

Math-3  
Lesson 6-1

Trigonometric Ratios for Right Triangles

# Triangle Similarity: Same shape (not same size)

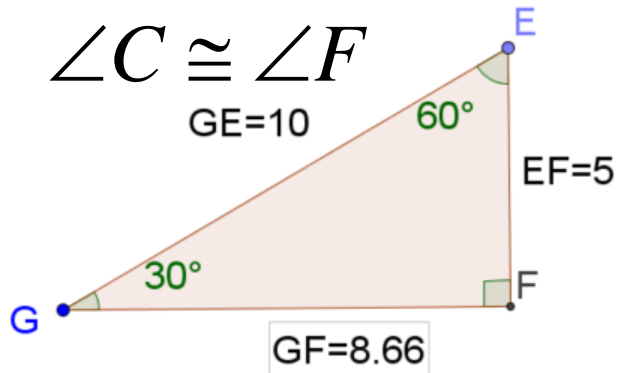
Shape results from three pairs of congruent angles.

$$\angle A \cong \angle G$$

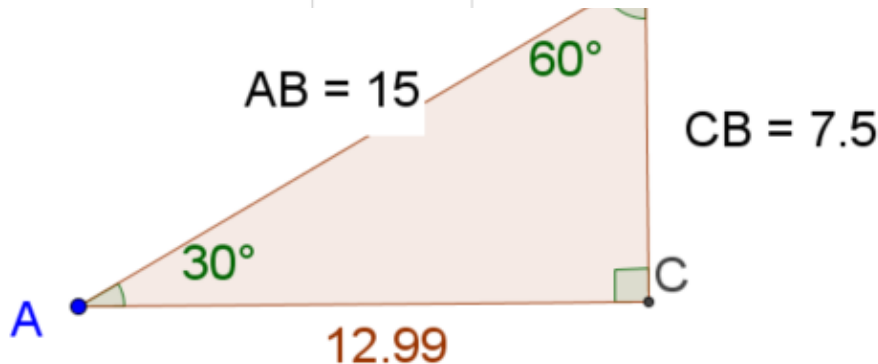
$$\angle B \cong \angle E$$

$$\angle C \cong \angle F$$

Similarity results in the ratios of corresponding sides always equaling the same number.



$$\frac{AB}{GE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{GF} = \frac{15}{10} = \frac{3}{2}$$



We call this number the “scale factor”

“Ratios” are decimal form (not in fraction form).

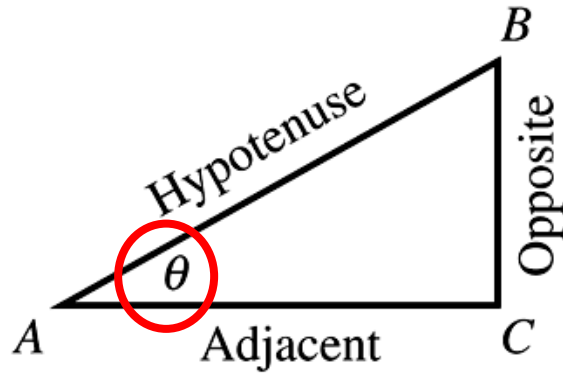
These “Ratios” are unique numbers for each angle; they are **Properties of the angle.**

Angle	$\frac{opp}{hyp}$
$10^\circ$	0.1736
$20^\circ$	0.3420
$30^\circ$	0.5
$43.9^\circ$	0.6934
$60^\circ$	0.8660

Radian	Degree	Sine	Cosine	Tan
0.000	0	0.000	1.000	0.000
0.017	1	0.017	1.000	0.017
0.035	2	0.035	0.999	0.035
0.052	3	0.052	0.999	0.052
0.070	4	0.070	0.998	0.070
0.087	5	0.087	0.996	0.087
0.105	6	0.105	0.995	0.105
0.122	7	0.122	0.993	0.122
0.140	8	0.139	0.990	0.140
0.157	9	0.156	0.988	0.157
0.175	10	0.174	0.985	0.175
0.192	11	0.191	0.982	0.192
0.209	12	0.208	0.978	0.209

# What are the “code words” for the ratios?

## SOH-CAH-TOA



Key point: sine of an angle  
(measured in degrees or radians)

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{\text{opposite (length)}}{\text{hypotenuse (length)}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite (length)}}{\text{hypotenuse (length)}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent (length)}}{\text{hypotenuse (length)}}$$

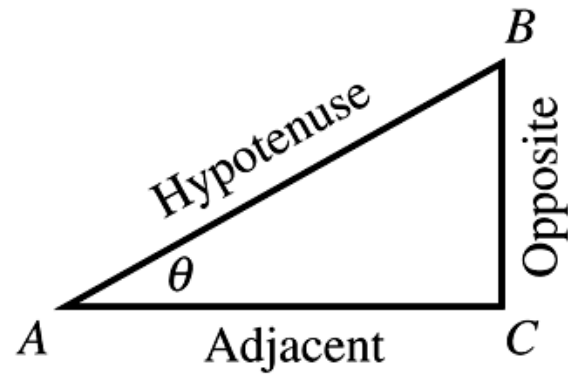
$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite (length)}}{\text{adjacent (length)}}$$

The ratio is a property of the angle. We must know the angle measure to find the correct ratio.

These only work for right triangles!!!

# Trigonometric Functions

*Shot your cow:  
"Sha – Cho – Cao"*



Notice that these ratios are reciprocals of the sine, cosine, and tangent ratios.

$$\sin \theta \rightarrow \csc \theta \qquad \sec A = \frac{h}{a} \qquad \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent}}$$

$$\cos \theta \rightarrow \sec \theta \qquad \csc A = \frac{h}{o} \qquad \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{opposite}}$$

*"S" goes with "C"*

$$\cot A = \frac{a}{o} \qquad \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}}$$

