

Day 1: Sine, Cosine, and Tangent

Right Triangle Trigonometry

1) To find a missing side of a right triangle use the Pythagorean Thm.

This Theorem is $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.

a and b are the legs and c is the hypotenuse.

Find the missing side of each triangle.

2)

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$5^2 + x^2 = 9^2$$

$$25 + x^2 = 81$$

$$x^2 = 56$$

$$x = \sqrt{56} \approx 7.48$$

3)

$$x^2 + 8^2 = (\sqrt{197})^2$$

$$x^2 + 64 = 197$$

$$x^2 = 133$$

$$x = \sqrt{133}$$

4)

$$x^2 + 4^2 = (\sqrt{170})^2$$

$$x^2 + 16 = 170$$

$$x^2 = 154$$

$$x = \sqrt{154} \approx 12.41$$

5)

$$10^2 + 5^2 = x^2$$

$$100 + 25 = x^2$$

$$\sqrt{125} = \sqrt{x^2}$$

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

Trigonometry Ratios

6) Trig Ratios can be used to find missing sides and missing angles of right triangles.

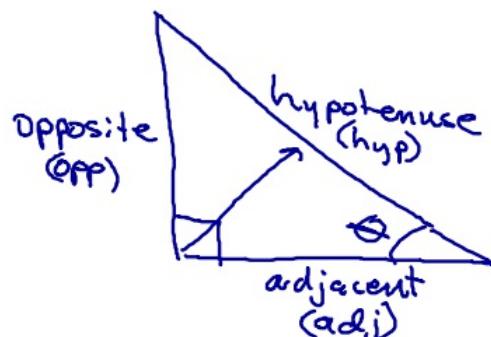
The following are trig ratios (you need to memorize these):

Soh-Cah-Toa

Sine which has the ratio of $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$

Cosine which has the ratio of $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$

Tangent which has the ratio of $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$



Soh-Cah-Toa.

Find the value of the trig function indicated.

7) $\cos \theta$

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

$$\boxed{\cos \theta = \frac{24}{25}}$$

$$\cos^{-1} \frac{24}{25} = \theta$$

$$\frac{24}{25}$$

8) $\sin \theta$

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

$$\boxed{\sin \theta = \frac{24}{25}}$$

9) $\tan \theta$

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

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

10) $\cos \theta$

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

$$\boxed{\cos \theta = \frac{8}{10}}$$

$$\boxed{\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}}$$

11) $\tan \theta$

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

$$\boxed{\tan \theta = \frac{24}{7}}$$

12) $\sin \theta$

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

$$\boxed{\sin \theta = \frac{8}{17}}$$

13) $\sin \theta$

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

$$\boxed{\sin \theta = \frac{6}{10}}$$

$$\boxed{\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}}$$

14) $\cos \theta$

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

$$\boxed{\cos \theta = \frac{15}{25}}$$

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

15) $\cos \theta$

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

$$\frac{x^2 + 20^2 = 25^2}{x^2 + 400 = 625}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{225}$$

$$x = 15$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{15}{25}$$

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

16) $\sin \theta$

$$7^2 + 24^2 = x^2$$

$$49 + 576 = x^2$$

$$625 = x^2$$

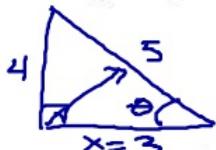
$$25 = x$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{7}{25}$$

17) Given any trig value we can construct the triangle and find all other trig values.

If $\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ what is $\tan \theta$? $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$

First construct your right triangle and label sides given.



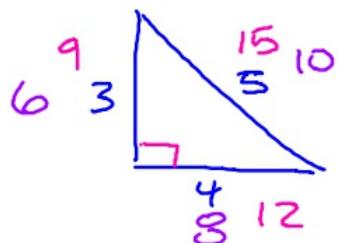
Next, use pythagorean theorem to solve for the missing side.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 4^2 &= 5^2 \\ x^2 + 16 &= 25 \\ x^2 &= 9 \\ x &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate trig functions using the constructed triangle.

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

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



Find the value of the two remaining trig functions.

18) If $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ then $\frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

19) If $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{7}$ then $\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{7} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$1^2 + x^2 = 7^2$
 $1 + x^2 = 49$
 $x^2 = 48$
 $x = 4\sqrt{3}$

20) If $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ then $\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

21) If $\sin \theta = \frac{15}{17}$ then $\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{8}{17} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{15}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$15^2 + x^2 = 17^2$
 $225 + x^2 = 289$
 $x^2 = 64$
 $x = 8$