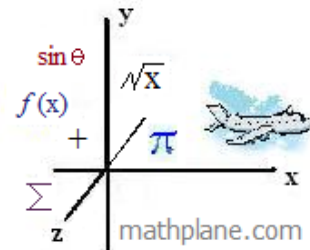
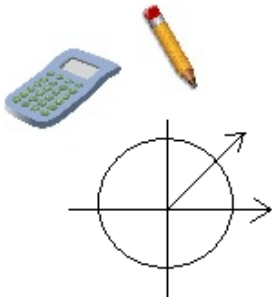


# Trigonometry Packet: Finding Inverse Trig Values



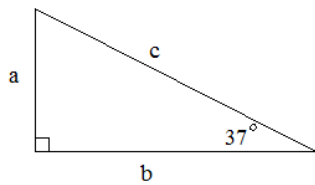
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**Finding inverse trigonometry values**

**Trigonometry Values:** When given the angles of a right triangle, you can determine the ratio of the sides.

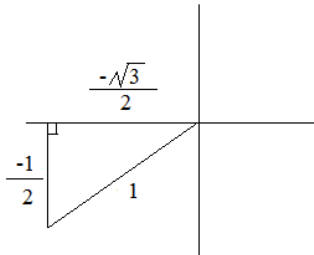
*Example:*



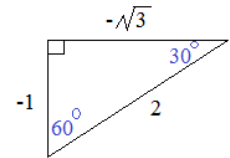
$$\begin{aligned} \sin(37^\circ) &= .602 = \frac{a}{c} & \csc(37^\circ) &= 1.66 = \frac{c}{a} \\ \cos(37^\circ) &= .799 = \frac{b}{c} & \sec(37^\circ) &= 1.25 = \frac{c}{b} \\ \tan(37^\circ) &= .754 = \frac{a}{b} & \cot(37^\circ) &= 1.33 = \frac{b}{a} \end{aligned}$$

Or, when given an angle from the unit circle, you can identify the trig values.

*Example:*



$$\begin{aligned} \sin \frac{7\pi}{6} &= -\frac{1}{2} & \csc \frac{7\pi}{6} &= -2 \\ \cos \frac{7\pi}{6} &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \sec \frac{7\pi}{6} &= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \tan \frac{7\pi}{6} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \cot \frac{7\pi}{6} &= \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$



**Inverse Trigonometry Values:** Suppose you are seeking inverse trig values.  
(i.e. You are given the ratio; and, looking for the angle.)

Note: Inverse trig functions can be expressed using different notations.

*Examples:* Find  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  In other words, "the sine of what angle equals  $\frac{1}{2}$  ?"

EX:  $\sin^{-1}(1) = \text{ArcSin}(1)$

What is  $\text{ArcTan}(1)$ ? In other words, "the tangent of what angle equals 1 ?"

(Answers to the above examples)

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = X \quad X = 30^\circ \text{ because } \sin(30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{ArcTan}(1) = Y \quad Y = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ radians because } \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

$$\text{Also, } X = 150^\circ \text{ because } \sin(150^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Also, } Y = \frac{5\pi}{4} \text{ radians because } \tan \frac{5\pi}{4} = 1$$

$$\text{In fact, } X = 30^\circ + 360^\circ n \text{ and } 150^\circ + 360^\circ n$$

$$\text{All possible solutions: } Y = \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi n \text{ radians}$$

Note: Solutions will often be in 'restricted domains' of trig functions -- (see 'principal values'). Or, they may be in a specified range, such as  $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$

So, how do we find Inverse Trigonometry Values?!?!?

Here is a 4-step method:

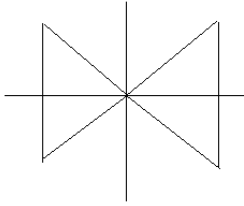
**Finding inverse trig values w/o calculator**

- 1) Draw triangles (on the plane)
- 2) Label sides (and, don't forget the negatives!)
- 3) Eliminate incorrect quadrants
- 4) Solve (find all answers for specified range)

Finding inverse trig values (without a calculator)

Example: Find  $\text{Cos}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$   
for the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$

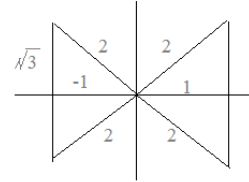
Step 1: Draw Triangles



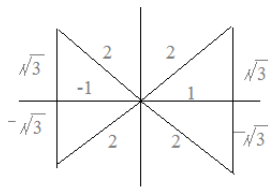
Step 2: Label sides

$\text{Cos} = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$  So, for  $\frac{1}{2}$  Adjacent sides have length 1  
Hypotenuses are 2

Using Pythagorean Theorem, we see the opposite side is  $\sqrt{3}$   
(Since the sides are  $1 \sqrt{3} 2$ , we recognize these are 30-60-90 triangles!)



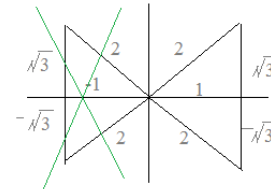
Step 3: Eliminate incorrect Quadrants



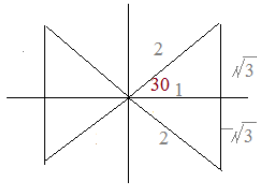
We are seeking angles where

$\text{Cos} \theta$  is positive  $\frac{1}{2}$

So, we eliminate the triangles in quadrants II and III (because those values are negative!)



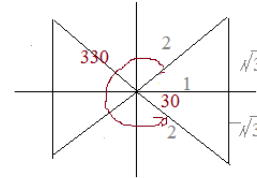
Step 4: Solve



The common reference angle is 30,

so our solution is  $30^\circ$  and  $330^\circ$

for the range  $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$



Finding inverse trig values with a calculator (or trig tables)

Example: Find  $\text{Sin}^{-1}(-.68)$   
between  $90^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$

Step 1: Check mode

I check my calculator: degree mode

Step 2: Input value and calculate the inverse function

input:  $\boxed{-}$   $\boxed{.}$   $\boxed{6}$   $\boxed{8}$   
 $\boxed{2nd}$   $\boxed{SIN}$  or  $\boxed{SIN^{-1}}$   
 $\boxed{=}$  or  $\boxed{EXE}$  or  $\boxed{Enter}$

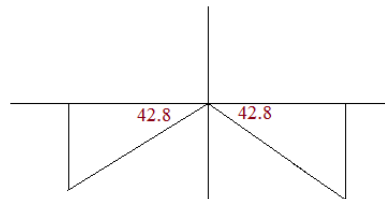
output:  $-42.8436$  (degrees)

Finding inverse trig values with a calculator

- 1) Check the mode (degrees or radians?)
- 2) Input value and calculate with inverse trig function
- 3) Use calculator output to solve for specified range
- 4) Check your answer!

