercise 6.** Sketch the graphs of  $y = \cos x$ ,  $y = \cos 3x$  and  $y = \cos 0.5x$  in the same coordinate system.

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Consider the following triangle.



Using the definition of  $\sin$  and  $\cos$ , we get  $\cos x = a/c$ ,  $\sin x = b/c$ ,  $\cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - x) = b/c$ ,  $\sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - x) = a/c$ . We have thus obtained the following formulas.

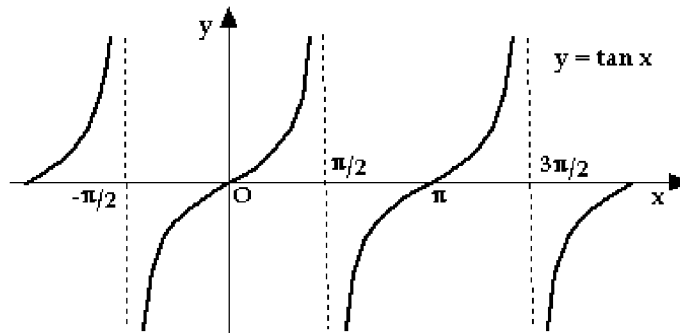
$$\boxed{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \cos x \quad \text{and} \quad \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \sin x}$$

Next, we list useful formulas involving  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$ .



<p>Relation between <math>x</math> and <math>-x</math></p> $\sin(-x) = -\sin x \quad \cos(-x) = \cos x$ <p>Addition and subtraction formulas</p> $\sin(x \pm y) = \sin x \cos y \pm \cos x \sin y$ $\cos(x \pm y) = \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y$ <p>Double angle formulas</p> $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$ $\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$
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The function  $y = \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$  is not defined when  $\cos x = 0$ ; i.e., it is not defined when  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$ . The graph of  $y = \tan x$  is given below.

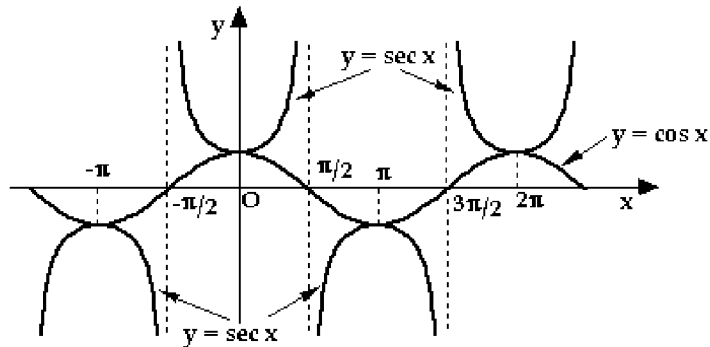


$y = \tan x$  is periodic with period  $\pi$ . The part of the graph over the interval  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  is its main period.  $y = \tan x = 0$  whenever  $\sin x = 0$ .

**Exercise 7.** What is the period of  $\tan(ax)$ ?



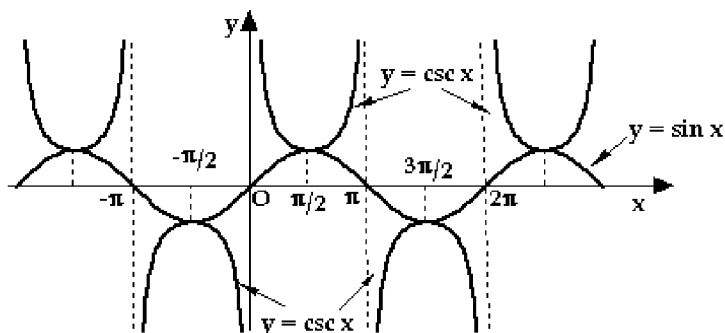
The function  $y = \sec x = 1/\cos x$  has the same domain as  $\tan x$ . It is periodic with period  $2\pi$ .



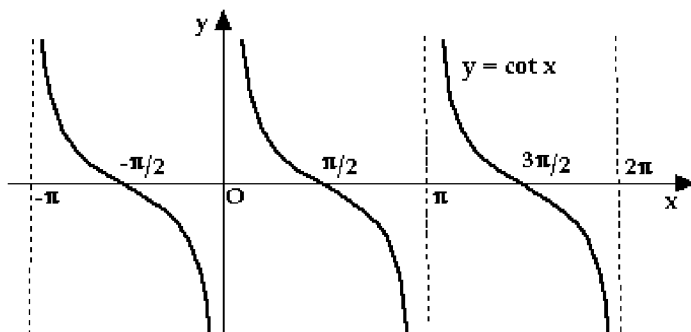
There is a useful relationship between the tangent and the secant, given by

$$\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$$

The graph of  $\csc x = 1/\sin x$  is given below.



