

Chapter 13: Trigonometric Ratios and Functions

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13.1 – Right Triangle Trigonometry

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Recap of trigonometric ratios

opposite the
90° angle.

hypotenuse

opposite
side



adjacent side

↓
is one side
of the angle.

RIGHT TRIANGLE DEFINITION OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

Let θ be an acute angle of a right triangle. The six trigonometric functions of θ are defined as follows.

S/O
C/A
T/O

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}$$

The abbreviations *opp*, *adj*, and *hyp* represent the lengths of the three sides of the right triangle. Note that the ratios in the second row are the reciprocals of the ratios in the first row. That is:

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

Evaluating Trigonometric Ratios

Evaluate the six trigonometric functions of the angle θ shown in the right triangle.

$$\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}$$

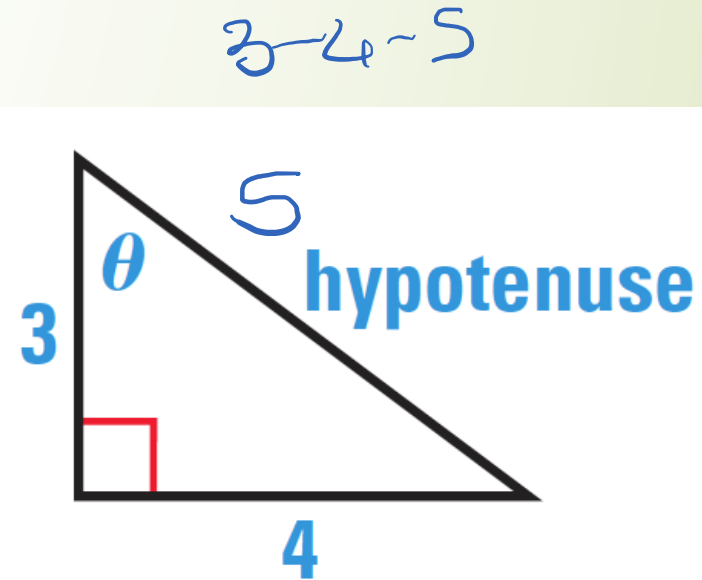
$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{5}{4}$$

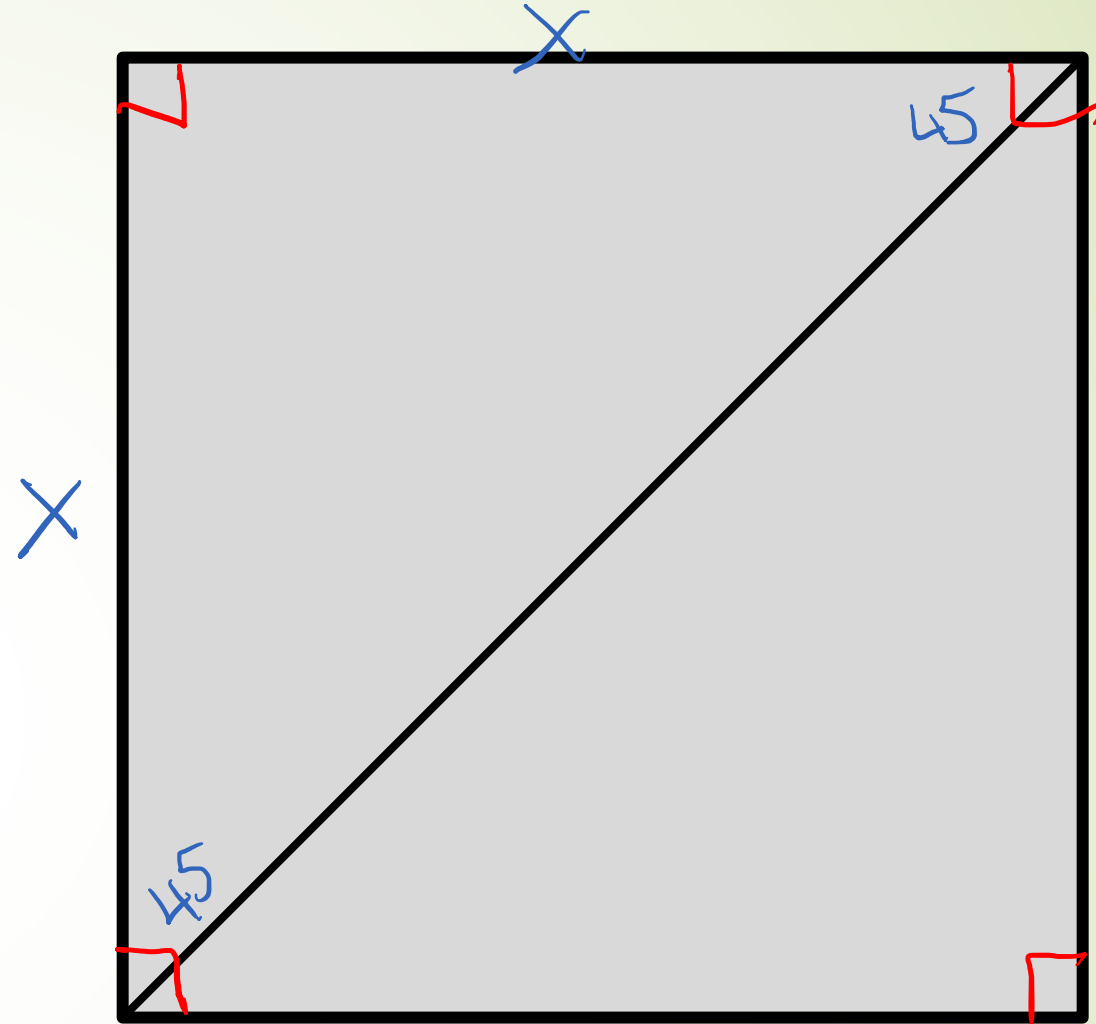
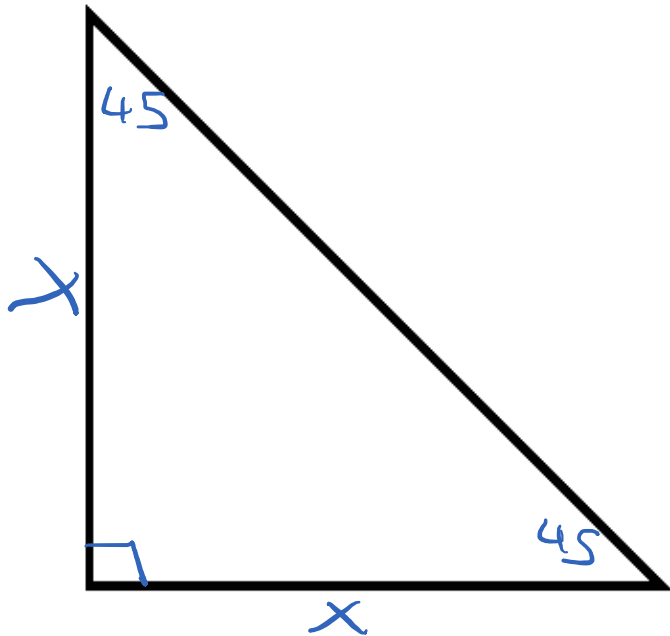
$$\sec \theta = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$



Special Right Triangle

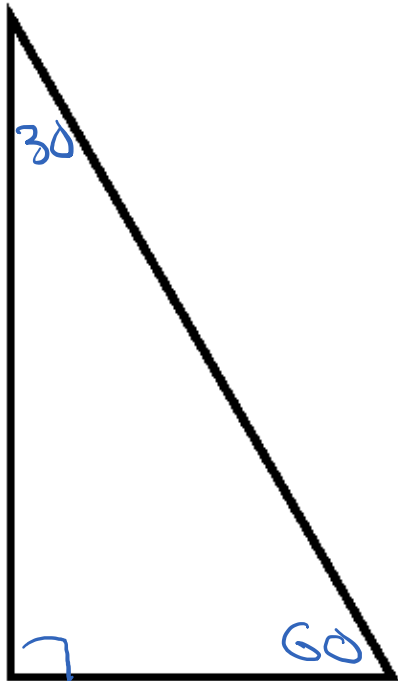
Angle Measures		
45	45	90
Side Measures		
x	x	$x\sqrt{2}$



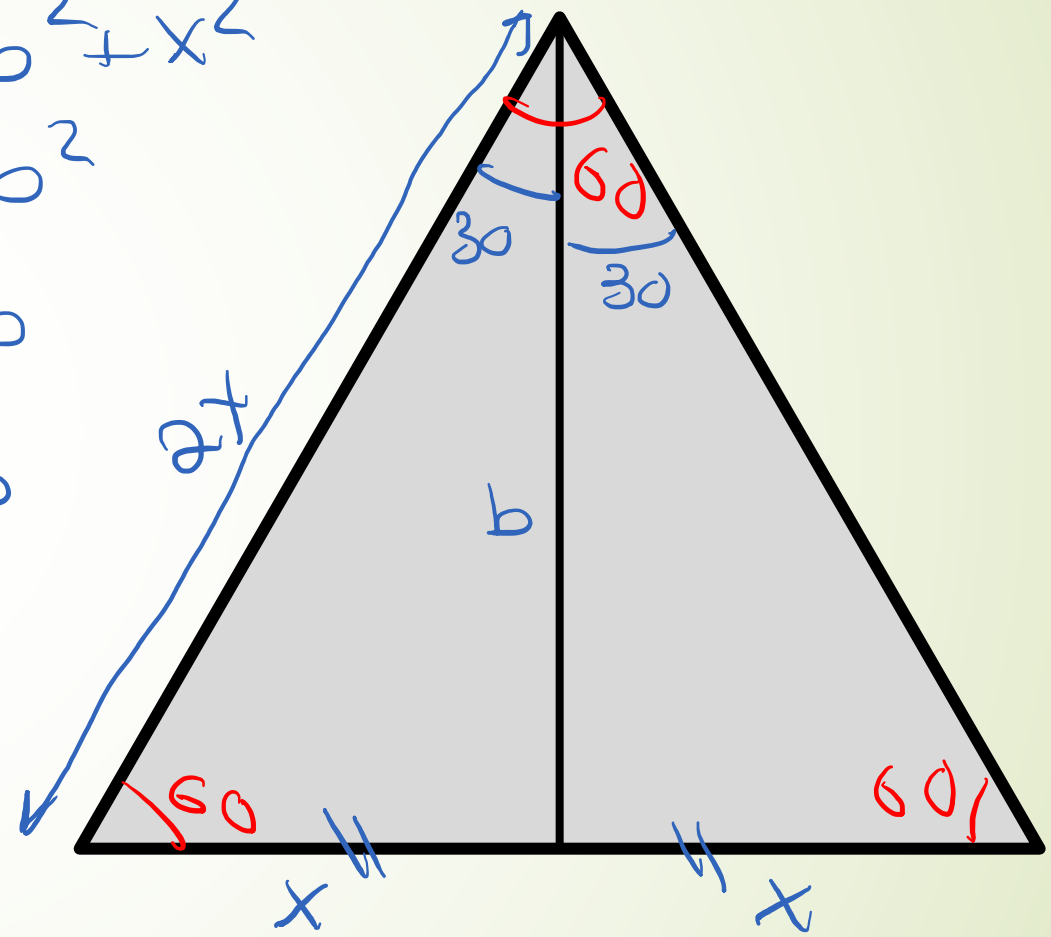
$$c^2 = x^2 + x^2$$
$$c^2 = 2x^2$$
$$c = \sqrt{2x^2}$$
$$c = x\sqrt{2}$$

Special Right Triangle

Angle Measures		
30	60	90
Side Measures		
x	$x\sqrt{3}$	$2x$



$$(2x)^2 = b^2 + x^2$$
$$4x^2 = b^2 + x^2$$
$$3x^2 = b^2$$
$$\sqrt{3x^2} = b$$
$$x\sqrt{3} = b$$



Ratios of Common Angles

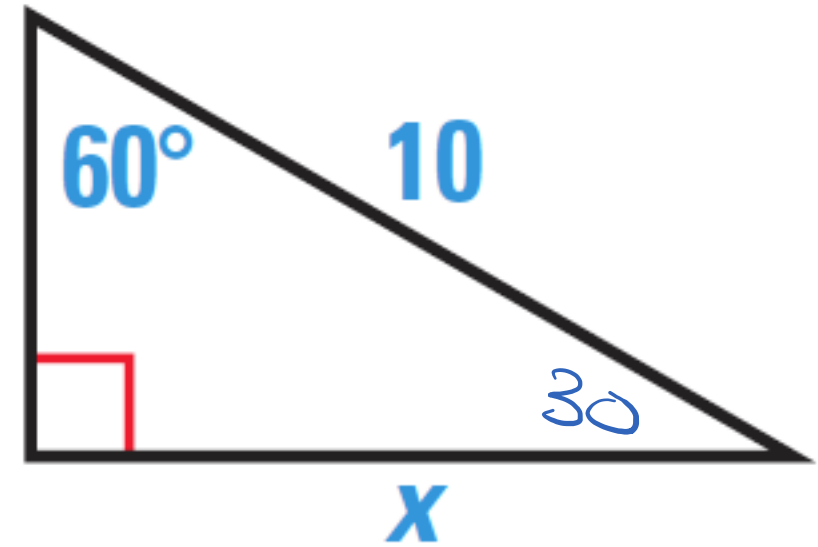
θ	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$	$\csc \theta$	$\sec \theta$	$\cot \theta$
30°	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	2	$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$	$\sqrt{3}$
45°	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	1	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	1
60°	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\sqrt{3}$	$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$	2	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

Find the value of x for the right triangle shown.

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30	60	90
x	$x\sqrt{3}$	$2x$
5	$5\sqrt{3}$	10

$$x = 5\sqrt{3}$$



Solving Triangles

SIO
C/A
A/O

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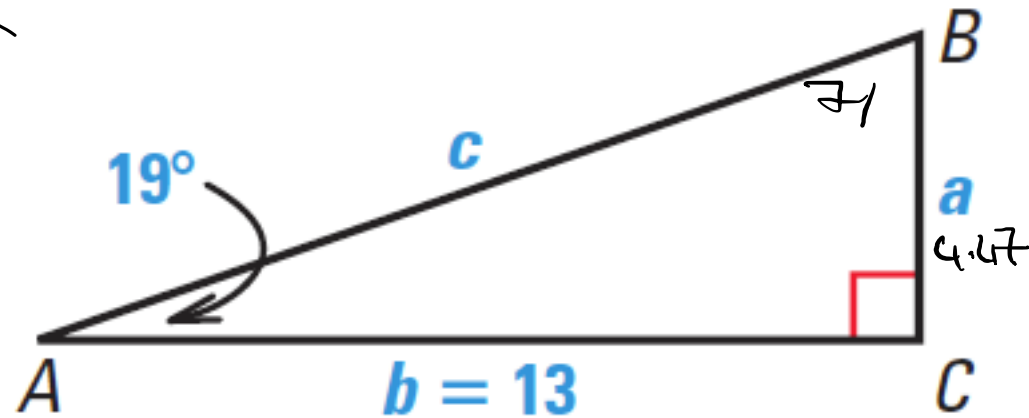
- Solving triangles means finding the angles and sides.

