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Introduction to the Unit Circle

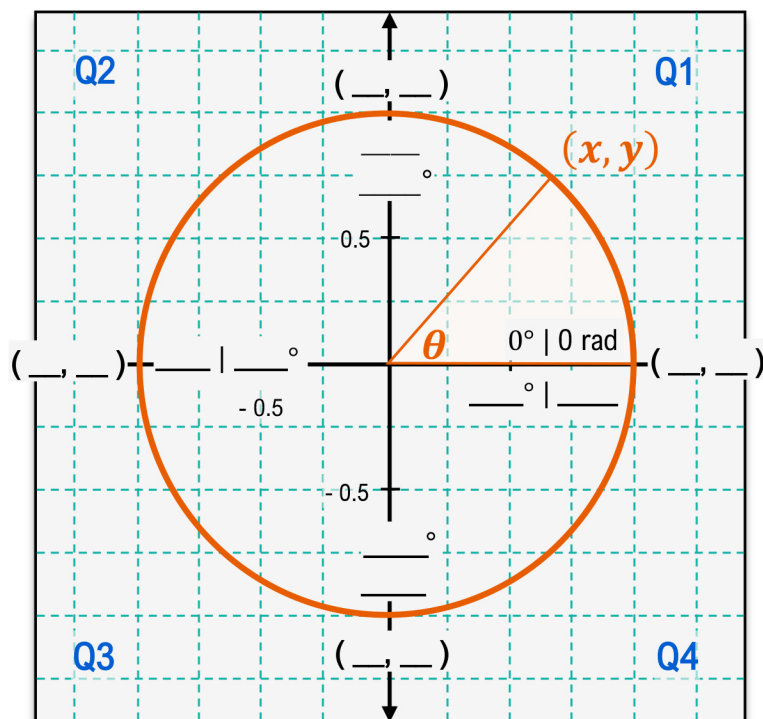
◆ **Unit Circle:** Circle of radius 1 relating **angles** from 0 to 360° (or ____ radians) to ***x* & *y* values**. Centered at (____ , ____).

Recall **Circle**

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$$

New **Unit Circle**

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$



EXAMPLE

Identify which points are on the unit circle and label them on the graph.

(A) (1, 1) [ON | NOT ON] unit circle

(B) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ [ON | NOT ON] unit circle

PRACTICE

Identify the quadrant that the given angle is located in.

(A)

$$\frac{7\pi}{4} \text{ radians}$$

Quadrant: ____

(B)

$$\frac{\pi}{7} \text{ radians}$$

Quadrant: ____

(C)

$$\frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ radians}$$

Quadrant: ____

(D)

$$\frac{6\pi}{5} \text{ radians}$$

Quadrant: ____

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PRACTICE

Test whether the point is on the unit circle by plugging it into the equation.

$$\left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

New

Unit Circle

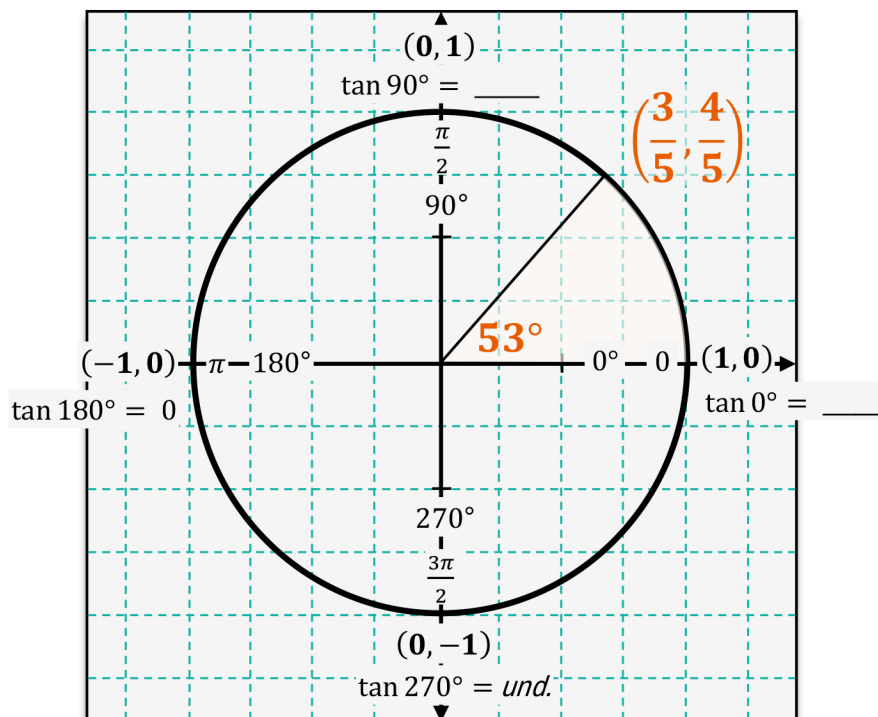
$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