The graph of  $\cot x = 1/\tan x = \cos x/\sin x$  is given below. The domain of both  $\csc x$  and  $\cot x$  consists of all  $x$  such that  $x \neq k\pi$  ( $k$ =integer).



**Example 4.** Prove the following formulas.

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

(b)  $(\sin x + \cos x)^2 = 1 + \sin 2x$

(c)  $\frac{1}{1 - \sin x} + \frac{1}{1 + \sin x} = \frac{2}{\cos^2 x}$

**Solution**

(a) Using the subtraction formula for sin, we get

$$\sin(\pi - x) = \sin \pi \cos x - \cos \pi \sin x = 0 \cdot \cos x - (-1) \sin x = \sin x.$$

(b) Squaring the left side,

$$(\sin x + \cos x)^2 = \sin^2 x + 2 \sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x,$$

using  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$  and the double angle formula for sin, we get

$$= 1 + 2 \sin x \cos x = 1 + \sin 2x.$$

(c) Computing the common denominator on the left side, we get

$$\frac{1}{1 - \sin x} + \frac{1}{1 + \sin x} = \frac{1 + \sin x}{1 - \sin^2 x} + \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 - \sin^2 x} = \frac{2}{1 - \sin^2 x} = \frac{2}{\cos^2 x}.$$

We used the identity  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ . ■

**Exercise 8.** Prove the following formulas.

(a)  $\sin(\pi/2 + x) = \cos x$

(b)  $\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$

(c)  $\sin^2 x - \tan^2 x + \sin^2 x \tan^2 x = 0$ .

**Example 5.** Using addition formulas, prove the following identities.

(a)  $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$

(b)  $\cos 2x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$ .

**Solution**

(a)  $\sin 2x = \sin(x + x) = \sin x \cos x + \cos x \sin x = 2 \sin x \cos x$ .

(b) As in (a),

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

now use the identity  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$  to eliminate  $\cos^2 x$

$$= (1 - \sin^2 x) - \sin^2 x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x. \quad \blacksquare$$

**Example 6.** Show that  $\cos 3x = 4 \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x$ .

**Solution**

Write  $3x = 2x + x$ , and start with the addition formula for  $\cos$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 3x &= \cos(2x + x) \\ &= \cos 2x \cos x - \sin 2x \sin x \end{aligned}$$

use the double angle formulas

$$\begin{aligned} &= (2 \cos^2 x - 1) \cos x - (2 \sin x \cos x) \sin x \\ &= 2 \cos^3 x - \cos x - 2 \cos x \sin^2 x \end{aligned}$$

replace  $\sin^2 x$  using the basic trigonometric identity  $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \cos^3 x - \cos x - 2 \cos x (1 - \cos^2 x) \\ &= 2 \cos^3 x - \cos x - 2 \cos x + 2 \cos^3 x \\ &= 4 \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 9.** Using the idea of the previous example, derive a formula that expresses  $\sin 3x$  in terms of  $\sin x$ .

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**Exercise 10.** Show that  $\sin(x + y)\sin(x - y) = \sin^2 x - \sin^2 y$ .

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In what follows, the symbol  $k$  denotes an integer.

**Trigonometric Equations.** To find a solution to a trigonometric equation, we find all solutions in the main period first, and then add the multiple of the period.

**Example 7.** Solve the following equations.

(a)  $\sin x = 1$

(b)  $\tan x = 1$ .

**Solution**

(a) Looking at the graph of  $\sin x$ , we see that  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  is the only solution of  $\sin x = 1$  in the main period of  $\sin x$ . Thus, all solutions are given by  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi$ .

(b) There is only one solution to  $\tan x = 1$  in the main period of tangent (which is the interval from  $-\pi/2$  to  $\pi/2$ ):  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ . Since the period of the tangent is  $\pi$ , all solutions are given by  $x = \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi$ . ■

**Exercise 11.** Solve the following equations.

(a)  $\cos x = -1$

(b)  $\tan x = -1$ .

