

Math-1060

Lesson 4-3

Exact Trigonometric Ratios

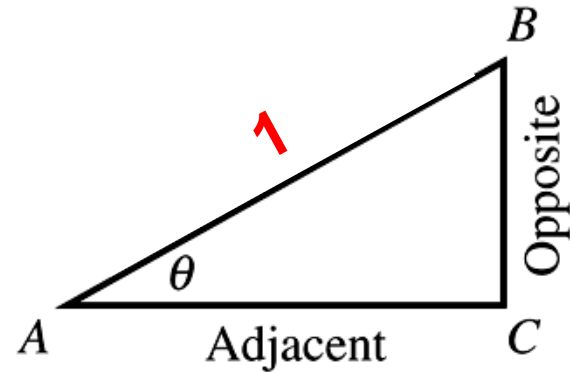
hypotenuse = 1

Why is it “nice” to have a hypotenuse whose length is ‘1’?

$$\sin \theta = \underline{\text{opposite side}}$$

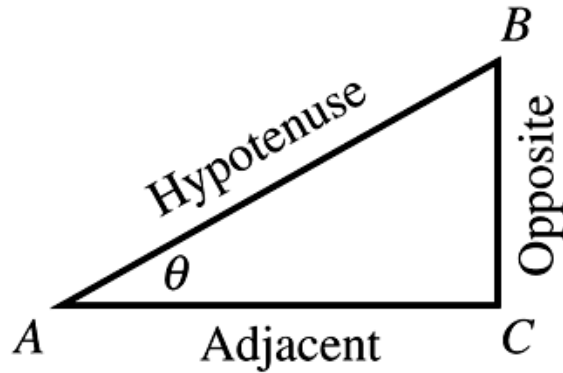
$$\cos \theta = \underline{\text{adjacent side}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \underline{\text{opp/adj}}$$



The length of the hypotenuse is no longer in the ratio!

Trigonometric Functions



Shot your cow: "Sha – Cho – Cao"

$$\sec A = \frac{h}{a} \quad \csc A = \frac{h}{o} \quad \cot A = \frac{a}{o}$$

sin → sec
↙ ↘
cos → csc

The Sine, Cosine, and Tangent ratios are defined based upon ratios of side of a right triangle.

What happens if the angle is greater than 90 (triangles don't have angles this big)?

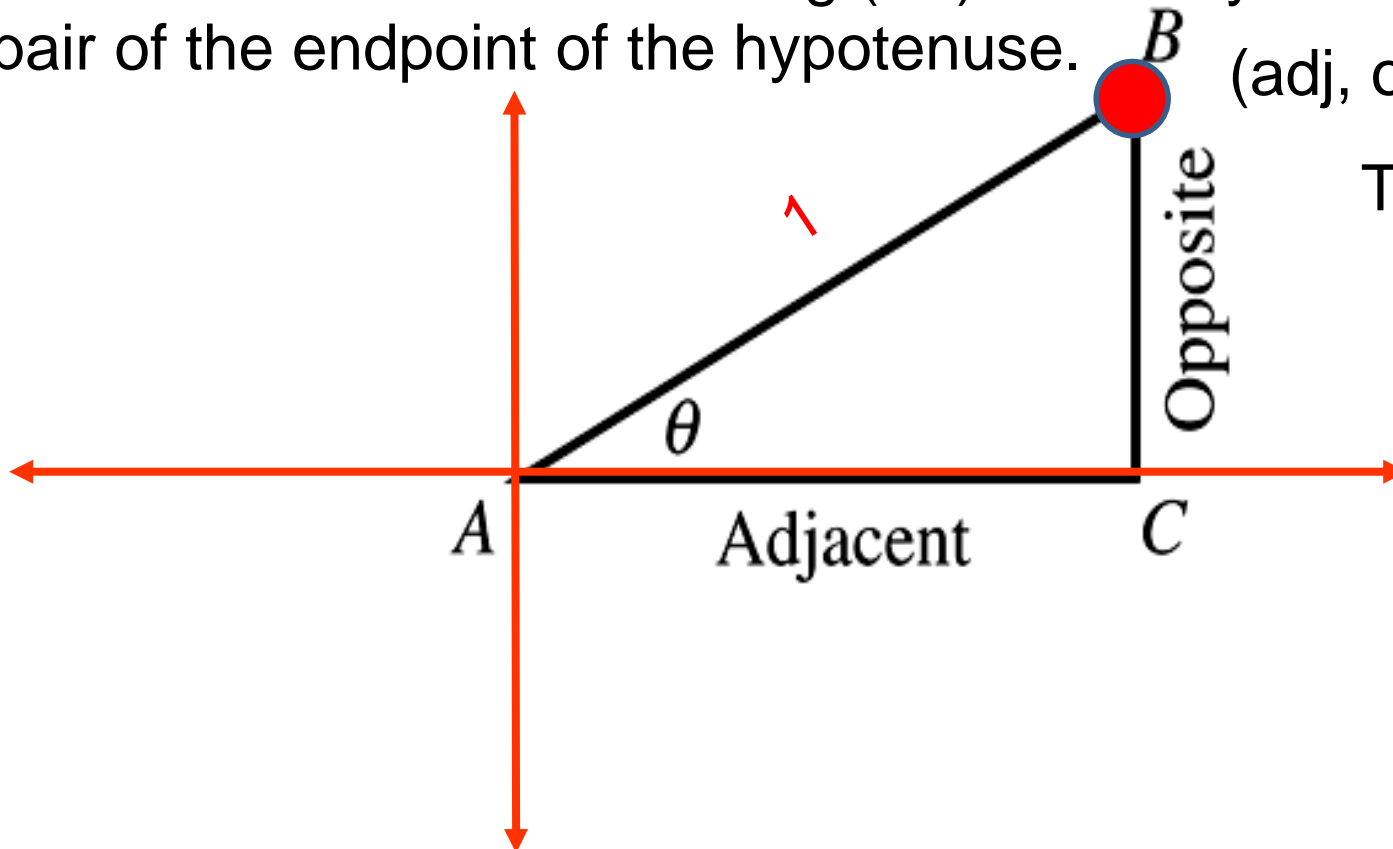
We still use a right triangle, but the trig ratios must now account for the sign (+/-) of the x-y pair of the endpoint of the hypotenuse.

$$\cos \theta = x$$

$$\sin \theta = y$$

$$(\text{adj}, \text{opp}) = (x, y)$$

$$\tan \theta = y/x$$



Reference angle: The acute angle between the terminal side of the angle and the x-axis.