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Sine, Cosine, & Tangent on the Unit Circle

◆ **Trigonometric Functions** relate angles to _____ on the unit circle. On the unit circle:

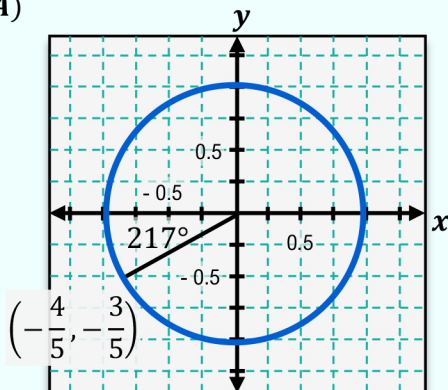
- ▶ The **SIN** of an angle is ALWAYS the ____ value or the _____ of the corresponding triangle.
- ▶ The **COS** of an angle is ALWAYS the ____ value or the _____ of the corresponding triangle.
- ▶ The **TAN** of an angle is ALWAYS ____



EXAMPLE

Find the sine, cosine, and tangent of each angle using the unit circle.

(A)

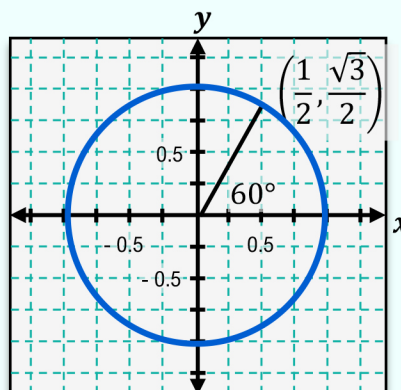


$$\sin 217^\circ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\cos 217^\circ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\tan 217^\circ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(B)



$$\sin 60^\circ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\cos 60^\circ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

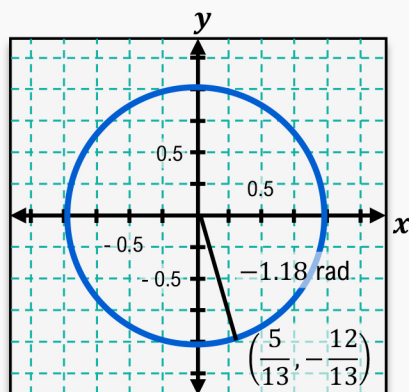
$$\tan 60^\circ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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PRACTICE

Find the sine, cosine, and tangent of each angle using the unit circle.

(A)

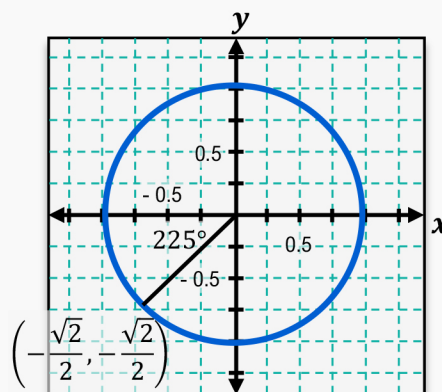


$$\sin \theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(B)



$$\sin \theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

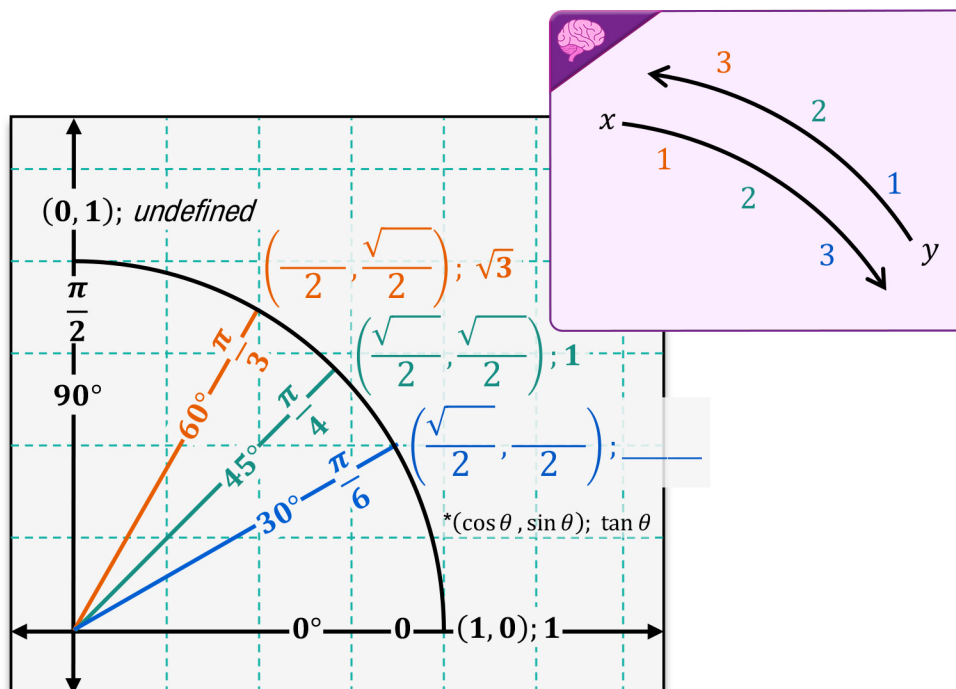
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Sine, Cosine, & Tangent of 30° , 45° , & 60°

