

An angle in the xy -plane is said to be in **standard position** if its vertex lies at the origin and its initial ray lies along the positive x -axis (Figure 1.39). Angles measured counterclockwise from the positive x -axis are assigned positive measures; angles measured clockwise are assigned negative measures.

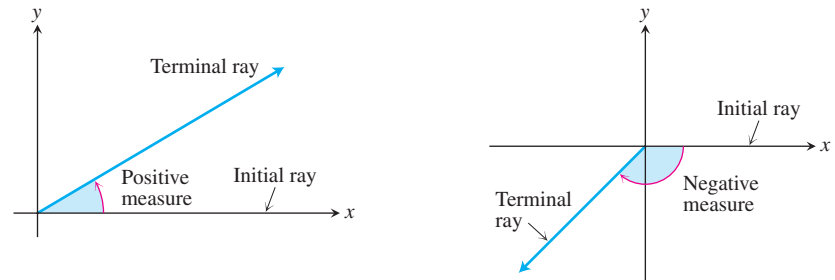


FIGURE 1.39 Angles in standard position in the xy -plane.

Angles describing counterclockwise rotations can go arbitrarily far beyond 2π radians or 360° . Similarly, angles describing clockwise rotations can have negative measures of all sizes (Figure 1.40).

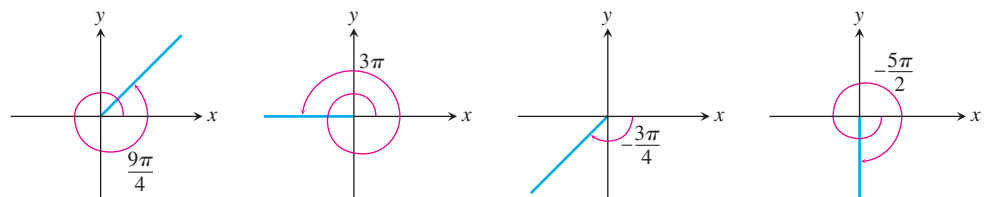
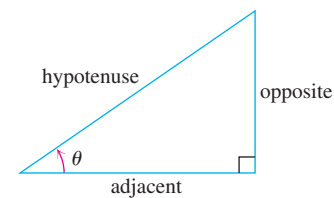


FIGURE 1.40 Nonzero radian measures can be positive or negative and can go beyond 2π .



$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta &= \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} & \csc \theta &= \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} & \sec \theta &= \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} & \cot \theta &= \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}\end{aligned}$$

FIGURE 1.41 Trigonometric ratios of an acute angle.

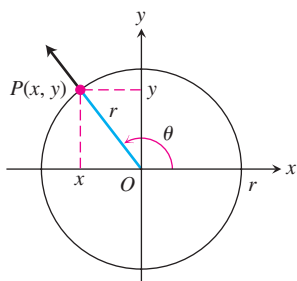


FIGURE 1.42 The trigonometric functions of a general angle θ are defined in terms of x , y , and r .

Angle Convention: Use Radians From now on, in this book it is assumed that all angles are measured in radians unless degrees or some other unit is stated explicitly. When we talk about the angle $\pi/3$, we mean $\pi/3$ radians (which is 60°), not $\pi/3$ degrees. We use radians because it simplifies many of the operations in calculus, and some results we will obtain involving the trigonometric functions are not true when angles are measured in degrees.

The Six Basic Trigonometric Functions

You are probably familiar with defining the trigonometric functions of an acute angle in terms of the sides of a right triangle (Figure 1.41). We extend this definition to obtuse and negative angles by first placing the angle in standard position in a circle of radius r . We then define the trigonometric functions in terms of the coordinates of the point $P(x, y)$ where the angle's terminal ray intersects the circle (Figure 1.42).

