

## FREQUENTLY ASKED Questions

**Q:** How are radians and degrees related?

**A:** Radians are determined by the relationship  $\theta = \frac{a}{r}$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle subtended by arc length  $a$  in a circle with radius  $r$ . One revolution creates an angle of  $360^\circ$ , or  $2\pi$  radians. Since  $360^\circ = 2\pi$  radians, it follows that  $180^\circ = \pi$  radians. This relationship can be used to convert between the two measures.

- To convert from degrees to radians, multiply by  $\frac{\pi}{180^\circ}$ .
- To convert from radians to degrees, either substitute  $180^\circ$  for  $\pi$  or multiply by  $\frac{180^\circ}{\pi}$ .

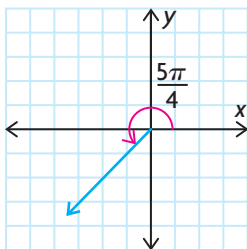
Here are three examples:

$$\begin{array}{l|l|l} 75^\circ = 75^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} & \frac{5\pi}{4} = \frac{5(180^\circ)}{4} & 3 \text{ radians} = \frac{3(180^\circ)}{\pi} \\ = \frac{5\pi}{12} & = 225^\circ & \doteq 171.887^\circ \end{array}$$

**Q:** How do you determine exact values of trigonometric ratios for multiples of special angles expressed in radians?

**A:** An angle on the Cartesian plane is determined by rotating the terminal arm in either a clockwise or counterclockwise direction. The special triangles can be used to determine the coordinates of a point that lies on the terminal arm of the angle. Then, using the  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $r$  trigonometric definitions and the related angle, the exact values of the trigonometric ratios can be evaluated for multiples of angles  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ , and  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ .

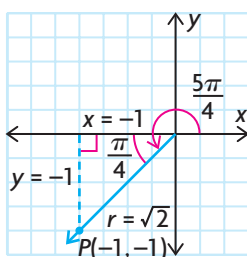
For example, to determine the exact value of  $\sec \frac{5\pi}{4}$ , sketch the angle in standard position. Determine the related angle. Since the terminal arm of  $\frac{5\pi}{4}$  lies in the third quadrant, the related angle is  $\frac{5\pi}{4} - \pi = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

**Study Aid**

- See Lesson 6.1, Examples 1, 2, and 3.
- Try Mid-Chapter Review Questions 1, 2, and 3.

**Study Aid**

- See Lesson 6.2, Example 3.
- Try Mid-Chapter Review Questions 4 and 6.



### Study Aid

- See Lesson 6.4, Example 3.
- Try Mid-Chapter Review Questions 8 and 9.

Sketch the  $1, 1, \sqrt{2}$  special triangle by drawing a vertical line from the point  $(-1, -1)$  on the terminal arm to the negative  $x$ -axis. Use the values of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $r$  and the appropriate ratio to determine the value.

$$\begin{aligned}\sec \frac{5\pi}{4} &= \frac{r}{x} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{-1} \\ &= -\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

### Q: How can transformations be used to graph sinusoidal functions?

**A:** The graphs of functions of the form  $f(x) = a \sin(k(x - d)) + c$  and  $f(x) = a \cos(k(x - d)) + c$  are transformations of the parent functions  $y = \sin(x)$  and  $y = \cos(x)$ , respectively.

In sinusoidal functions, the parameters  $a$ ,  $k$ ,  $d$ , and  $c$  give the transformations to be applied, as well as the key characteristics of the graph.

- $|a|$  gives the vertical stretch/compression factor and the amplitude of the function.
- $\left|\frac{1}{k}\right|$  determines the horizontal stretch/compression factor, and  $\left|\frac{2\pi}{k}\right|$  gives the period of the function.
- When  $a$  is negative, the function is reflected in the  $x$ -axis. When  $k$  is negative, the function is reflected in the  $y$ -axis.
- $d$  gives the horizontal translation.
- $c$  gives the vertical translation, and  $y = c$  gives the equation of the horizontal axis of the function.

To sketch these functions, begin with the key points of the parent function. Apply any stretches/compressions and reflections first, and then follow them with any translations.

Alternatively, use the equation of the axis, amplitude, and period to sketch a graph of the form  $f(x) = a \sin(x) + c$  or  $f(x) = a \cos(x) + c$ . Then apply the horizontal translation to the points of this graph, if necessary.

## PRACTICE Questions

### Lesson 6.1

- Convert each angle from radians to degrees. Express your answer to one decimal place, if necessary.
 

a) $\frac{\pi}{8}$	c) 5
b) $4\pi$	d) $\frac{11\pi}{12}$
- Convert each angle from degrees to radians. Express your answer to one decimal place, if necessary.
 

a) $125^\circ$	d) $330^\circ$
b) $450^\circ$	e) $215^\circ$
c) $5^\circ$	f) $-140^\circ$
- A tire with a diameter of 38 cm rotates 10 times in 5 s.
  - What is the angle that the tire rotates through, in radians, from 0 s to 5 s?
  - Determine the angular velocity of the tire.
  - Determine the distance travelled by a pebble that is trapped in the tread of the tire.

### Lesson 6.2

- Sketch each angle in standard position, and then determine the exact value of the trigonometric ratio.
 

a) $\sin \frac{3\pi}{4}$	d) $\tan \frac{5\pi}{6}$
b) $\sin \frac{11\pi}{6}$	e) $\cos \frac{3\pi}{2}$
c) $\tan \frac{5\pi}{3}$	f) $\cos \frac{4\pi}{3}$
- The terminal arms of angles in standard position pass through the following points. Find the measure of each angle in radians, to the nearest hundredth.
 

a) $(-3, 14)$	d) $(-5, -18)$
b) $(6, 7)$	e) $(2, 3)$
c) $(1, 9)$	f) $(4, -20)$

- State an equivalent expression for each of the following expressions, in terms of the related acute angle.

a) $\sin\left(-\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$	c) $\sec\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
b) $\cot \frac{7\pi}{4}$	d) $\cos\left(-\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$

### Lesson 6.3

- State the  $x$ -intercepts and  $y$ -intercepts of the graph of each of the following functions.

a) $y = \sin x$
b) $y = \cos x$
c) $y = \tan x$

### Lesson 6.4

- Sketch the graph of each function on the interval  $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$ .
  - $y = \tan(x)$
  - $y = 2 \sin(-x) - 1$
  - $y = \frac{5}{2} \cos\left(2\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) + 3$
  - $y = -\frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$
  - $y = 2 \sin\left(-3\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) + 4$
  - $y = 0.4 \sin(\pi - 2x) - 2.5$
- The graph of the function  $y = \sin x$  is transformed by vertically compressing it by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$ , reflecting it in the  $y$ -axis, horizontally compressing it by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$ , horizontally translating it  $\frac{\pi}{8}$  units to the left, and vertically translating it 23 units down. Write the equation of the resulting graph.