*The sine ratio is the reciprocal of the cosecant ratio.*

# Trig Ratios

$$\cos A = ?$$

$$\cos A = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\sin B = ?$$

$$\sin B = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\tan B = ?$$

$$\tan B = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\sec A = ?$$

$$\sec A = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\csc B = ?$$

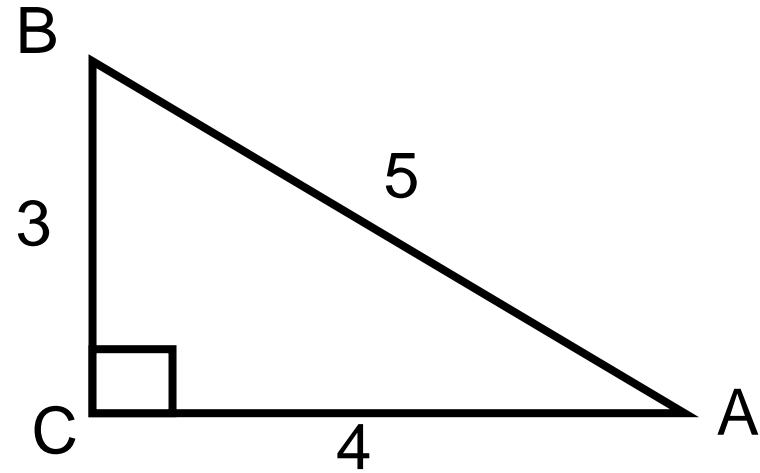
$$\csc B = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\cot A = ?$$

$$\cot A = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\tan A = ?$$

$$\tan A = \frac{3}{4}$$



What patterns can you see?

$$\cos A = ?$$

$$\cos A = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\sec A = ?$$

$$\sec A = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\sin B = ?$$

$$\sin B = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\csc B = ?$$

$$\csc B = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\tan B = ?$$

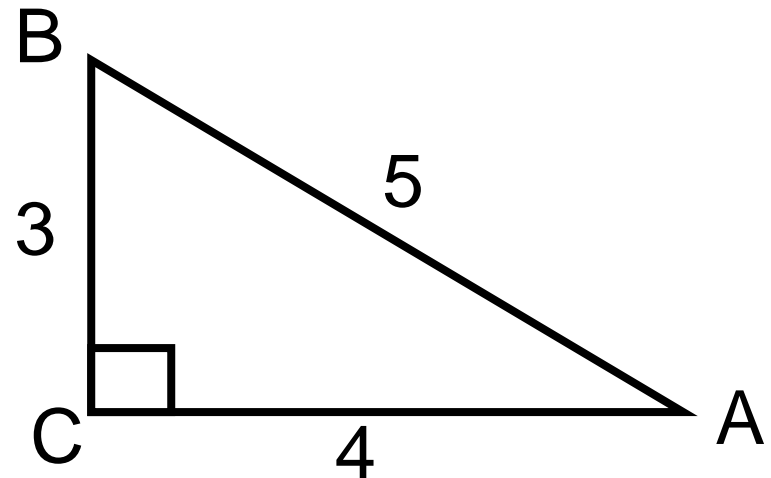
$$\tan B = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\cot A = ?$$

$$\cot A = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\tan A = ?$$

$$\tan A = \frac{3}{4}$$



**Cosine A and Secant A are reciprocals.**

What patterns can you see?

$$\cos A = ?$$

$$\sec A = ?$$

$$\cos A = \frac{4}{5}$$

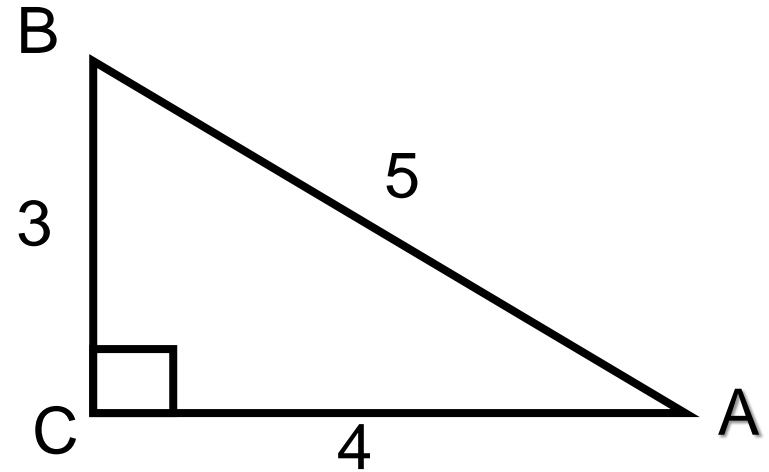
$$\sec A = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\sin B = ?$$

$$\csc B = ?$$

$$\sin B = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\csc B = \frac{5}{4}$$



**Sine B and Cosecant B are reciprocals.**

$$\tan B = ?$$

$$\cot A = ?$$

$$\tan A = ?$$

$$\tan B = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\cot A = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\tan A = \frac{3}{4}$$



What patterns can you see?

$$\cos A = ?$$

$$\sec A = ?$$

$$\cos A = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\sec B = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\sin B = ?$$

$$\csc B = ?$$

$$\sin B = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\csc B = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\tan B = ?$$

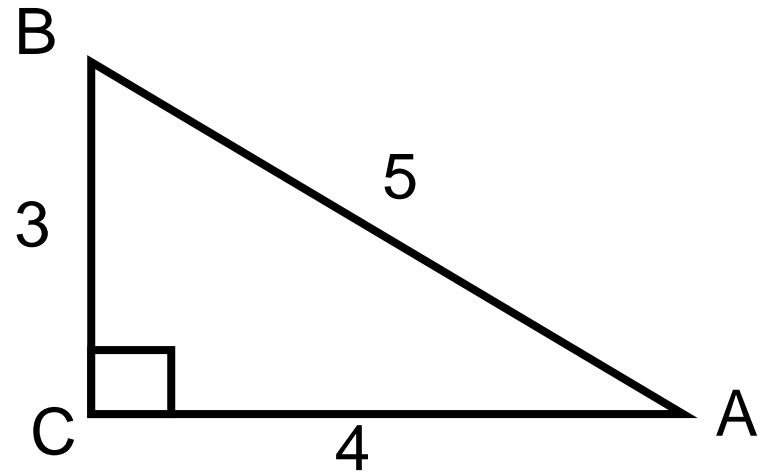
$$\cot A = ?$$

$$\tan B = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\cot A = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\tan A = ?$$

$$\tan A = \frac{3}{4}$$



$$\cos A = \sin B$$

$$\cos 20 = \sin 70$$

What patterns can you see?