Step 3: Use calculator output to solve for range

The output is  $-42.8^\circ$  but, the specified range is between  $90^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$



Sine is negative in Quadrants III and IV..

Using the reference angle 42.8, the angle between 90 and 270 is

$$180 + 42.8 = 222.8^\circ$$

Step 4: Check your answer!

input:  $\boxed{2}$   $\boxed{2}$   $\boxed{2}$   $\boxed{.}$   $\boxed{8}$   
 $\boxed{SIN}$   $\boxed{=}$  (in degree mode)

output:  $-.67944$

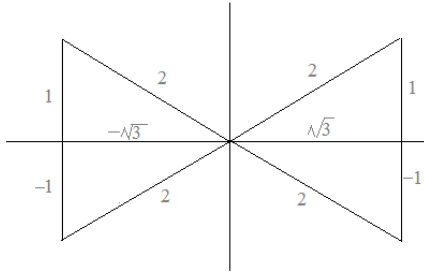
Finding inverse trig values with specified domains

Example: (Without a calculator) Find X

$$\sin X = \frac{-1}{2} \quad \tan X > 0 \quad 0 \leq X < 2\pi$$

Step 1:

Draw Triangles



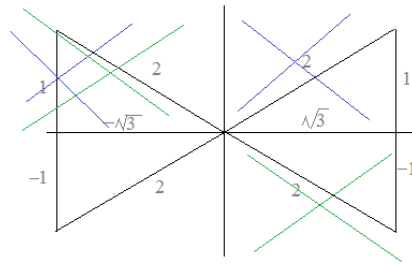
Step 2:

Label sides

"Triangle Method"

- 1) Draw triangles (on the plane)
- 2) Label sides (and, don't forget the negatives!)
- 3) Eliminate incorrect quadrants
- 4) Solve (find all answers for specified range)

Step 3: eliminate quadrants



Tan X > 0  
(Eliminates Quad II and IV)

Sin X = -1/2  
(Eliminates Quad I and II)

X is in Quadrant III

30-60-90 triangle..

reference angle is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

therefore,

$$X = \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

Step 4: Solve

Example: (With a calculator)

For  $\cot X = 4$  and  $\cos X < 0$  what is X ?

Calculator

- 1) Check the mode (degrees or radians?)
- 2) Input value and calculate with inverse trig function
- 3) Use calculator output to solve for specified range
- 4) Check your answer!

Step 1: Check mode

Most prefer using degree mode.

Step 2: Input value

using  $\cot^{-1}$

input:

$$\boxed{4} \boxed{2nd} \boxed{\cot} \boxed{=} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\cot^{-1}} \boxed{4} \boxed{=}$$

(depends on your calculator keys)

Using the Reciprocal:  $\tan X = \cot (1/X)$

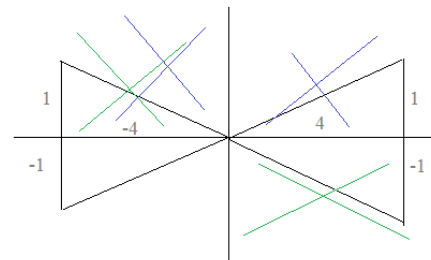
using  $\tan^{-1}$

input:

$$\boxed{4} \boxed{1/x} \boxed{2nd} \boxed{\tan} \boxed{=} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\tan^{-1}} \boxed{(} \boxed{1} \boxed{\div} \boxed{4} \boxed{)} \boxed{=}$$

The output for either:  $14.036^\circ$

Step 3: Use the calculator output to solve for specified range



$$\cot 4 = \cot \frac{4}{1} \text{ or } \cot \frac{-4}{-1}$$

(eliminates quadrants II and IV)

$\cos < 0$

(eliminates quadrants I and IV)

X is in quadrant III, and the reference angle is  $14.04^\circ$

$$X = 180 + 14.04 = 194.04^\circ$$

Step 4: Check answer!

Does  $\cot(194.04) = 4$  ?

$$\boxed{1} \boxed{9} \boxed{4} \boxed{.} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{\cot} \boxed{=}$$

or

$$\boxed{1} \boxed{9} \boxed{4} \boxed{.} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{\tan} \boxed{1/x}$$

output: 3.99889 ✓

Inverse Trig Values and functions: Important notes

1) Definition and notation

An inverse is NOT a reciprocal.

The reciprocal of  $\sin(x)$  is  $\frac{1}{\sin(x)} = \csc(x)$

$\sin^{-1}(x)$  is NOT the reciprocal of  $\sin(x)$

The inverse of  $\sin(x)$  implies that

if  $y = \sin(x)$ ,  $\sin^{-1}(y) = x$   
 "the inverse sine of y is x"

$$\sin^{-1}(x) \neq \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$$

Since  $x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$  it's preferable to use arcsin rather than  $\sin^{-1}$

2) "Restricted Domain" and "principal values"

None of the 6 trig functions are 1-to-1. (e.g.  $\sin 30 = 1/2$   $\sin 150 = 1/2$  and the sine of all the coterminal angles are 1/2;  $\arcsin(1/2)$  can be 30. 150. 390. etc... therefore, the inverse is not a function)...

However, each trig function can have its domain restricted, making a valid function.

3) How many answers? It depends on the specified range.

a) Including all coterminal angles (infinite)

example:  $\arctan(1) = X$  "The tangent of what angle X is 1?"  
 45 , 225 , 405 , 585 , -135 , etc...

All coterminal angles of 45 and 225

b) Principal values from the restricted domain

Principal values when  $x \geq 0$

$x \leq 0$

$0 \leq \sin^{-1}x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ quadrant I	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1}x < 0$ quadrant IV
$0 \leq \cos^{-1}x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ quadrant I	$\frac{\pi}{2} < \cos^{-1}x \leq \pi$ quadrant II
$0 \leq \tan^{-1}x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ quadrant I	$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \tan^{-1}x < 0$ quadrant IV
$0 < \csc^{-1}x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ quadrant I	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \csc^{-1}x < 0$ quadrant IV
$0 \leq \sec^{-1}x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ quadrant I	$\frac{\pi}{2} < \sec^{-1}x \leq \pi$ quadrant II
$0 < \cot^{-1}x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ quadrant I	$\frac{\pi}{2} < \cot^{-1}x < \pi$ quadrant II

c) Depending on the specified range.

examples: 1) Find the  $\arctan(-1)$  for all angles in the interval  $[0^\circ, 360^\circ]$ .