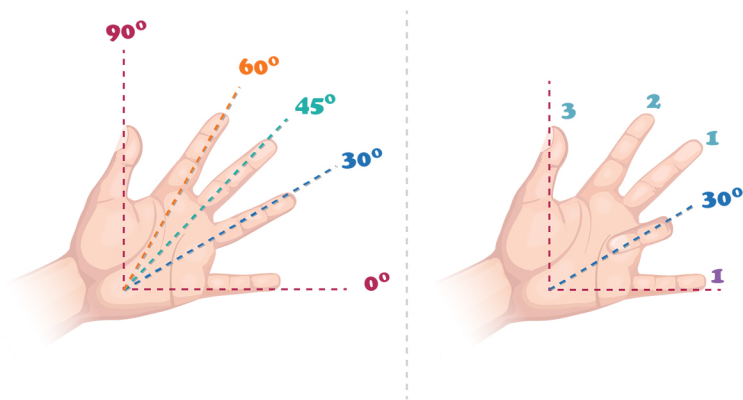
◆ You'll use trig values of 30° , 45° , & 60° (or $\frac{\pi}{6}$, $\frac{\pi}{4}$, & $\frac{\pi}{3}$) in most problems; Here's 2 methods to help memorize them.

- No matter how you choose to memorize these values, ALWAYS start with $\frac{\sqrt{\quad}}{2}$

1) The 1-2-3 Rule



2) The Left Hand Rule



$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{\text{fingers above}}}{2}$
 $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{\text{fingers below}}}{2}$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{\text{fingers below}}}{\sqrt{\text{fingers above}}}$

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{\quad}}{2}$$

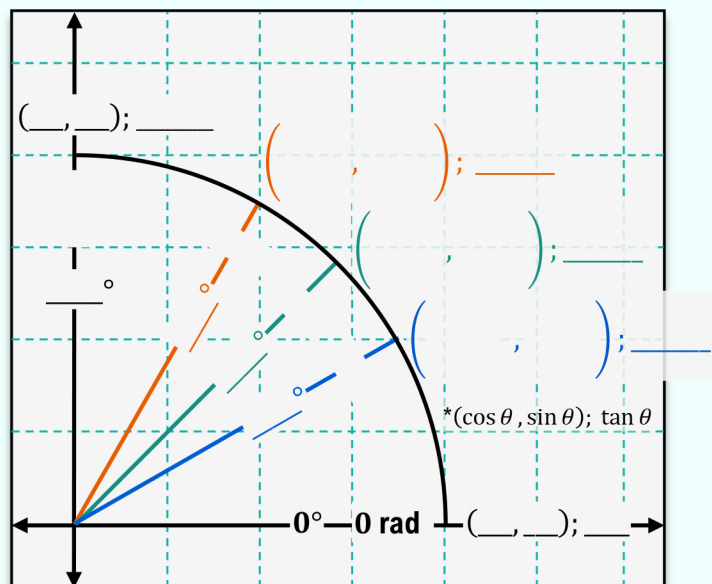
$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{\quad}}{2} =$$

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{\quad}}{\sqrt{\quad}} =$$

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EXAMPLE

Fill in all of the missing information.