$$\cos A = ?$$

$$\cos A = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\sin B = ?$$

$$\sin B = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\tan B = ?$$

$$\tan B = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\sec A = ?$$

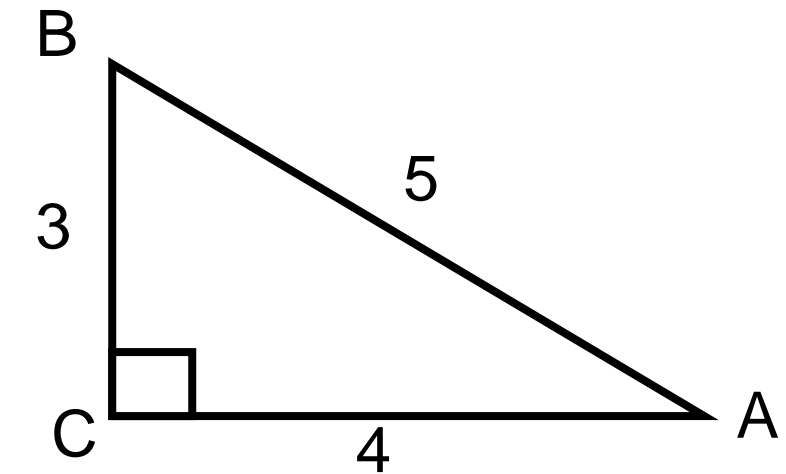
$$\sec A = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\csc B = ?$$

$$\csc B = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\cot A = ?$$

$$\cot A = \frac{4}{3}$$



$$\tan A = \cot B$$

$$\tan 30 = \cot 60$$

$$\tan A = ?$$

$$\tan A = \frac{3}{4}$$

What patterns can you see?

$$\cos A = ?$$

$$\cos A = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\sin B = ?$$

$$\sin B = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\tan B = ?$$

$$\tan B = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\sec A = ?$$

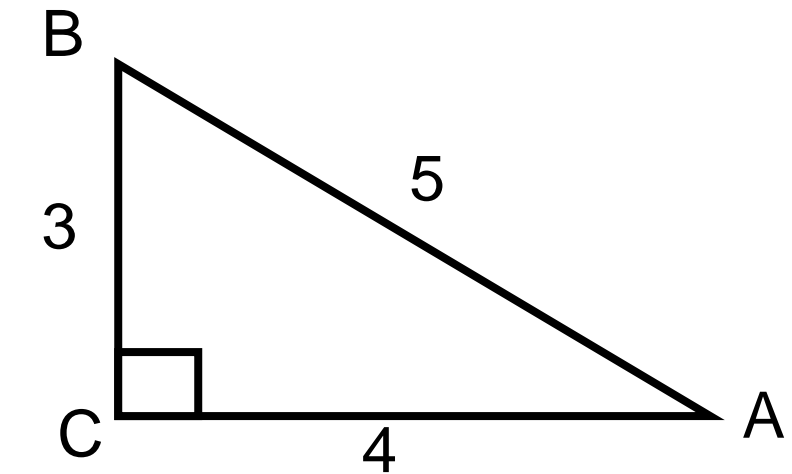
$$\sec A = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\csc B = ?$$

$$\csc B = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\cot A = ?$$

$$\cot A = \frac{4}{3}$$



**Tan A and Tan B are reciprocals.**

$$\tan A = ?$$

$$\tan A = \frac{3}{4}$$

Solve the triangle.

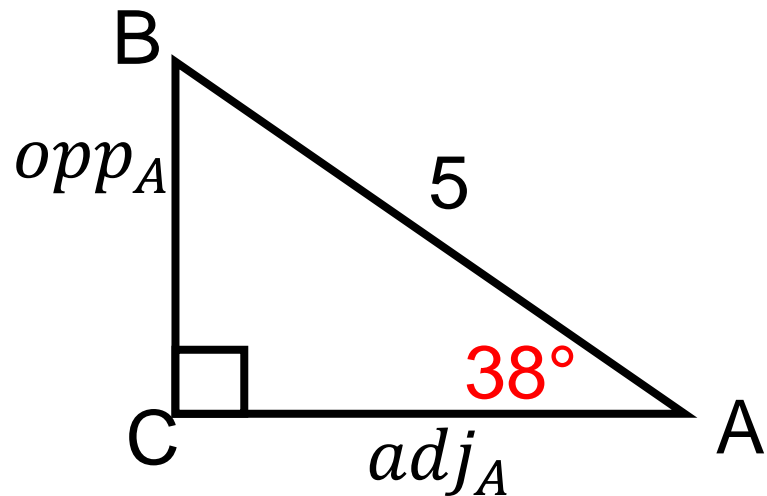
1)  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

2)  $\sin A = \frac{o}{h}$

3)  $\cos A = \frac{a}{h}$

4)  $\tan A = \frac{o}{a}$

5)  $m\angle A + m\angle B + m\angle C = 180^\circ \rightarrow m\angle B = 52^\circ$



Solve the triangle.

1)  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

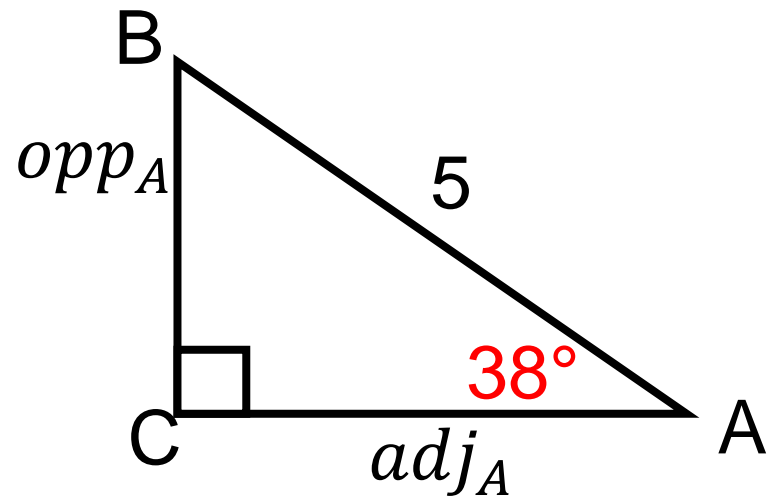
2)  $\sin A = \frac{o}{h} \rightarrow \sin 38^\circ = \frac{opp}{5}$

3)  $\cos A = \frac{a}{h}$   $0.616 = \frac{opp}{5}$

$5(0.616) = opp = 3.08$

4)  $\tan A = \frac{o}{a}$

5)  $m\angle A + m\angle B + m\angle C = 180^\circ$



Solve the triangle.