Solve $\triangle ABC$.

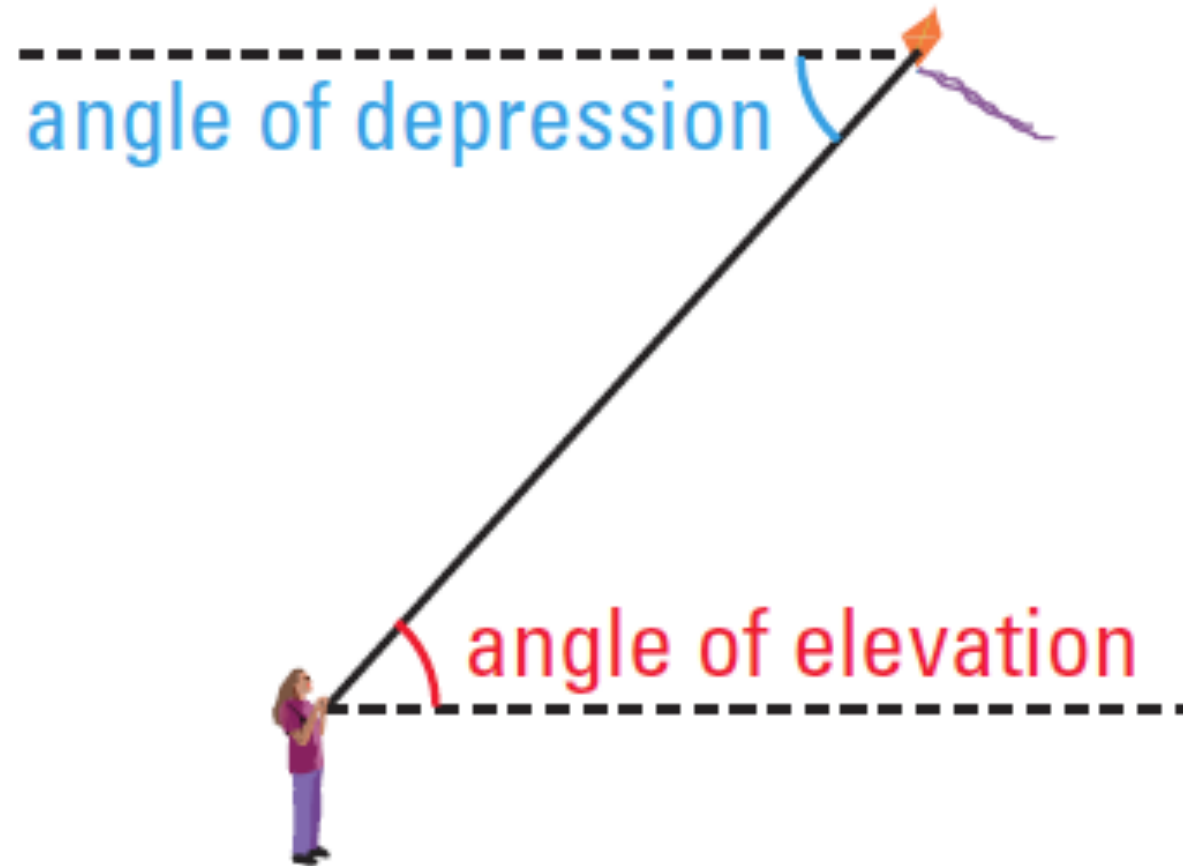
$$m\angle B = 90 - 19 = 71$$

$$\tan 19 = \frac{a}{13} \rightarrow a = 13 \tan 19 = 4.47$$

$$\cos 19 = \frac{13}{c} \rightarrow c = \frac{13}{\cos 19} = 13.75$$



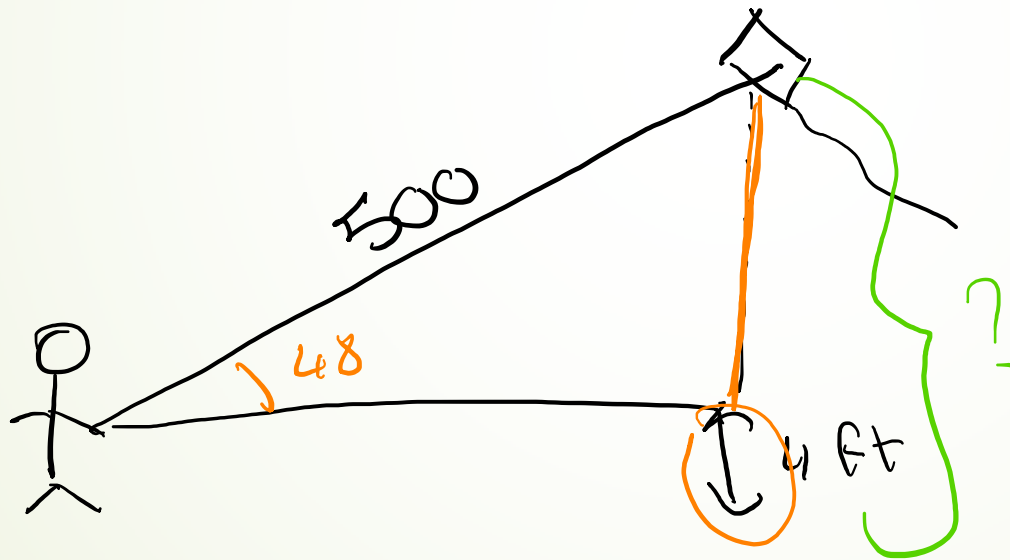
Using Trigonometry in Real Life



angle of elevation

KITE FLYING Wind speed affects the angle at which a kite flies. The table at the right shows the angle the kite line makes with a line parallel to the ground for several different wind speeds. You are flying a kite 4 feet above the ground and are using 500 feet of line. At what altitude is the kite flying if the wind speed is 35 miles per hour?

Wind speed (miles per hour)	Angle of kite line (degrees)
25	70
30	60
35	48
40	29
45	0



$$\sin 48 = \frac{x}{500}$$

$$x = 500 \sin 48$$

$$x = 371.57 \text{ ft}$$

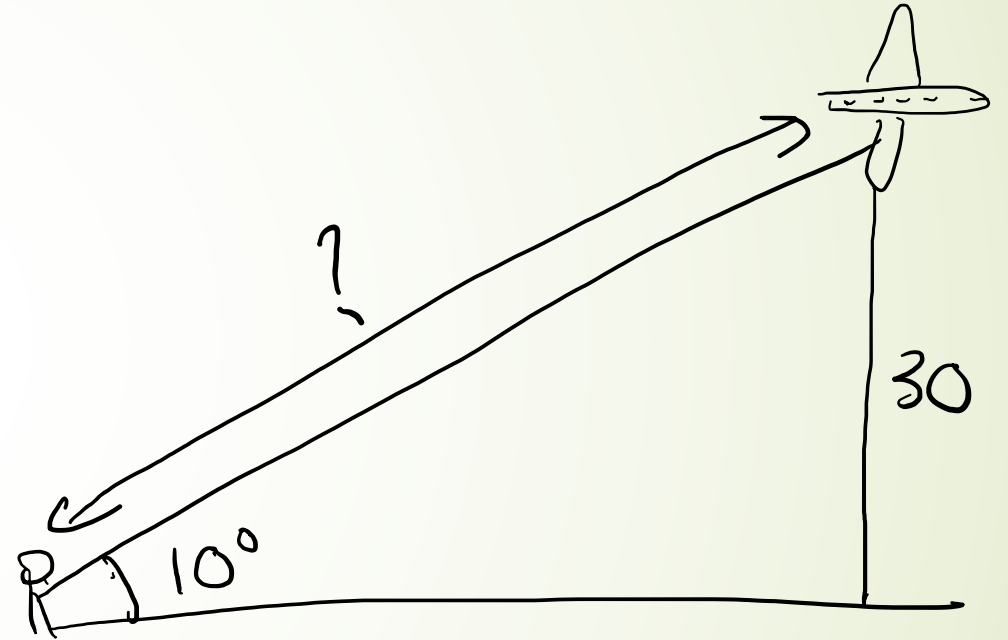
$$a = 375.57 \text{ ft}$$

An airplane flying at an altitude of 30,000 feet is headed toward an airport. To guide the airplane to a safe landing, the airport's landing system sends radar signals from the runway to the airplane at a 10° angle of elevation. How far is the airplane (measured along the ground) from the airport runway?

$$\sin 10 = \frac{30}{x}$$

$$x = \frac{30}{\sin 10}$$

$$x \approx 172,000 \text{ ft}$$



13.2 – General Angles and Radian Measure

Definitions

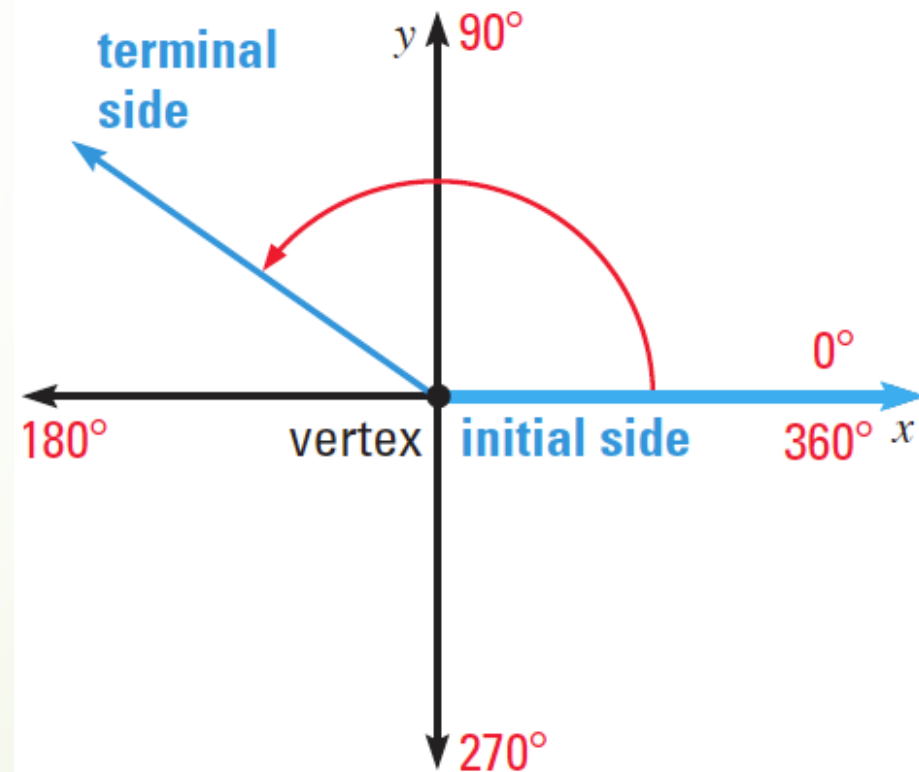
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Initial side: Fixed side of the angle.

Terminal side: Side that results in the rotation.

Standard position: The initial side is aligned with the x-axis.

Coterminal angles: angles with different measures that have coinciding terminal sides.



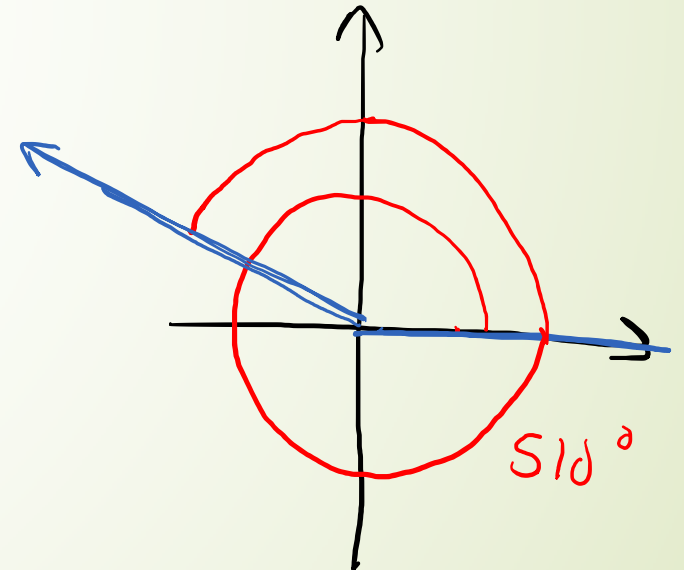
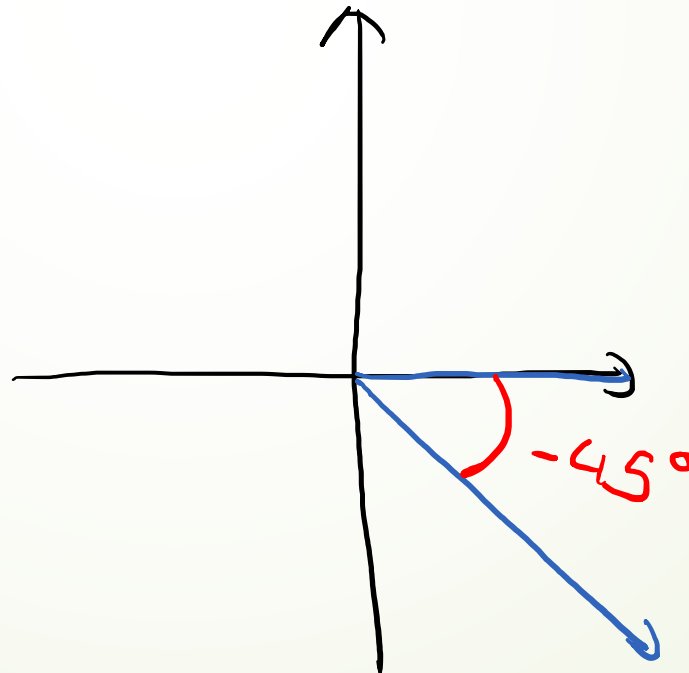
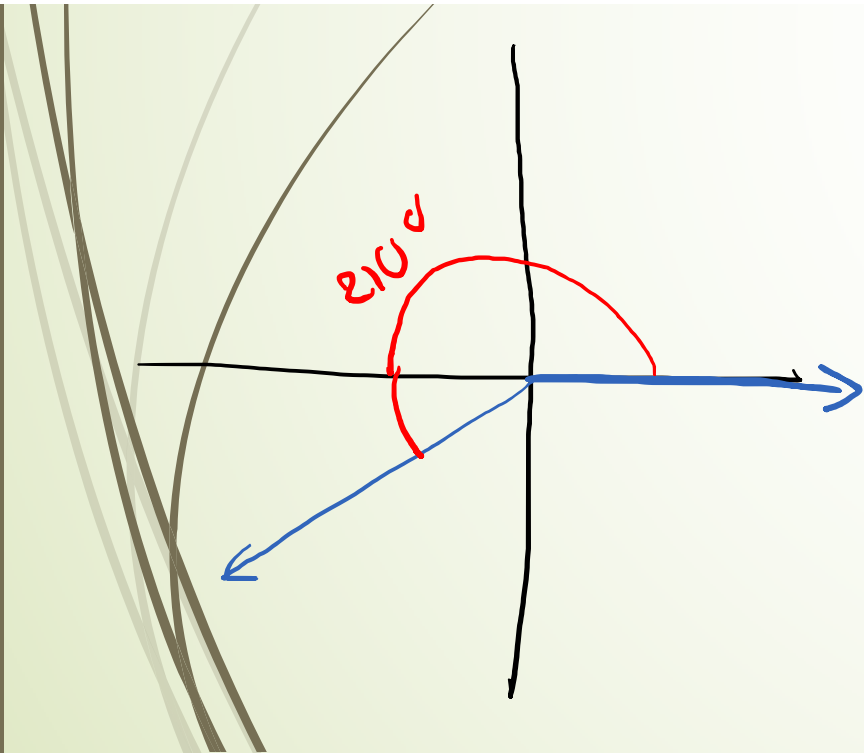
Drawing angles in standard position

Draw an angle with the given measure in standard position. Then tell in which quadrant the terminal side lies.

a. $210^\circ = 180^\circ + 30^\circ$

b. -45°

c. $510^\circ = 360^\circ + 90^\circ + 60^\circ$



Finding coterminal angles

- ▶ Coterminal angles can be found by adding or subtracting multiples of 360° .

