

This quiz reviews some basic trigonometry used in some soon-to-be-covered sections. You may work this quiz either:

- (1) on your own paper, in which case, box your answer and show your work
- (2) on this paper, in which case, put your answer in the provided box and justify your answer by showing your work beneath the box.

1. We know that

$$1 \quad \& \quad \cos \theta \quad \& \quad \sin \theta$$

satisfies the well-known equation

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1. \quad (1)$$

DERIVE a similar equation (which you will need to know) relating

$$1 \quad \& \quad \tan \theta \quad \& \quad (\text{one other trigonometric function})(\theta).$$

ANSWER:¹

$$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \quad \implies \quad \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \quad \implies \quad 1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$$

2. Express $\arctan \sqrt{3}$ in radians.

ANSWER:²

$$\arctan \sqrt{3} =$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\pi}{3}}$$

$$[\arctan \sqrt{3} = \theta] \iff [\sqrt{3} = \tan \theta \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}] \iff \left[\frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

Now see the unit circle on the last page.

3. Express $\arctan (-\sqrt{3})$ in radians.

ANSWER:²

$$\arctan (-\sqrt{3}) =$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{\pi}{3}}$$

$$[\arctan (-\sqrt{3}) = \theta] \iff [-\sqrt{3} = \tan \theta \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}] \iff \left[-\frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

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¹Justify your answer beneath the box. To Derive \neq to look up in a book. Start with the well-known equation in (1) and perform a few algebraic steps to quickly arrive at an equation involving tan. Would you rather memorize this need-to-know equation or just remember how to quickly derive it from the well-known equation (1)? Just for fun: in this problem replace tan with cot and give it a try.

²Justify your answer beneath the box, e.g., a properly marked reference triangle or an explanation of how you see it from a properly marked unit circle.

4. Let $x = 5 \sec \theta$ and $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Without using inverse trigonometric functions, express $\tan \theta$ as a function of x .

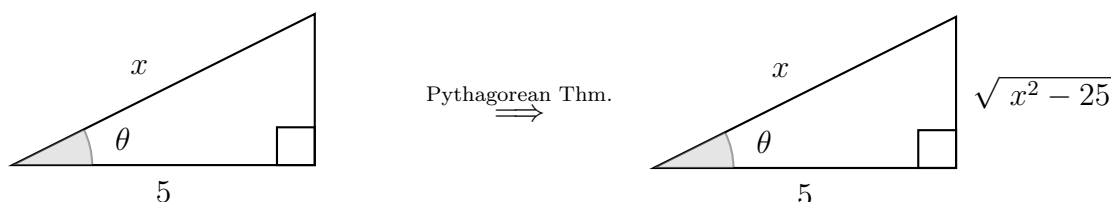
ANSWER:³ $\tan \theta = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{5}}$

4&5 Way #1. Note

$$x = 5 \sec \theta \implies \frac{x}{5} = \sec \theta \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} \frac{1}{\cos \theta}.$$

So if $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, then from the below reference triangles we infer

$$\frac{x}{5} = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}} \implies \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{5}.$$



Thus $\tan \theta = \pm \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{5}$ and we just now need to determine whether to take the plus or the minus:

$$\tan \theta = \begin{cases} +\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{5} & \text{if } \tan \theta \geq 0, \text{ which is the case for } 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{5} & \text{if } \tan \theta \leq 0, \text{ which is the case for } \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

5. Let $x = 5 \sec \theta$ and $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi$.

Without using inverse trigonometric functions, express $\tan \theta$ as a function of x .

ANSWER:³ $\tan \theta = \boxed{-\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{5}}$

4&5 Way #2. Recall that

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \implies \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \implies 1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta.$$

We are given that $\sec \theta = \frac{x}{5}$ and so

$$\tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta - 1 = \frac{x^2}{5^2} - 1 = \frac{x^2 - 25}{5^2} = \left(\frac{\pm \sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{5} \right)^2.$$

Thus $\tan \theta = \pm \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}}{5}$ and we just now need to determine whether to take the plus or the minus and so we proceed as we did in Way # 1 in (2) :

³Justify your work either by some algebra or by a properly marked unit circle/reference triangle, along with a brief explanation of what you are thinking.

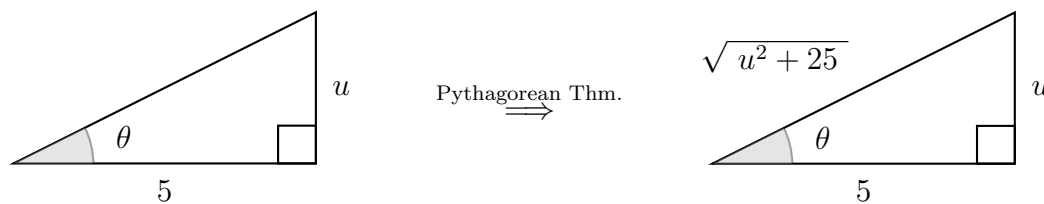
6. Let $u = 5 \tan \theta$. Without using inverse trigonometric functions, fill out the below chart to express $\sin \theta$ as a function of u .

$$\text{ANSWER : } \sin \theta = \begin{cases} + \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + 25}} & ; \text{if } 0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ - \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + 25}} & ; \text{if } \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \pi \\ - \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + 25}} & ; \text{if } \pi \leq \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2} \\ + \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + 25}} & ; \text{if } \frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi. \end{cases}$$

Hint: For each quadrant, compare the sign (i.e., positive or negative) of $\sin \theta$ with the sign of $\tan \theta$.

Justification: If $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, then from the below reference triangles we infer

$$\frac{u}{5} = \tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} \implies \sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + 25}}.$$



Thus $\sin \theta = \pm \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + 25}}$ and we just now need to determine whether to take the plus or the minus. The choice of \pm follows from the fact that $\sin \theta$ and u have the same sign in the 1st and 4th quadrants while they have the opposite signs in the 2nd and 3rd quadrants.

Unit Circle