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sine: } \sin \theta &= \frac{y}{r} & \text{cosecant: } \csc \theta &= \frac{r}{y} \\ \text{cosine: } \cos \theta &= \frac{x}{r} & \text{secant: } \sec \theta &= \frac{r}{x} \\ \text{tangent: } \tan \theta &= \frac{y}{x} & \text{cotangent: } \cot \theta &= \frac{x}{y}\end{aligned}$$

These extended definitions agree with the right-triangle definitions when the angle is acute. Notice also that whenever the quotients are defined,

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \theta &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} & \cot \theta &= \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \\ \sec \theta &= \frac{1}{\cos \theta} & \csc \theta &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta}\end{aligned}$$

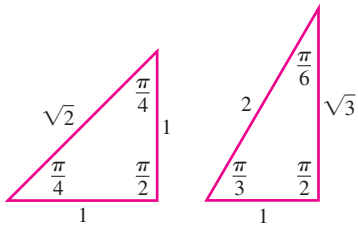


FIGURE 1.43 Radian angles and side lengths of two common triangles.

As you can see, $\tan \theta$ and $\sec \theta$ are not defined if $x = \cos \theta = 0$. This means they are not defined if θ is $\pm\pi/2, \pm3\pi/2, \dots$. Similarly, $\cot \theta$ and $\csc \theta$ are not defined for values of θ for which $y = 0$, namely $\theta = 0, \pm\pi, \pm2\pi, \dots$.

The exact values of these trigonometric ratios for some angles can be read from the triangles in Figure 1.43. For instance,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \sin \frac{\pi}{6} &= \frac{1}{2} & \sin \frac{\pi}{3} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \cos \frac{\pi}{4} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \cos \frac{\pi}{6} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \cos \frac{\pi}{3} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \tan \frac{\pi}{4} &= 1 & \tan \frac{\pi}{6} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \tan \frac{\pi}{3} &= \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

The CAST rule (Figure 1.44) is useful for remembering when the basic trigonometric functions are positive or negative. For instance, from the triangle in Figure 1.45, we see that

$$\sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad \tan \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\sqrt{3}.$$

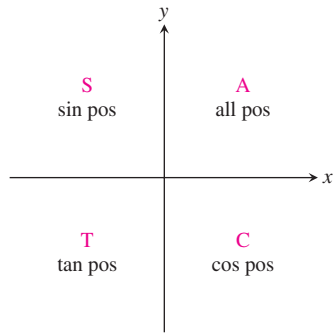


FIGURE 1.44 The CAST rule, remembered by the statement “Calculus Activates Student Thinking,” tells which trigonometric functions are positive in each quadrant.

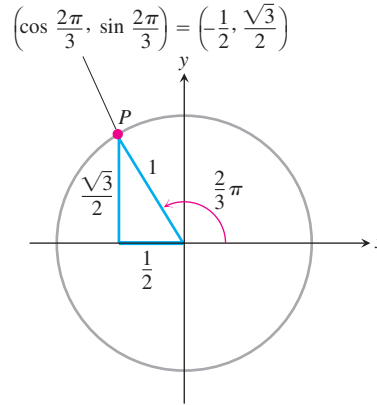


FIGURE 1.45 The triangle for calculating the sine and cosine of $2\pi/3$ radians. The side lengths come from the geometry of right triangles.

Using a similar method we determined the values of $\sin \theta$, $\cos \theta$, and $\tan \theta$ shown in Table 1.3.

Degrees	-180	-135	-90	-45	0	30	45	60	90	120	135	150	180	270	360
θ (radians)	$-\pi$	$-\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{4}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	2π
$\sin \theta$	0	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-1	0
$\cos \theta$	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	-1	0	1
$\tan \theta$	0	1		-1	0	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$		$-\sqrt{3}$	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	0		0

Periodicity and Graphs of the Trigonometric Functions

When an angle of measure θ and an angle of measure $\theta + 2\pi$ are in standard position, their terminal rays coincide. The two angles therefore have the same trigonometric function values: $\sin(\theta + 2\pi) = \sin \theta$, $\tan(\theta + 2\pi) = \tan \theta$, and so on. Similarly, $\cos(\theta - 2\pi) = \cos \theta$, $\sin(\theta - 2\pi) = \sin \theta$, and so on. We describe this repeating behavior by saying that the six basic trigonometric functions are *periodic*.

Periods of Trigonometric Functions

Period π : $\tan(x + \pi) = \tan x$
 $\cot(x + \pi) = \cot x$

Period 2π : $\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin x$
 $\cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos x$
 $\sec(x + 2\pi) = \sec x$
 $\csc(x + 2\pi) = \csc x$

DEFINITION A function $f(x)$ is **periodic** if there is a positive number p such that $f(x + p) = f(x)$ for every value of x . The smallest such value of p is the **period** of f .