Answer:  $135^\circ$  and  $315^\circ$

2) Evaluate  $\sin^{-1}(1/2) = x$  where  $\cos(x) < 0$

Answer:  $150^\circ$

$\sin 30$  and  $\sin 150$  are both  $1/2$   
 But, since  $\cos(30) > 0$ , we omit that answer.

4) "Quadrantal inverse values" The values are 0, -1, 1, or undefined

5) "Double Trig Values"

Use order of operations -- i.e. evaluate the content inside the parenthesis first using principal values.

Example: Find  $\sin(\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{2})$

step 1:  $(\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{3}$  (quadrant I)

step 2:  $\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Study Break:  
Math Snacks



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*Preferable to ordinary computer cookies...*

*Essential part of a well-rounded, academic diet.*

*Try with (t), or any beverage...*

*Also, look for Honey Graham Squares  
in the geometry section of your local store...*

# PRACTICE TEST

Warm-up:

Practice Test: Finding Inverse Trig Values

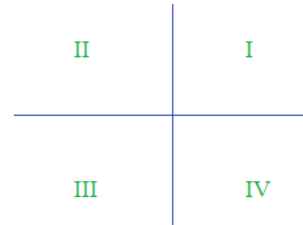
A) Which trig functions are positive in each quadrant?

I:

II:

III:

IV:



Sine  
Cosine  
Tangent

Cosecant  
Secant  
Cotangent

B) Determine the quadrant that satisfies the conditions:

1)  $\cos \theta < 0$       $\sin \theta < 0$

2)  $\sec \theta = 2$       $\csc \theta < 0$

3)  $\tan x = 1$       $\sin x < 0$

4)  $\tan x < 0$       $\cos > 0$

C) Match the 6 Inverse Trig Functions with their (restricted) domains

$\sin^{-1}(x)$

$\cos^{-1}(x)$

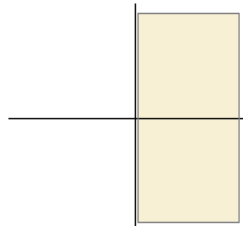
$\tan^{-1}(x)$

$\csc^{-1}(x)$

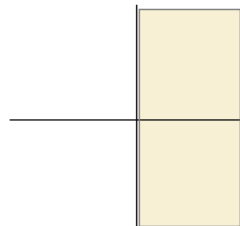
$\sec^{-1}(x)$

$\cot^{-1}(x)$

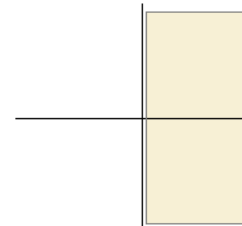
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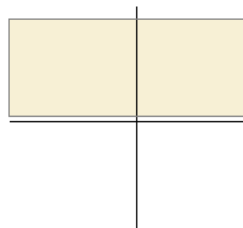
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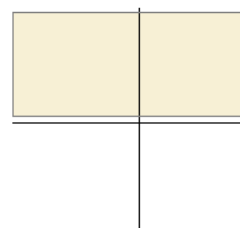
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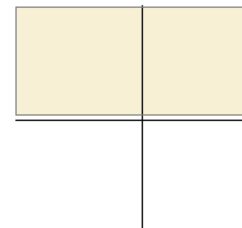
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e)



f)



Practice Test: Finding inverse trig values

I. Solve for  $0^\circ \leq X < 360^\circ$  (No calculator necessary)

1)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = X$

2)  $\arcsin\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = X$

3)  $\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) = X$

4)  $\text{ArcTan}(0) = X$

5)  $\arcsin(3) = X$

6)  $\text{Cot}^{-1}(-1) = X$

II. Determine all possible values, using angles measured in radians.

1)  $\arccos\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)$

2)  $\tan^{-1}(1)$

3)  $\sin^{-1}(1)$

III. Evaluate for  $0^\circ \leq X < 360^\circ$  (Use Calculator)

1)  $\text{Arcsin}(.37) = X$

2)  $\text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) = X$

$\text{Arcsec}(-2.5) = X$



Practice Test: Finding inverse trig values

IV. Using the restricted domains, find the principal values of the following.

1)  $\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) =$

2)  $\tan^{-1}(1) =$

3)  $\sec^{-1}(2) =$

4)  $\sin\left(\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) =$

5)  $\sec\left(\sin^{-1}(1)\right) =$

6)  $\tan\left(\tan^{-1}(z)\right) =$

V. Given the following functions:  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(x) + 2$        $h(t) = -\cos^{-1}(t)$   
(using radians)

Find: 1)  $f\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) =$

2)  $h(1/2) =$

3)  $f(.35) =$

VI. Additional trigonometry questions

1) If  $\tan\theta = \frac{3}{7}$  and  $\sin\theta < 0$ ,

what are the values of the other trig functions?

2) An angle Y is in standard position on the coordinate plane: its initial side is on the x-axis and the terminal side passes through (-5, 3).

What is the measure of angle Y?  
(calculator)

What is  $\sin(Y)$ ?  $\cos(Y)$ ?  $\tan(Y)$ ?

3) Find an equation of a line that makes an angle of 68 degrees with the x-axis and has a y-intercept at -3

4) Find an equation of a line that makes an angle of 40 degrees with the x-axis and has an x-intercept at 4

VII. Finding specific values (with calculator)

Find  $\Theta$

1)  $\sin \Theta = -.38$  and  $180^\circ < \Theta < 270^\circ$

2)  $\tan \Theta = 2.3$  and  $180^\circ < \Theta < 270^\circ$

3)  $\sin \Theta = .8$  and  $90^\circ < \Theta < 180^\circ$

4)  $\cos \Theta = .43$  and  $270^\circ < \Theta < 360^\circ$

Find x

A)  $\cos x = -.74$  and  $\pi < x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