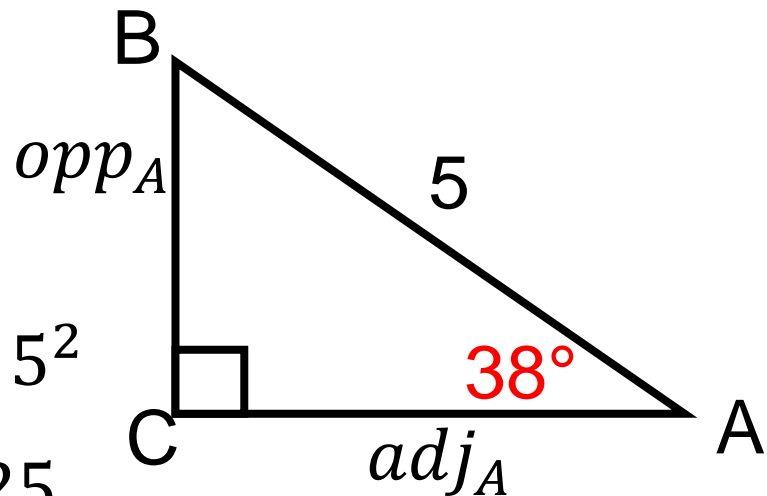
1)  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \rightarrow$

2)  $\sin A = \frac{o}{h}$      $(adj)^2 + (3.08)^2 = 5^2$   
 $(adj)^2 + 9.49 = 25$

3)  $\cos A = \frac{a}{h}$      $(adj)^2 = 25 - 9.49$   
 $(adj)^2 = 15.51$

4)  $\tan A = \frac{o}{a}$      $adj = \sqrt{15.51} = 3.94$

5)  $m\angle A + m\angle B + M\angle C = 180^0$



Solve the triangle.

1)  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

2)  $\sin A = \frac{o}{h}$

3)  $\cos A = \frac{a}{h}$  →

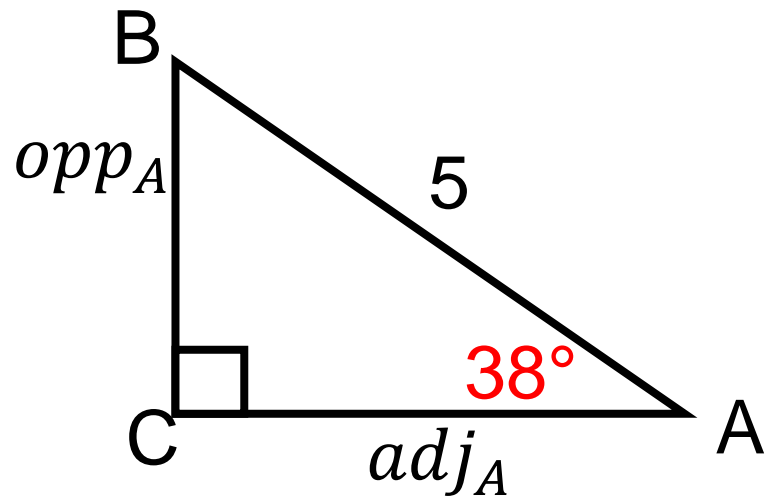
$$\cos 38^\circ = \frac{adj}{5}$$

$$0.788 = \frac{adj}{5}$$

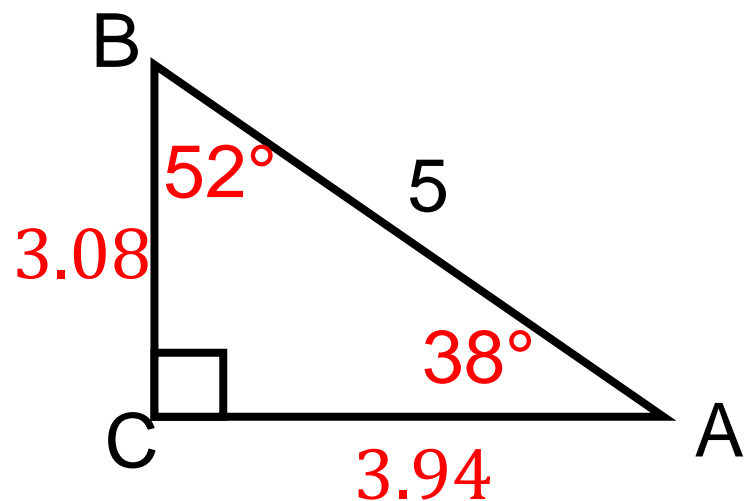
$$5(0.788) = adj = 3.94$$

4)  $\tan A = \frac{o}{a}$

5)  $m\angle A + m\angle B + m\angle C = 180^\circ$



$$= 3.94$$



Usually, the problem only asks you to solve for 'x'

1)  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

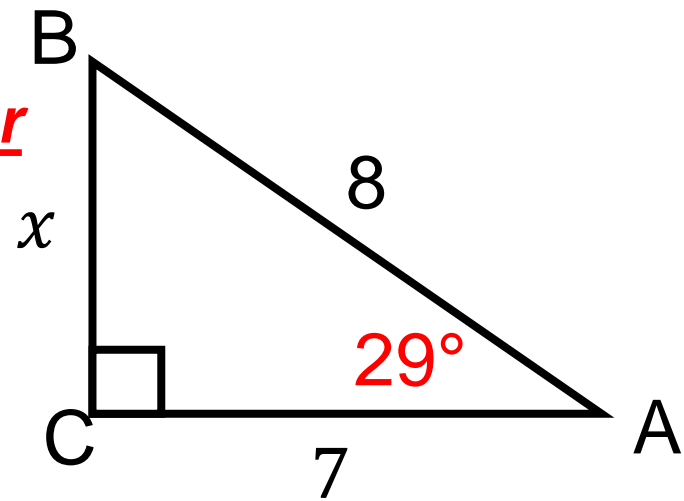
2)  $\sin A = \frac{o}{h} \rightarrow \sin 29^\circ = \frac{x}{8}$