Find one positive angle and one negative angle that are coterminal with **(a)** -60° and **(b)** 495° .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & -60^\circ + 360^\circ = 300^\circ \\ & -60^\circ - 360^\circ = -420^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & 495^\circ - 360^\circ = 135^\circ \\ & 495^\circ - 2(360^\circ) = -225^\circ \end{aligned}$$

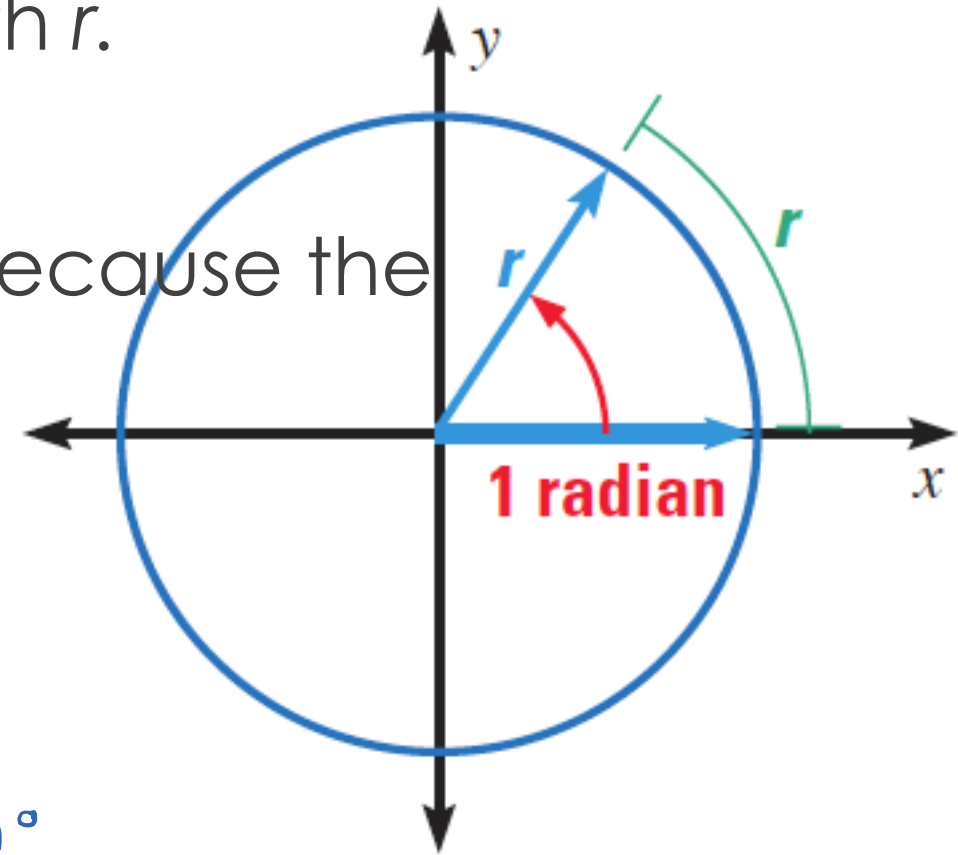
Radians

- In a circle with radius r , one **radian** is the measure of an angle in standard position which intercepts an arc of length r .
- There are 2π radians in a circle, because the circumference of a circle is $2\pi r$.

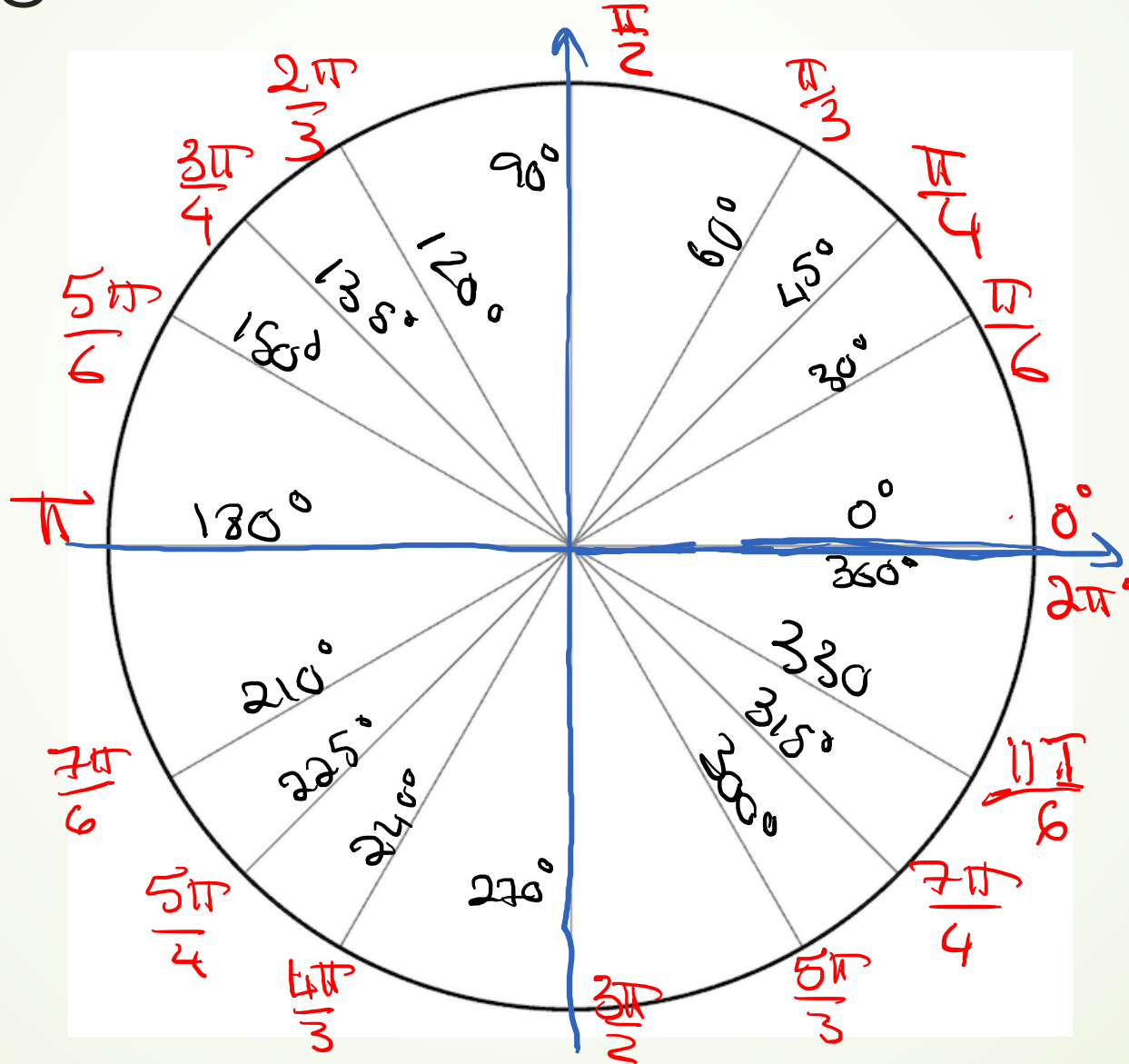
$$2\pi r = \text{circumference}$$

$$2\pi r \div r = 2\pi \text{ radians in a full circle}$$

$$2\pi \text{ corresponds to } 360^\circ.$$



Degrees vs. Radians



Converting between degree and radian

- ➔ 1) Write a proportion:

$$\frac{\textit{degree measure}}{180} = \frac{\textit{radian measure}}{\pi}$$

- ➔ 2) Solve the proportion.

Converting between degree and radian

a. Convert 110° to radians.

$$\frac{110}{180} = \frac{x}{\pi}$$

$$x = \frac{110\pi}{180} = \frac{11\pi}{18}$$

b. Convert $-\frac{\pi}{9}$ radians to degrees.

$$\frac{x}{180} = \frac{-\frac{\pi}{9}}{\pi}$$

$$\frac{x}{180} = \frac{-\cancel{\pi}}{9\cancel{\pi}}$$

$$x = \frac{-180}{9} = -20^\circ$$

Arc length and area of sectors proof

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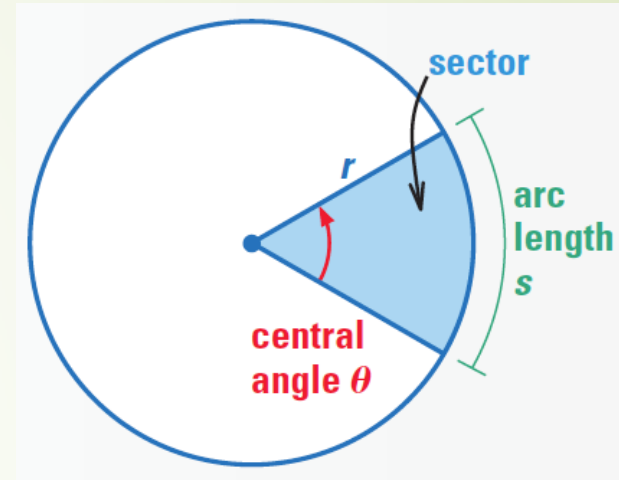
(you will not be tested on this)

$$\frac{x}{360} = \frac{l}{2\pi r}$$

$$\frac{\theta}{2\pi} = \frac{s}{2\pi r}$$

$$s = \frac{\theta (2\pi r)}{2\pi}$$

$$s = \theta r$$



$$\frac{A}{\pi r^2} = \frac{x}{360}$$

$$\frac{A}{\pi r^2} = \frac{\theta}{2\pi}$$

$$A = \frac{\theta \pi r^2}{2\pi}$$

$$A = \frac{\theta r^2}{2}$$

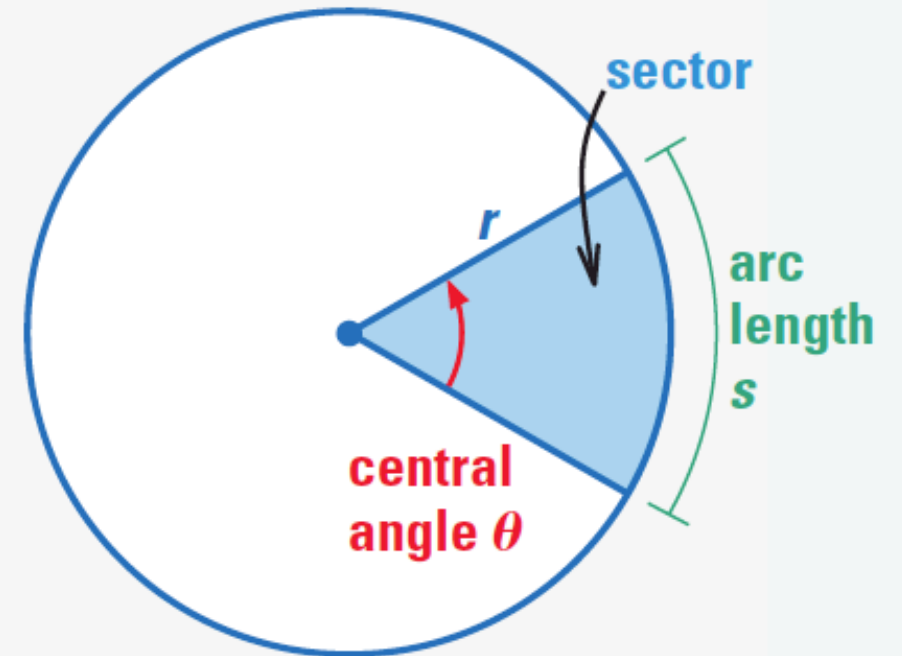
Arc length and area of sectors

ARC LENGTH AND AREA OF A SECTOR

The arc length s and area A of a sector with radius r and central angle θ (measured in radians) are as follows.

$$\text{Arc length: } s = r\theta$$

$$\text{Area: } A = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$$



Find the arc length and area of a sector with a radius of 9 cm and a central angle of 60° .