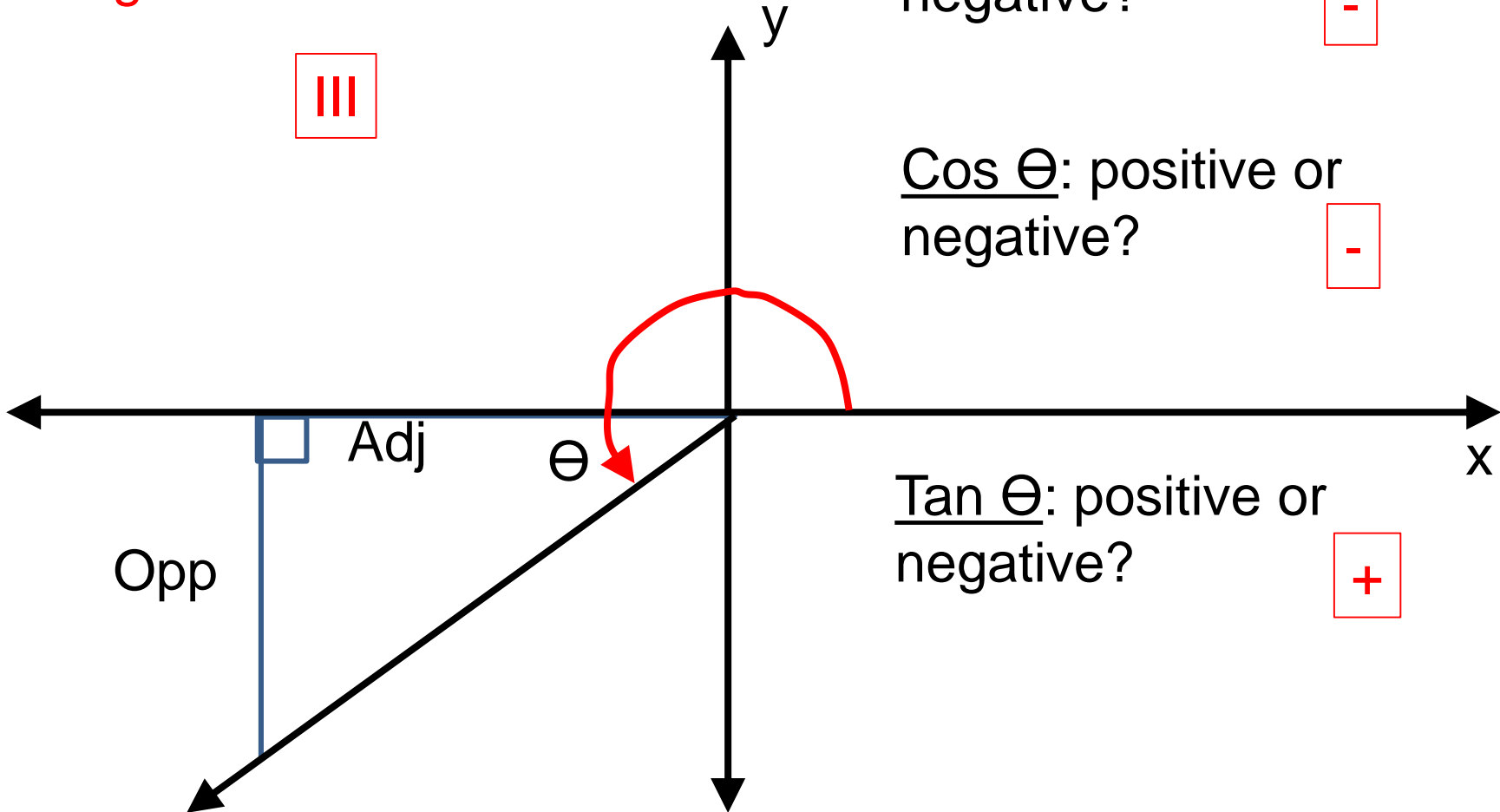
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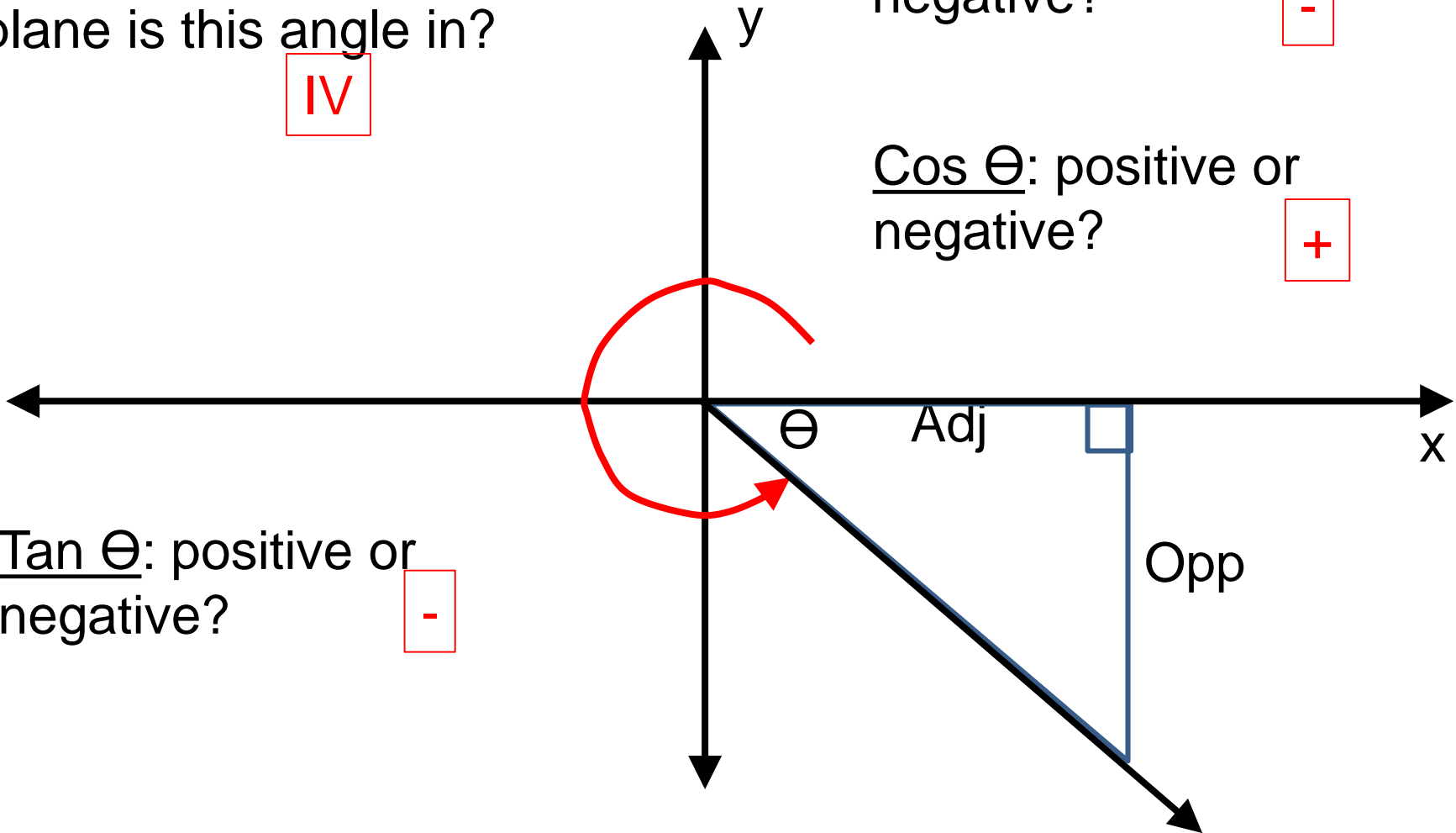
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Cos Θ : positive or negative?

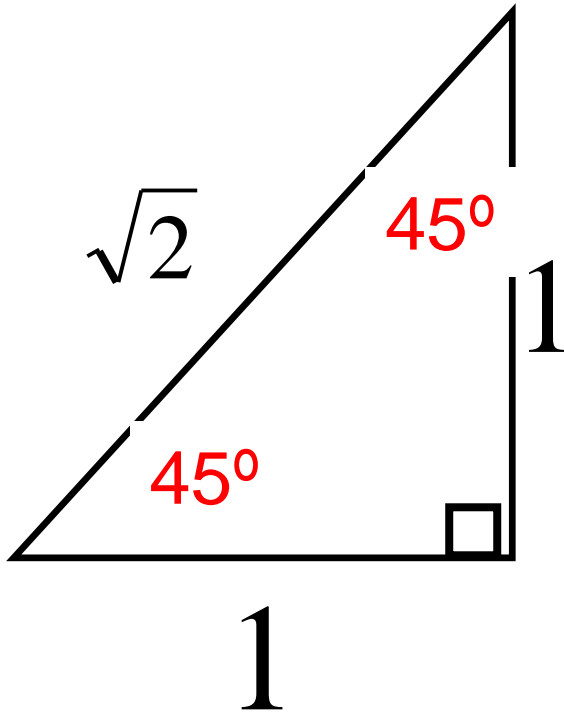
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Tan Θ : positive or negative?