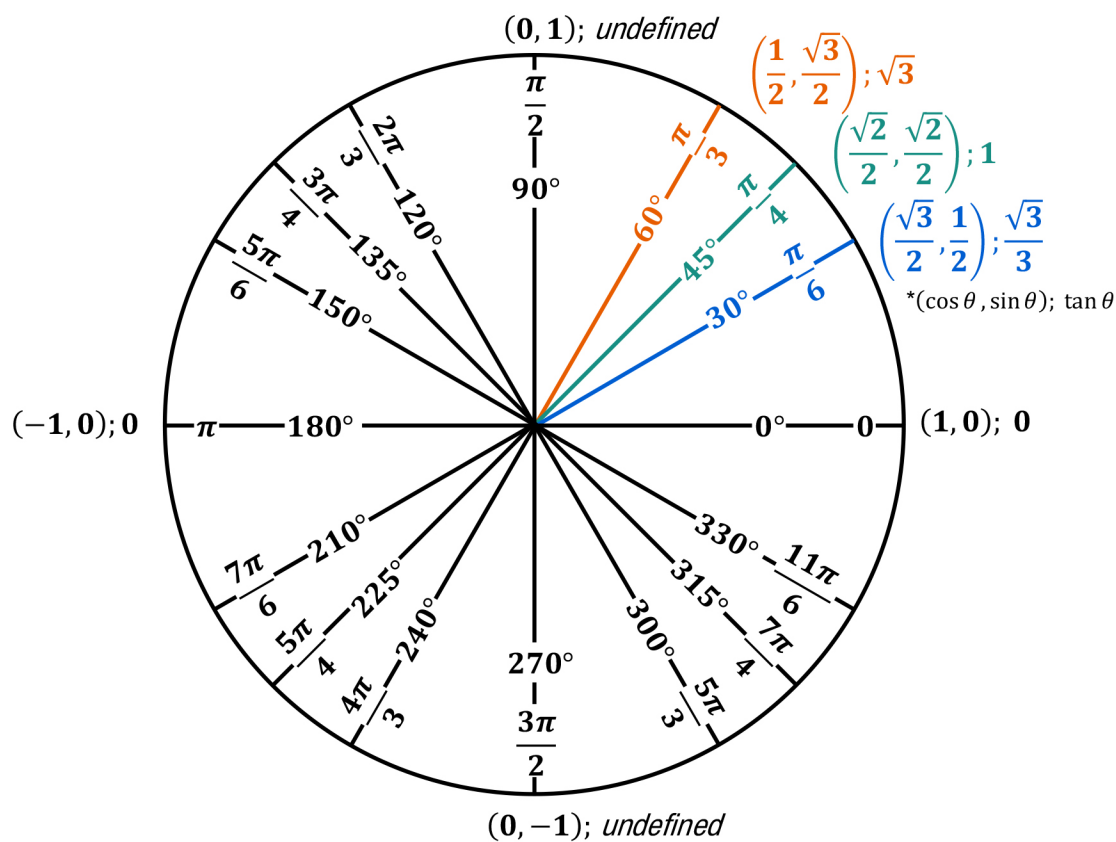


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Reference Angles on the Unit Circle

◆ When given angles not in Q1, link them back to *known* Q1 angles ($30^\circ/45^\circ/60^\circ$) by finding their **reference angle**.

- To do this, measure from the *given angle* directly to the _____ part of the x -axis & write as a positive number.



PRACTICE

Identify the reference angle of each given angle.

(A)

$$120^\circ$$

(B)

$$\frac{7\pi}{4}$$

(C)

