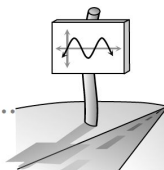


2.2.2 What does the unit circle tell me?

Trigonometric Ratios in the Unit Circle



#56

a.

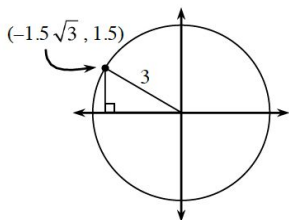
$\theta$ (radians)	$\theta$ (degrees)	$\cos(\theta)$	$\sin(\theta)$	$\tan(\theta)$
0	$0^\circ$			
$\frac{\pi}{6}$	30			
$\frac{\pi}{4}$				
$\frac{\pi}{3}$				
$\frac{\pi}{2}$				
$\frac{2\pi}{3}$				
$\frac{3\pi}{4}$				
$\frac{5\pi}{6}$				
$\pi$				
$\frac{7\pi}{6}$				
$\frac{5\pi}{4}$				
$\frac{4\pi}{3}$				
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$				
$\frac{5\pi}{3}$				
$\frac{7\pi}{4}$				
$\frac{11\pi}{6}$				
$2\pi$				

b. What patterns do you notice between the values in your table and the coordinates of the corresponding points?

c. State a range of values for  $\cos(\theta)$ . Then state a range for  $\sin(\theta)$ . Why are these ranges limited to the stated values?

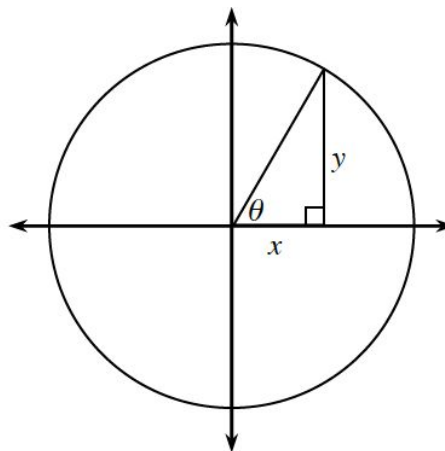
#57

Conor draws a circle with a radius of 3 and uses a special right triangle to label the coordinates. He determines that  $\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$  is equal to 1.5, the value of the y-coordinate. Is Conor correct? Why or why not?



#58

a. Review the diagram at right. In terms of  $x$  and  $y$ , what does  $\tan(\theta)$  equal?



b. In terms of  $\sin(\theta)$  and  $\cos(\theta)$ , what does  $\tan(\theta)$  equal?

c. How can  $\tan(\theta)$  be described geometrically?

d. Do your answers for part (a) and part (b) work for circles with radii other than one? Explain your reasoning.

e. Add a column to your table from problem 2-56 for  $\tan(\theta)$ . Complete this column using your observations from parts (a) through (d).

f. State a range of values for  $\tan(\theta)$ .

**#59** Sketch a unit circle. Then draw a right triangle with its base on the x-axis and vertex at the origin in your unit circle, as shown in the diagram in problem 2-58.

a. Write the equation of the unit circle.

b. Using what you know about  $x$  and  $y$  in the unit circle, rewrite the equation in terms of  $\sin(\theta)$  and  $\cos(\theta)$ .

c. The equation you found in part (b) is referred to as the **Pythagorean Identity**. Why do you think it is named as such?