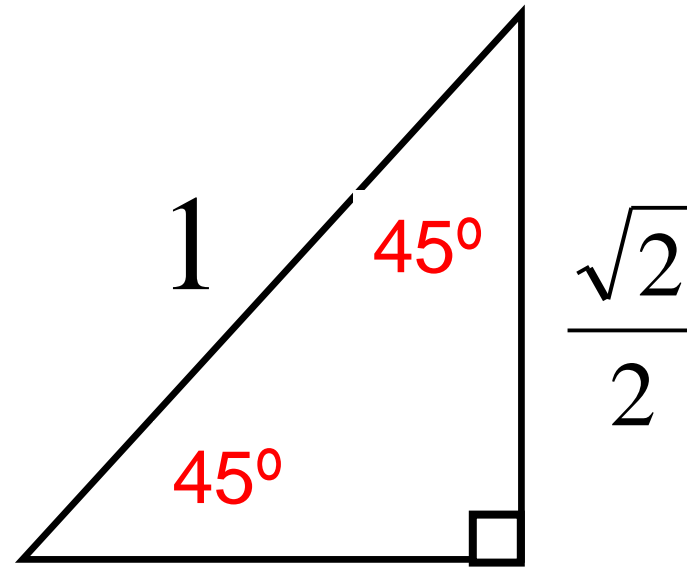
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Do you remember the side lengths for a 45-45-90 triangle?

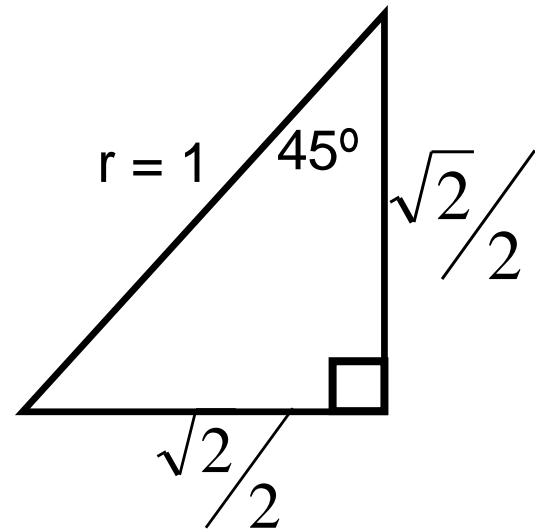
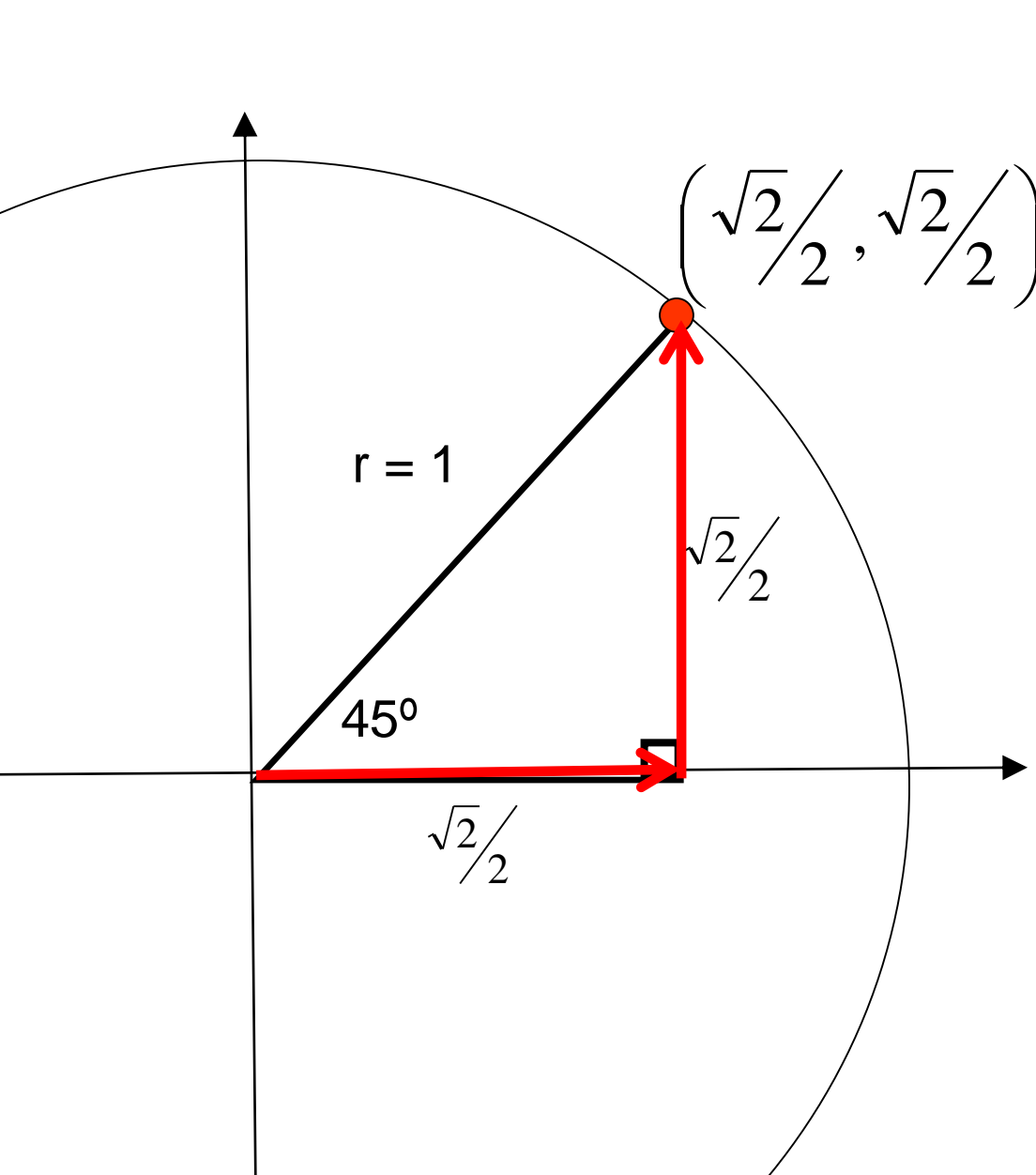


What are the leg lengths if the hypotenuse = 1?



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} * \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Let's put the triangle on top of a circle with radius = 1.