When we graph trigonometric functions in the coordinate plane, we usually denote the independent variable by x instead of θ . Figure 1.46 shows that the tangent and cotangent functions have period $p = \pi$, and the other four functions have period 2π . Also, the symmetries in these graphs reveal that the cosine and secant functions are even and the other four functions are odd (although this does not prove those results).

Even

$$\cos(-x) = \cos x$$

$$\sec(-x) = \sec x$$

Odd

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

$$\tan(-x) = -\tan x$$

$$\csc(-x) = -\csc x$$

$$\cot(-x) = -\cot x$$

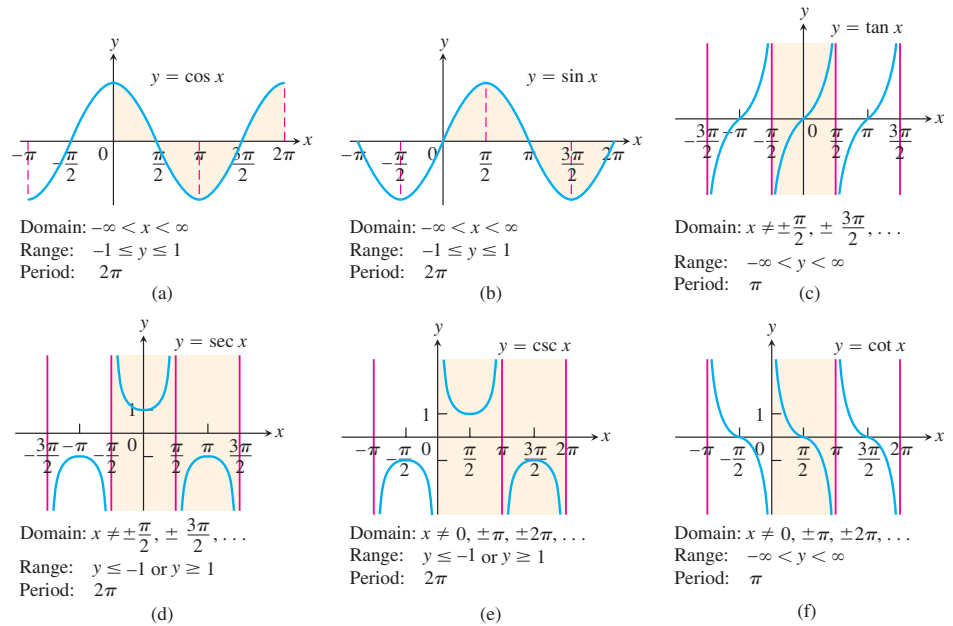


FIGURE 1.46 Graphs of the six basic trigonometric functions using radian measure. The shading for each trigonometric function indicates its periodicity.

Trigonometric Identities

The coordinates of any point $P(x, y)$ in the plane can be expressed in terms of the point's distance r from the origin and the angle θ that ray OP makes with the positive x -axis (Figure 1.42). Since $x/r = \cos \theta$ and $y/r = \sin \theta$, we have

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta.$$

When $r = 1$ we can apply the Pythagorean theorem to the reference right triangle in Figure 1.47 and obtain the equation

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1. \tag{3}$$

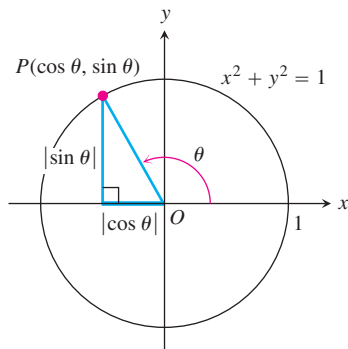


FIGURE 1.47 The reference triangle for a general angle θ .

This equation, true for all values of θ , is the most frequently used identity in trigonometry. Dividing this identity in turn by $\cos^2 \theta$ and $\sin^2 \theta$ gives

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

The following formulas hold for all angles A and B (Exercise 58).