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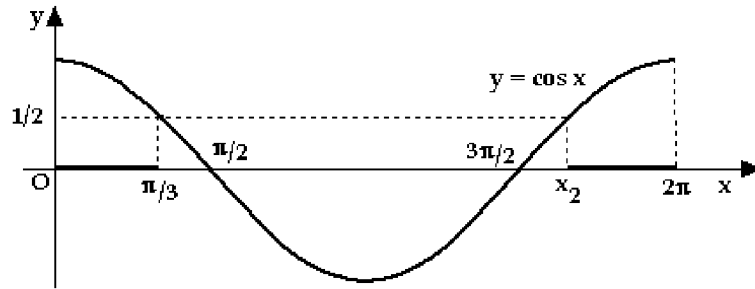
**Example 8.** Solve the following equations.

(a)  $\cos x = 1/2$

(b)  $\sin x = -1/2$ .

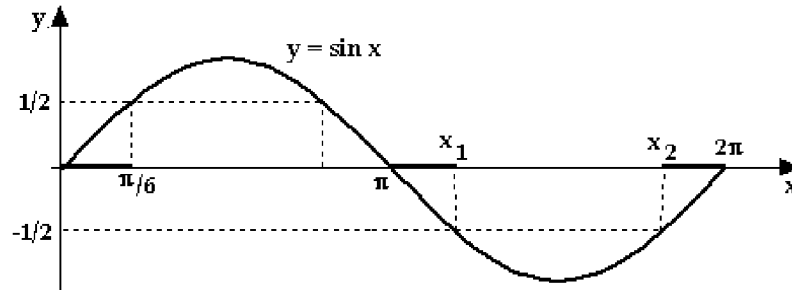
**Solution**

(a) From the graph below we see that there are two solutions of the given equation in the main period.



One of them is  $x_1 = \frac{\pi}{3}$ . Due to symmetry, the other solution is  $\pi/3$  units to the left of  $2\pi$ ; thus,  $x_2 = 2\pi - \pi/3 = 5\pi/3$ . It follows that all solutions are given by  $x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi$  and  $x = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2k\pi$  ( $k$  is an integer).

(b) From the graph we see that there are two solutions of  $\sin x = -1/2$  in the main period.



We know that  $\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ . By symmetry,  $x_1$  is  $\pi/6$  units to the right of  $\pi$ , so  $x_1 = \pi + \pi/6 = 7\pi/6$ . Again, by symmetry,  $x_2$  is  $\pi/6$  units to the left of  $2\pi$ ; thus,  $x_2 = 2\pi - \pi/6 = 11\pi/6$ . Thus, the solutions are  $x = \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$  and  $x = \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$ . ■

**Exercise 12.** Solve the following equations.

(a)  $\cos x = -\sqrt{3}/2$

(b)  $\tan x = \sqrt{3}$

(c)  $\sin x = \sqrt{2}/2$



**Example 9.** Solve the equation  $\sin 2x = \cos x$ .

**Solution**

Using the double angle formula, we get

$$\sin 2x = \cos x$$

$$2 \sin x \cos x = \cos x$$

$$\cos x(2 \sin x - 1) = 0.$$

Thus,  $\cos x = 0$  or  $2 \sin x - 1 = 0$ . If  $\cos x = 0$ , then  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$  (this equation has been solved earlier). If  $\sin x = 1/2$ , then  $x = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$  and  $x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$  (look at the graph of Example 8(b)). Thus, the solution is  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$ ,  $x = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$  and  $x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$ . ■

**Exercise 13.** Solve the equation  $\sin 2x = \sin x$ .

**Example 10.** Solve the equation  $2 + \cos 2x = 3 \cos x$ .

**Solution**

Using the double angle formula for  $\cos x$ , we rewrite  $2 + \cos 2x = 3 \cos x$  as  $2 + 2 \cos^2 x - 1 = 3 \cos x$ . Thus  $2 \cos^2 x - 3 \cos x + 1 = 0$ , and  $(2 \cos x - 1)(\cos x - 1) = 0$ .