3)  $\cos A = \frac{a}{h} \quad 0.485 = \frac{x}{8}$

4)  $\tan A = \frac{o}{a}$

5)  $m\angle A + m\angle B + m\angle C = 180^\circ$

**Change the numbers on your slide for this problem.**



$8(0.485) = \text{opp} = 3.9$

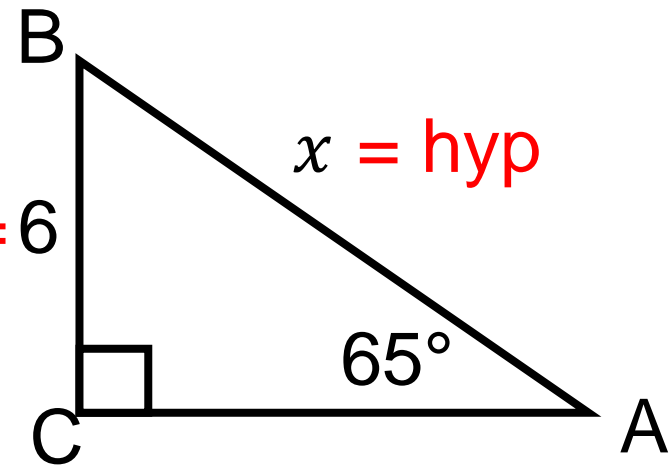


## The Hardest problem

$$\sin A = \frac{o}{h}$$

$$\sin 65^\circ = \frac{6}{x}$$

$$\text{opp}_{65} = 6$$



$$0.906 = \frac{6}{x}$$

'x' is in the denominator!

$$x(0.906) = 6 \quad \text{"undo" division by 'x'}$$

$$x = \frac{6}{0.906} = 6.6$$

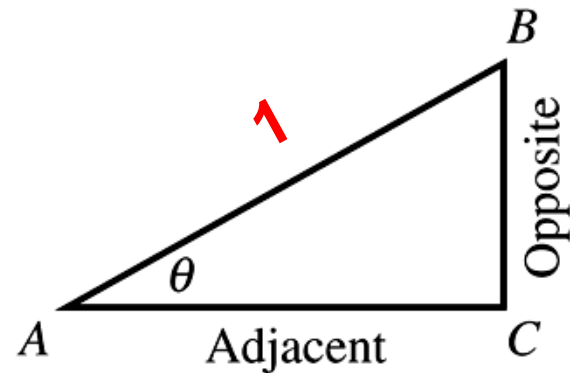
$$\underline{\text{hypotenuse} = 1}$$

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

$$\text{Sin } \Theta = \underline{\text{opposite side}}$$

$$\text{Cos } \Theta = \underline{\text{adjacent side}}$$

$$\text{Tan } \Theta = \underline{\text{opp/adj}}$$

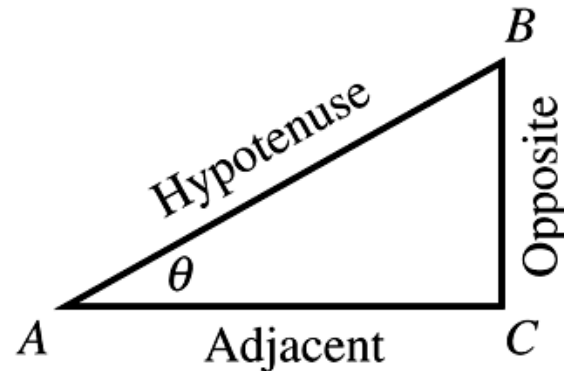


The length of the hypotenuse is no longer in the ratio!

## Trig Ratios of Acute Angles

What shape is used to define trig ratios?

right triangle.



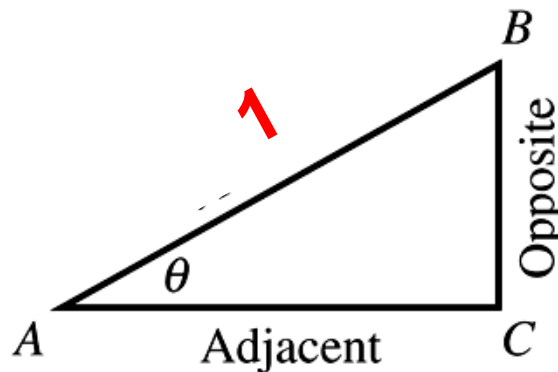
Using these definitions we can't have angles  $> 90!!!$

Trig ratios for obtuse angles: we need acute angles!!