Addition Formulas

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(A + B) &= \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B \\ \sin(A + B) &= \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

There are similar formulas for $\cos(A - B)$ and $\sin(A - B)$ (Exercises 35 and 36). All the trigonometric identities needed in this book derive from Equations (3) and (4). For example, substituting θ for both A and B in the addition formulas gives

Double-Angle Formulas

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2\theta &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \\ \sin 2\theta &= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

Additional formulas come from combining the equations

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1, \quad \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \cos 2\theta.$$

We add the two equations to get $2 \cos^2 \theta = 1 + \cos 2\theta$ and subtract the second from the first to get $2 \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos 2\theta$. This results in the following identities, which are useful in integral calculus.

Half-Angle Formulas

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}\tag{6}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}\tag{7}$$

The Law of Cosines

If a , b , and c are sides of a triangle ABC and if θ is the angle opposite c , then

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta.\tag{8}$$

This equation is called the **law of cosines**.

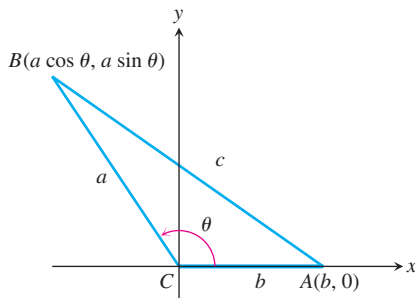


FIGURE 1.48 The square of the distance between A and B gives the law of cosines.

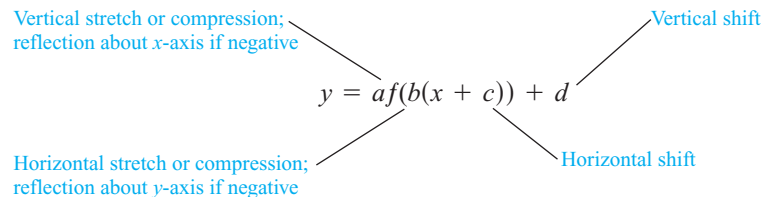
We can see why the law holds if we introduce coordinate axes with the origin at C and the positive x -axis along one side of the triangle, as in Figure 1.48. The coordinates of A are $(b, 0)$; the coordinates of B are $(a \cos \theta, a \sin \theta)$. The square of the distance between A and B is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= (a \cos \theta - b)^2 + (a \sin \theta)^2 \\ &= a^2(\underbrace{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}_1) + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta \\ &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta. \end{aligned}$$

The law of cosines generalizes the Pythagorean theorem. If $\theta = \pi/2$, then $\cos \theta = 0$ and $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$.

Transformations of Trigonometric Graphs

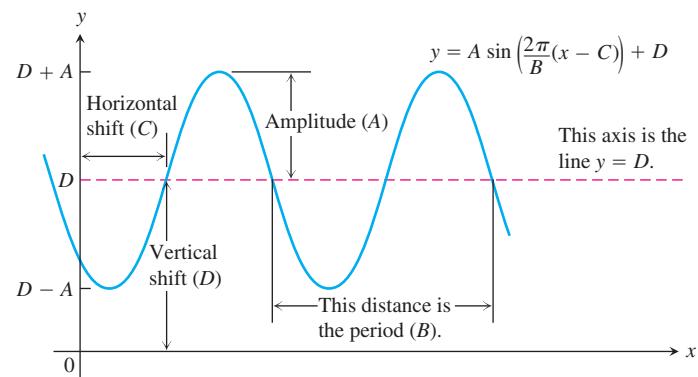
The rules for shifting, stretching, compressing, and reflecting the graph of a function summarized in the following diagram apply to the trigonometric functions we have discussed in this section.



The transformation rules applied to the sine function give the **general sine function** or **sinusoid** formula

$$f(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{B}(x - C)\right) + D,$$

where $|A|$ is the *amplitude*, $|B|$ is the *period*, C is the *horizontal shift*, and D is the *vertical shift*. A graphical interpretation of the various terms is revealing and given below.



Two Special Inequalities

For any angle θ measured in radians,

$$-|\theta| \leq \sin \theta \leq |\theta| \quad \text{and} \quad -|\theta| \leq 1 - \cos \theta \leq |\theta|.$$

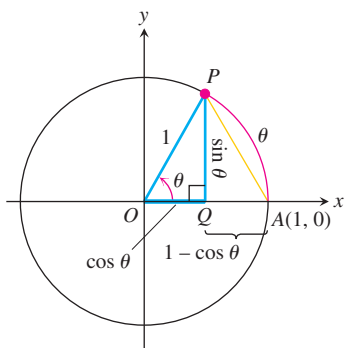


FIGURE 1.49 From the geometry of this figure, drawn for $\theta > 0$, we get the inequality $\sin^2 \theta + (1 - \cos \theta)^2 \leq \theta^2$.