It follows that  $2 \cos x - 1 = 0$ , and  $\cos x = 1/2$  (in which case  $x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi$  and  $x = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2k\pi$ , see Example 8(a)) and  $\cos x - 1 = 0$ , and  $\cos x = 1$  (in which case  $x = 2k\pi$ ). Thus, the solution is  $x = 2k\pi$ ,  $x = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi$  and  $x = \frac{5\pi}{3} + 2k\pi$ . ■

The latter two examples show that, if an equation contains different arguments of trig functions (such as  $\sin$  and/or  $\cos$  of  $x$  and  $2x$ ), it is a good idea to reduce the expressions to a single argument (which is usually  $x$ ).

**Example 11.** Solve the equation  $4 \sin 2x \cos 2x = 1$ .

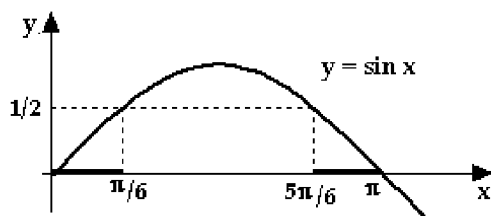
**Solution**

Using the double angle formula for  $\sin x$ , we get

$$4 \sin 2x \cos 2x = 2(2 \sin 2x \cos 2x) = 2 \sin 4x = 1,$$

and thus  $\sin 4x = 1/2$ .

Now,  $\sin A = 1/2$  implies  $A = \pi/6$  or  $A = 5\pi/6$ , see the figure below.

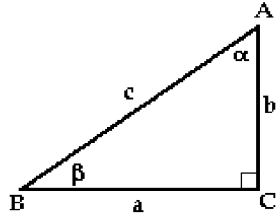


Thus (replacing  $A$  by  $4x$ ),  $4x = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$  and  $4x = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2k\pi$ , and the solutions are  $x = \frac{\pi}{24} + \frac{k\pi}{2}$  and  $x = \frac{5\pi}{24} + \frac{k\pi}{2}$ . ■

**Exercise 14.** Solve the equation  $2 \cos 2x - 1 = 0$ .

**Additional exercises.**

**Exercise 15.** Let  $ABC$  be a right triangle, where  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ ; see the figure below.



- (a) Given that  $a = 21/5$  and  $b = 4$ , find  $\sin \alpha$ ,  $\cos \alpha$ ,  $\sin \beta$ , and  $\cos \beta$ .  
 (b) Given that  $\cos \beta = 12/13$  and  $c = 13$ , find  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\sin \beta$ , and  $\tan \beta$ .  
 (c) Given that  $c = 1$  and  $a = 0.6$ , find all six trigonometric ratios for angle  $\beta$ .

**Exercise 16.** What quadrant do the following angles belong to? (Recall the convention that states that if no units for angles are explicitly stated, then the units are radians.)

- (a)  $36\pi/7$       (b)  $999^\circ$       (c)  $989^\circ$       (d)  $44\pi/5$ .

**Exercise 17.** Without a calculator, determine the sign of the following expressions.

- (a)  $\tan(13\pi/3)$       (b)  $\sin(500^\circ)$       (c)  $\cos(37\pi)$       (d)  $\sin(\pi/12) + \cos(\pi/7)$ .

**Exercise 18.** Without a calculator, determine which of the following is larger.

- (a)  $\sin 1^\circ$  or  $\sin 1$       (b)  $\cos 2^\circ$  or  $\cos 2$       (c)  $\tan 1^\circ$  or  $\tan 1$ .

**Exercise 19.** Simplify the following expressions.

- (a)  $\sec^2 x - \sin^2 x - \cos^2 x$   
 (b)  $\frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x} + \tan x$   
 (c)  $\frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x} + \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x}$   
 (d)  $(\sin x + \cos x)^2 + (\sin x - \cos x)^2$ .

**Exercise 20.** Solve the following equations.

- (a)  $\tan x = -\sqrt{3}/3$   
 (b)  $\cot x = -1$   
 (c)  $\cos x = \sqrt{3}/2$ .

**Exercise 21.** Solve the following equations.

(a)  $\sin x = \sqrt{2}/2$

(b)  $\tan x + \cot x = 0.5$

(c)  $\cos^2 x - \cos x - 2 = 0$ .

**Exercise 22.** Sketch the graphs of the following functions.

(a)  $\cos(x + \pi/4)$       (b)  $\sin(x - \pi)$       (c)  $\tan(x + 1)$ .

**Exercise 23.** Prove the following identities.

(a)  $\frac{1 - \sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x}$

(b)  $\frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 x} + \frac{1}{1 + \cot^2 x} = 1$ .