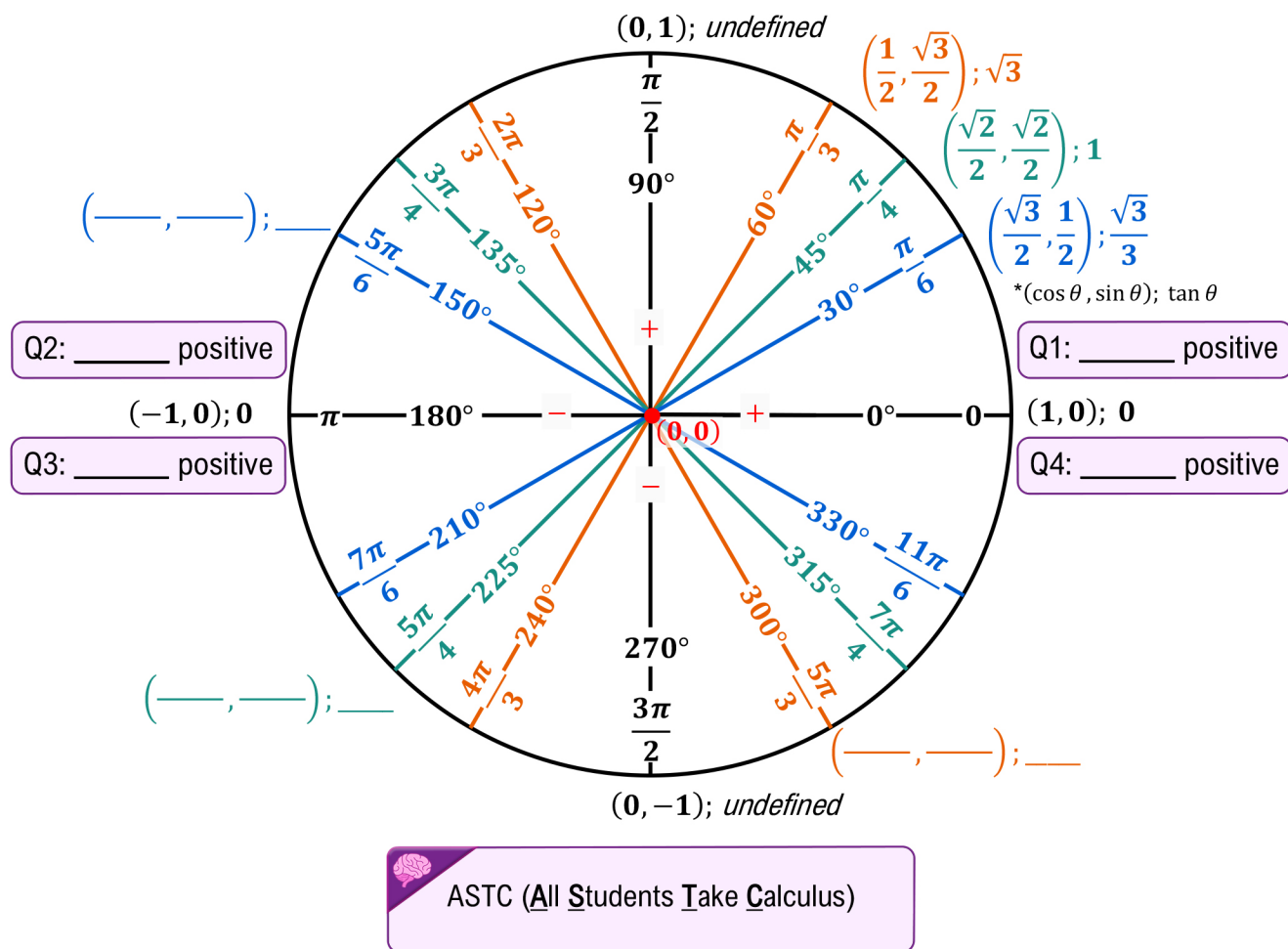
$$210^\circ$$

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Trig Values in Quadrants II, III, & IV

◆ The sin, cos, & tan of angles *NOT* in Q1 have the same **value** as the sin, cos, & tan of their reference angles.

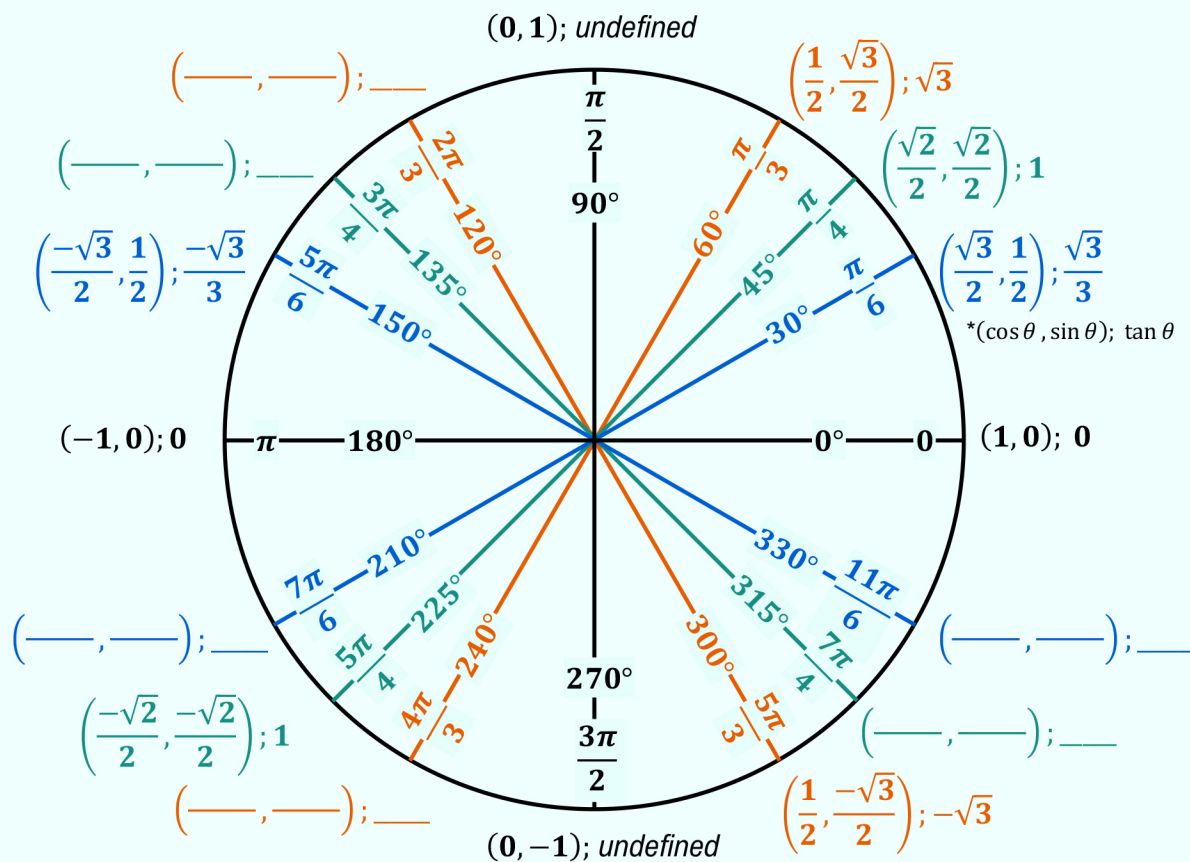
- ▶ *HOWEVER*, the _____ of the values will change based on their quadrant.