B)  $\tan x = -1.9$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi$

C)  $\cot x = -.66$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

D)  $\csc x = 2.5$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi$

Find  $\Theta$ 

5)  $\sec \Theta > 0$  and  $\tan \Theta = -3.1$

6)  $\cos \Theta < 0$  and  $\tan \Theta = -2.6$

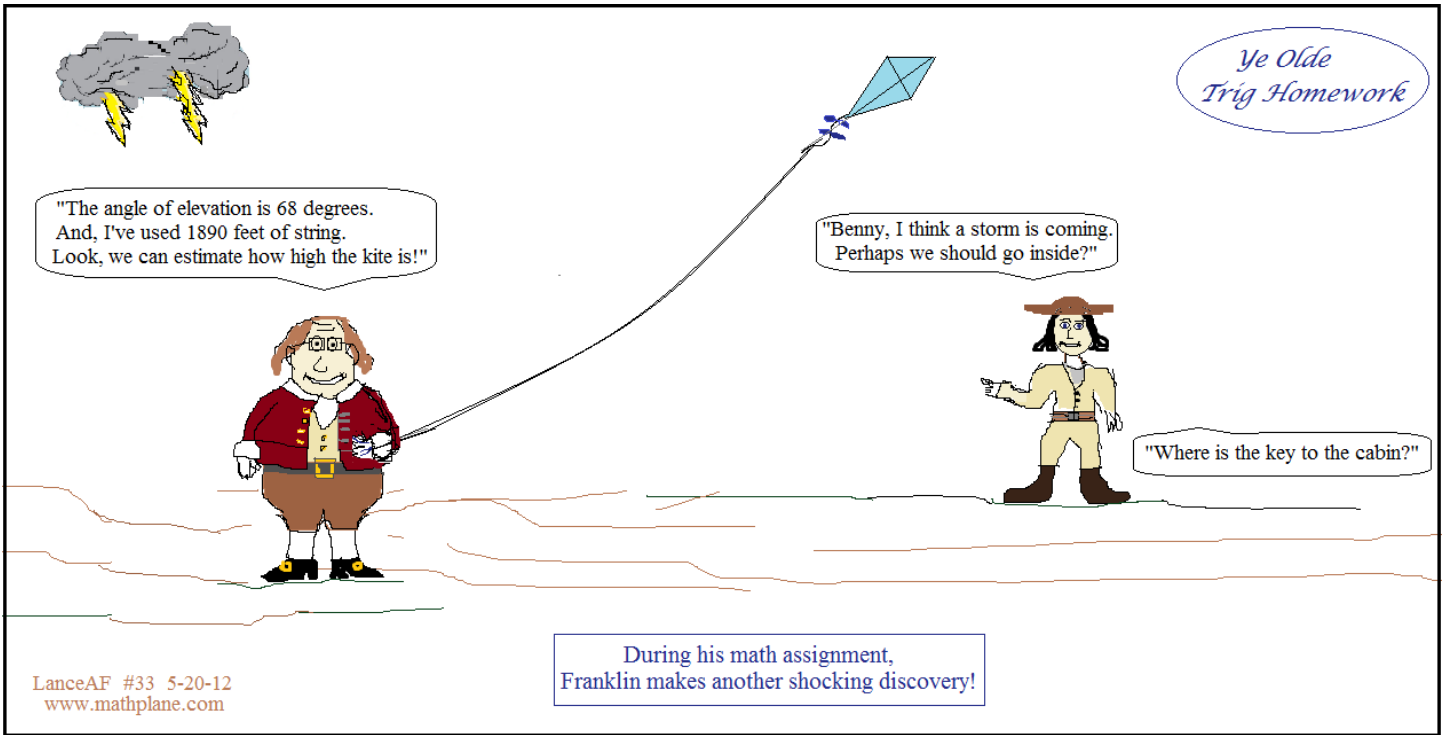
7)  $\sin \Theta = .7$  and  $\tan \Theta < 0$

VIII. Solve

For  $0 < x < 360^\circ$ ,

what is  $2\sin(x + 42^\circ) = 1$  ?

$\sec(x - 35^\circ) = 2$  ?



## HIDDEN MESSAGE PUZZLE

An exercise involving Right Triangles and evaluating Trig Functions

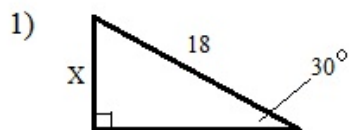
Hidden Term

Clue: "Trig Alert"

Letter Key:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
A C E G I N R S T W

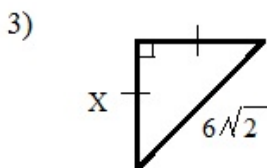
Solve for X. (No calculators!!)



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2)  $X = \text{Cosine } 90^\circ$

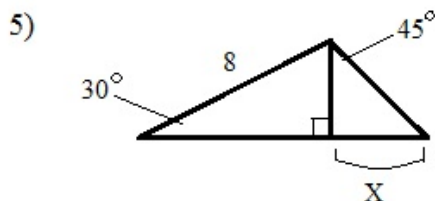
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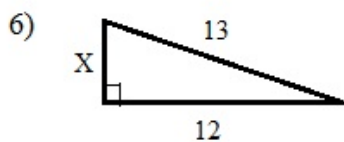
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4) Special Right Triangle (sides): 3 - 4 - X

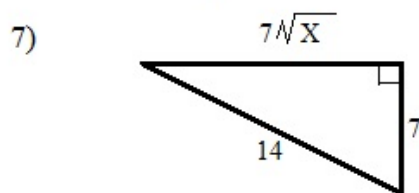
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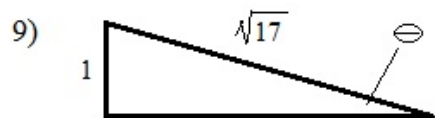
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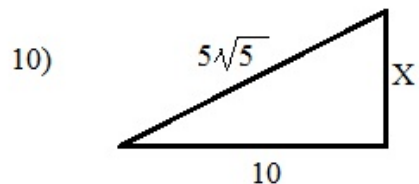
8) Special Right Triangle (sides): X - 24 - 25

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$X = \text{Cotangent } \ominus$

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11)  $\text{CSC } 30^\circ = X$

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*Ye Olde  
Trig Homework*

"The angle of elevation is 68 degrees.  
And, I've used 1890 feet of string.  
Look, we can estimate how high the kite is!"

"Height (h) divided by  
1890 feet equals  $\sin 68^\circ$ ."



1890 feet

1752 feet

$68^\circ$

"You're right: we can use trigonometry. Draw  
a right triangle and use the sine function."



"However, this is only an *estimate*.  
Since the string has curvature, the  
actual distance between Ben and the  
kite is LESS than 1890."

