# Trigonometric Functions of Real Numbers

# Objective

### Students will...

- Be able to know that the coordinates of radians,  $(x, y) = (\cos t, \sin t)$
- Be able to evaluate trigonometric functions in radians.

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# Soh Can ton Trigonometric Functions



The concept of trigonometric functions can be defined in terms of the unit circle. The definition of trigonometric functions is as follows: t-deg., radians

 $(y \neq 0)$ 

$$\sin t = y$$

$$\tan t = \frac{y}{x} \ (x \neq 0)$$

$$\sec t = \frac{1}{\cos t} = \frac{1}{x} \qquad \csc t = \frac{1}{\sin t} = \frac{1}{y} \qquad \cot t = \frac{1}{\tan t} = \frac{x}{y}$$

$$(x \neq 0) \qquad (y \neq 0)$$

$$\cot t = \frac{1}{\tan t} = \frac{x}{y}$$



### **Evaluating Trigonometric Functions**

We have computed the (x,y) coordinate for each of the values on the unit circle. Based on our definition above,  $(x,y)=(\cos t\,,\sin t)$ . Consider the following units on the unit circle (Note that we are in <u>radians</u>):

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$$0 = (1,0) \rightarrow \cos 0 = \begin{cases} \sin 0 = 0 \\ \sin 0 = 0 \end{cases}, \tan 0 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}) \rightarrow \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}, \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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$$\frac{\pi}{3} = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) \rightarrow \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \cot \frac{\pi}{3$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{3} = (2, \frac{1}{2}) \rightarrow \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \sin \frac{7\pi}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \quad (m_3 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\sec \frac{2\pi}{3} - 2 \quad \csc \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{5\pi}{4} = ( , ) \rightarrow$$

$$(t + \frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1$$

 $\frac{11\pi}{6} = ($  ,  $) \rightarrow$ 

## csc, sec, cot

For the following, give the values for  $\csc t$  ,  $\sec t$  , and  $\cot t$ 

$$\frac{4\pi}{3} = ( , )$$

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