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EXAMPLE

Use reference angles to complete the missing trig values in quadrants II, III, & IV of the unit circle.



PRACTICE

Identify what angle, θ , satisfies the following conditions.

(A)

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}; \tan \theta < 0$$

$$\theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(B)

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}; \sin \theta < 0$$

$$\theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(C)

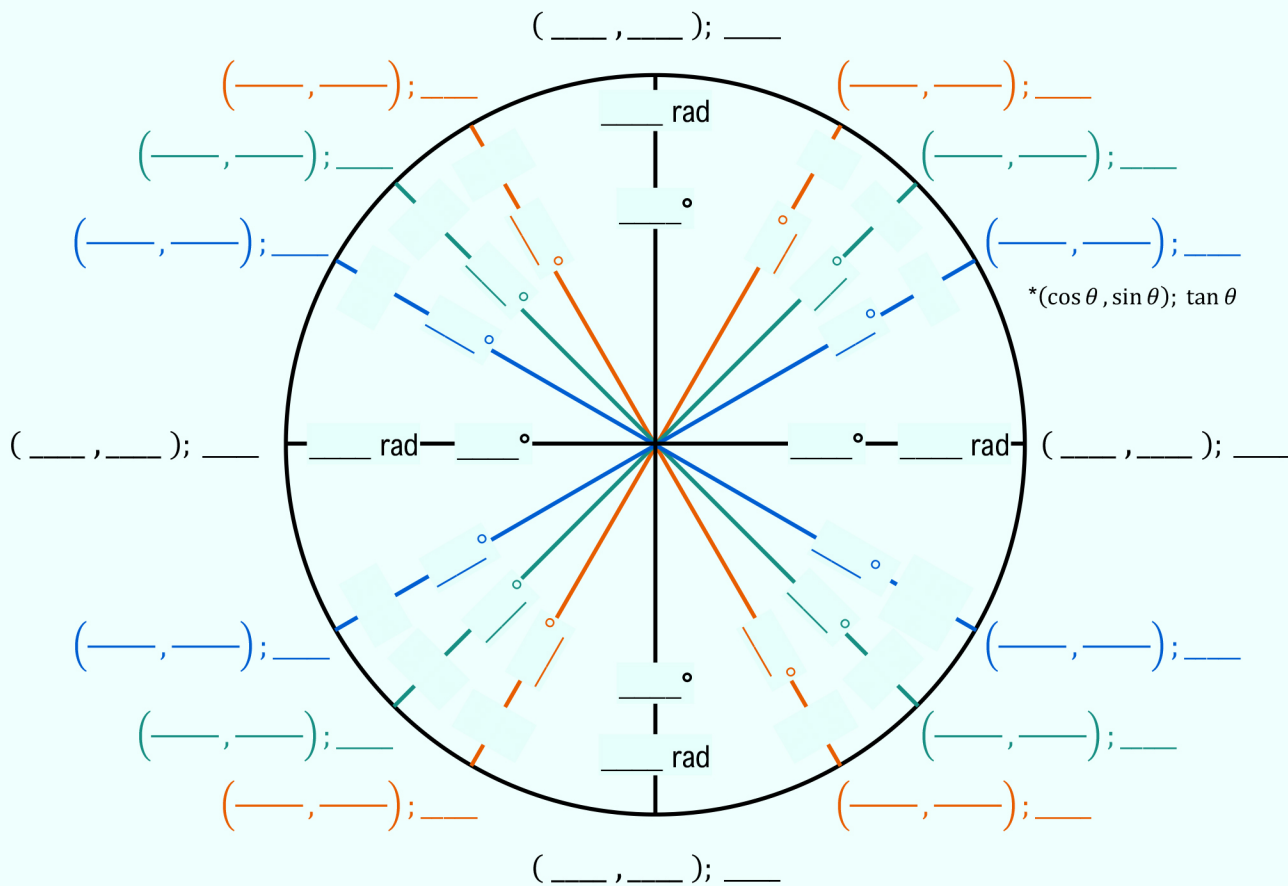
$$\tan \theta = -1; \cos \theta > 0$$

$$\theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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EXAMPLE

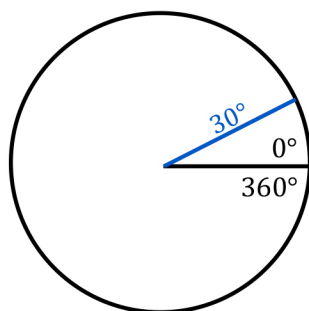
Fill in all missing information in the unit circle below.



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Coterminal Angles on the Unit Circle

- ◆ For angles $> 360^\circ$ or $< 0^\circ$, use coterminal angles to find trig values, as they are equal to those on the unit circle.
- ▶ **Coterminal Angle:** Angle with the same terminal side as another angle between 0 & 360° .
- ▶ Find coterminal angles on the unit circle by adding/subtracting multiples of 360° (or 2π rad) to a given angle.



