

Algebra 2/Pre-Calculus

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More Problems Involving Circular Trig (Trigonometry, Day 3)

In this handout we will continue using the circular trig definitions (x , y , and r , rather than adjacent, opposite, and hypotenuse). All of the problems on this handout should be done **without the aid of a calculator**.

1. Find each of the following. Do not use a calculator. *Note:* Answers are provided at the end of this problem.
 - a. Suppose $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $0^\circ \leq \theta < 90^\circ$. Find $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$. *Hint:* Start by drawing a triangle in the first quadrant. What are the values of y and r ? What is the value of x ?

 - b. Suppose $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $90^\circ \leq \theta < 180^\circ$. Find $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$. *Hint:* Again, start by drawing a triangle. Which quadrant is the triangle in?

 - c. Suppose $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $180^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$. Is this even possible? Explain why or why not.

d. Suppose $\cos \theta = \frac{12}{13}$. Find two possible values for $\sin \theta$.

e. Suppose $\sin \theta = -\frac{4}{5}$. Find two possible values for $\cos \theta$.

f. Suppose $\tan \theta = \frac{7}{24}$. Find two possible values for $\sin \theta$.

g. Suppose $\tan \theta = \frac{12}{5}$ and $\sin \theta = -\frac{12}{13}$. Find the value of $\cos \theta$.

Answers

a. $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ b. $\cos \theta = -\frac{4}{5}$ and $\tan \theta = -\frac{3}{4}$ c. Impossible because $\sin \theta$ is not positive in quadrants 3 and 4. d. $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{13}$ or $\sin \theta = -\frac{5}{13}$ e. $\cos \theta = \pm \frac{3}{5}$

f. $\sin \theta = \pm \frac{7}{25}$ g. $\cos \theta = -\frac{5}{13}$

2. You are given the facts that $\sin 35^\circ = 0.57$ and $\cos 35^\circ = 0.82$. Find each of the following.
Note: No calculators!

a. Find $\cos 215^\circ$. **Hint:** Start by sketching two triangles: One in the first quadrant and one in the third quadrant. In both cases, let $r = 1$. **Another hint:** $215 = 35 + 180$.

b. Find $\sin 215^\circ$. **Hint:** You can use the diagram from part a.

c. Find $\cos 145^\circ$. **Hint:** Start by sketching two triangles: One in the first quadrant and one in the second quadrant. In both cases, let $r = 1$. **Another hint:** $145 = 180 - 35$.

d. Find $\sin 145^\circ$.

e. Find $\cos 125^\circ$. **Hint:** Start by sketching two triangles: One in the first quadrant and one in the second quadrant. In both cases, let $r = 1$. **Another hint:** $125 = 35 + 90$.

f. Find $\sin 125^\circ$.

g. Find $\cos 55^\circ$. **Hint:** $55 = 90 - 35$.

h. Find $\sin 55^\circ$.

Answers

a. -0.82 b. -0.57 c. -0.82 d. 0.57 e. -0.57 f. 0.82 g. 0.57 h. 0.82