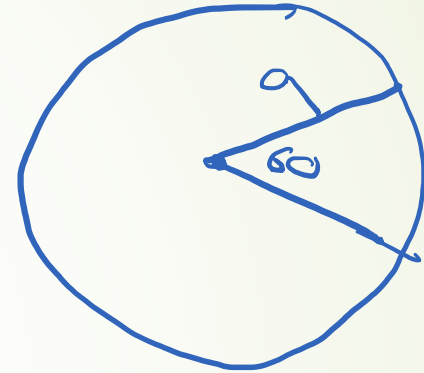
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$$\frac{60}{180} = \frac{x}{\pi}$$

$$x = \frac{60\pi}{180} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

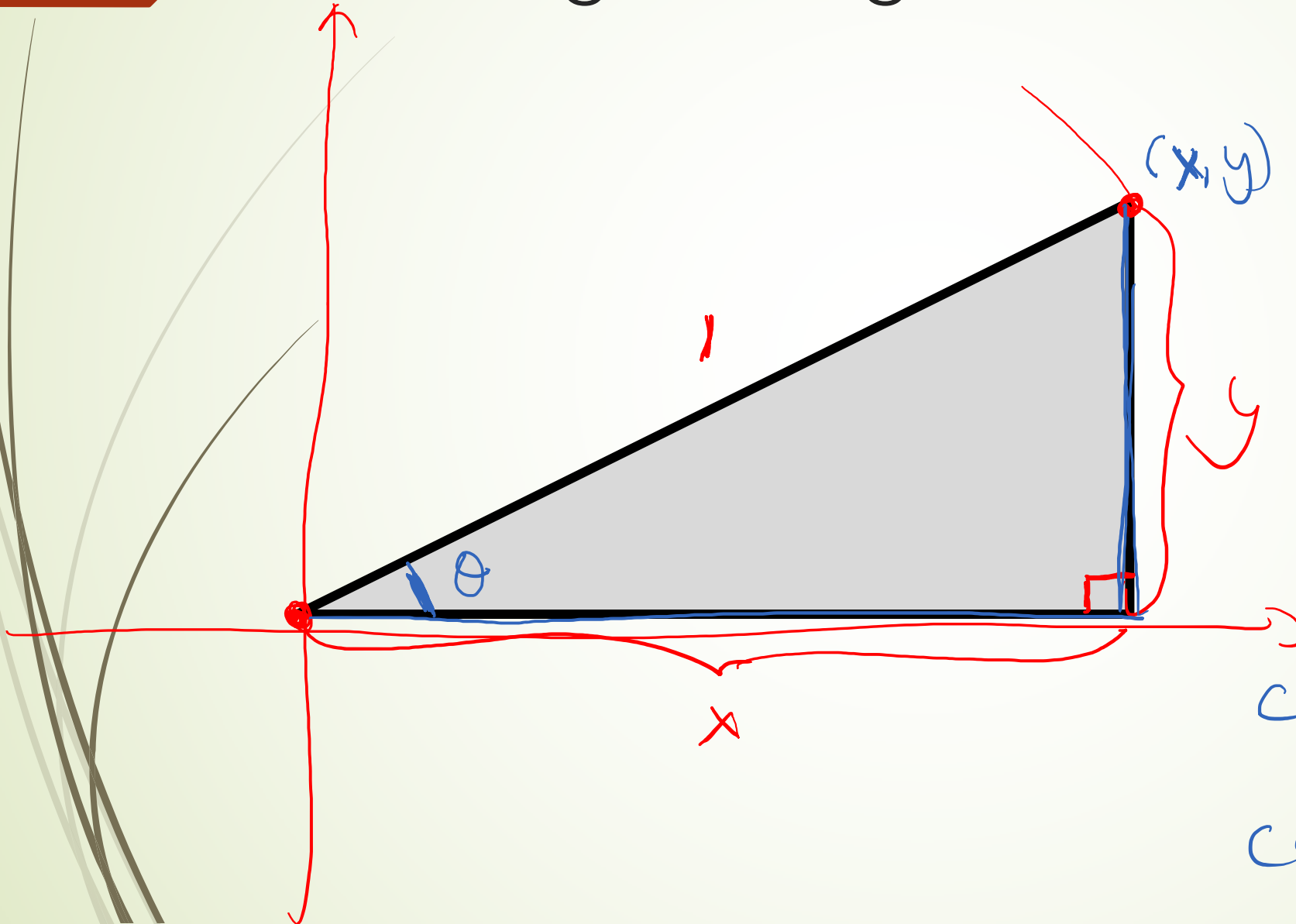
$$s = \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot 9 = 3\pi$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 9^2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{27\pi}{2}$$



The Unit Circle

Unit right triangles



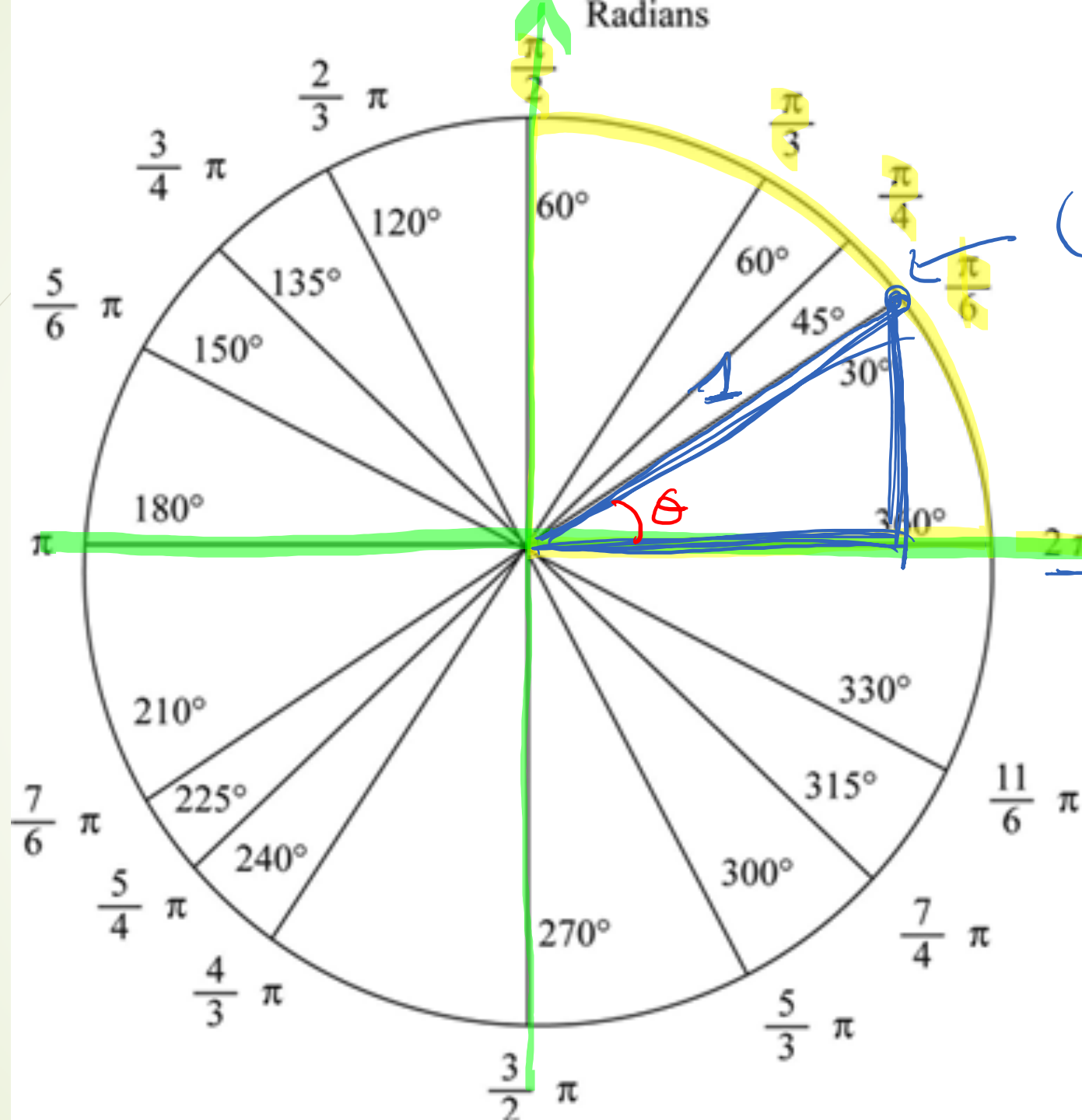
$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{1}$$

$$\sin \theta = y$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

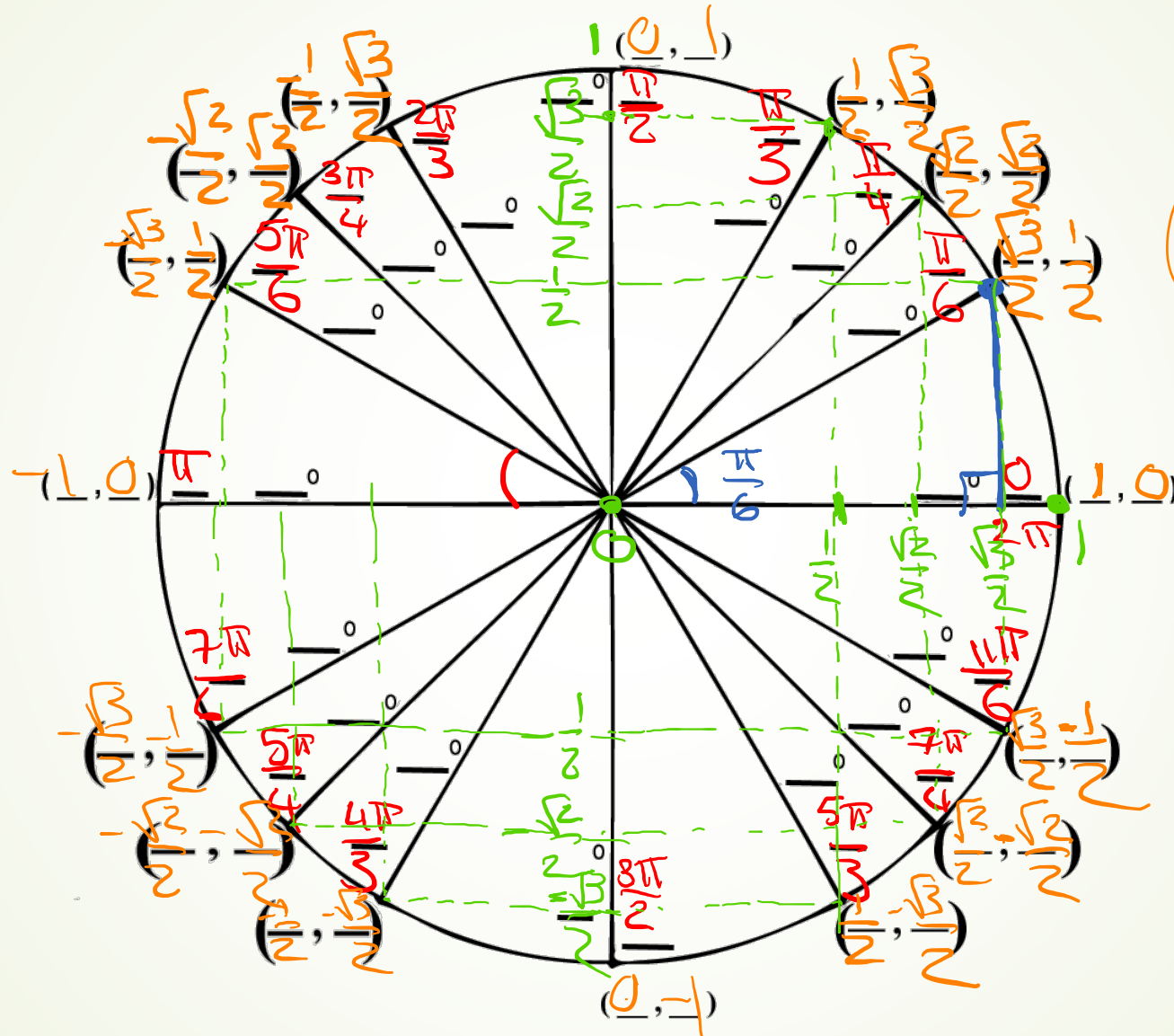
$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{1} = x$$

 (x, y)

$$\sin \theta = y$$

$$\cos \theta = x$$

Unit Circle, Fill in the blank



0, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, 1

$(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$
 $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$
 $(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$
 $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$

Memorizing the unit circle



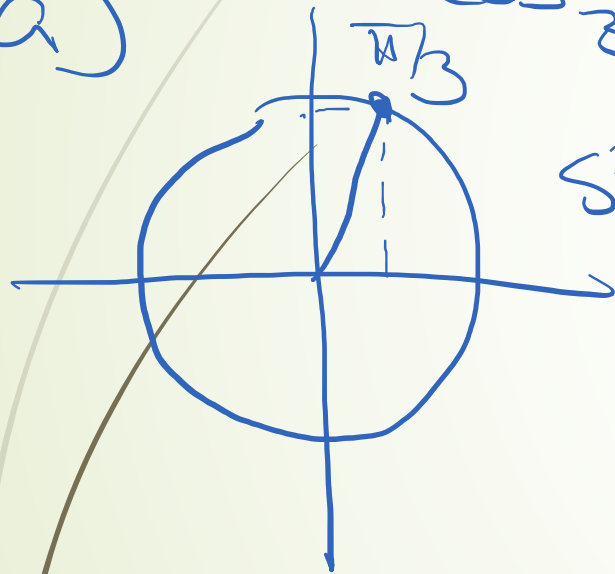
- 1) Place your angle on the circle.
- 2) Decide the placement: small x/large y, medium x and y, or large x/small y
- 3) Choose the corresponding sin and cos values: $0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 1$
- 4) Decide if the values are positive or negative. *→ based on the quadrant*

Find the sine and cos of each angle:

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a) $\frac{\pi}{3}$

a)



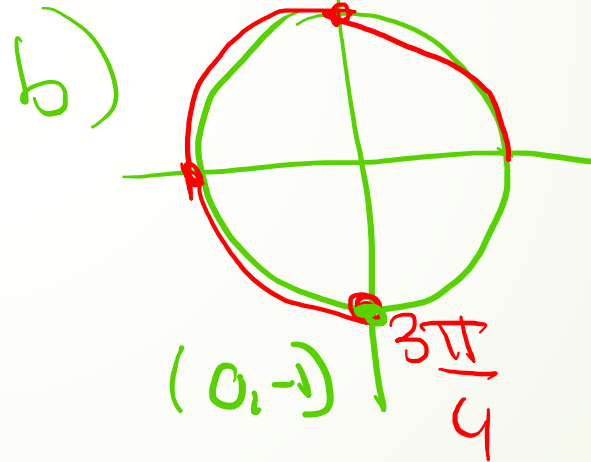
$$\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

b) $\frac{3\pi}{4}$

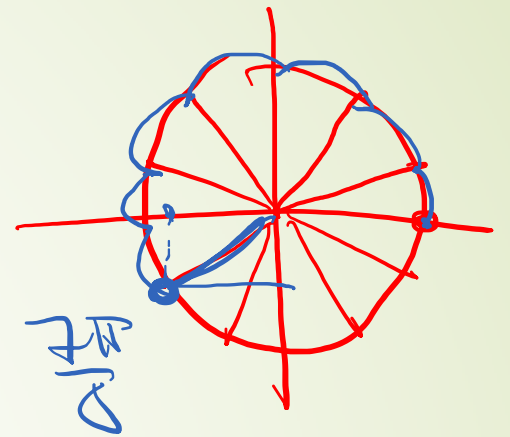
c) $\frac{7\pi}{6}$

$$\cos \frac{7\pi}{6} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$
$$\sin \frac{7\pi}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$$



$$\cos \frac{3\pi}{4} = 0$$

$$\sin \frac{3\pi}{4} = -1$$



Degrees	0	30°	45°	60°	90°
Radians	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
sin θ	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
cos θ	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
tan θ	0	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	Undefined



13.3 – Trigonometric Functions of Any Angle

GENERAL DEFINITION OF TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

Let θ be an angle in standard position and (x, y) be any point (except the origin) on the terminal side of θ . The six trigonometric functions of θ are defined as follows.