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

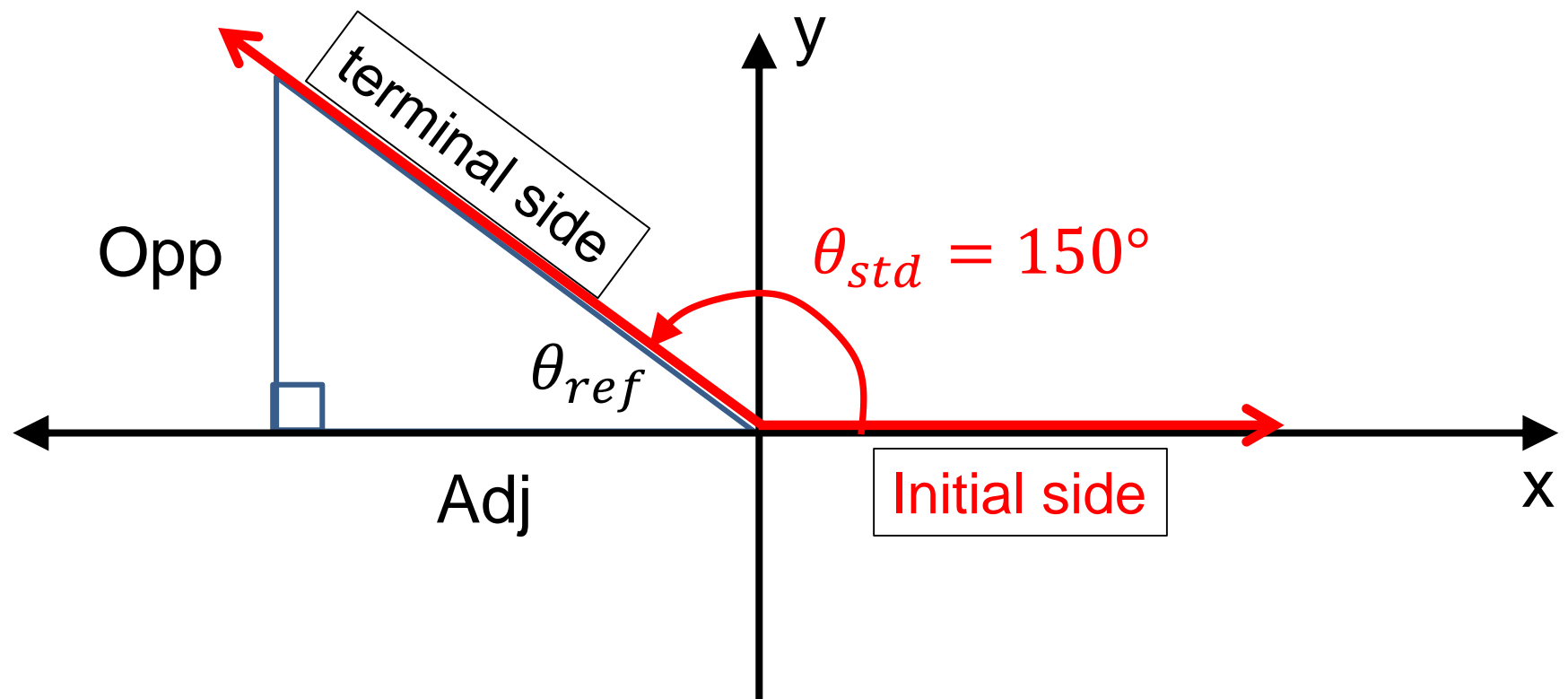
$$\cos \theta = \underline{\text{adjacent side}}$$

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



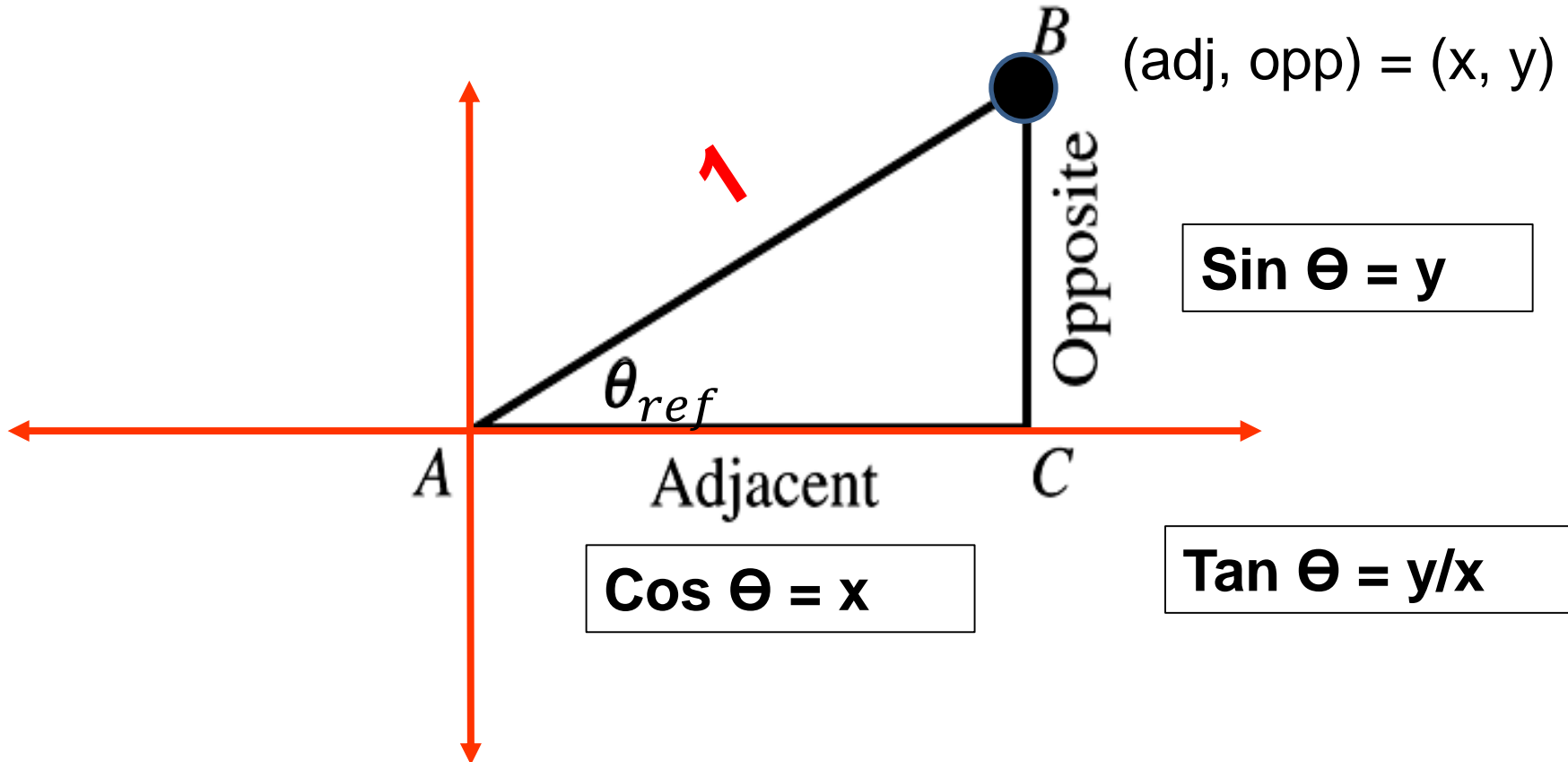
Trig ratios only work for right triangles! If angle is greater than 90...

1. Build a standard position angle on the x-y plane, with vertex at (0, 0)
2. Initial side of the angle: always points along the positive x-axis.
3. Terminal side of the angle: points outward from (0, 0).
4. We build a right triangle, hypotenuse is the terminal side.
5. We use the reference angle for our trig ratios.



Reference angle: the acute angle between the terminal side of a standard position angle and the x-axis.

