

- Today is a review of trigonometric functions and polynomials.

## **Trigonometric Functions**

- Trigonometry is the mathematics of angles.
- angles are measured counterclockwise along the unit circle (radius 1 centered at the origin) starting at the  $x$ -axis.
- The coordinates of a point on the circle are the cosine and sine of the angle, respectively.

- If the angle is between  $0$  and  $\pi/2$  we can compute the trig functions by considering a right triangle.

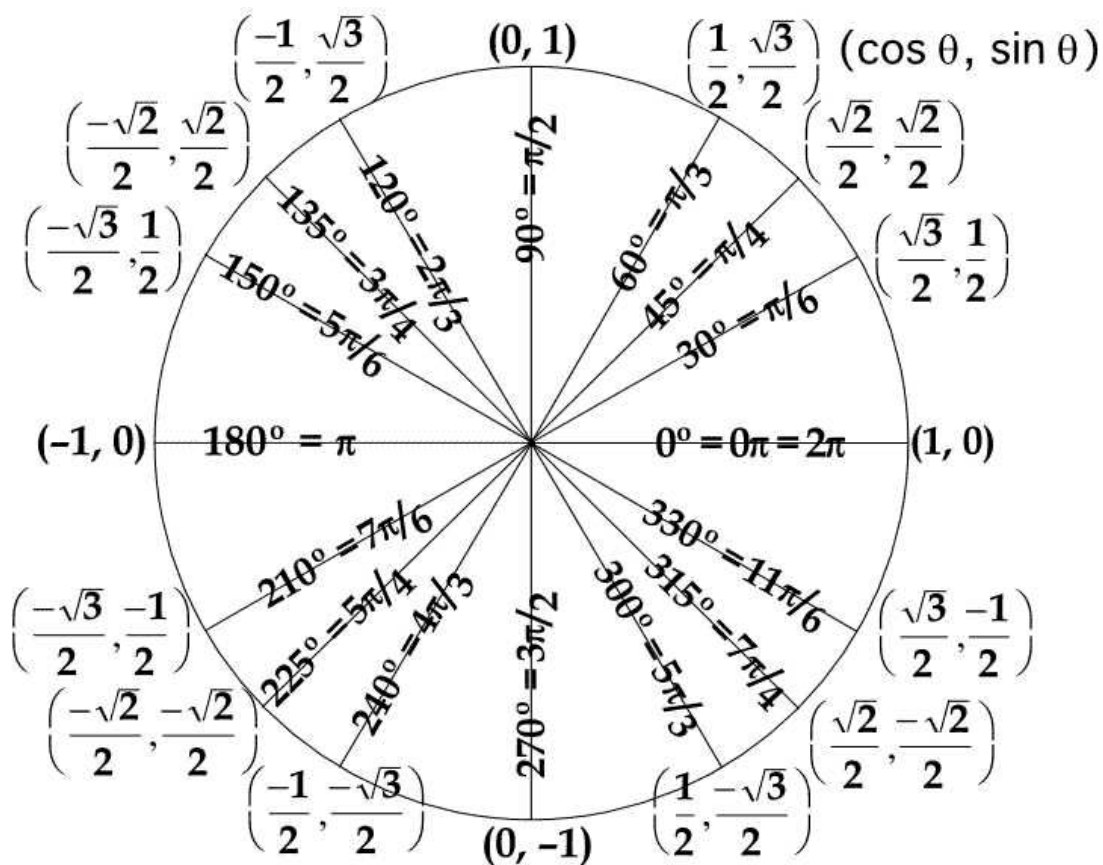


Figure 1. Angles.  $2\pi = 360^\circ$ .

- from <http://criselporfolio20122013.weebly.com/trigonometry.html>

- The **unit circle** is the circle of radius 1 centered at the origin.
- **Definition** of sine and cosine: If  $(x, y)$  is a point on the unit circle, corresponding to an angle  $t$ , then

$$x = \cos t \quad \text{and} \quad y = \sin t$$

- More notation:

$$\sin t = \sin(t)$$

$$\sin^2 t = (\sin t)^2$$

$$\sin t^2 = \sin(t^2)$$

$$\cos t = \cos(t)$$

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- For example  $\sin t + c$  is ambiguous and should be written as  $\sin(t + c)$  or  $c + \sin t$ .
- Some immediate consequences of the definition:

$$\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = 1$$

because on the unit circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

$$\sin(t + 2\pi) = \sin t$$

$$\cos(t + 2\pi) = \cos t$$

$2\pi$  periodicity

- Less obvious consequences

$$\cos t = \sin\left(t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin t = \cos\left(t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