"Also, since Ben is holding the string  
3 feet above the ground, we need to  
add 3 feet to the calculations"

$$\text{Sine } (68^\circ) = \frac{h}{1890 \text{ feet}}$$
$$.927184 (1890 \text{ feet}) \cong 1752.4 \text{ feet}$$

\*\*Franklin's famous kite experiment occurred in June 1752

*What is the approximate height of the kite?*  
Hint: It's the year of Ben Franklin's  
famous kite experiment!

# SOLUTIONS

Warm-up:

SOLUTIONS

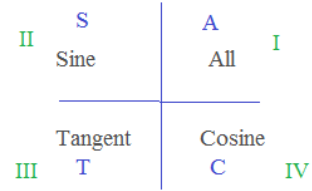
Practice Test: Finding Inverse Trig Values

A) Which trig functions are positive in each quadrant?

- I: Sine, Cosine, Tangent, Cosecant, Secant, Tangent
- II: Sine, Cosecant
- III: Tangent, Cotangent
- IV: Cosine, Secant

which trig functions are positive?

All  
Students  
Take  
Calculus



B) Determine the quadrant that satisfies the conditions:

- 1)  $\cos \theta < 0$      $\sin \theta < 0$     Quadrant III  
     II or III      III or IV
- 2)  $\sec \theta = 2$      $\csc \theta < 0$     Quadrant IV  
     I or IV      III or IV
- 3)  $\tan x = 1$      $\sin x < 0$     Quadrant III  
     I or III      III or IV
- 4)  $\tan x < 0$      $\cos > 0$     Quadrant IV  
     II or IV      I or IV

C) Match the 6 Inverse Trig Functions with their (restricted) domains

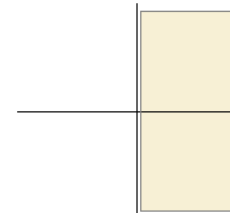
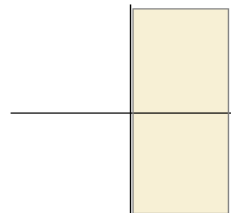
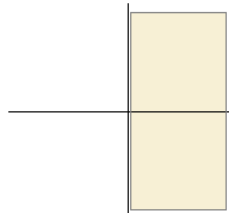
$\sin^{-1}(x)$

a)  $\sin^{-1}(x)$

b)  $\csc^{-1}(x)$

c)  $\tan^{-1}(x)$

$\cos^{-1}(x)$



$\tan^{-1}(x)$

$\csc^{-1}(x)$

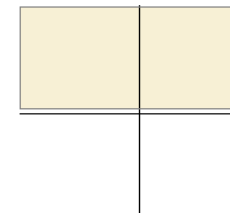
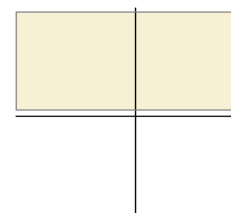
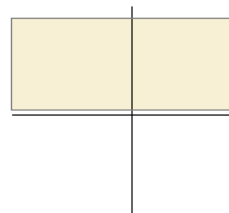
$\sec^{-1}(x)$

$\cot^{-1}(x)$

d)  $\cos^{-1}(x)$

e)  $\sec^{-1}(x)$

f)  $\cot^{-1}(x)$



Note: The domains of tangent and cotangent are different. Why?  
 At 0, cotangent is undefined.

Each area is continuous and includes every positive and negative value.

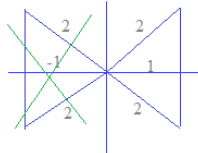
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I. Solve for  $0^\circ \leq X < 360^\circ$  (No calculator necessary)

1)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = X$

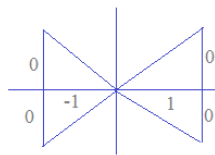
$\cos = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$



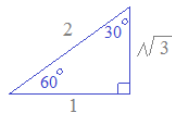
solution must be in quadrants I and IV

4)  $\text{ArcTan}(0) = X$

$\tan = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$  or  $\frac{y}{x}$



Quadrantal:  $y = 0$ , so lies on the x-axis

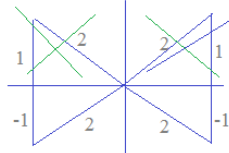


reference angle is  $60^\circ$

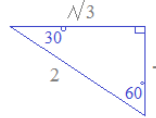
$60^\circ$  and  $300^\circ$

2)  $\arcsin\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = X$

$\sin = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$



solutions must be in quadrants III and IV



reference angle is  $30^\circ$

$210^\circ$  and  $330^\circ$

5)  $\arcsin(3) = X$

No Solutions!

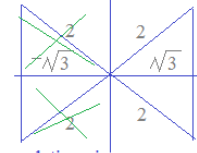
$\sin = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

(the hypotenuse cannot be greater than either leg)

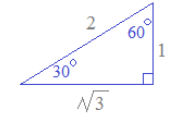
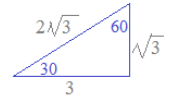
sin values are between -1 and 1

3)  $\sec^{-1}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) = X$

$\sec = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent}}$   $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$



solutions in quadrants I and IV

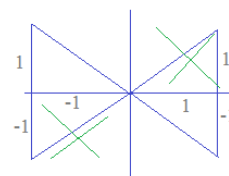


reference angle is  $30^\circ$

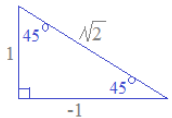
$30^\circ$  and  $330^\circ$

6)  $\text{Cot}^{-1}(-1) = X$

$\cot = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}} = \frac{-1}{1} = \frac{-1}{1}$



solutions must be in quadrants II and IV



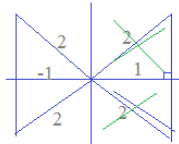
reference angle is  $45^\circ$

$135^\circ$  and  $315^\circ$

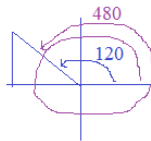
II. Determine all possible values, using angles measured in radians.