With a right triangle with a hypotenuse = 1 on the x-y plane, by using the reference angle for our trig ratios, the x-y pair at the end of the hypotenuse gives us adjacent side length and opposite side length of the right triangle.



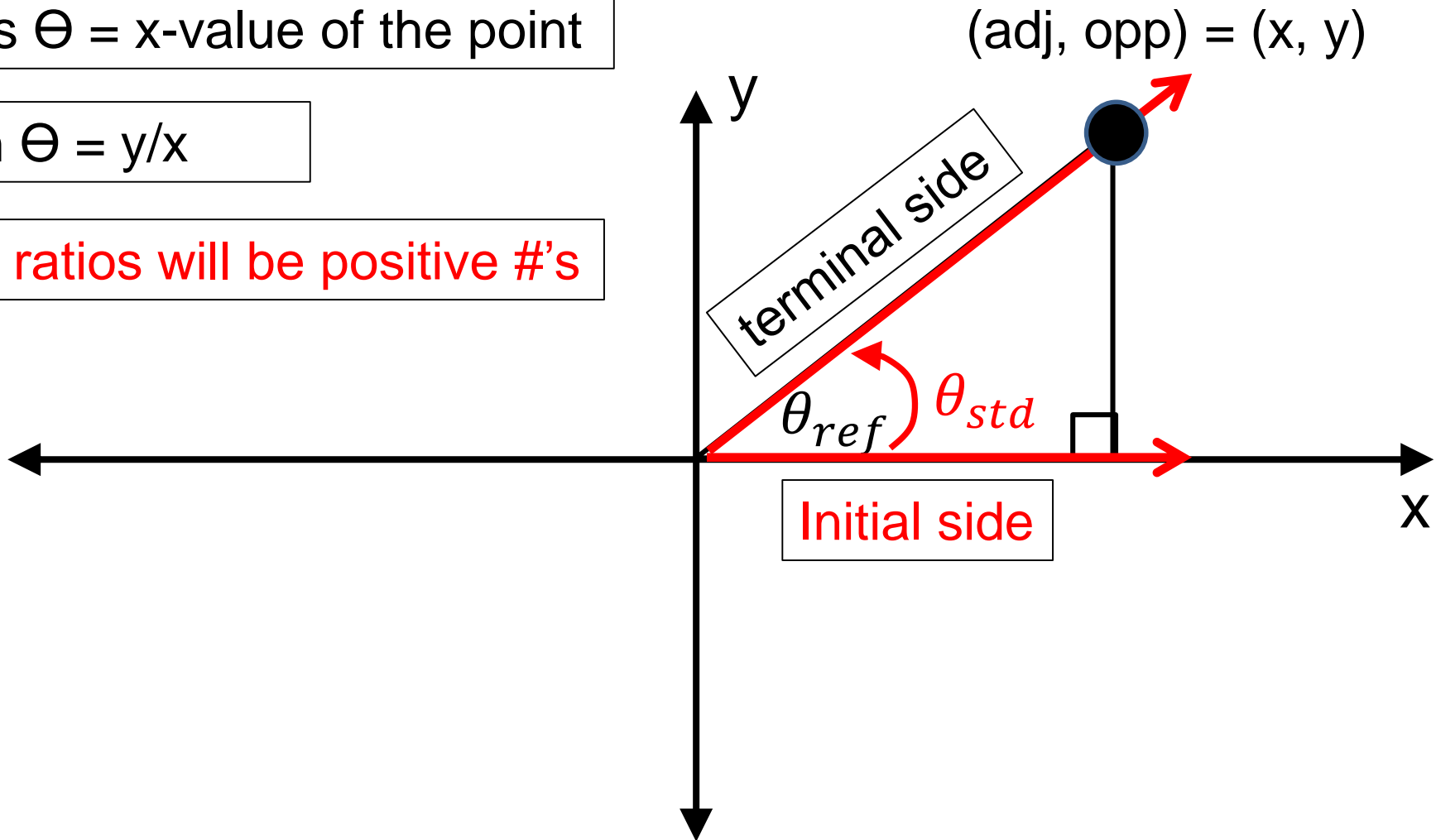
For Quadrant I  $\theta_{ref} = \theta_{std}$

