Lesson Plan 3 - Unit Circle & Trig Functions Part 1

- 1) Take attendance
- 2) Homework
- 3) Quiz on 6.1, 8.1, 8.3 On Monday
- 4) Discuss Exact and Inexact answers

View of Trig functions from the point of view of a Right Triangle



h-hypotenuse o-opposite a-adjacent

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$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{o}{h}$$
$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{a}{h}$$
$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{o}{a}$$

Memory Device:

SOH-CAH-TOA (Sounds indian)

SOH (Sin = 0/H) Sine = Opposite/Hypoteneuse

CAH (Cos=A/H) Cosine = Adjacent/Hypoteneuse

TOA (Tan=O/A) Tangent = Opposite/Adjacent

This is only useful when you have a right triangle. Note that  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

### **Review of Sines and Cosines**

http://schoenbrun.com/foothill/math48c-2/mpeg/Ratios.mp4

#### What kind of problems can we solve with this?

Given any two of  $\theta$ , h, a or o, we can find all missing angles and sides of the triangle.

Example: Given a right triangle with hypotenuse length 10 and missing sides and  $\theta = 60^{\circ}$  what are the missing angles and sides?



 $sin(60^{\circ}) = \sqrt{3}/2$  $\cos(60^{\circ}) = 1/2$ 

Example: Given a right triangle with hypotenuse length 10 and leg 4, what are the missing angles and sides?



# Finding the value of Sines and Cosines

# Some ancient history

How we used to get the values of arbitrary trig functions from a table.

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Note the degrees listed on the top and bottom

### **Complementary Angles**



Note that:

 $\sin(\theta) = \frac{A}{C} \qquad \cos(\theta) = \frac{B}{C}$  $\cos(90^\circ - \theta) = \frac{A}{C} \qquad \sin(90^\circ - \theta) = \frac{B}{C}$ 

So we have the following Identities

 $\sin(90-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$  $\cos(90-\theta) = \sin(\theta)$ 

So we really only need to know the sines and cosines of the angles between 0° and 45°.

#### Using a Calculator to find Sines and Cosines ALWAYS CHECK THE MODE!!!!!!!



### **Unit Circle View of Trig functions**

Here we redefine the sin and cosine functions as coordinates on the unit circle.



Take a look at this animation and notice that the sine and cosine function are doing the same thing, only out of sync by  $90^{\circ}$ 

http://schoenbrun.com/foothill/math48c-2/gsps/CircularMotion.gsp

This produces the same function values as the triangle, but is not limited to  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ 



Note that in the 2nd quadrant the sine is still positive but the cosine is negative.

In the third quadrant both are negative





And in the 4th quadrant only the sine is negative.



Here we have a map of showing what sign's of the two functions in each quadrant.



There are some important angles that now have sines and cosines:

 $\sin(0^{\circ}) = 0$  $\cos(0^{\circ}) = 1$  $\sin(90^{\circ}) = 1$  $\cos(90^{\circ}) = 0$  $\sin(180^{\circ}) = 0$  $\cos(180^{\circ}) = -1$  $\sin(270^{\circ}) = -1$  $\cos(270^{\circ}) = 0$ 

# **Reference Angles**

A **Reference angle** is an angle in the first quadrant. Every angle will have a corresponding References Angle.

The trigonometric functions of an angle will have the same value as for the corresponding reference angle or it's negative.

First we look at angles  $0^{\circ} \le \theta \le 360^{\circ}$ 

### Note, that the reference angle for any angle in the first quadrant is itself.

For an angle in the 2nd quadrant, draw a line parallel to the X-axis through the point where the angle intersects the unit circle and then find where this line intersects the unit circle in the first quadrant.



Note that for the 2nd quadrant  $\theta_R = 180^\circ - \theta$ 

Also note that

 $\sin(\theta_{R}) = \sin(\theta)$ 

but

 $\cos(\theta_{R}) = -\cos(\theta)$ 

For an angle in the 3rd quadrant, extend the terminal ray in the opposite direction and find where it intersects the unit circle.



Note that for the 3rd quadrant  $\theta_R = \theta - 180^\circ$ 

Also note that

 $\sin\left(\theta_{R}\right) = -\sin\left(\theta\right)$ 

and

 $\cos(\theta_{R}) = -\cos(\theta)$ 

Finally for an angle in the 4th quadrant draw a line parallel to the y axis from where the angle intersects the unit circle.



Note that for the 4th quadrant  $\theta_R = 360^\circ - \theta$ 

Also note that

 $\sin(\theta_R) = -\sin(\theta)$ 

but

 $\cos(\theta_{R}) = \cos(\theta)$ 

For any angle  $\theta < 0^{\circ}$  or  $\theta > 360^{\circ}$ 

There is some angle  $\theta_u$ , u as in unit-circle for which

 $\theta = \theta_u + n360^\circ$ 

where *n* is an integer such that  $0^{\circ} \le \theta_u \le 360^{\circ}$ 

With 
$$\sin(\theta_u) = \sin(\theta)$$

and

 $\cos(\theta_u) = \cos(\theta)$ 

So for calculation purposes, we only need to know the values of the sine and cosine between  $0^{\circ}$  and  $45^{\circ}$ .

To do this first find  $\theta_u$  between 0° and 360°.

Then find the Reference angle checking whether the sign changes.

Finally, if an angle is  $> 45^{\circ}$ , find the other function (sine or cosine) of it's complement.

Of course if we are using a calculator, there's no reason to go through this process!

Handout Part 1!

## **Special Angles with Exact Values**

Using our knowledge of special triangles from geometry: **30/60/90 triangles:** 

Take an equilateral triangle with sides 1 whose angles must all be 60°.

Drop a perpendicular from it's highest point to the base.

This divides the triangle into two congruent triangles.

By symmetry the angles of each of these triangles must be

30/60/90 degrees.

The base is 1/2 and the hypotenuse is 1 so by the Pythagorean theorem we get the second leg to be  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ 



This tells us that

$$\sin\left(60^\circ\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$
$$\cos\left(60^\circ\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Isosceles right triangles:

Given a right isosceles triangle with hypotenuse 1 we know immediately that the smaller angles are 45° and by the Pythagorean theorem, the legs are  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ 



This tells us that

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

The exact values of the sine and cosine can be determined exactly for angles that multiples of  $30^{\circ}$  and  $45^{\circ}$ .

Angle	Sine	Cos	Angle	Sine	Cos	Angle	Sine	Cosine	Angle	Sine	Cos
0°			90°			$180^{\circ}$			360°		
30°			120°			210°			300°		
45°			135°			225°			315°		
60°			150°			240°			330°		

Functions: We can find an exact expression for any multiple of 30° or 45°

Handout Part 2!

## Solutions

Angle	(cos,sin)	Angle	(cos,sin)	Angle	(cos,sin)	Angle	(cos,sin)
0°	(+1,0)	90°	(0,+1)	180°	(-1,0)	360°	(0,-1)
30°	$\left(+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2},+\frac{1}{2}\right)$	120°	$\left(-\frac{1}{2},+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$	210°	$\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2},-\frac{1}{2}\right)$	300°	$\left(+\frac{1}{2},-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$
45°	$\left(+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$	135°	$\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$	225°	$\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$	315°	$\left(+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$
60°	$\left(+\frac{1}{2},+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$	150°	$\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2},+\frac{1}{2}\right)$	240°	$\left(-\frac{1}{2},-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$	330°	$\left(+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2},-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Demonstrate using a calculator to get sines and cosines.

Handout Part 3

Homework:

Read Section 8.3 Problems for 1/22 on page 542 #15-18, 37, 45, 50, 51, 54