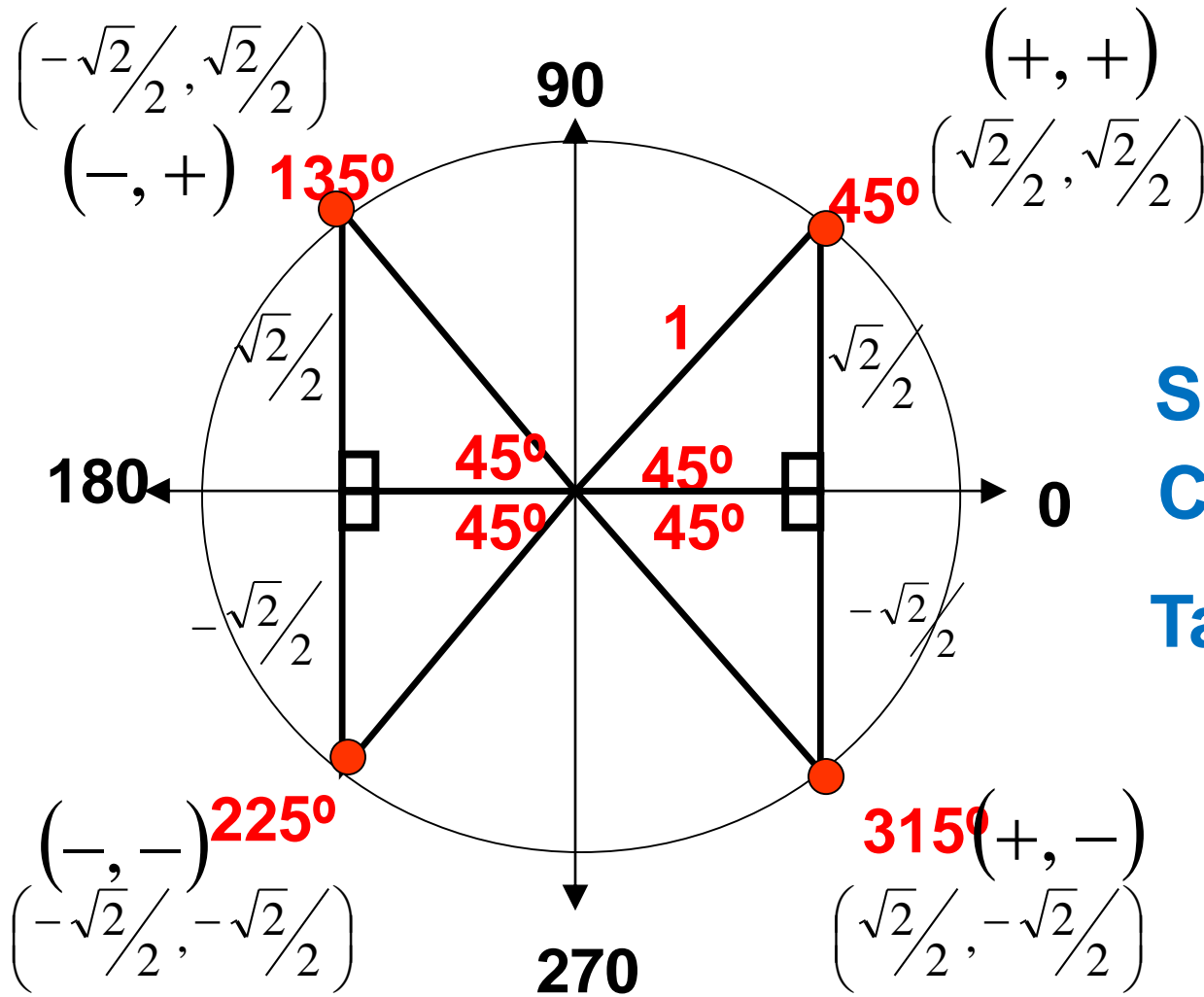


$$\text{Sin } \theta = y$$

$$\text{Cos } \theta = x$$

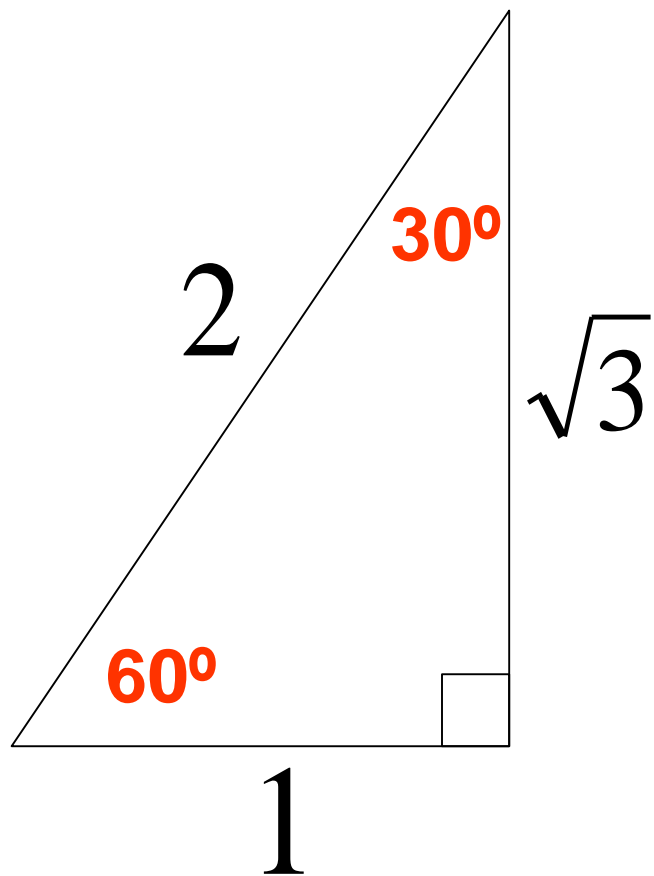
$$\text{Tan } \theta = y/x$$

We can use a 45° reference angle 4 times

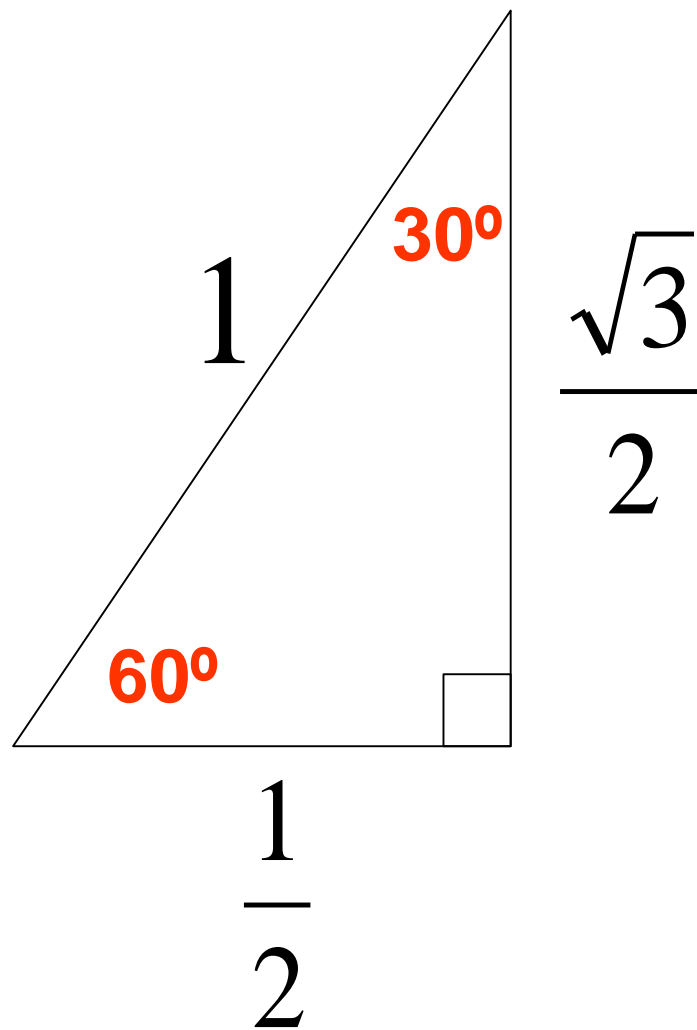


Sin $\theta = y$
Cos $\theta = x$
Tan $\theta = y/x$

Do you remember the side lengths for the 30-60-90 triangle?



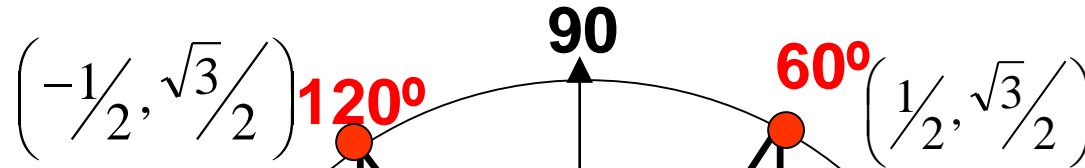
What are the leg lengths if the hypotenuse = 1?