To establish these inequalities, we picture θ as a nonzero angle in standard position (Figure 1.49). The circle in the figure is a unit circle, so $|\theta|$ equals the length of the circular arc AP . The length of line segment AP is therefore less than $|\theta|$.

Triangle APQ is a right triangle with sides of length

$$QP = |\sin \theta|, \quad AQ = 1 - \cos \theta.$$

From the Pythagorean theorem and the fact that $AP < |\theta|$, we get

$$\sin^2 \theta + (1 - \cos \theta)^2 = (AP)^2 \leq \theta^2. \tag{9}$$

The terms on the left-hand side of Equation (9) are both positive, so each is smaller than their sum and hence is less than or equal to θ^2 :

$$\sin^2 \theta \leq \theta^2 \quad \text{and} \quad (1 - \cos \theta)^2 \leq \theta^2.$$

By taking square roots, this is equivalent to saying that

$$|\sin \theta| \leq |\theta| \quad \text{and} \quad |1 - \cos \theta| \leq |\theta|,$$

so

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

These inequalities will be useful in the next chapter.

Exercises 1.3

Radians and Degrees

- On a circle of radius 10 m, how long is an arc that subtends a central angle of (a) $4\pi/5$ radians? (b) 110° ?
- A central angle in a circle of radius 8 is subtended by an arc of length 10π . Find the angle's radian and degree measures.
- You want to make an 80° angle by marking an arc on the perimeter of a 12-in.-diameter disk and drawing lines from the ends of the arc to the disk's center. To the nearest tenth of an inch, how long should the arc be?
- If you roll a 1-m-diameter wheel forward 30 cm over level ground, through what angle will the wheel turn? Answer in radians (to the nearest tenth) and degrees (to the nearest degree).

Evaluating Trigonometric Functions

- Copy and complete the following table of function values. If the function is undefined at a given angle, enter "UND." Do not use a calculator or tables.

θ	$-\pi$	$-2\pi/3$	0	$\pi/2$	$3\pi/4$
$\sin \theta$					
$\cos \theta$					
$\tan \theta$					
$\cot \theta$					
$\sec \theta$					
$\csc \theta$					

- Copy and complete the following table of function values. If the function is undefined at a given angle, enter "UND." Do not use a calculator or tables.

θ	$-3\pi/2$	$-\pi/3$	$-\pi/6$	$\pi/4$	$5\pi/6$
$\sin \theta$					
$\cos \theta$					
$\tan \theta$					
$\cot \theta$					
$\sec \theta$					
$\csc \theta$					

In Exercises 7–12, one of $\sin x$, $\cos x$, and $\tan x$ is given. Find the other two if x lies in the specified interval.

- $\sin x = \frac{3}{5}$, $x \in \left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right]$
- $\tan x = 2$, $x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$
- $\cos x = \frac{1}{3}$, $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right]$
- $\cos x = -\frac{5}{13}$, $x \in \left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right]$
- $\tan x = \frac{1}{2}$, $x \in \left[\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$
- $\sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$, $x \in \left[\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$

Graphing Trigonometric Functions

Graph the functions in Exercises 13–22. What is the period of each function?

- $\sin 2x$
- $\sin(x/2)$
- $\cos \pi x$
- $\cos \frac{\pi x}{2}$
- $-\sin \frac{\pi x}{3}$
- $-\cos 2\pi x$
- $\cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
- $\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

$$21. \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + 1 \qquad 22. \cos\left(x + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) - 2$$

Graph the functions in Exercises 23–26 in the ts -plane (t -axis horizontal, s -axis vertical). What is the period of each function? What symmetries do the graphs have?

$$23. s = \cot 2t \qquad 24. s = -\tan \pi t$$

$$25. s = \sec\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right) \qquad 26. s = \csc\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$$