1)  $\arccos\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)$

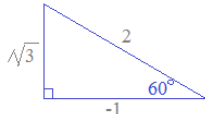
A negative value of cosine is in quadrants II and III



The reference angle is  $60^\circ$

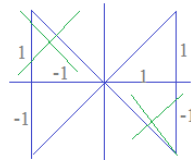


values are  $120^\circ$  and  $240^\circ$  and all the coterminal angles



$\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi n$  and  $\frac{4\pi}{3} + 2\pi n$  where n is any integer

2)  $\tan^{-1}(1)$



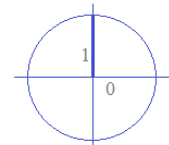
reference angle is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

quadrants I and III

$\frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi n$  and  $\frac{5\pi}{4} + 2\pi n$   
or, simply  $\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi n$

3)  $\sin^{-1}(1)$

$\sin = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{y}{r}$  (on the unit circle)



quadrantal on the y-axis (between quadrants I and II)

$\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n$

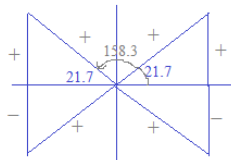
III. Evaluate for  $0^\circ \leq X < 360^\circ$  (Use Calculator)

1)  $\text{Arcsin}(.37) = X$

(calculator in degree mode)

input: .37 inverse sine  
output: 21.7 (degrees)

21.7 is the principal value (and reference angle)



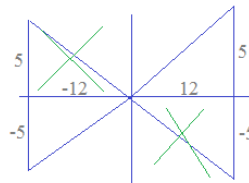
$21.7^\circ$  and  $158.3^\circ$

sine is positive in quadrants I and II

Note: To check your answer, just find  $\sin(21.7^\circ)$  and  $\sin(158.3^\circ)$

2)  $\text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) = X$

input: 5 divided by 12 (= .416667)  
then, inverse tangent  
output: 22.6



tangent is positive in quadrants I and III

$22.6^\circ$  and  $202.6^\circ$

$\text{Arcsec}(-2.5) = X$

input: -2.5 inverse secant  
or  
input:  $1/-2.5$  inverse cosine  
output:  $113.58^\circ$

secant (and cosine) are negative in quadrants II and III

$113.58^\circ$  and  $246.42^\circ$

note: the reference angle is  $(180 - 113.58) = 66.42^\circ$

$180 + 66.42 = 246.42^\circ$



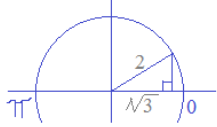
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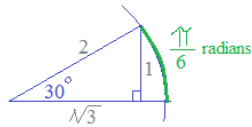
IV. Using the restricted domains, find the principal values of the following.

1)  $\text{arcCos}(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) =$

Cosine principal values:  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

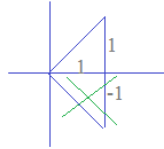


$30^\circ$  or  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  radians

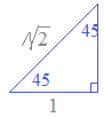


2)  $\text{Tan}^{-1}(1) =$

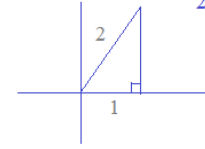
Tangent principal values: in the interval  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$



$45^\circ$  or  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  radians



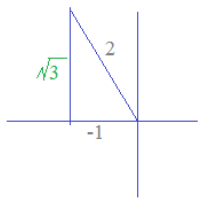
3)  $\text{Sec}^{-1}(2) = \text{arcsec} \frac{2}{1}$  hypotenuse / adjacent side  
 Secant principal values:  $0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}$  if  $> 1$   
 $\frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi$  if  $< -1$



$\frac{\pi}{3}$  radians or  $60^\circ$

4)  $\sin(\text{Cos}^{-1}(\frac{-1}{2})) =$

Negative Cosine value: Quadrant II



$\text{Cos}^{-1}(\frac{-1}{2}) = 120^\circ$   
 $\sin(120^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

5)  $\sec(\text{Sin}^{-1}(1)) =$

Range of sine values:  $-90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$

The sine of what angle is 1?  $90^\circ$

Then, what is  $\sec(90^\circ)$ ?

Undefined!!

Note:  $\cos(90^\circ) = 0$  Secant is the reciprocal of cosine.. And the reciprocal of 0 is undefined.

6)  $\tan(\text{Tan}^{-1}(Z)) =$

Z

V. Given the following functions:  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(x) + 2$   
 (using radians)

Find: 1)  $f(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) =$

$\sin^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) + 2 = \frac{\pi}{3} + 2$

$h(t) = -\cos^{-1}(t)$

2)  $h(1/2) =$

$-\cos^{-1}(1/2) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$

3)  $f(.35) =$

$\sin^{-1}(.35) + 2 =$

$\sin^{-1}(.35)$  (in radians) is approx. .357  
 $.357 + 2 = 2.357$  radians

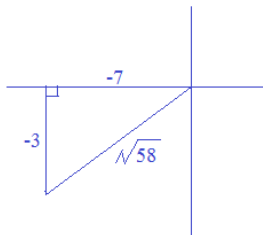
VI. Additional trigonometry questions

1) If  $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{7}$  and  $\sin \theta < 0$ ,

what are the values of the other trig functions?

tangent > 0 and sine < 0 -----> quadrant III

$\frac{3}{7} = \frac{-3}{-7}$

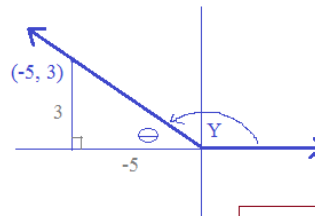


$\sin = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{58}}$   
 $\cos = \frac{-7}{\sqrt{58}}$   
 $\csc = \frac{-\sqrt{58}}{3}$   
 $\sec = \frac{-\sqrt{58}}{7}$   
 $\cot = \frac{-7}{-3} = \frac{7}{3}$

2) An angle Y is in standard position on the coordinate plane: its initial side is on the x-axis and the terminal side passes through (-5, 3).

What is the measure of angle Y?  
 (calculator)

What is Sin(Y)? Cos(Y)? Tan(Y)?