We can use a 60° reference angle 4 times

$(-, +)$

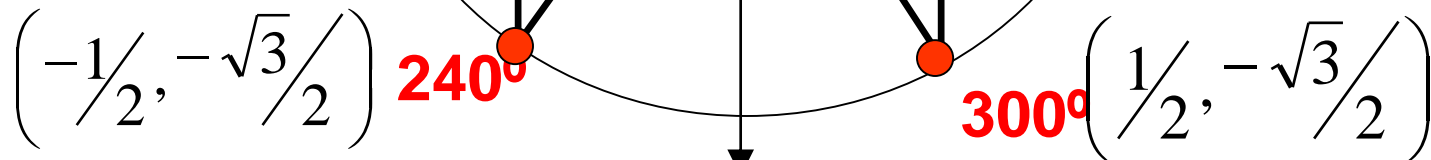
$(+, +)$



$$\text{Sin } \Theta = y$$

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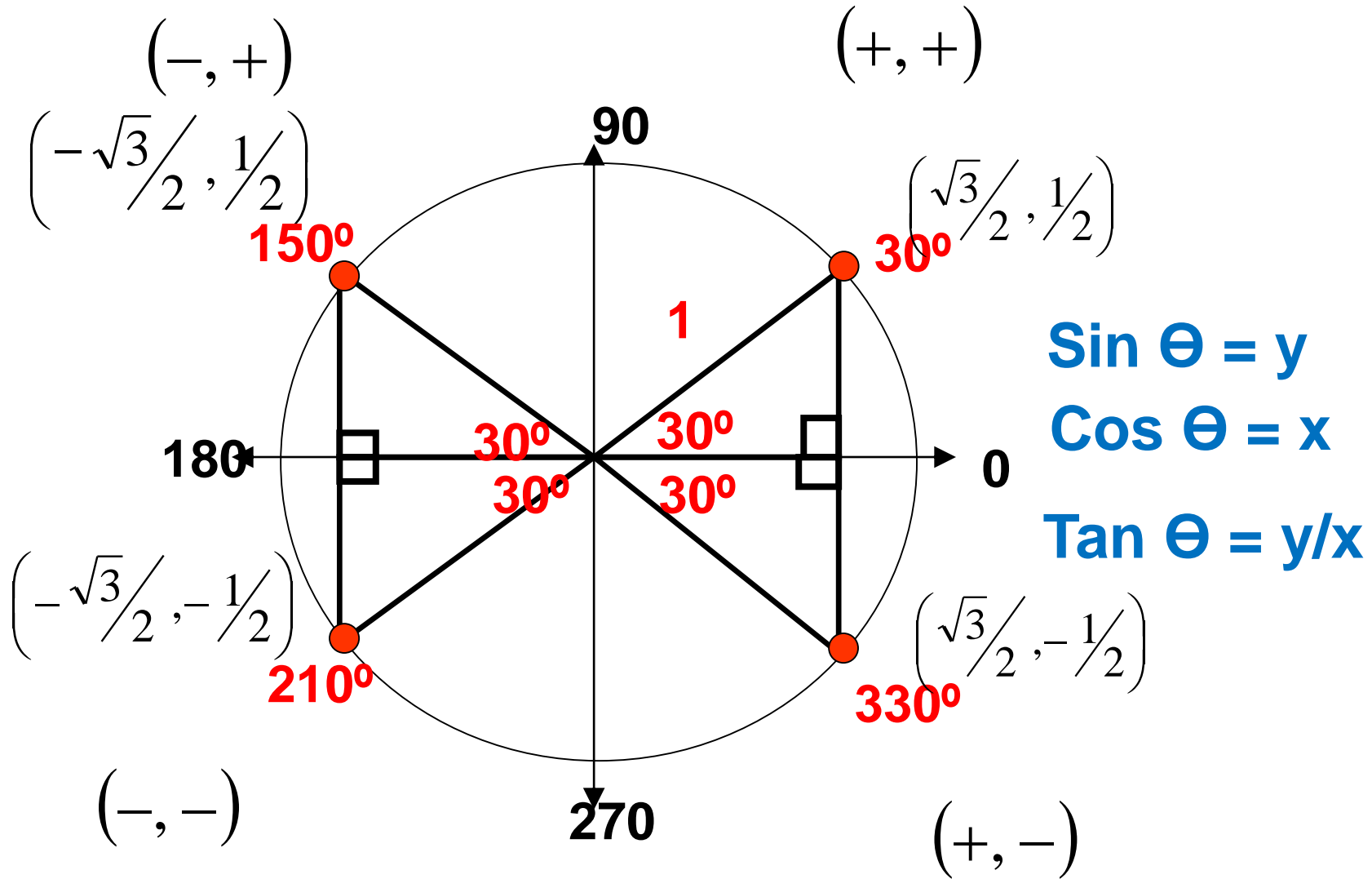
$$\text{Tan } \Theta = y/x$$



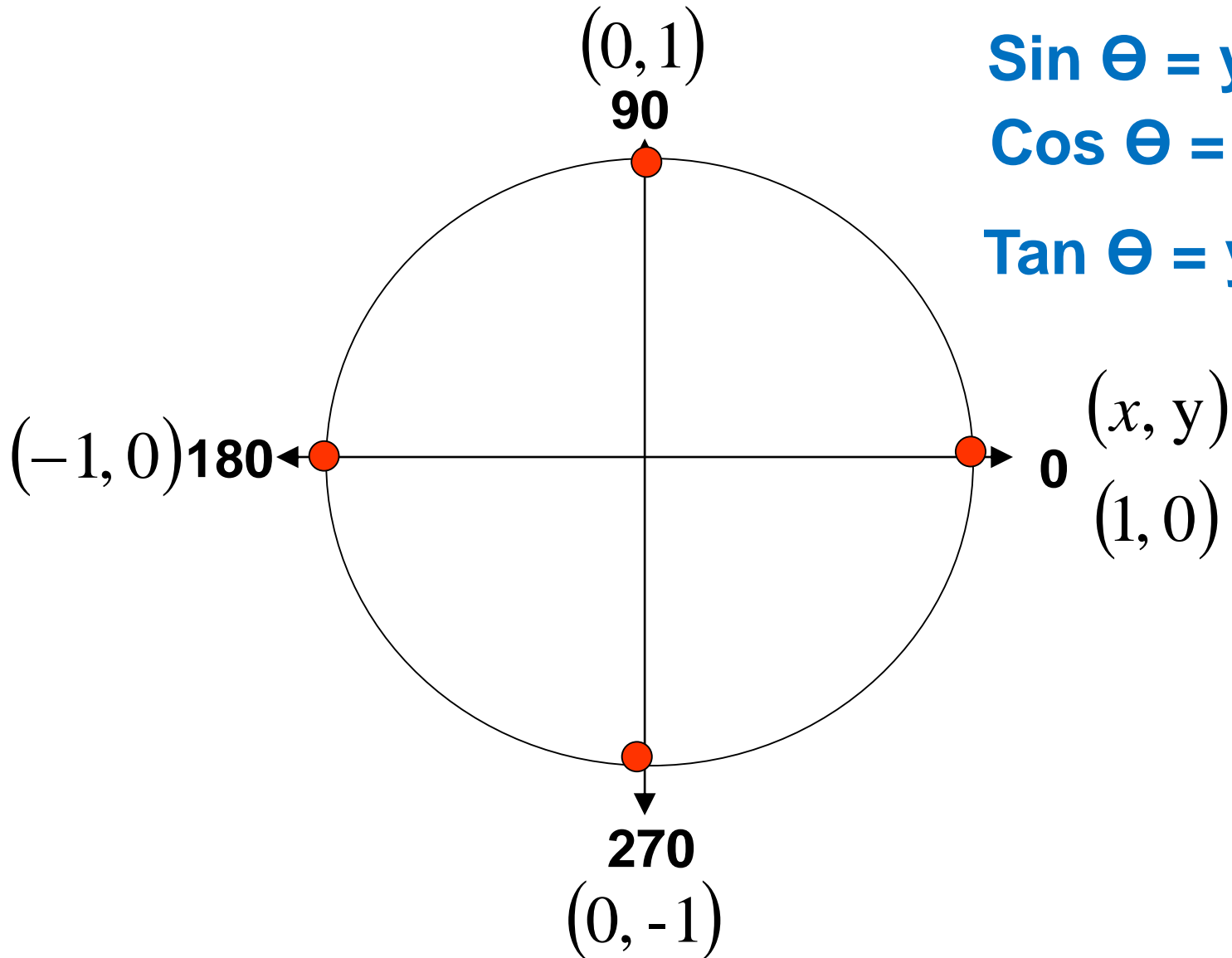
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We can use a 30° reference angle 4 times



What about the “cardinal angles”?



$$\text{Sin } \Theta = y$$

$$\text{Cos } \Theta = x$$

$$\text{Tan } \Theta = y/x$$

We know the exact ratios for the following angles.

