

(Key)

6.5 The Unit Circle

- I can identify angles on the unit circle and can find values of their sine, cosine and tangent
- I can find angles with a given sine, cosine or tangent

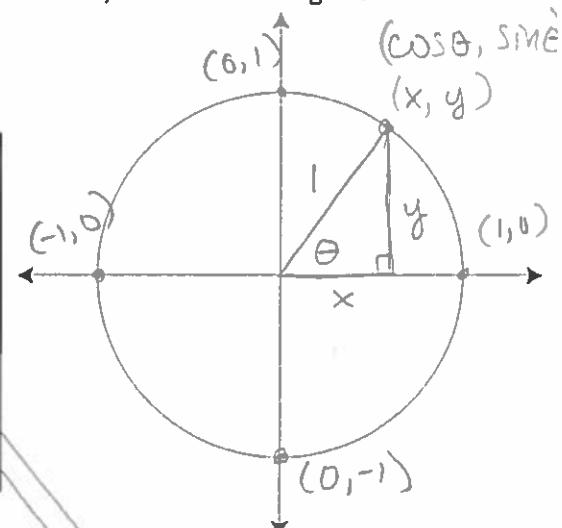
VOCABULARY

Unit Circle – A circle centered at $(0,0)$ with a radius of 1.

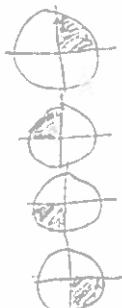
The x-coordinate of a point on the unit circle \rightarrow $\cos \theta$

The y-coordinate of a point on the unit circle \rightarrow $\sin \theta$

$$\text{Tangent} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{y}{x}$$



Quadrant	x-coordinate	y-coordinate	$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$	$\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$	$\tan \theta (y/x)$
I	+	+	+	+	+
II	-	+	-	+	-
III	-	-	-	-	+
IV	+	-	+	-	-



Label the coordinates of the point for 0° , 90° , 180° and 270° on the unit circle above.

Ex 1: Find the given value without your calculator.

a. $\sin 90^\circ =$ 1 b. $\cos 270^\circ =$ 0 c. $\tan 180^\circ =$ $\frac{0}{-1} = 0$ d. $\sin -90^\circ =$ -1

Ex 2: Find the value(s) of θ , for $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$, that have the given function value.

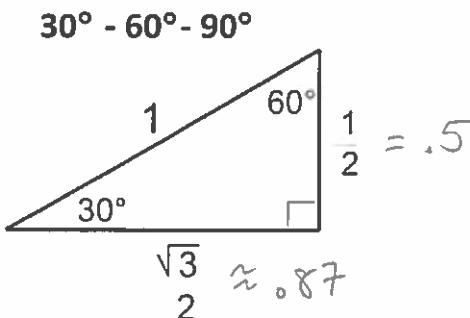
a. $\sin \theta = 0$ $0^\circ, 180^\circ$

b. $\cos \theta = -1$ 180°

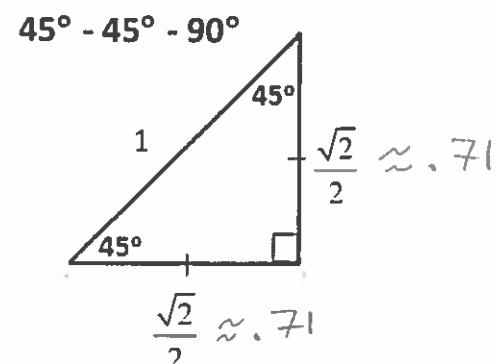
c. $\tan \theta$ is undefined $90^\circ, 270^\circ$

$$\frac{y}{x}$$

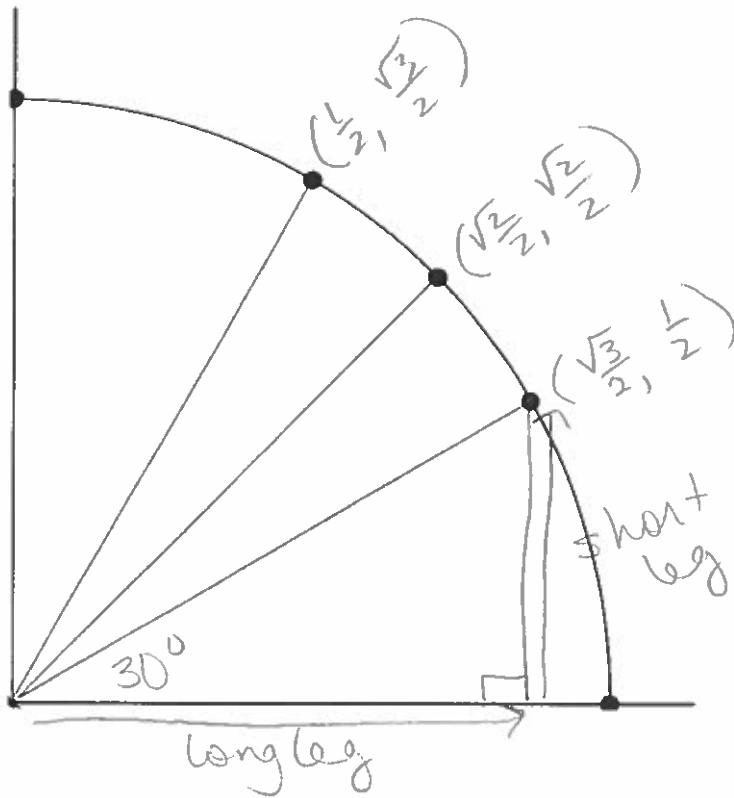
Let's consider other angles. Remember the special right triangles?



This triangle is scalene.
It has a short leg and a long leg.



This triangle is isosceles.
The legs are the same length.



Use the side lengths of the special right triangles to find the coordinates of these points in the first quadrant.

Now use these angles as reference angles to find sine and cosine of angles in the other three quadrants.
Write them on your unit circle sheet.