Recall Coterminal Angle

$$\theta_2 \pm 360^\circ \cdot n = \theta_1$$

$$390^\circ \text{ _____ } = \text{ _____ }$$

EXAMPLE

Evaluate each trig function using coterminal angles on the unit circle.

(A)

$$\tan 3\pi$$

Coterminal Angle: _____

(B)

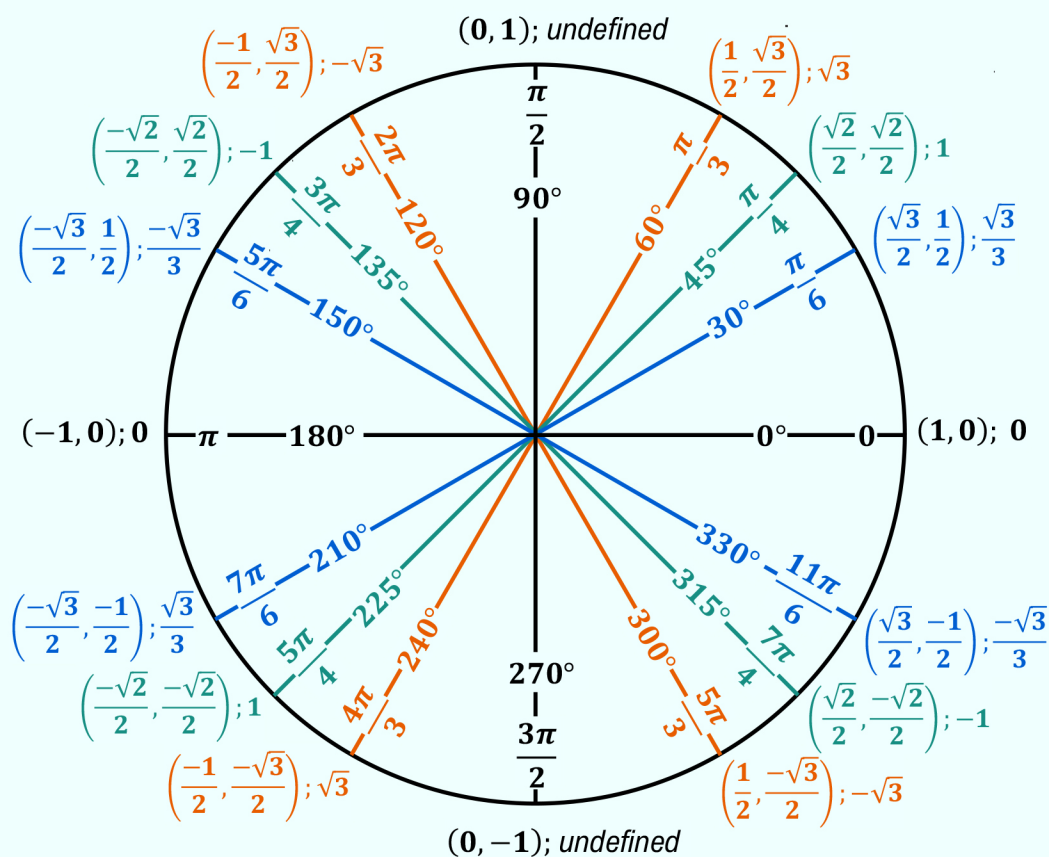
$$\cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

Coterminal Angle: _____

(C)

$$\sin 390^\circ$$

Coterminal Angle: _____



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PRACTICE

For each expression, identify which coterminal angle to use & determine the exact value of the expression.

(A)

$$\sin \frac{7\pi}{3}$$

Coterminal Angle: _____

(B)

$$\tan 765^\circ$$

Coterminal Angle: _____

(C)

$$\cos \left(-\frac{10\pi}{4} \right)$$

Coterminal Angle: _____

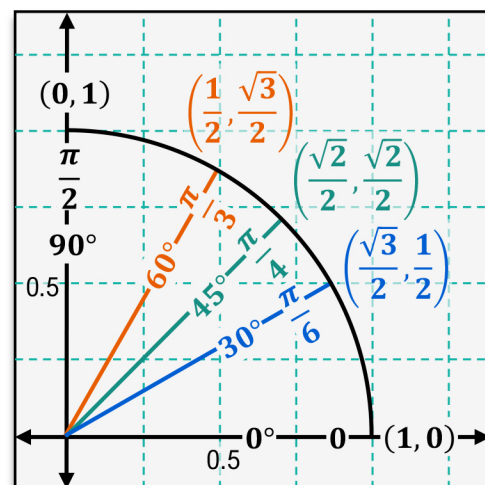
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Cosecant, Secant, & Cotangent on the Unit Circle

◆ Recall: Besides Sine, Cosine, & Tangent, there are 3 other trig functions: Cosecant, Secant, & Cotangent.