First, find the reference angle:

$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{5}$   
 $\tan^{-1}(\tan \theta) = \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{5}$   
 $\theta = \tan^{-1}(.60) = 30.96^\circ$

Therefore, angle Y is  $149.04^\circ$

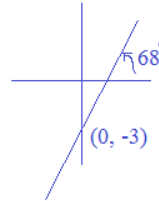
$\text{Tan } Y = -3/5$   $\text{Sin } Y = \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}$   $\text{Cos } Y = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{34}}$

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3) Find an equation of a line that makes an angle of 68 degrees with the x-axis and has a y-intercept at -3

$$\tan(68^\circ) = 1.6$$

$$y = 1.6x - 3$$



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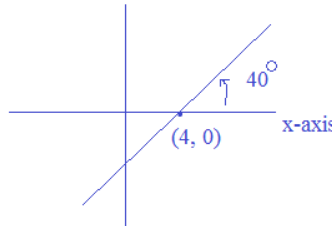
4) Find an equation of a line that makes an angle of 40 degrees with the x-axis and has an x-intercept at 4

$$\tan(40^\circ) = .84 \quad (\text{slope: } \frac{y}{x})$$

$$(y - 0) = .84(x - 4)$$

or

$$y = .84x - 3.36$$



VII. Finding specific values (with calculator)

Find  $\Theta$

1)  $\sin \Theta = -.38$  and  $180^\circ < \Theta < 270^\circ$

$$\sin^{-1}(-.38) = -22.3 \text{ degrees (quad IV)}$$

so, in quad III,  $180 + 22.3 = 202.3 \text{ degrees}$

2)  $\tan \Theta = 2.3$  and  $180^\circ < \Theta < 270^\circ$

$$\tan^{-1}(2.3) = 66.5 \text{ degrees (reference angle)}$$

so, in quad III,  $180 + 66.5 = 246.5 \text{ degrees}$

3)  $\sin \Theta = .8$  and  $90^\circ < \Theta < 180^\circ$

$$\sin^{-1}(.8) = 53.1 \text{ degrees (quad I and reference angle)}$$

also, positive in quad II...  $180 - 53.1 = 126.9 \text{ degrees}$

4)  $\cos \Theta = .43$  and  $270^\circ < \Theta < 360^\circ$

$$\cos^{-1}(.43) = 64.5 \text{ degrees (principal value)}$$

also, positive in quad IV...

$360 - 64.5 = 295.5 \text{ degrees}$

Find x

A)  $\cos x = -.74$  and  $\pi < x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$$\cos^{-1}(-.74) = 2.4 \text{ radians (137.7 degrees)}$$

reference angle:  $3.14 - 2.4 = .74$

so, in quad III,  $3.14 + .74 = 3.88 \text{ radians (222.3 degrees)}$

B)  $\tan x = -1.9$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi$

$$\tan^{-1}(-1.9) = -1.1 \text{ radians } (-62.2^\circ + 180^\circ \text{K})$$

+  $\pi$  K

so, in quad II,  $2.06 \text{ radians (117.8 degrees)}$

C)  $\cot x = -.66$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

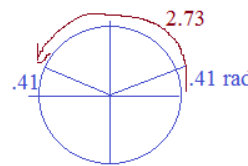
$$\cot^{-1}(-.66) = 2.15 \text{ radians (123.2 degrees)}$$

or  $\tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{.66})$

D)  $\csc x = 2.5$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi$

$$\csc^{-1}(2.5) = .41$$

(23.6 degrees or 156.4 degrees)



in Quad II,

$\pi + .41 \text{ rad} = 2.73 \text{ rad}$

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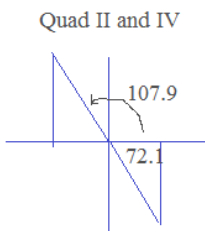
Find  $\ominus$

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5)  $\sec \ominus > 0$  and  $\tan \ominus = -3.1$

$$\tan^{-1}(-3.1) = -72.1^\circ + 360K$$

or  $107.9^\circ + 360K$



since  $\sec > 0$  in Quad I or IV,  
the solution is in Quad IV....

$-72.1^\circ + 360^\circ K$

where K is any integer

6)  $\cos \ominus < 0$  and  $\tan \ominus = -2.6$

$$\tan^{-1}(-2.6) = -69^\circ + 360K$$

or  $111^\circ + 360K$

tangent is negative in Quad II and IV

cosine is negative in Quad II and III

therefore, solution is in Quad II

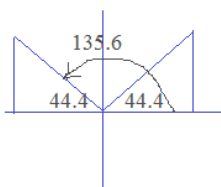
$111^\circ + 360^\circ K$

where K is any integer

7)  $\sin \ominus = .7$  and  $\tan \ominus < 0$

$$\sin^{-1}(.7) = 44.4^\circ + 360K$$

or  $135.6^\circ + 360K$



Sine is positive in Quad I and II  
Tan is negative in Quad II or IV

solution is in Quad II

$135.6^\circ + 360^\circ K$

where K is any integer

**VIII. Solve**

For  $0 < x < 360^\circ$ ,

what is  $2\sin(x + 42^\circ) = 1$  ?

Let  $A = x + 42$ ,  $2\sin(A) = 1$

$$\sin(A) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$A = 30^\circ + 360K \text{ or } 150^\circ + 360K$$

Therefore,  $(x + 42^\circ) = -330, 30, 390, 750, \dots$

or  $(x + 42^\circ) = -210, 150, 510, 870, \dots$

$$x = -372, -12, 348, 708, \dots$$

$x = 108^\circ, 348^\circ$

$$\text{or } x = -252, 108, 468, 828, \dots$$

$\sec(x - 35^\circ) = 2$  ?

Let  $B = x - 35$ ,  $\sec(B) = 2$

$$B = \sec^{-1}(2) = 60^\circ + 360K \text{ or } -60^\circ + 360K$$

Therefore,  $(x - 35^\circ) = -300, 60, 420, 780, \dots$

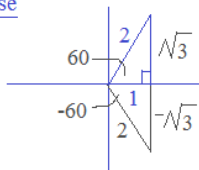
$$(x - 35^\circ) = -420, -60, 300, 660, \dots$$

$$x = -265, 95, 455, 815, \dots$$

$x = 95^\circ, 335^\circ$

$$\text{or } x = -385, -25, 335, 695, \dots$$

$\sec = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent}}$



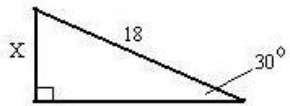
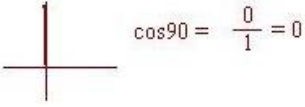
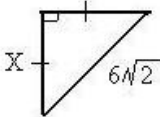
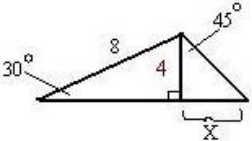
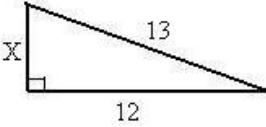
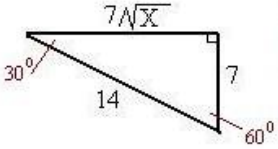
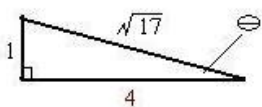
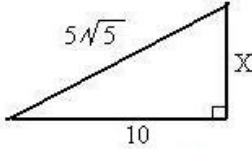
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Clue: "Trig Alert"

Letter Key:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	C	E	G	I	N	R	S	T	W

Solve for X. (No calculators!!)