- T** 27. a. Graph $y = \cos x$ and $y = \sec x$ together for $-3\pi/2 \leq x \leq 3\pi/2$. Comment on the behavior of $\sec x$ in relation to the signs and values of $\cos x$.
- b. Graph $y = \sin x$ and $y = \csc x$ together for $-\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$. Comment on the behavior of $\csc x$ in relation to the signs and values of $\sin x$.
- T** 28. Graph $y = \tan x$ and $y = \cot x$ together for $-7 \leq x \leq 7$. Comment on the behavior of $\cot x$ in relation to the signs and values of $\tan x$.
29. Graph $y = \sin x$ and $y = \lfloor \sin x \rfloor$ together. What are the domain and range of $\lfloor \sin x \rfloor$?
30. Graph $y = \sin x$ and $y = \lceil \sin x \rceil$ together. What are the domain and range of $\lceil \sin x \rceil$?

Using the Addition Formulas

Use the addition formulas to derive the identities in Exercises 31–36.

$$31. \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin x \qquad 32. \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\sin x$$

$$33. \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos x \qquad 34. \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\cos x$$

35. $\cos(A - B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$ (Exercise 57 provides a different derivation.)
36. $\sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$
37. What happens if you take $B = A$ in the trigonometric identity $\cos(A - B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$? Does the result agree with something you already know?
38. What happens if you take $B = 2\pi$ in the addition formulas? Do the results agree with something you already know?

In Exercises 39–42, express the given quantity in terms of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$.

$$39. \cos(\pi + x) \qquad 40. \sin(2\pi - x)$$

$$41. \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} - x\right) \qquad 42. \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} + x\right)$$

$$43. \text{Evaluate } \sin \frac{7\pi}{12} \text{ as } \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{3}\right).$$

$$44. \text{Evaluate } \cos \frac{11\pi}{12} \text{ as } \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right).$$

$$45. \text{Evaluate } \cos \frac{\pi}{12}. \qquad 46. \text{Evaluate } \sin \frac{5\pi}{12}.$$

Using the Half-Angle Formulas

Find the function values in Exercises 47–50.

$$47. \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{8} \qquad 48. \cos^2 \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$49. \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{12} \qquad 50. \sin^2 \frac{3\pi}{8}$$

Solving Trigonometric Equations

For Exercises 51–54, solve for the angle θ , where $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

$$51. \sin^2 \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$52. \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$$

$$53. \sin 2\theta - \cos \theta = 0$$

$$54. \cos 2\theta + \cos \theta = 0$$

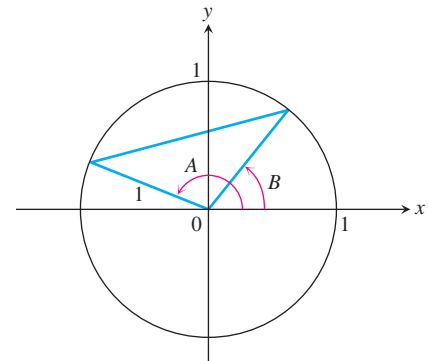
Theory and Examples

55. **The tangent sum formula** The standard formula for the tangent of the sum of two angles is

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

Derive the formula.

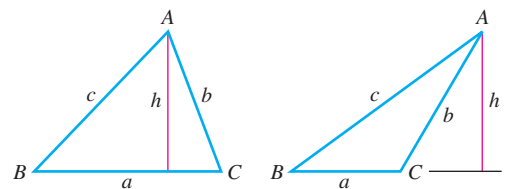
56. (Continuation of Exercise 55.) Derive a formula for $\tan(A - B)$.
57. Apply the law of cosines to the triangle in the accompanying figure to derive the formula for $\cos(A - B)$.



58. a. Apply the formula for $\cos(A - B)$ to the identity $\sin \theta = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)$ to obtain the addition formula for $\sin(A + B)$.
- b. Derive the formula for $\cos(A + B)$ by substituting $-B$ for B in the formula for $\cos(A - B)$ from Exercise 35.
59. A triangle has sides $a = 2$ and $b = 3$ and angle $C = 60^\circ$. Find the length of side c .
60. A triangle has sides $a = 2$ and $b = 3$ and angle $C = 40^\circ$. Find the length of side c .
61. **The law of sines** The law of sines says that if a , b , and c are the sides opposite the angles A , B , and C in a triangle, then

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}.$$

Use the accompanying figures and the identity $\sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin \theta$, if required, to derive the law.