- These are the reciprocal trig functions, so find them by taking the reciprocal of sin, cos, & tan values on the unit circle.

Recall	SIN, COS, & TAN	New	SEC, CSC, & COT
	$\sin \theta = y$		$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{y}$
	$\cos \theta = x$		$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{1}{x}$
	$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{y}{x}$		$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{x}{y}$



EXAMPLE

Evaluate each expression.

(A)

$$\csc \frac{\pi}{6}$$

(B)

$$\cot \frac{\pi}{4}$$

(C)

$$\sec 0$$

PRACTICE

Evaluate each expression.

(A)

$$\cot \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

(B)

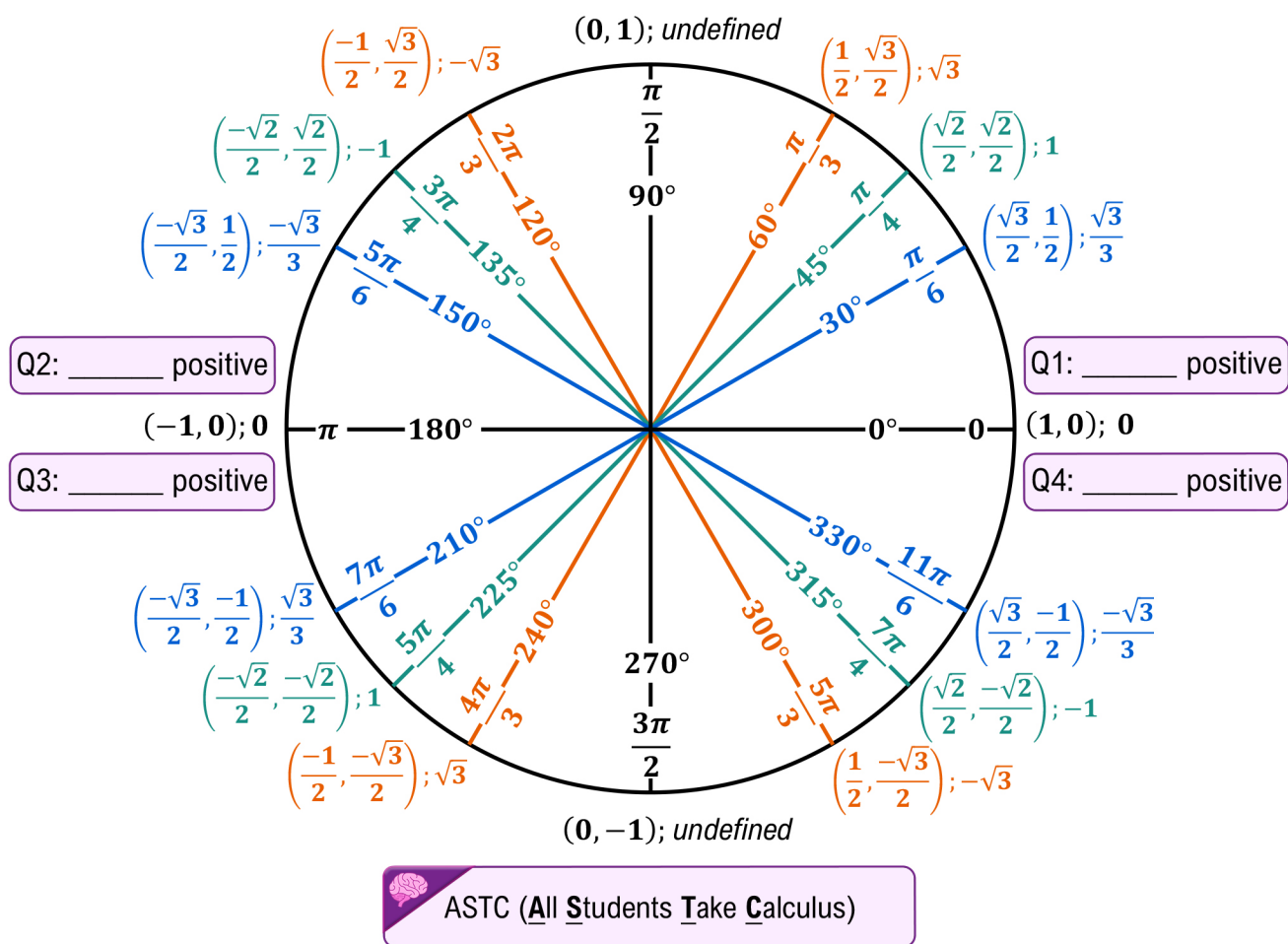
$$\csc 225^\circ$$

(C)

$$\sec \frac{\pi}{3}$$

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The Unit Circle: Filled In



TOPIC RESOURCE

The Unit Circle: Blank