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

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

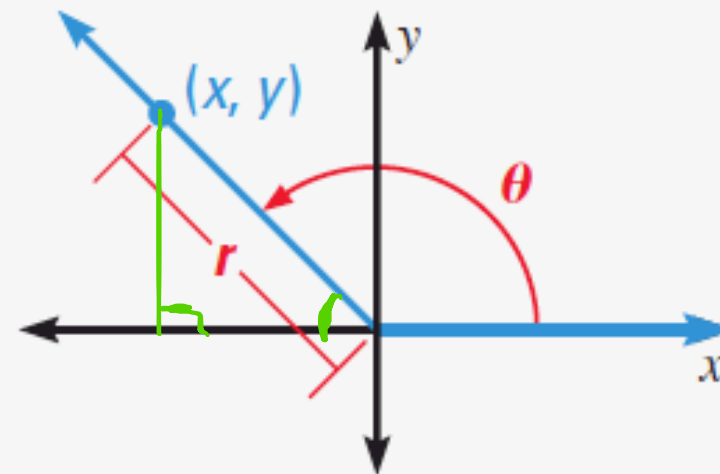
$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

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

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

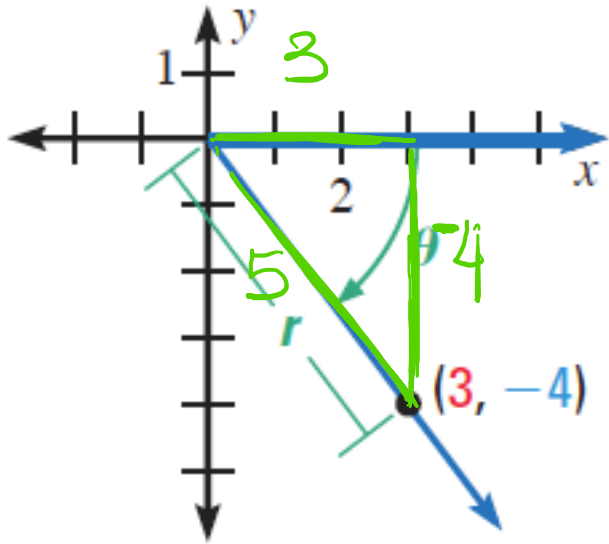
$$\cot \theta = \frac{x}{y}, y \neq 0$$

For acute angles, these definitions give the same values as those given by the definitions in Lesson 13.1.



Pythagorean theorem gives
$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

Let $(3, -4)$ be a point on the terminal side of an angle θ in standard position. Evaluate the six trigonometric functions of θ .



$$\sin \theta = -\frac{4}{5}$$

$$\csc \theta = -\frac{5}{4}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{5}{3}$$

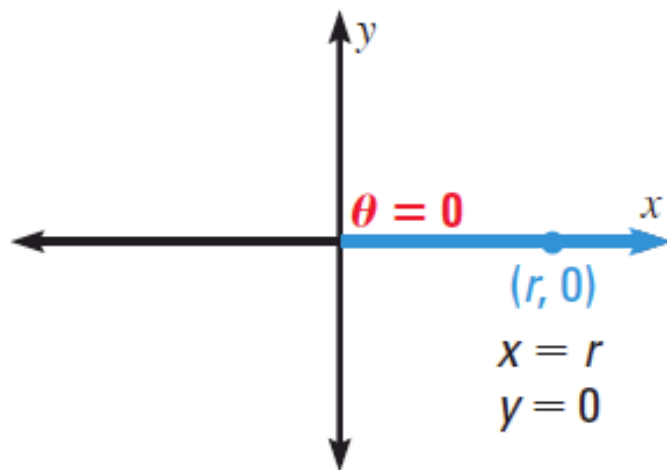
$$\tan \theta = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\cotan \theta = -\frac{3}{4}$$

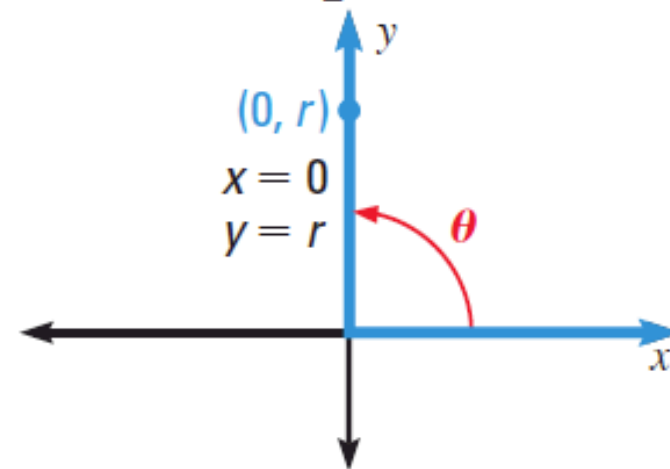
Quadrantal Angles

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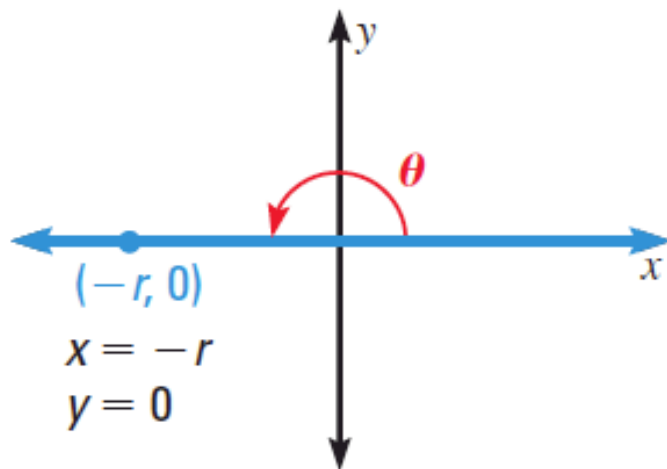
0° or 0 radians



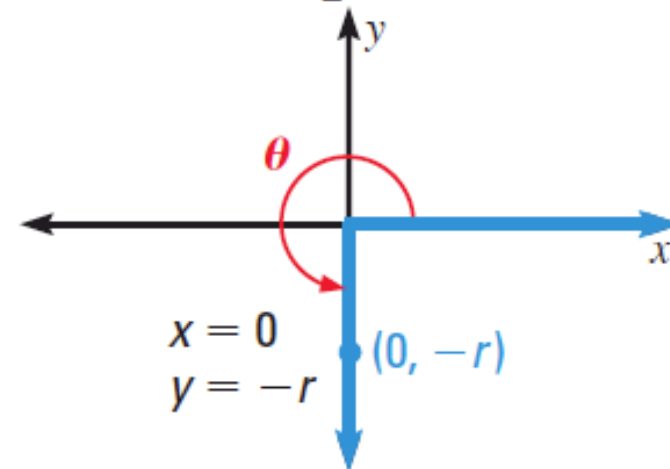
90° or $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians



180° or π radians



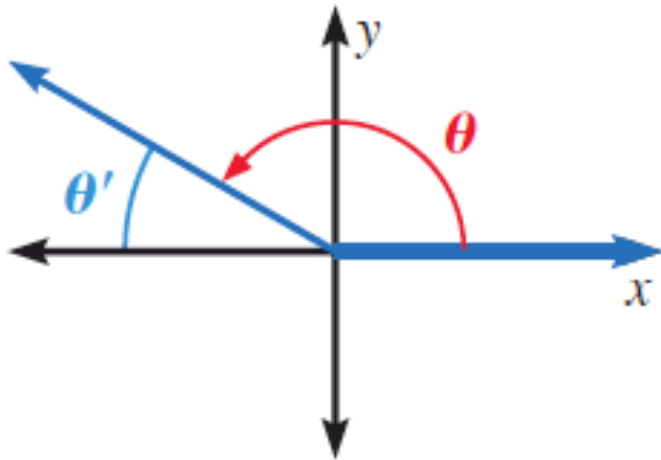
270° or $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ radians



Reference Angles

$$90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ;$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi$$

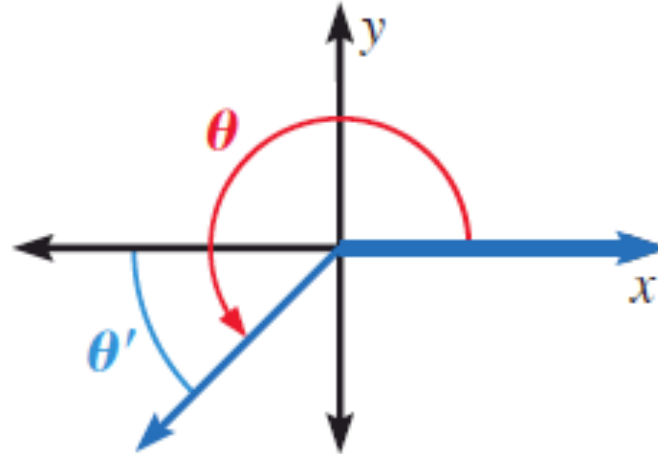


Degrees: $\theta' = 180^\circ - \theta$

Radians: $\theta' = \pi - \theta$

$$180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ;$$

$$\pi < \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

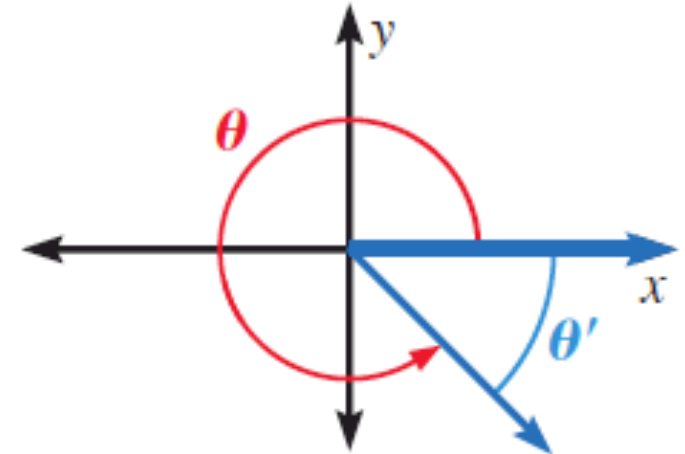


Degrees: $\theta' = \theta - 180^\circ$

Radians: $\theta' = \theta - \pi$

$$270^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ;$$

$$\frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi$$



Degrees: $\theta' = 360^\circ - \theta$

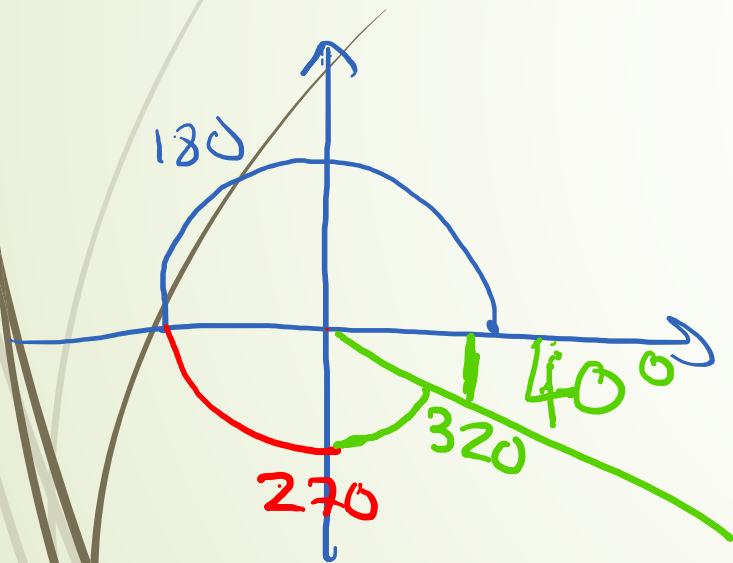
Radians: $\theta' = 2\pi - \theta$

Finding reference angles

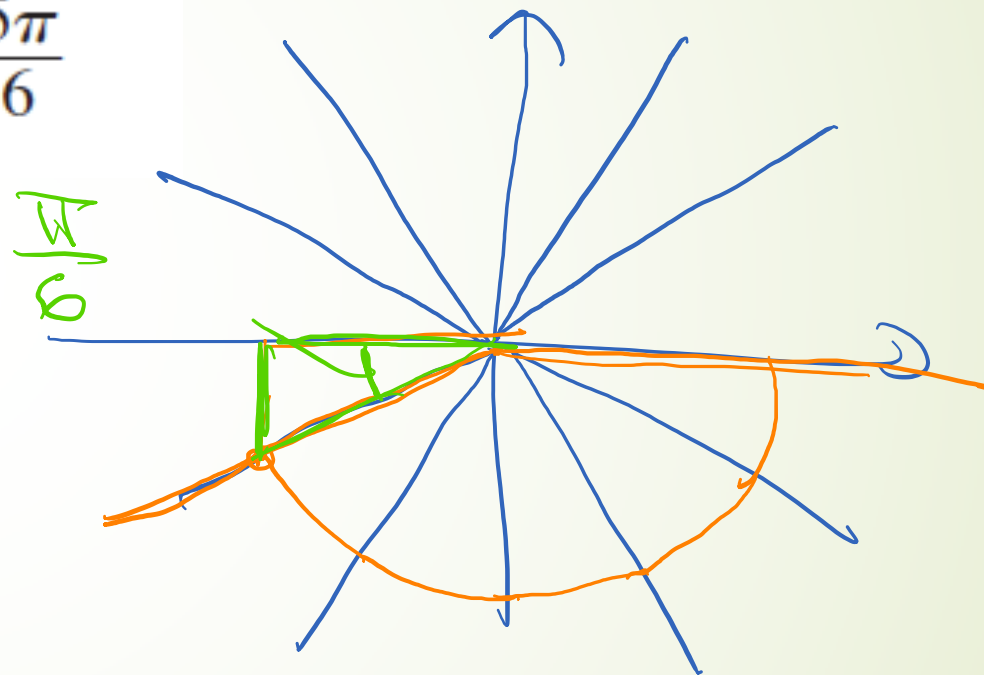
Find the reference angle θ' for each angle θ .