Sin  $\Theta$  = y-value of the point

Cos  $\Theta$  = x-value of the point

Tan  $\Theta$  =  $y/x$

Trig ratios will be positive #'s



For Quadrant II  $\theta_{ref} = 180 - \theta_{std}$

$$\sin \theta = y$$

Sine ratio is a positive number

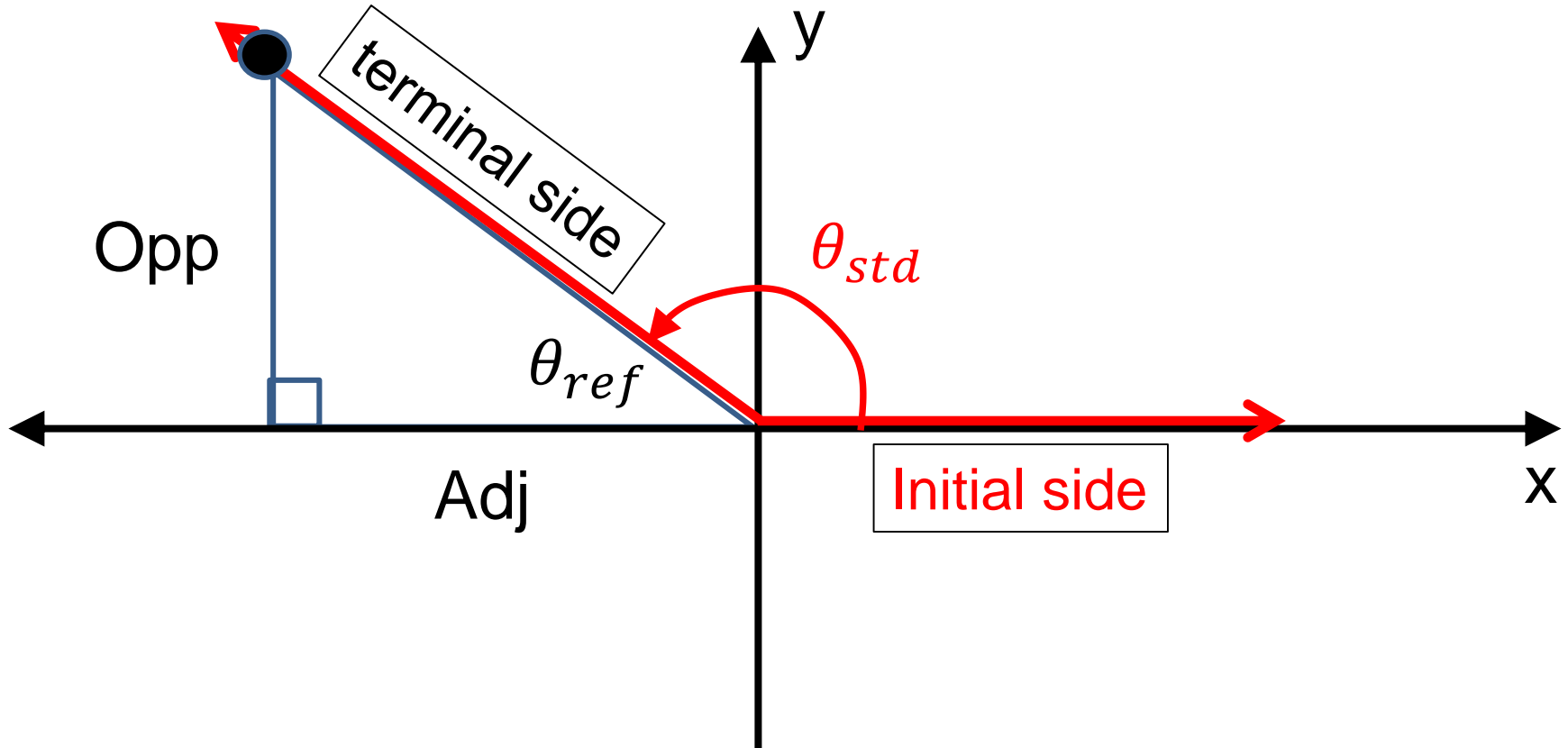
$$\cos \theta = x$$

Cosine ratio is a negative number

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

Tangent ratio is a negative number

(adj, opp) = (x, y)





For Quadrant III

$$\theta_{ref} = \theta_{std} - 180$$

$$\sin \theta = y$$

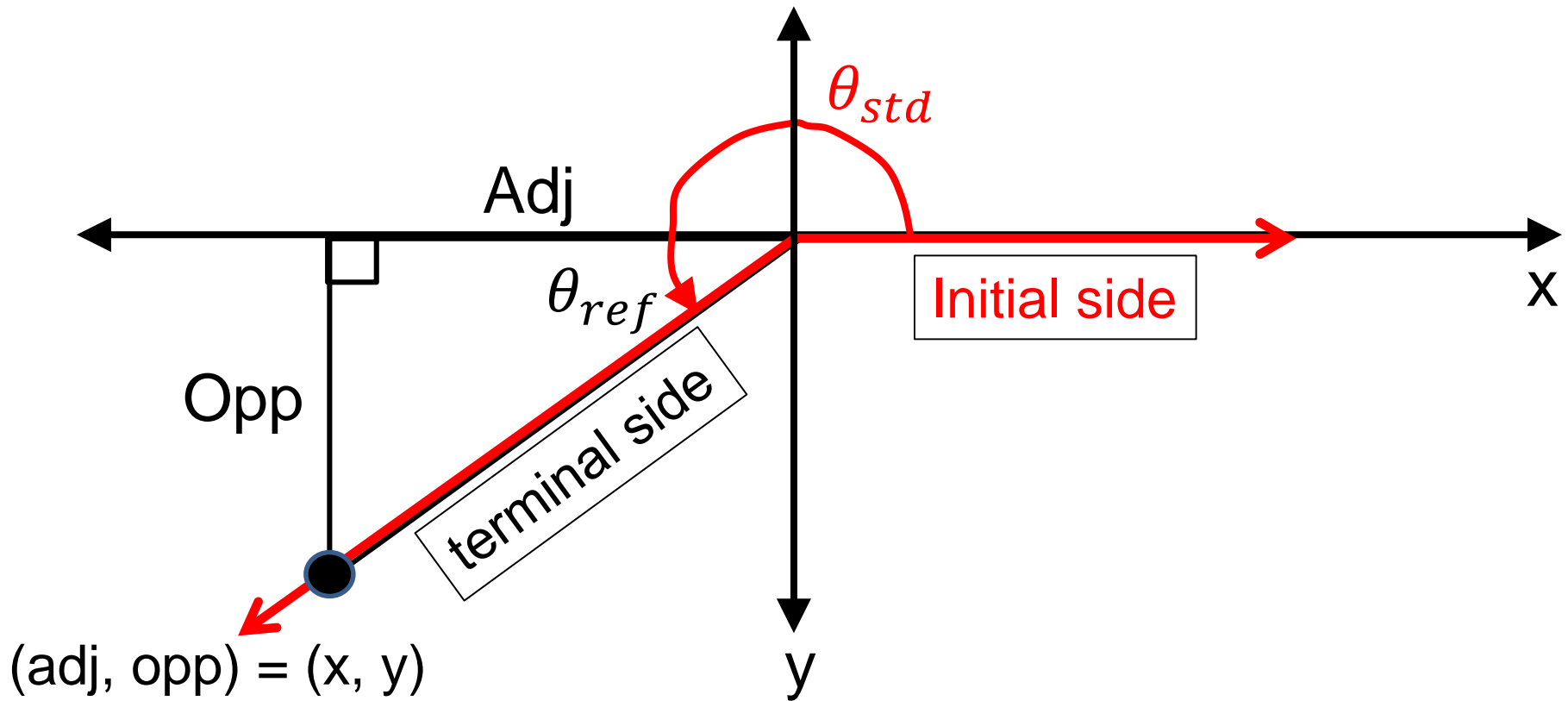
$$\cos \theta = x$$

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

Sine ratio is a negative number

Cosine ratio is a negative number

Tangent ratio is a positive number



For Quadrant IV

$$\theta_{ref} = 360 - \theta_{std}$$

$$\sin \theta = y$$

$$\cos \theta = x$$

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

Sine ratio is a negative number

Cosine ratio is a positive number

Tangent ratio is a negative number

