

Math 1060 ~ Trigonometry

6 Beyond The Unit Circle

Learning Objectives

In this section you will:

- Determine the values of the six trigonometric functions from the coordinates of a point on a circle, centered at the origin, with any radius r .
- Solve related application problems.

$\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u = 1$

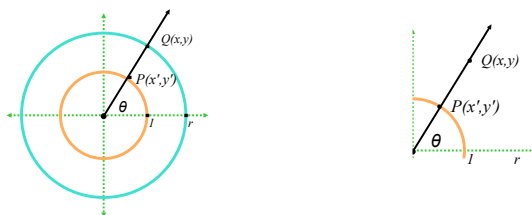
$\sin 2u = 2 \sin u \cos u$

$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$

Determining Sine and Cosine

Consider the acute angle θ drawn in standard position.



$Q(x,y)$ is a point on the terminal side of θ which lies on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$.

$P(x',y')$ is a point on the terminal side of θ which lies on the Unit Circle.

Theorem: If $Q(x,y)$ is a point on the terminal side of an angle θ , plotted in standard position, which lies on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, then

$x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$.

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

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

From these it is possible to determine all of the other four functions.

Ex 1: Determine the sine, secant and tangent of an angle which contains the point $Q(3, -2)$ when plotted in standard position.

Ex 2: If the terminal side of θ lies on the line $3x - 4y = 0$ in the third quadrant, find the values of the six trigonometric functions of θ by finding a point on the line.

Ex 3: Determine the radius of the circle of revolution for Salt Lake City, which is located at a latitude of 40.76° N. Assume the radius at the equator to be 3960 miles.