Angle	Sine	Cosine	Tangent
0	0	1	0
90	1	0	<i>undef</i>
180	0	-1	0
270	-1	0	<i>undef</i>

$$\text{Tan } 0^\circ = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

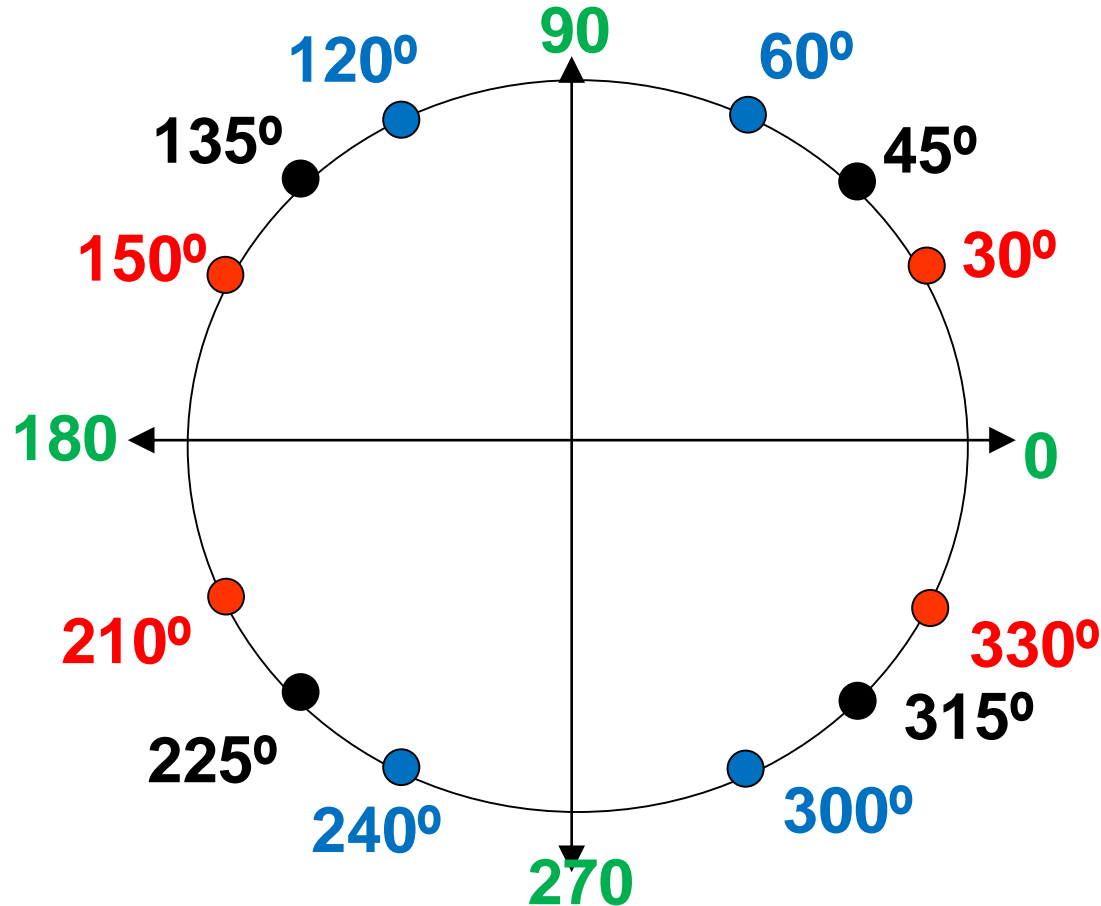
$$\text{Tan } 90^\circ = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{0} = \textit{undefined}$$

The tangent function does **NOT** have a domain of “all real numbers”.

Can you quickly come up with the exact ratio?

Green colored angles use a reference angle of 90.

Red colored angles use a reference angle of 30.



$$\text{Sin } \theta = y$$

$$\text{Cos } \theta = x$$

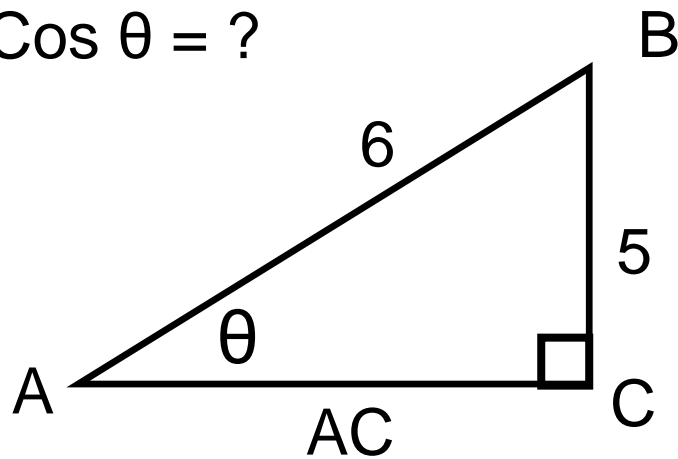
$$\text{Tan } \theta = y/x$$

Black colored angles use a reference angle of 45.

Blue colored angles use a reference angle of 60.

What happens if the hypotenuse does not equal 1?

$\cos \theta = ?$



$$\cos \theta = \frac{AC}{6}$$

$$AC = ?$$

$$AC^2 + 5^2 = 6^2$$

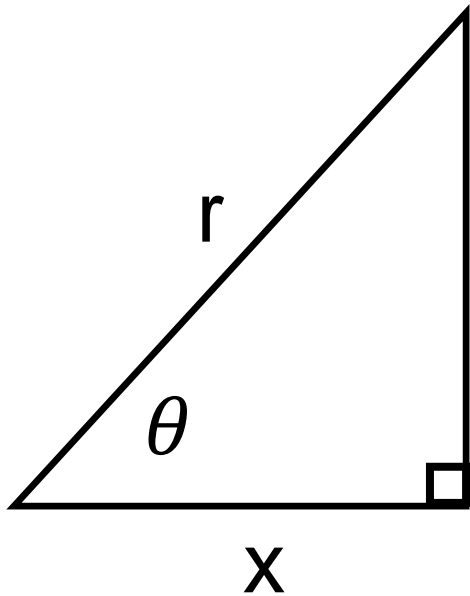
$$AC^2 = 36 - 25$$

$$AC = \sqrt{11}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{11}}{6}$$

For trig problems on the x-y plane:

We must use the complete ratio (opp/hyp, adj/hyp)

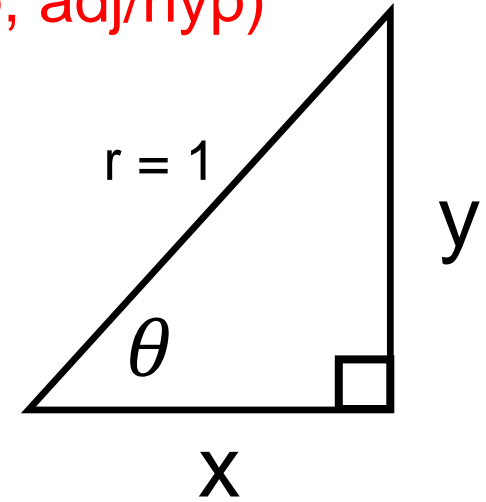


$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$
$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{y}{x}$$



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A typical x-y plane trig. problem:

What is the sine ratio of an angle whose terminal side passes through the point (2, -5) on the xy-plane?