a. $\theta = 320^\circ$

b. $\theta = -\frac{5\pi}{6}$

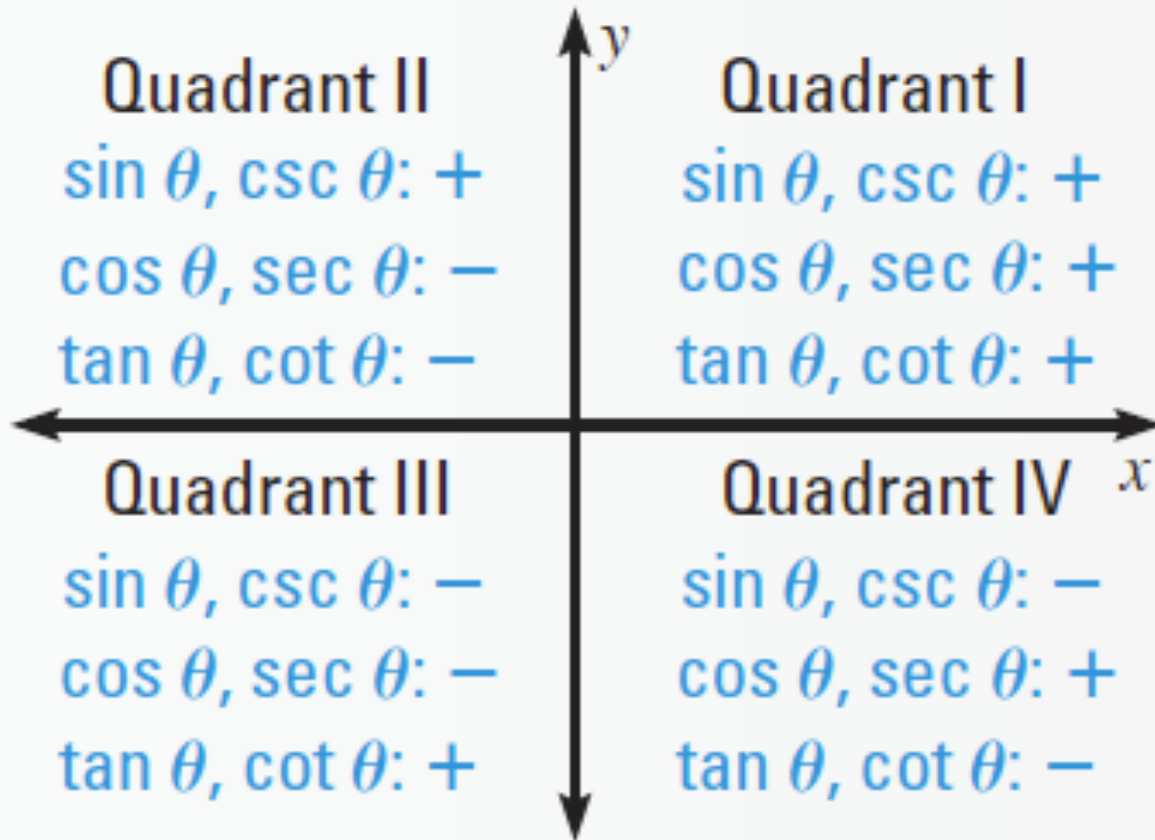


$$360 - 320 = 40^\circ$$



Sign of trigonometric functions

Signs of Function Values



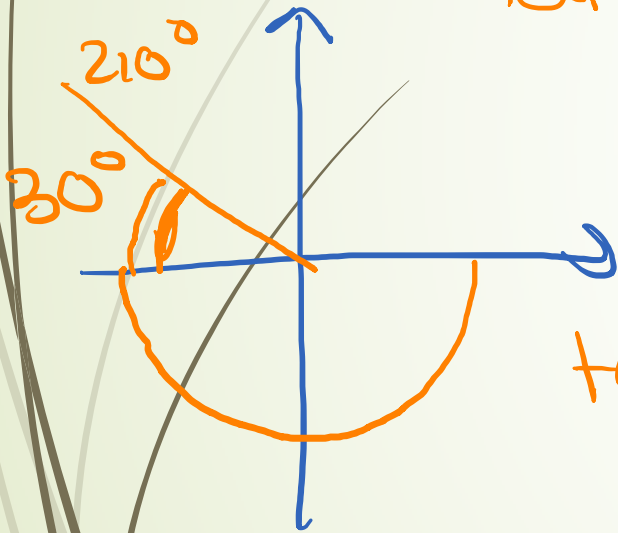
Evaluating Trigonometric Functions

- 1) Find the reference angle.
- 2) Evaluate the trigonometric function for the reference angle.
- 3) Decide the sign of the trigonometric function for the angle based on its quadrant.

Evaluate (a) $\tan(-210^\circ)$ and (b) $\csc \frac{11\pi}{4}$.

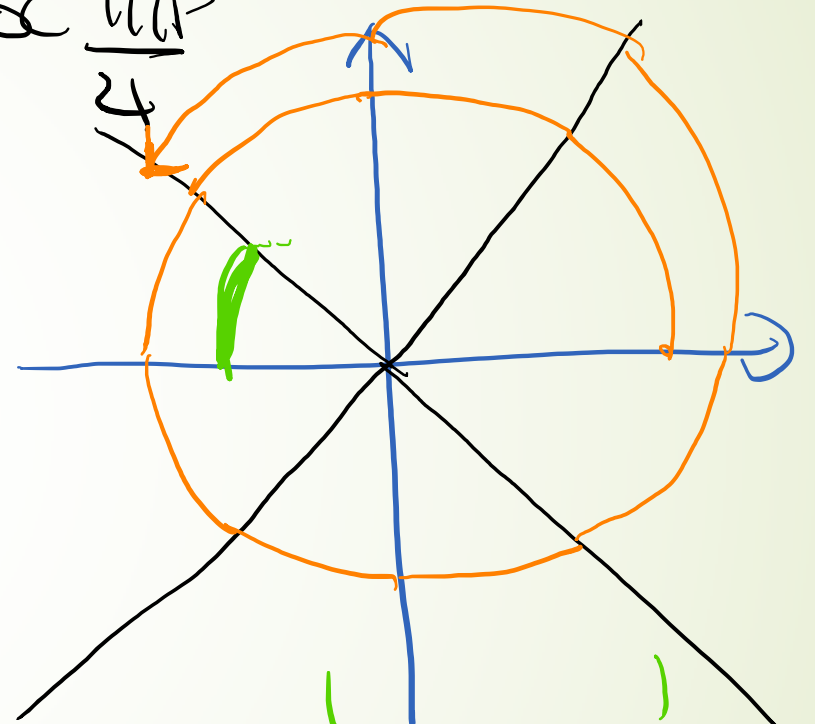
a) $\tan(-210^\circ)$

$$\tan(30^\circ) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$



$$\tan(-210^\circ) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

b) $\csc \frac{11\pi}{4}$



$$\csc \frac{11\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{11\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

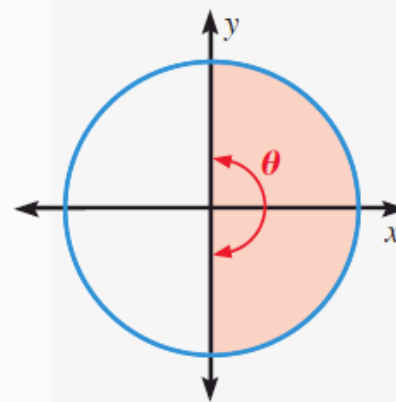
$$\csc \frac{11\pi}{4} = \sqrt{2}$$

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13.4 – Inverse Trigonometry Functions

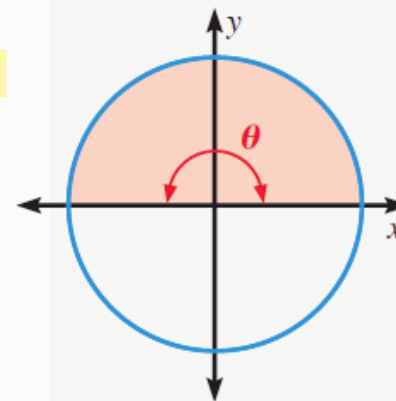
- If $-1 \leq a \leq 1$, then the **inverse sine** of a is $\sin^{-1} a = \theta$ where $\sin \theta = a$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ (or $-90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$).



$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1$$

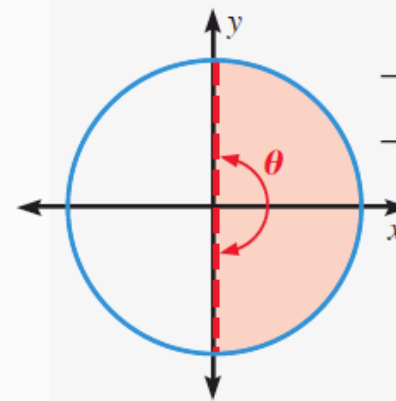
- If $-1 \leq a \leq 1$, then the **inverse cosine** of a is $\cos^{-1} a = \theta$ where $\cos \theta = a$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ (or $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$).



$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

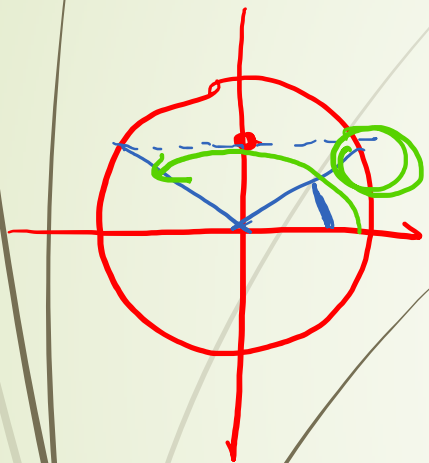
$$-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$$

- If a is any real number, then the **inverse tangent** of a is $\tan^{-1} a = \theta$ where $\tan \theta = a$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ (or $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$).



$$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$-\infty < \tan \theta < +\infty$$



Evaluating Inverse Trigonometric Functions

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Evaluate the expression in both radians and degrees.

a. $\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$\frac{\pi}{3}$

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

30°

$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{\pi}{3} < \frac{\pi}{2}$

b. $\cos^{-1} 2$

Undefined

$360 - 45 = 315^\circ$

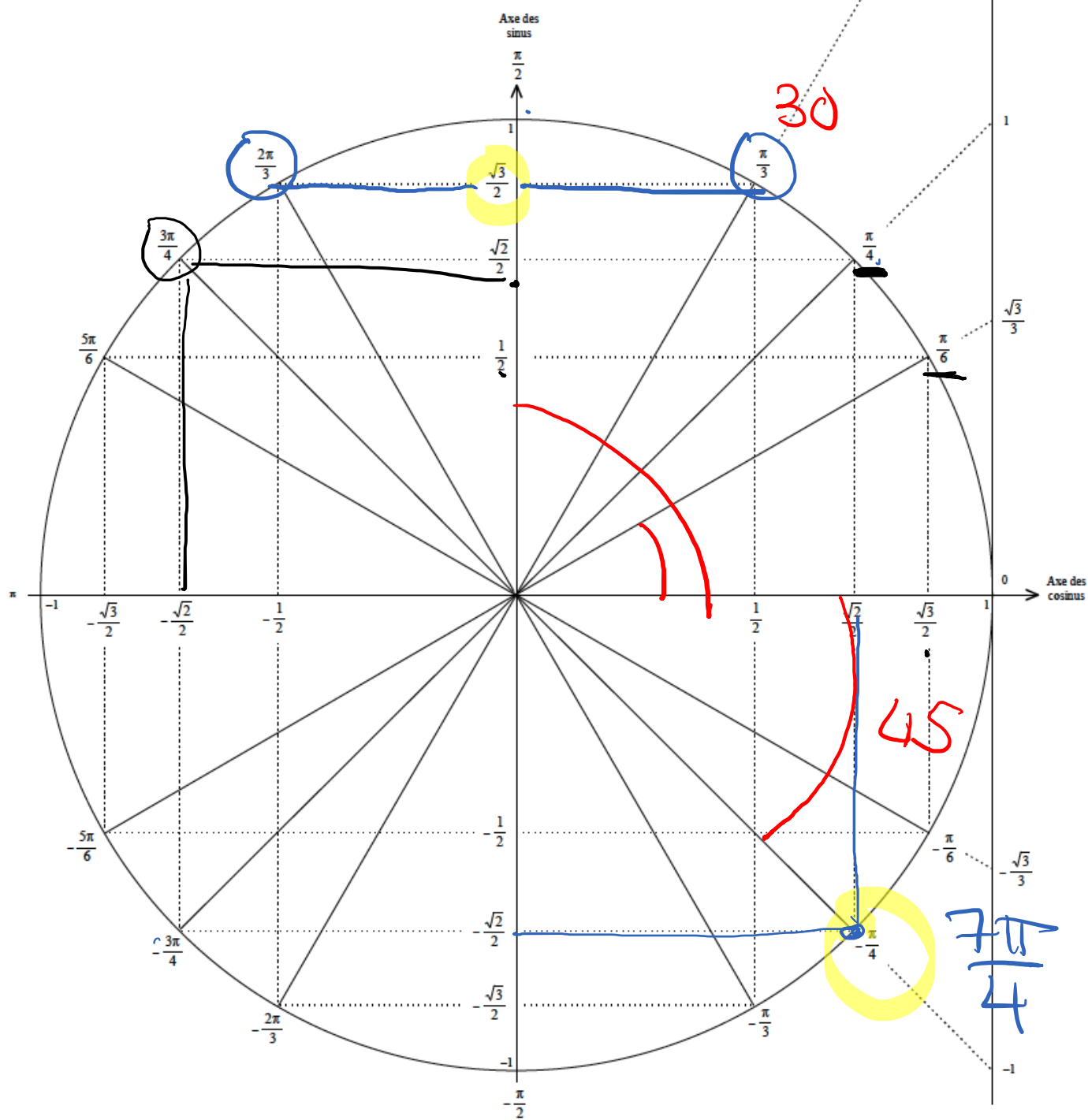
c. $\tan^{-1} (-1)$

$\frac{\sin \frac{3\pi}{4}}{\cos \frac{3\pi}{4}} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = -1$

$\frac{\pi}{4}$

$\frac{\sin \frac{7\pi}{4}}{\cos \frac{7\pi}{4}} = \frac{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = -1$

$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{7\pi}{4} < \frac{\pi}{2}$



$$\tan = \frac{\sin}{\cos}$$

Solving a Trigonometric Equation

Solve the equation $\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{4}$ where $180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$.