62. A triangle has sides $a = 2$ and $b = 3$ and angle $C = 60^\circ$ (as in Exercise 59). Find the sine of angle B using the law of sines.

63. A triangle has side $c = 2$ and angles $A = \pi/4$ and $B = \pi/3$. Find the length a of the side opposite A .

T 64. **The approximation $\sin x \approx x$** It is often useful to know that, when x is measured in radians, $\sin x \approx x$ for numerically small values of x . In Section 3.11, we will see why the approximation holds. The approximation error is less than 1 in 5000 if $|x| < 0.1$.

- With your grapher in radian mode, graph $y = \sin x$ and $y = x$ together in a viewing window about the origin. What do you see happening as x nears the origin?
- With your grapher in degree mode, graph $y = \sin x$ and $y = x$ together about the origin again. How is the picture different from the one obtained with radian mode?

General Sine Curves

For

$$f(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{B}(x - C)\right) + D,$$

identify A , B , C , and D for the sine functions in Exercises 65–68 and sketch their graphs.

65. $y = 2 \sin(x + \pi) - 1$ 66. $y = \frac{1}{2} \sin(\pi x - \pi) + \frac{1}{2}$

67. $y = -\frac{2}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right) + \frac{1}{\pi}$ 68. $y = \frac{L}{2\pi} \sin \frac{2\pi t}{L}, \quad L > 0$

COMPUTER EXPLORATIONS

In Exercises 69–72, you will explore graphically the general sine function

$$f(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{B}(x - C)\right) + D$$

as you change the values of the constants A , B , C , and D . Use a CAS or computer grapher to perform the steps in the exercises.

69. **The period B** Set the constants $A = 3$, $C = D = 0$.

- Plot $f(x)$ for the values $B = 1, 3, 2\pi, 5\pi$ over the interval $-4\pi \leq x \leq 4\pi$. Describe what happens to the graph of the general sine function as the period increases.
- What happens to the graph for negative values of B ? Try it with $B = -3$ and $B = -2\pi$.

70. **The horizontal shift C** Set the constants $A = 3$, $B = 6$, $D = 0$.

- Plot $f(x)$ for the values $C = 0, 1$, and 2 over the interval $-4\pi \leq x \leq 4\pi$. Describe what happens to the graph of the general sine function as C increases through positive values.
- What happens to the graph for negative values of C ?
- What smallest positive value should be assigned to C so the graph exhibits no horizontal shift? Confirm your answer with a plot.

71. **The vertical shift D** Set the constants $A = 3$, $B = 6$, $C = 0$.

- Plot $f(x)$ for the values $D = 0, 1$, and 3 over the interval $-4\pi \leq x \leq 4\pi$. Describe what happens to the graph of the general sine function as D increases through positive values.
- What happens to the graph for negative values of D ?

72. **The amplitude A** Set the constants $B = 6$, $C = D = 0$.

- Describe what happens to the graph of the general sine function as A increases through positive values. Confirm your answer by plotting $f(x)$ for the values $A = 1, 5$, and 9 .
- What happens to the graph for negative values of A ?

1.4 Graphing with Calculators and Computers

A graphing calculator or a computer with graphing software enables us to graph very complicated functions with high precision. Many of these functions could not otherwise be easily graphed. However, care must be taken when using such devices for graphing purposes, and in this section we address some of the issues involved. In Chapter 4 we will see how calculus helps us determine that we are accurately viewing all the important features of a function's graph.

Graphing Windows

When using a graphing calculator or computer as a graphing tool, a portion of the graph is displayed in a rectangular **display** or **viewing window**. Often the default window gives an incomplete or misleading picture of the graph. We use the term *square window* when the units or scales on both axes are the same. This term does not mean that the display window itself is square (usually it is rectangular), but instead it means that the x -unit is the same as the y -unit.

When a graph is displayed in the default window, the x -unit may differ from the y -unit of scaling in order to fit the graph in the window. The viewing window is set by specifying an interval $[a, b]$ for the x -values and an interval $[c, d]$ for the y -values. The machine selects equally spaced x -values in $[a, b]$ and then plots the points $(x, f(x))$. A point is plotted if and