1. Build a right triangle with the reference angle being "theta" (the angle whose terminal side passes through (2, -5))

2. Use the sine equation:

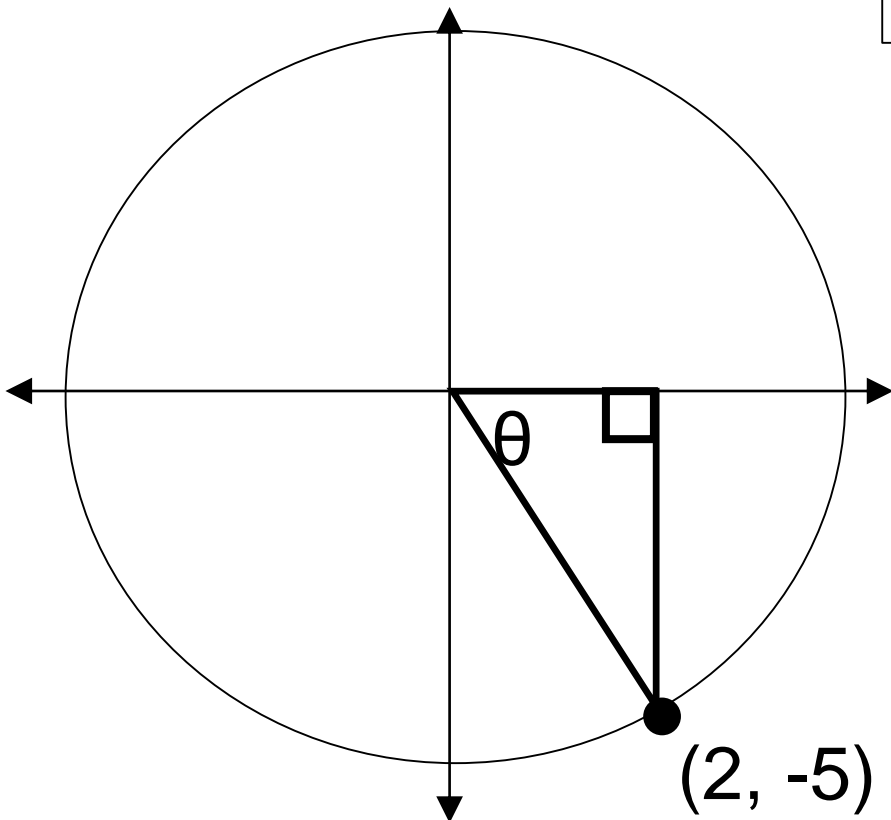
$$\sin\theta = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-5)^2}}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{29}} * \frac{\sqrt{29}}{\sqrt{29}}$$

3. Rationalize the denominator.

$$\sin\theta = \frac{-5\sqrt{29}}{29}$$



Another typical x-y plane trig. problem:

If the cosine ratio is $5/6$, and the terminal side of the angle is in quadrant III, what is the sine ratio of the angle?

1. Build a right triangle with the reference angle being “theta” (the angle whose terminal side passes through $(-5, y)$) that has a hypotenuse of 6.

2. Use the sine equation:

$$\boxed{\sin\theta = \frac{y}{r}} \quad \sin\theta = \frac{y}{6}$$

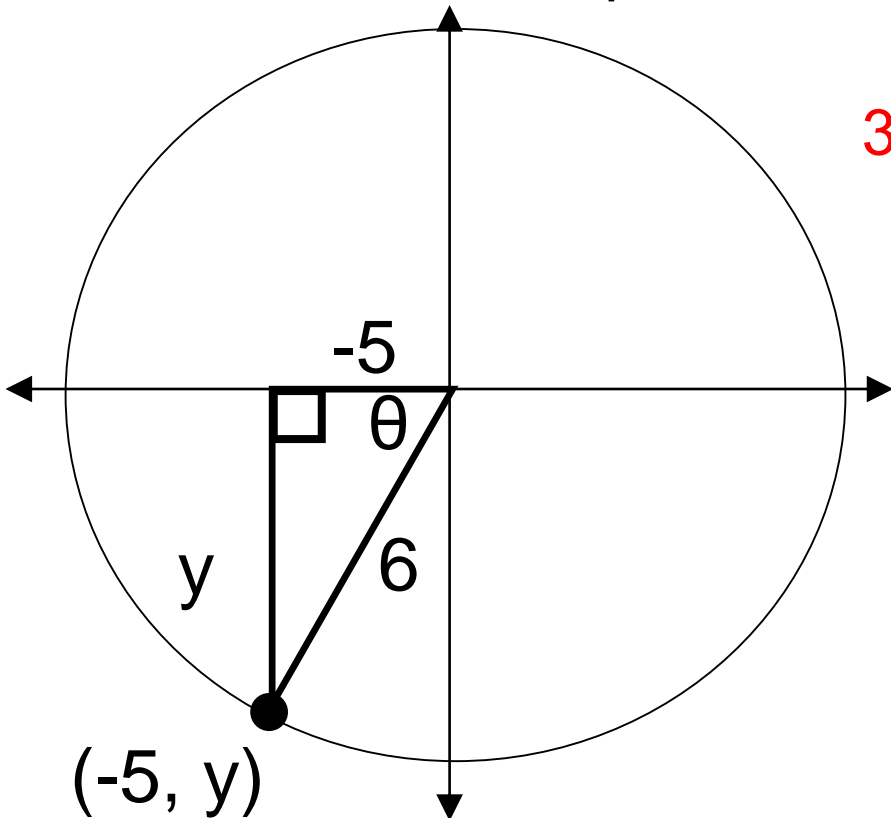
3. Solve for ‘y’. $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