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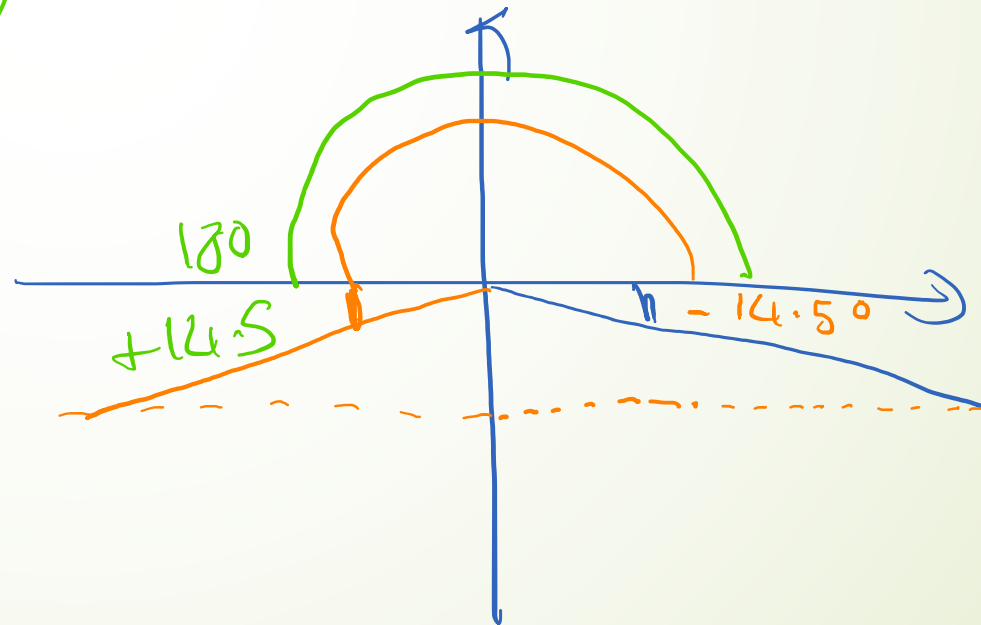
$$\cancel{\sin^{-1}} (\cancel{\sin \theta}) = \sin^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{4}{2}$$

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

$$\theta = -14.5^\circ$$

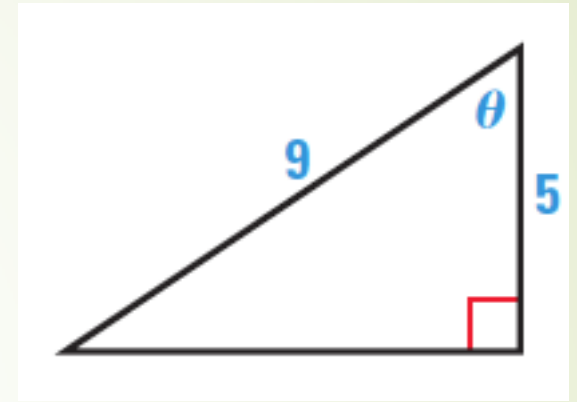
$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= 180 + 14.5 \\ &= 194.5 \end{aligned}$$



Finding Angle Measures

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Find the measure of the angle θ for the triangle shown.

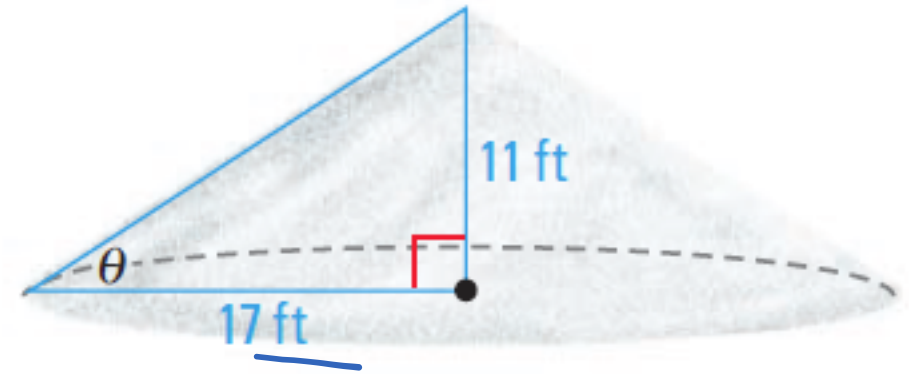


$$\cos \theta = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{5}{9}$$

$$\theta = 56.3^\circ$$

ROCK SALT Different types of granular substances naturally settle at different angles when stored in cone-shaped piles. This angle θ is called the *angle of repose*. When rock salt is stored in a cone-shaped pile 11 feet high, the diameter of the pile's base is about 34 feet. ▶ Source: Bulk-Store Structures, Inc.



a. Find the angle of repose for rock salt.

b. How tall is a pile of rock salt that has a base diameter of 50 feet?

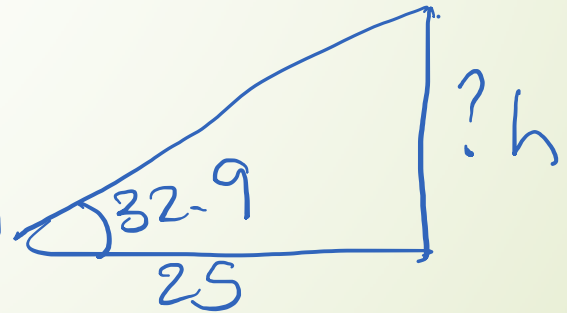
$$a) \tan \theta = \frac{11}{17}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{11}{17} \right) = 32.9^\circ$$

$$b) \tan 32.9 = \frac{h}{25}$$

$$h = 25 \tan 32.9$$

$$h = 16.2 \text{ ft}$$

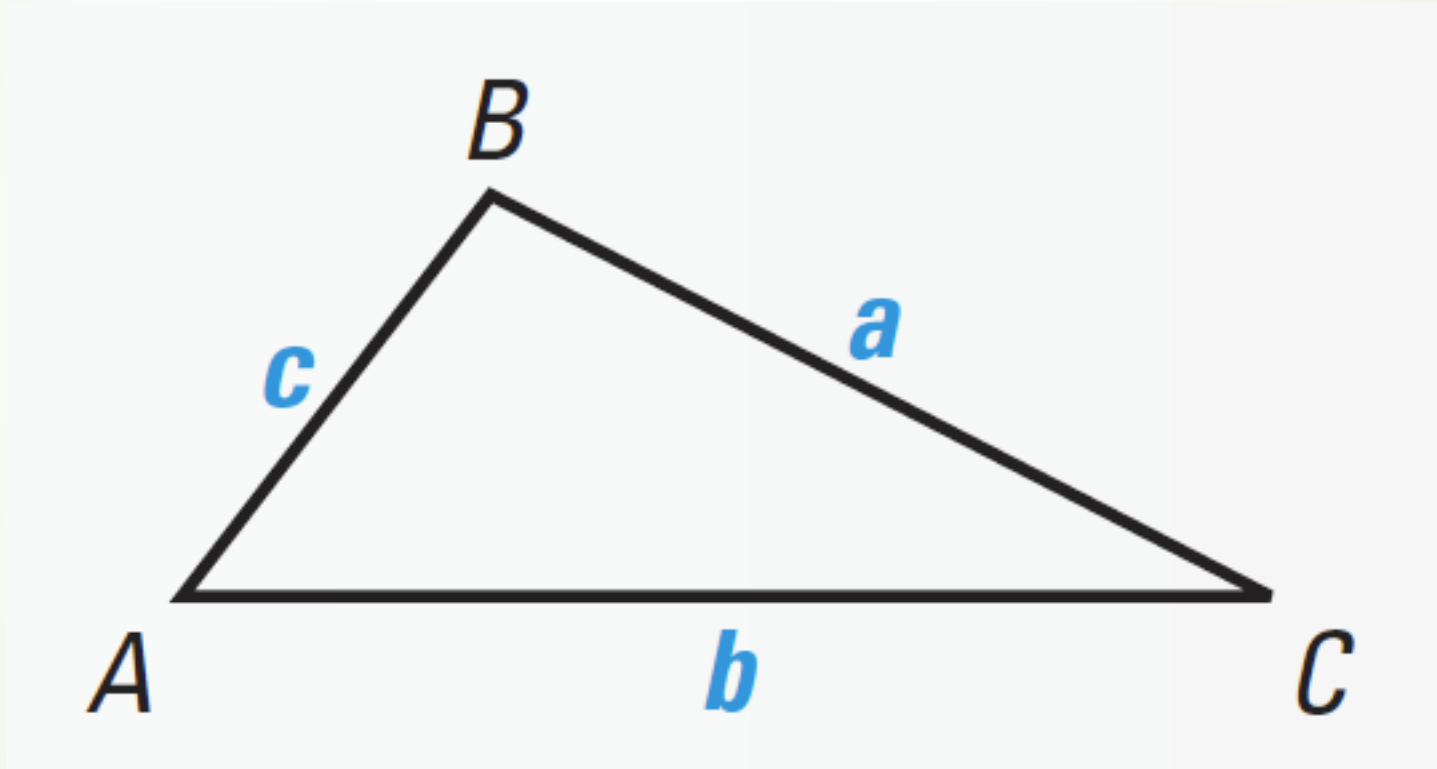


13.5 – The Law of Sines

Cases of non-right triangles to solve

- **1) Two angles and any side (AAS or ASA)**
- **2) Two sides and an opposite angle (SSA)**
- 3) Three sides (SSS)
- 4) Two sides and their included angles (SAS)

Labelling Triangles



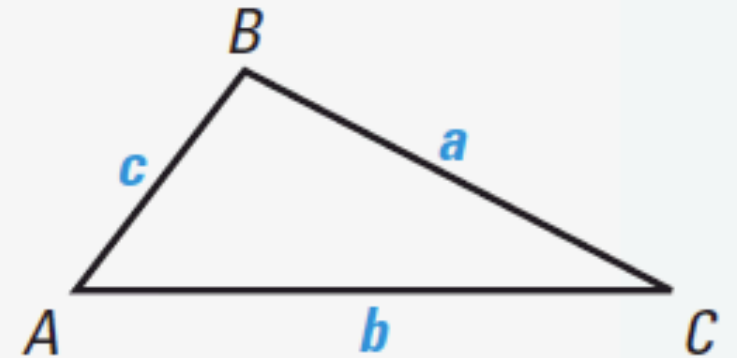
The law of sines can be used when you have an angle and opposite side, and one more angle or side.

LAW OF SINES

If $\triangle ABC$ has sides of length a , b , and c as shown, then:

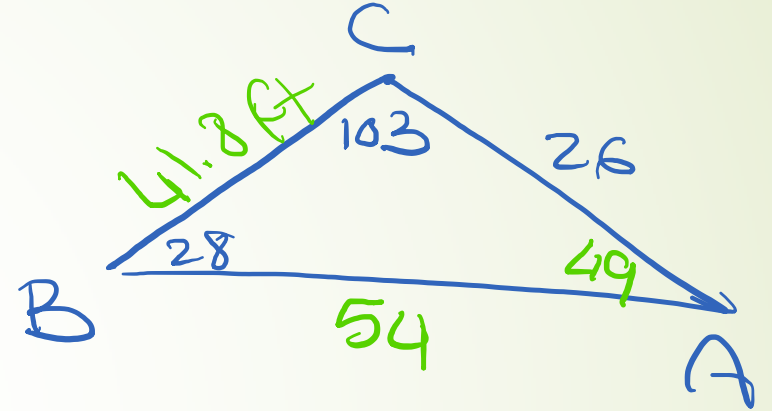
$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

An equivalent form is $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$.



AAS or ASA Case - only one triangle determined

Solve $\triangle ABC$ with $C = 103^\circ$, $B = 28^\circ$,
and $b = 26$ feet.



$$A = 180 - 103 - 28 = 49$$

$$\frac{\sin 28}{26} = \frac{\sin 103}{c}$$

$$c = \frac{26 \sin 103}{\sin 28} = 54 \text{ ft}$$

$$\frac{\sin 28}{26} = \frac{\sin 49}{a}$$

$$a = \frac{26 \sin 49}{\sin 28} = 41.8 \text{ ft}$$

SSA possible cases

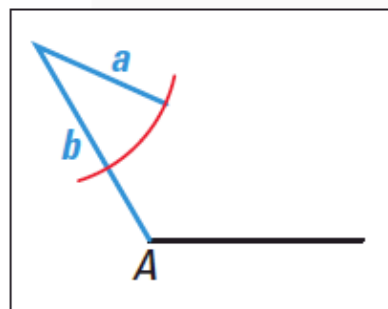
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POSSIBLE TRIANGLES IN THE SSA CASE

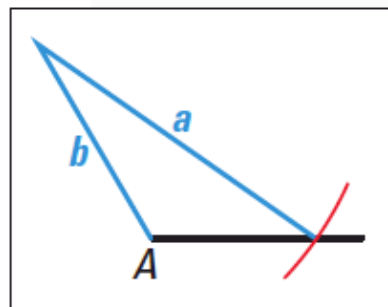
Consider a triangle in which you are given a , b , and A .

$$\sin A = \frac{a}{b} \rightarrow a = b \sin A$$

A IS OBTUSE.

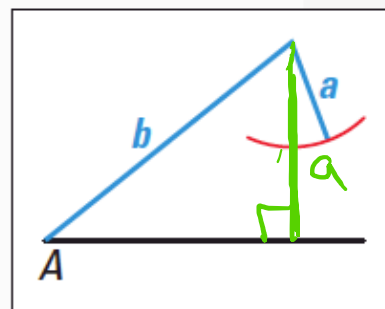


$a \leq b$
No triangle

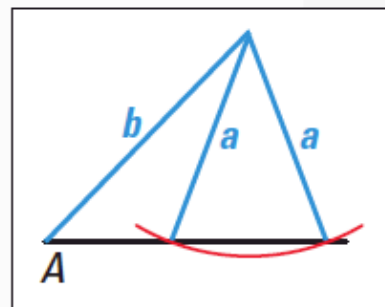


$a > b$
One triangle

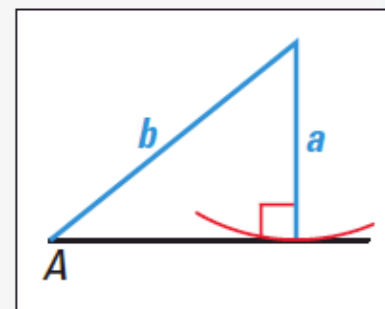
A IS ACUTE.