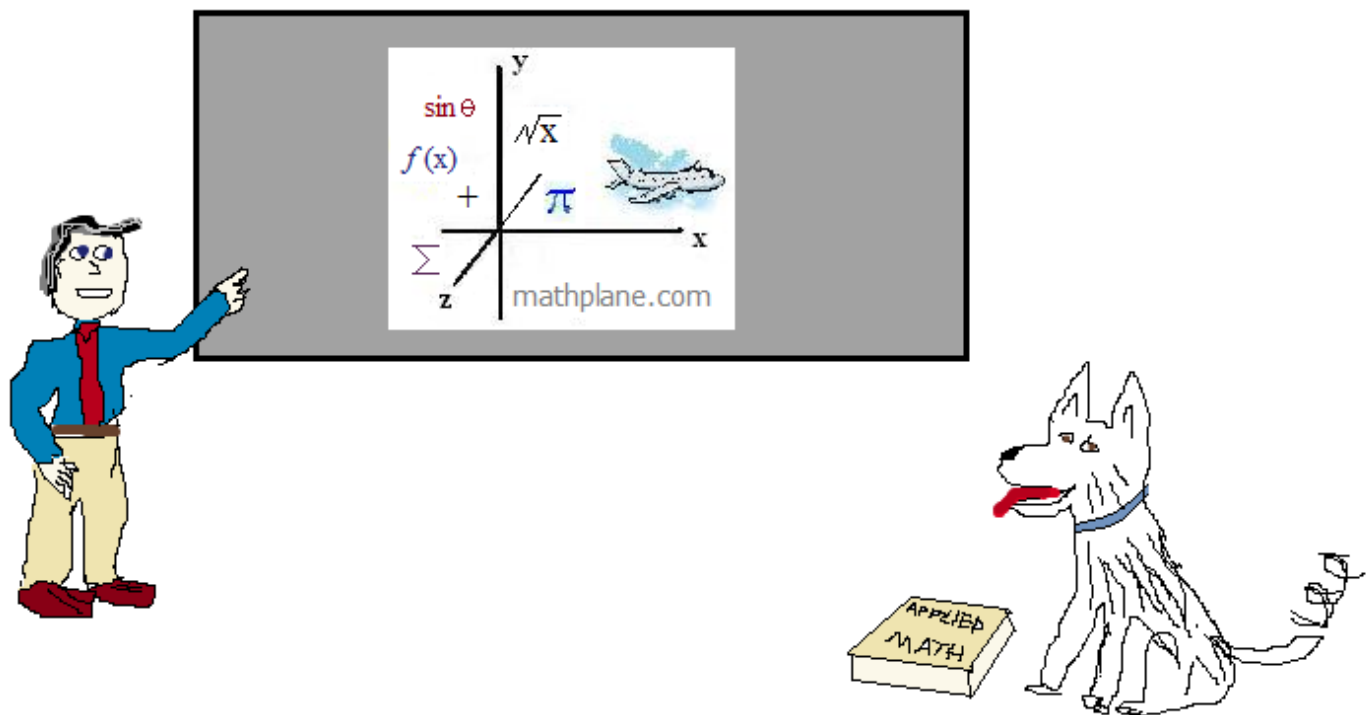
- 1)  30-60-90 right triangle  
so,  $2X = 18$   
 $X = 9$  9 → W
- 2)  $X = \text{Cosine } 90^\circ$    $\cos 90 = \frac{0}{1} = 0$  0 → A
- 3)  Congruent sides  $\therefore$   
45-45-90 triangle  
 $X = 6$  6 → R
- 4) Special Right Triangle (sides): 3-4-X  $X = 5$  5 → N
- 5)  30-60-90 triangle; therefore, small side is 1/2 hypotenuse  $\rightarrow 4$   
then,  
45-45-90 triangle;  $X = 4$  4 → I
- 6)  use pythagorean theorem:  
 $X^2 + 12^2 = 13^2$   
 $X = 5$  5 → N
- 7)  (Since one side is 1/2 of the hypotenuse, it must be a 30-60-90 right triangle)  
 $X = 3$  3 → G
- 8) Special Right Triangle (sides): X-24-25  $X = 7$  7 → S
- 9)   $X = \text{Cotangent } \ominus$   
Other leg is 4 (pythagorean theorem)  
 $\text{Cotangent} = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}} = \frac{4}{1} = 4$  4 → I
- 10)   $X^2 + 10^2 = (5\sqrt{5})^2$   
 $X^2 = 125 - 100$   $X = 5$  5 → N
- 11)  $\text{CSC } 30^\circ = X$  2 → E  
Cosecant is inverse of Sine  
so, it is hypotenuse/opposite  
 $\text{CSC } 30 = 2/1 = 2$

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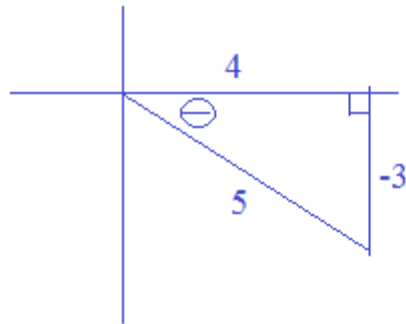
ONE MORE QUESTION:

$$\sin(\cos^{-1}(\tan(\arcsin(-3/5)))) =$$

ANSWER ->

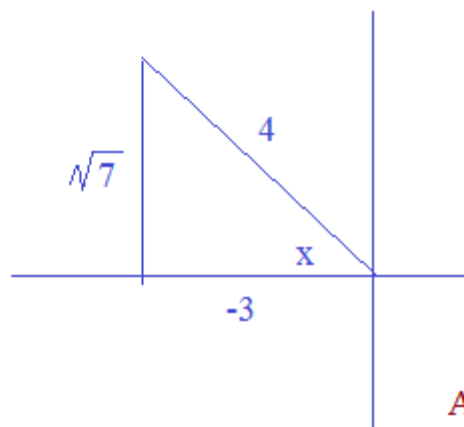
$$\sin(\cos^{-1}(\tan(\arcsin(-3/5)))) =$$

$$\arcsin(-3/5) = \ominus$$



$$\text{so, } \tan(\ominus) = -3/4$$

$$\cos^{-1}(-3/4) = x$$



therefore,

$$\sin(x) = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

**ANSWER**