$$36 = 25 + y^2$$

$$y = \sqrt{11}$$

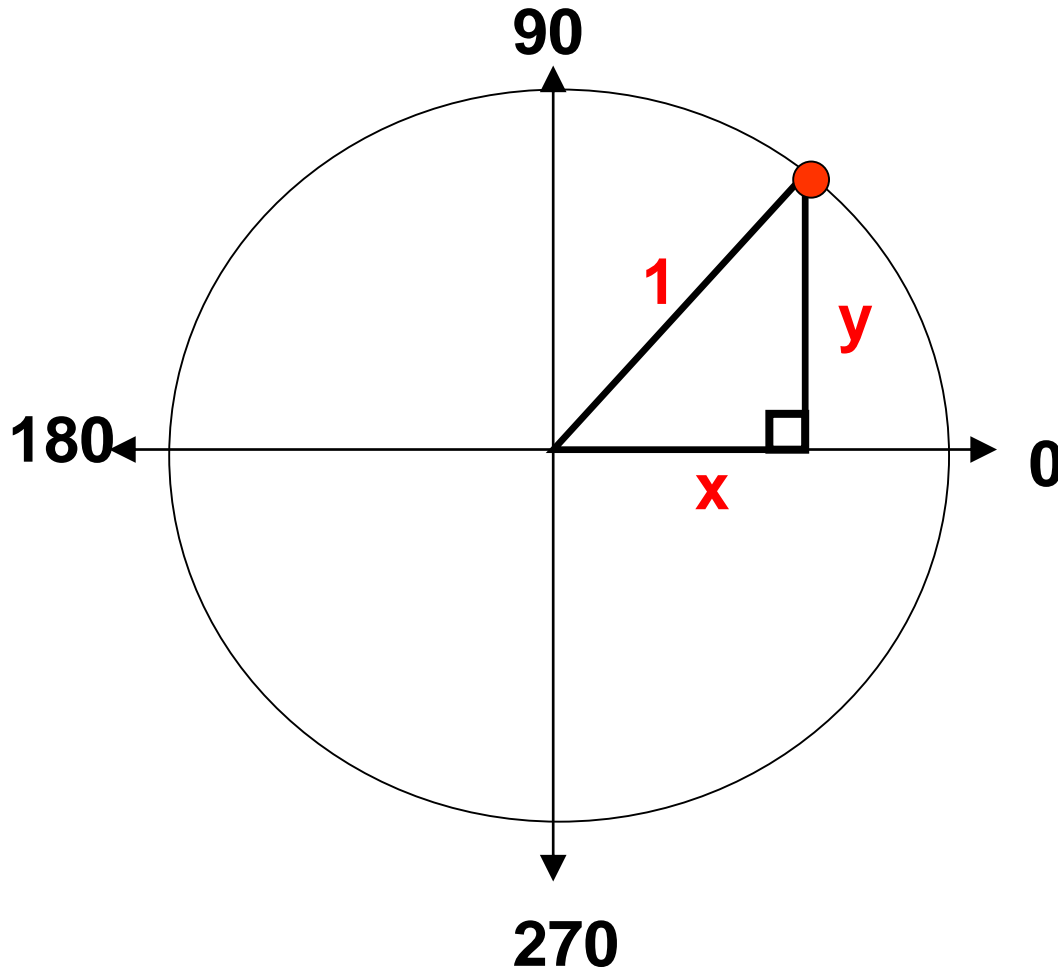
4. y-values are negative in Q-III

$$\boxed{\sin\theta = \frac{-\sqrt{11}}{6}}$$



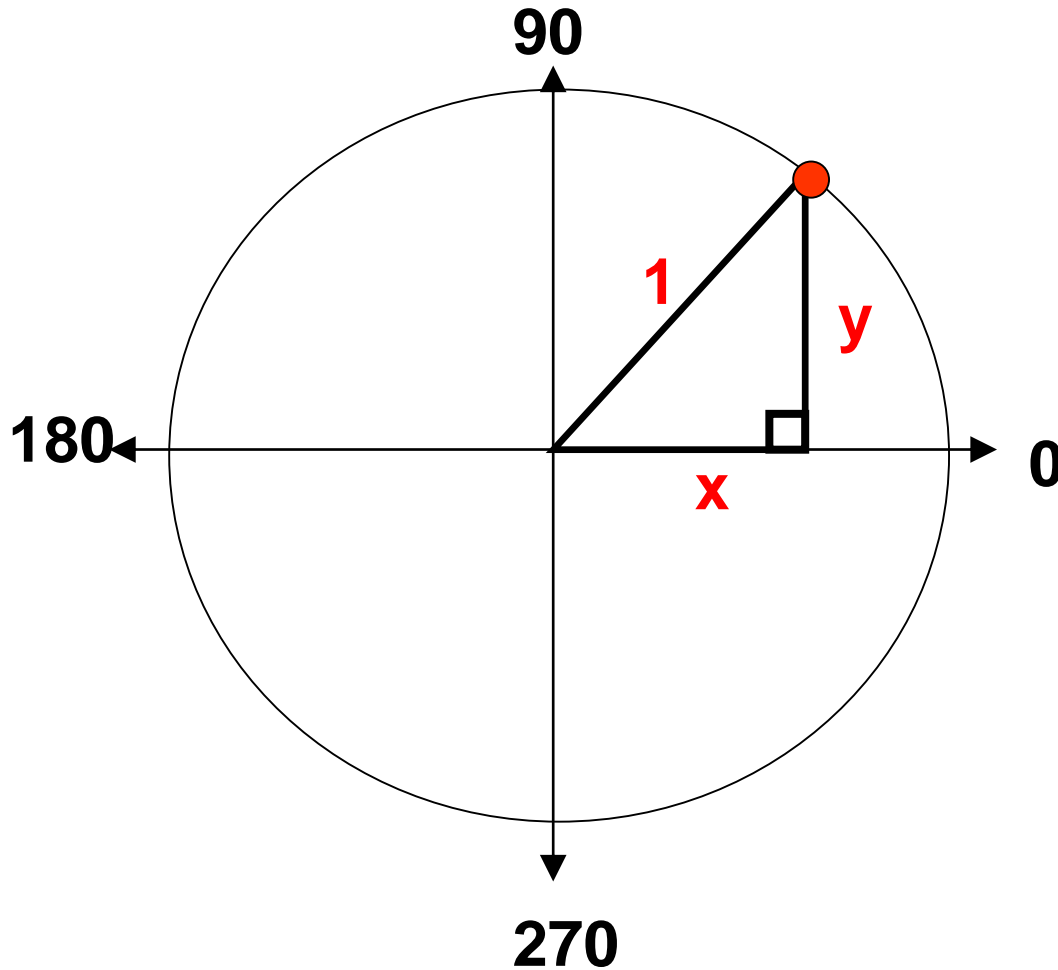
Ranges of the Trigonometric Functions **Sin $\Theta = y$**

The sine of an angle is the y-value of the point as it rotates around the unit circle. **$-1 < \text{Sin } \Theta < 1$**



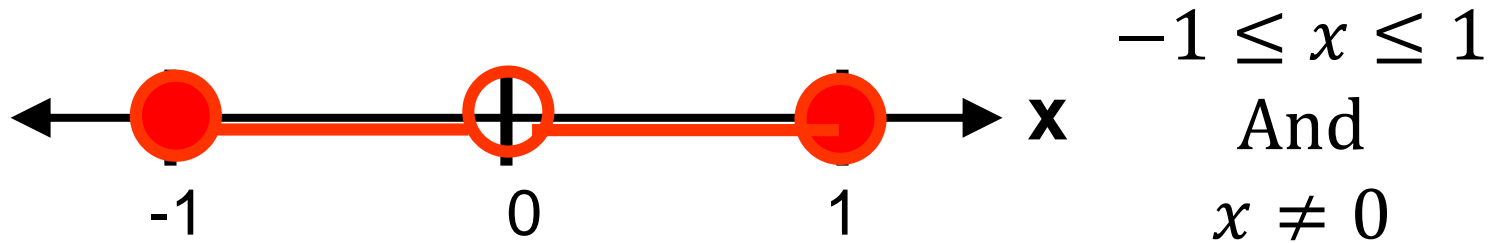
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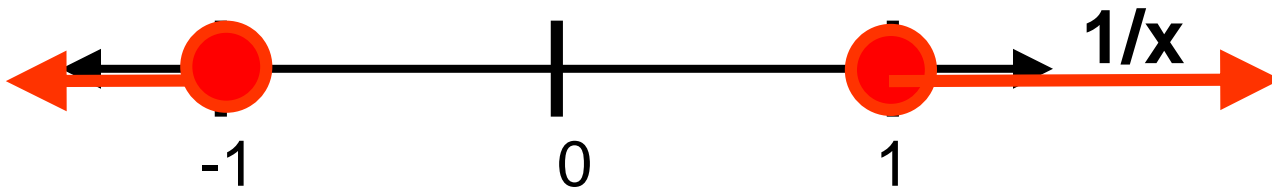


Ranges of the Trigonometric Functions **sec $\Theta = 1/x$**

The secant of an angle is the reciprocal of the cosine ratio.
Therefore x cannot equal zero.



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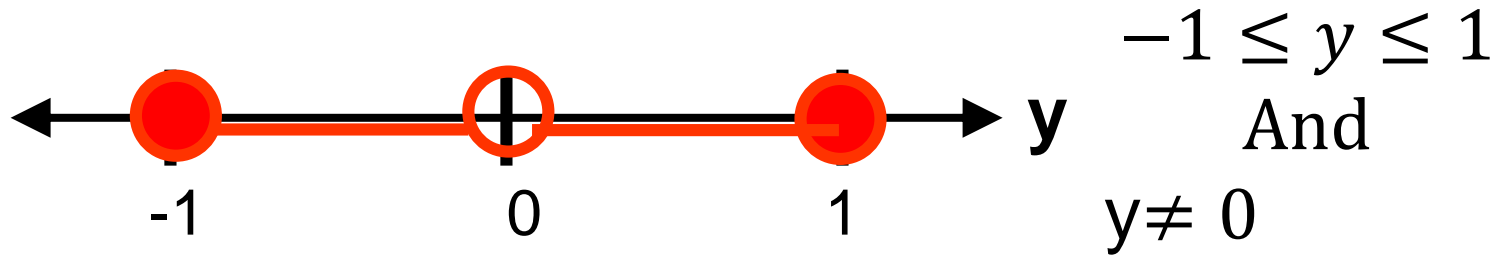


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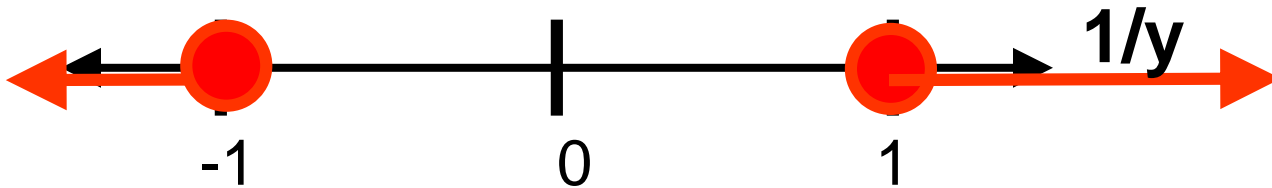
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Which is possible?

1. $\sin \Theta = 0.568$ *yes*

2. $\sin \Theta = -2.1$ *no*

3. $\cos \Theta = 1.6$ *no*

4. $\sec \Theta = 0.5$ *no*

5. $\sec \Theta = -1.568$ *yes*

6. $\csc \Theta = -3.1$ *yes*

7. $\csc \Theta = -0.561$ *no*