

5.3: The Other Trigonometric Functions

If (x, y) is the terminal point for angle t .

- Tangent of angle t : $\tan(t) = \frac{y}{x}$ for $x \neq 0$. Also $\tan(t) = \frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)}$ when $\cos(t) \neq 0$.
- Cotangent of angle t : $\cot(t) = \frac{x}{y}$ for $y \neq 0$. Also $\cot(t) = \frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t)}$ when $\sin(t) \neq 0$.
- Secant of angle t : $\sec(t) = \frac{1}{x}$ for $x \neq 0$. Also $\sec(t) = \frac{1}{\cos(t)}$ when $\cos(t) \neq 0$.
- Cosecant of angle t : $\csc(t) = \frac{1}{y}$ for $y \neq 0$. Also $\csc(t) = \frac{1}{\sin(t)}$ when $\sin(t) \neq 0$.
- Reciprocal identity for Tangent: $\tan(t) = \frac{1}{\cot(t)}$ when $\cot(t) \neq 0$.
- Reciprocal identity for Cotangent: $\cot(t) = \frac{1}{\tan(t)}$ when $\tan(t) \neq 0$.

Now, you can complete the left table in Question 1.

• Finding Trigonometric Functions of θ

- Find the reference angle, t , for θ .
- Use the table of sine/cosine values for $0, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}$ to find the **absolute value** of the sine and cosine.
- Subtract/add enough 2π to the angle to find the coterminal angle and its **quadrant**.
- Find the **sign** of the sine and cosine in the correct **quadrant**.
- Use the formula for **tan, cot, sec** and **csc** to find the other values.
- That is, $\sin(\theta) = \pm(\sin(t))$ and $\cos(\theta) = \pm(\cos(t))$

Now, you can complete the right table in Question 1.

- **Periodic functions:** A function is **periodic** if there is a positive number p such that $f(t) = f(t + p)$. That is, the function repeats itself after time p has passed. We call p the period if it is the **smallest** such number.
- **Periodic properties of Sine and Cosine:**
The function $\sin(t)$ and $\cos(t)$ have period 2π that is $\sin(t) = \sin(t + 2\pi)$ and $\cos t = \cos(t + 2\pi)$ for all t . We observed that the value of sine and cosine on the circle repeats itself after $2k\pi$ for k an integer.
- **Optimization with Trigonometric functions:** Maximum/minimum value of $\sin(t)$ and $\cos(t)$ are $1/-1$. To find Maximum/minimum of a transformation of sine and cosine function, solve an inequality.

Now, you can complete Questions 2 and 3.

Summary of identities

- Pythagorean identity:**

$$\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) = 1 \quad \text{(Main equation)}$$

$$\sin^2(t) = 1 - \cos^2(t) \quad \text{(Obvious alternative)}$$

$$\cos^2(t) = 1 - \sin^2(t) \quad \text{(Obvious alternative)}$$

$$\sec^2(t) = \tan^2(t) + 1 \quad \left(\text{A derivation: } \underbrace{\frac{\sin^2(t)}{\cos^2(t)}}_{\tan^2(t)} + \underbrace{\frac{\cos^2(t)}{\cos^2(t)}}_1 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\cos^2(t)}}_{\sec^2(t)} \right)$$

$$\csc^2(t) = 1 + \cot^2(t) \quad \left(\text{Another derivation: } \underbrace{\frac{\sin^2(t)}{\sin^2(t)}}_1 + \underbrace{\frac{\cos^2(t)}{\sin^2(t)}}_{\cot^2(t)} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sin^2(t)}}_{\csc^2(t)} \right)$$

- Even and Odd:**

Odd:

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

$$\tan(-t) = -\tan(t)$$

$$\cot(-t) = -\cot(t)$$

$$\csc(-t) = -\csc(t)$$

Even:

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

$$\sec(-t) = \sec(t)$$

We use these identities to compute different trigonometric values.

1. Complete the table for all trig functions.

| t | sin(t) | cos(t) | tan(t) | cot(t) | sec(t) | csc(t) |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0 | | | | DNE | | DNE |
| $\frac{\pi}{6}$ | | | | | | |
| $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | | | | | | |
| $\frac{\pi}{3}$ | | | | | | |
| $\frac{\pi}{2}$ | | | DNE | | DNE | |

| t | sin(t) | cos(t) | tan(t) | cot(t) | sec(t) | csc(t) |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ | | | DNE | | | DNE |
| $\frac{5\pi}{3}$ | | | | | | |
| $\frac{7\pi}{6}$ | | | | | | |
| $\frac{7\pi}{4}$ | | | | | | |
| π | | | | DNE | | DNE |

2. **Biology (the Predator Prey Model):** In many models of population with predator and prey when the population of prey starting to increase, the population of predator increases. After a while, the increase in population of predator causes the population of the prey after a while causes the population of prey to decrease. And the decrease in population of prey causes the decrease in population of predator. This is a cycle that repeats itself and can be modeled by a simple periodic functions such as sine and cosine.

Let $N(t) = 1200\sin(3t) + 2500$ be the population of prey over time. Find the maximum population and length of time between successive periods of maximum population.

3. **Biology (Blood Pressure):** The equation $P(t) = 20\sin(2\pi t) + 100$ models the blood pressure for a healthy 20-year old, P , where t represents time in seconds. (a) Find the blood pressure after 15 seconds. (b) What are the maximum and minimum blood pressures?