sin lags cos by  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

- 4 more trigonometric functions are defined by

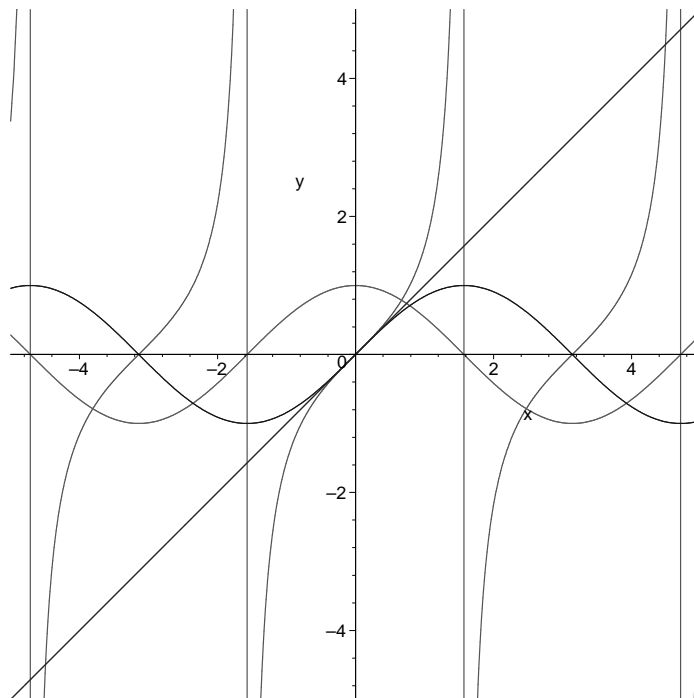
$$\tan t = \frac{\sin t}{\cos t} \quad \text{tangent}$$

$$\cot t = \frac{\cos t}{\sin t} \quad \text{cotangent}$$

$$\sec t = \frac{1}{\cos t} \quad \text{secant}$$

$$\csc t = \frac{1}{\sin t} \quad \text{cosecant}$$

- We usually only use sine, cosine, and tangent.



**Figure 2.** Graphs of  $\sin$ ,  $\cos$ ,  $\tan$ ,  $x$ .

- Note that the tangent function is  $\pi$ -periodic (not just  $2\pi$ -periodic)
- Also note that the functions  $x$ ,  $\sin x$ , and  $\tan x$  are all tangent at the origin. This is no coincidence!

## Trigonometric Identities

- There is a host of them. We'll use some of them occasionally in this class.
- Here is a partial list:

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

$$\tan(x + y) = \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y}$$

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{2}}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos x}{2}}$$



Do not attempt to memorize those formulas!

On the other hand, it should be obvious that

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1.$$

## “Inverse” Trig Functions

- major fact: Trig functions are not invertible.
- This is because for any value of a trigonometric function there are infinitely many angles that give rise to that value of the trig function.
- The trig functions fail the horizontal line test because of their periodicity.
- However, one can define functions such that

$$\begin{array}{llll} \sin \arcsin x = x & -1 \leq x \leq 1 & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \arcsin x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{(arcsine)} \\ \cos \arccos x = x & -1 \leq x \leq 1 & 0 \leq \arccos x \leq \pi & \text{(arccosine)} \\ \tan \arctan x = x & -\infty < x < \infty & -\frac{\pi}{2} < \arctan x < \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{(arctangent)} \end{array}$$

- But note that in general

$$\begin{array}{l} \arcsin \sin x \neq x \\ \arccos \cos x \neq x \\ \arctan \tan x \neq x \end{array}$$

- For example:

$$\begin{array}{l} \arcsin \sin(2\pi) = 0 \\ \arccos \cos(-\pi) = \pi \\ \arctan \tan 2.0 \approx -1.141592 \end{array}$$

## Polynomials

- A function  $P$  is a polynomial (in  $x$ ) if it can be written as

$$P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0.$$

- The  $a_i$  are the **coefficients of the polynomial**.
- If the **leading coefficient** ( $a_n \neq 0$ ) then  $n$  is the **degree** of the polynomial.



## More Vocabulary

- Low degrees have their own names:

$n$	Name	Example
0	constant	
1	linear	
2	quadratic	
3	cubic	
4	quartic	
5	quintic	

- The list goes on: sextic, septic, octic, nonic
- **monomial:** one term only.
- **binomial:** two terms
- **trinomial:** three terms
- **constant term:**  $a_0$
- **leading term:**  $a_n x^n$
- **leading coefficient:**  $a_n$

# Horner's Scheme, Nested Multiplication, Synthetic Division

# Long Division