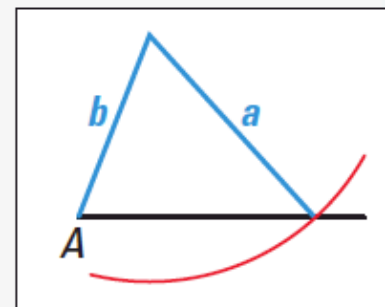
$b \sin A > a$
No triangle



$b \sin A < a < b$
Two triangles



$b \sin A = a$
One triangle



$a > b$
One triangle

SSA – One Triangle Case

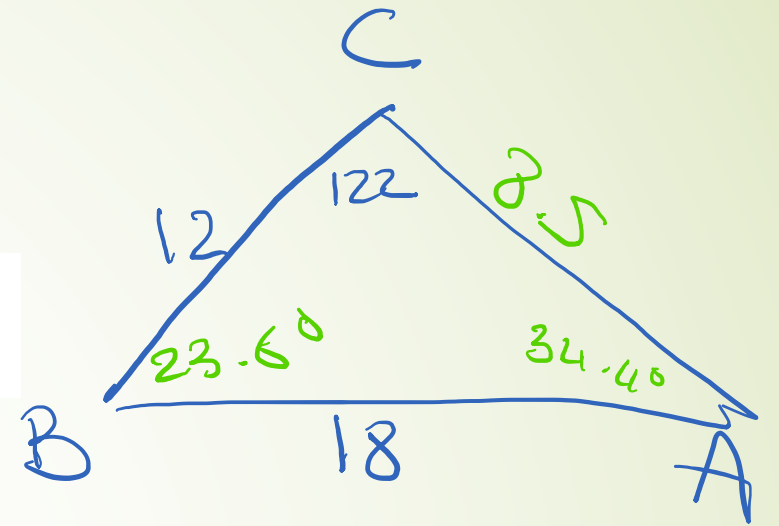
Solve $\triangle ABC$ with $C = 122^\circ$, $a = 12$ cm, and $c = 18$ cm.

$$\frac{\sin 122}{18} = \frac{\sin A}{12}$$

$$\sin A = \frac{12 \sin 122}{18} = 0.5654$$

$$A = \sin^{-1}(0.5654) = 34.4^\circ$$

$$B = 180 - 122 - 34.4 = 23.6^\circ$$



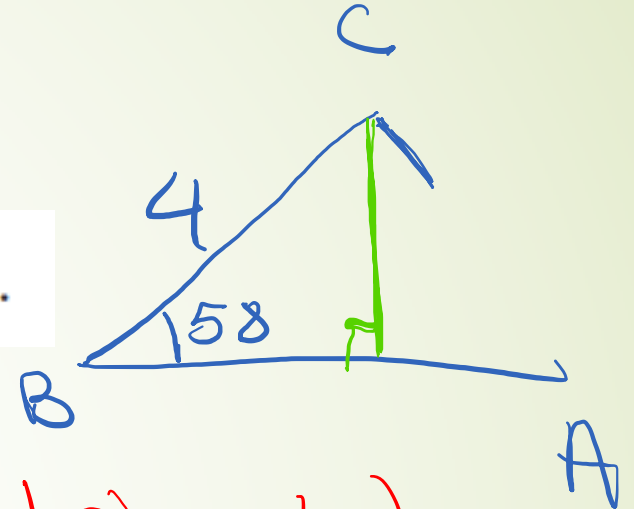
$$\frac{\sin 122}{18} = \frac{\sin 23.6}{b}$$

$$b = \frac{18 \sin 23.6}{\sin 122}$$

$$b = 8.5$$

SSA – No Triangle Case

Solve $\triangle ABC$ with $a = 4$ inches, $b = 2.5$ inches, and $B = 58^\circ$.

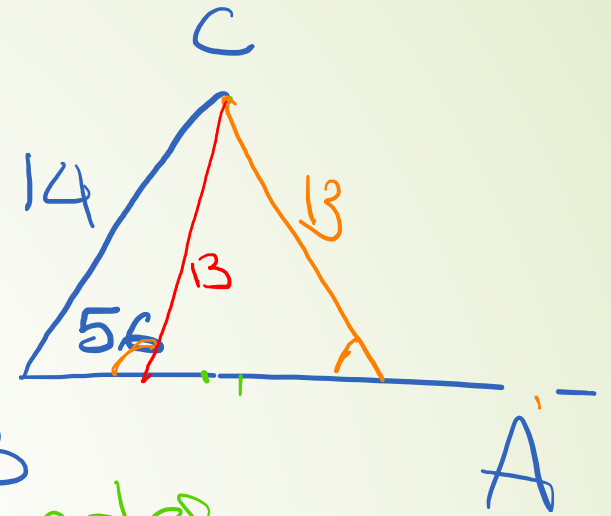


$$b \geq 4 \sin 58$$

$b \geq 3.31$ (for $\triangle ABC$ to be a triangle)

b is not greater than 3.39,
so $\triangle ABC$ is not a triangle.

SSA – Two Triangles Case

Solve $\triangle ABC$ with $B = 56^\circ$, $b = 13$, $a = 14$ 

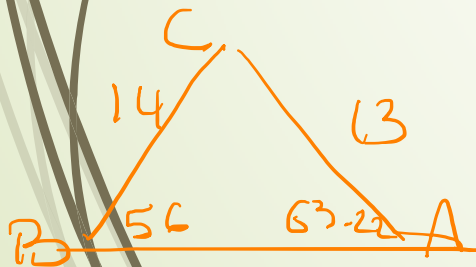
$$b \geq 14 \sin 56$$

$$14 \sin 56 = 11.606 \rightarrow 2 \text{ triangles.}$$

$$\frac{\sin 56}{13} = \frac{\sin A}{14}$$

$$\sin A = 0.89$$

$$A = \underline{63.22^\circ} \text{ or } A = 180 - 63.22 = 116.77$$

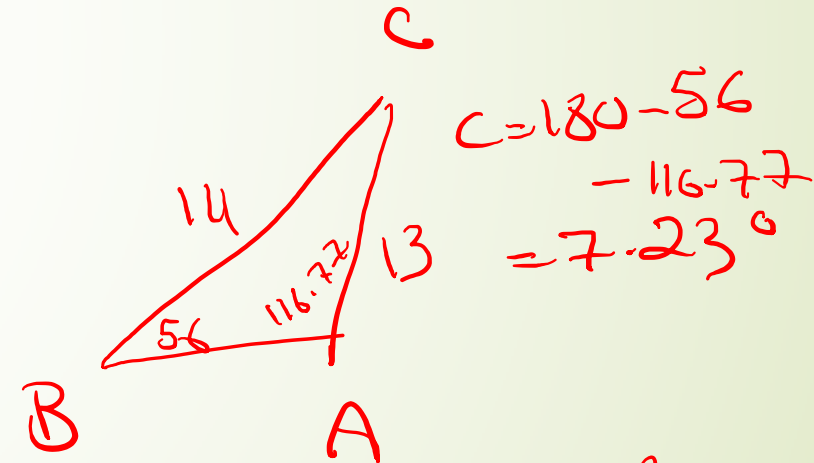


$$C = 180 - 56 - 63.22$$

$$C = 60.78$$

$$\frac{\sin 56}{13} = \frac{\sin 60.78}{c}$$

$$c = 13.69$$



$$\frac{\sin 56}{13} = \frac{\sin 7.23}{c}$$

$$c = 1.97$$

Area of a triangle

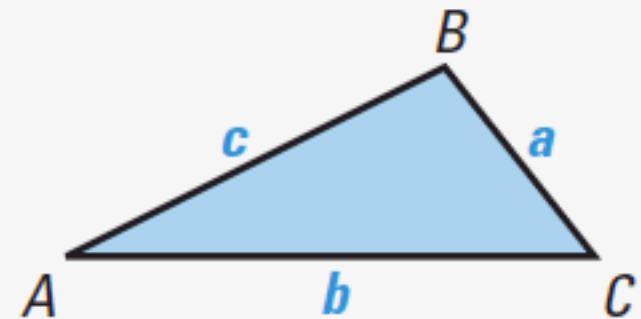
AREA OF A TRIANGLE

The area of any triangle is given by one half the product of the lengths of two sides times the sine of their included angle. For $\triangle ABC$ shown, there are three ways to calculate the area:

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin A$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin B$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$$

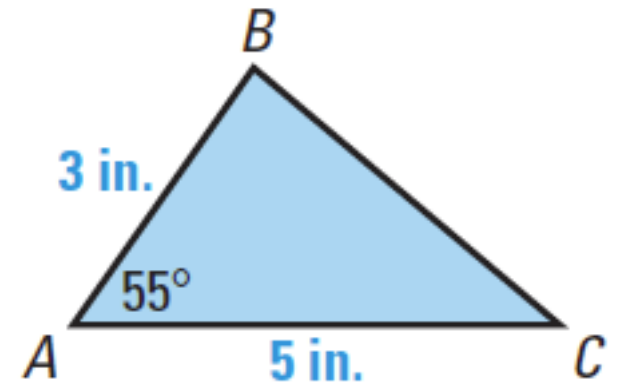


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Find the area of $\triangle ABC$.

$$A = \frac{1}{2} (3)(5) \sin 55^\circ$$

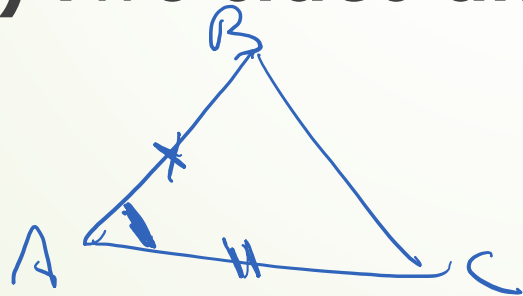
$$A \approx 6.14 \text{ in}^2$$



13.6 – The Law of Cosines

Cases of non-right triangles to solve

- 1) Two angles and any side (AAS or ASA)
- 2) Two sides and an opposite angle (SSA)
- **3) Three sides (SSS)**
- **4) Two sides and their included angles (SAS)**



The law of cosines should be used when the law of sines doesn't work.

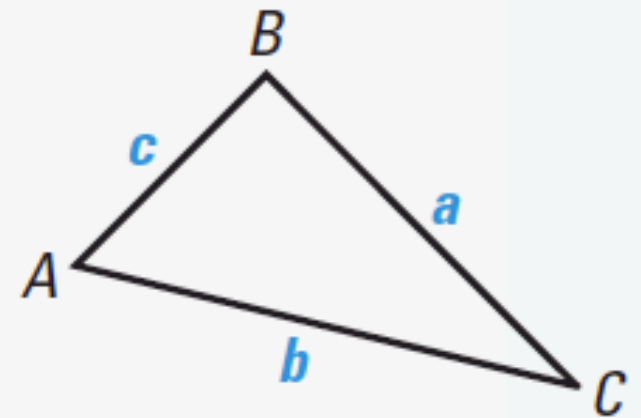
LAW OF COSINES

If $\triangle ABC$ has sides of length a , b , and c as shown, then:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

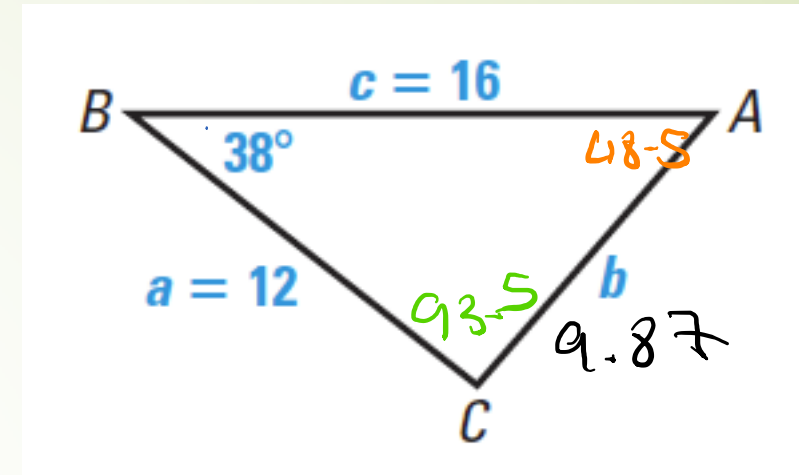
$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$



The SAS case

Solve $\triangle ABC$ with $a = 12$, $c = 16$, and $B = 38^\circ$.



$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

$$b^2 = 12^2 + 16^2 - 2(12)(16) \cos 38$$

$$b^2 = 97.14$$

$$b = 9.87$$

$$C = 180 - 38 - 48.5 = 93.5$$

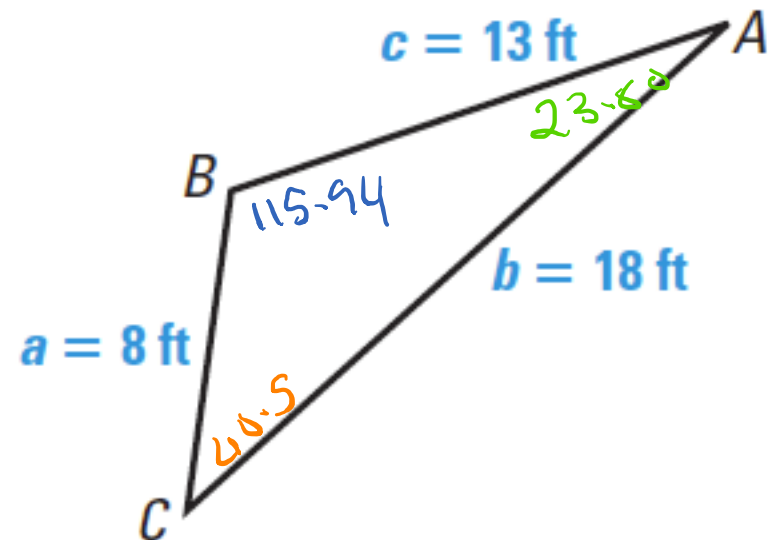
$$\frac{\sin 38}{9.87} = \frac{\sin A}{12}$$

$$\sin A = \frac{12 \sin 38}{9.87} = 0.7485$$

$$A = \sin^{-1}(0.7485) = 48.5^\circ$$

The SSS case

Solve $\triangle ABC$ with $a = 8$ feet, $b = 18$ feet, and $c = 13$ feet.



$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

$$18^2 = 8^2 + 13^2 - 2(8)(13) \cos B$$

$$324 = 233 - 208 \cos B$$

$$91 = -208 \cos B$$

$$-0.4375 = \cos B$$

$$B = \cos^{-1}(-0.4375) = 115.94^\circ$$

$$\frac{\sin 115.94}{18} = \frac{\sin A}{8}$$

$$\sin A = 0.3998$$

$$A = \sin^{-1}(0.3998) = 23.6^\circ$$

$$C = 180 - 115.94 - 23.6$$

$$C = 40.5$$

Area of a Triangle – Heron's formula

HERON'S AREA FORMULA

The area of the triangle with sides of length a , b , and c is

$$\text{Area} = \sqrt{s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)}$$

where $s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)$. The variable s is called the *semiperimeter*, or half-perimeter, of the triangle.

Find the area of $\triangle ABC$.

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$$s = \frac{22 + 40 + 50}{2} = 56$$

$$A = \sqrt{56(56-22)(56-40)(56-50)}$$

$$A = \sqrt{56 \cdot 34 \cdot 16 \cdot 6}$$

$$A = 427.53 \text{ u}^2$$

