

Trigonometry Exam 1B Solutions

Given on Sept. 21, 2009

All nontrivial calculations must be shown.

1. For the equation $4x^2 + y^2 = 100$, find the x -intercepts and y -intercepts and test for symmetry about the x -axis, y -axis, and origin.

- x -intercepts: Let $y = 0$ and solve for x .

$$\begin{aligned}4x^2 + (0)^2 &= 100 \\4x^2/4 &= 100/4 \\x^2 &= 25 \\x &= \pm 5\end{aligned}$$

- y -intercept: Let $x = 0$ and solve for y .

$$\begin{aligned}4(0)^2 + y^2 &= 100 \\y^2 &= 100 \\y &= \pm 10\end{aligned}$$

- Symmetry about x -axis: Replace y with $-y$ and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned}4x^2 + (-y)^2 &= 100 \\4x^2 + y^2 &= 100\end{aligned}$$

Since this simplifies to the original equation, its graph is symmetric with respect to the x -axis.

- Symmetry about y -axis: Replace x with $-x$ and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned}4(-x)^2 + y^2 &= 100 \\4x^2 + y^2 &= 100\end{aligned}$$

Since this simplifies to the original equation, its graph is symmetric with respect to the y -axis.

- Symmetry about origin: We could check this by replacing x with $-x$ and y with $-y$, but it is not really necessary. It is not possible for a graph to exhibit exactly two of the three types of symmetry, hence the graph must be symmetric about the origin.

2. State the center and radius of the circle

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 25$$

Comparing this to the general form $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = R^2$, we have

$$h = 2 \quad k = -5 \quad \text{and} \quad R = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

The circle has its center at $(2, -5)$ and has radius 5.

3. Find the domains of the functions.

(a) $f(x) = \sqrt{5x - 2}$

Even roots of negative numbers are not Real numbers, hence we must insure that the radicand is not negative.

$$\begin{aligned} 5x - 2 &\geq 0 \\ 5x - 2 + 2 &\geq 0 + 2 \\ 5x &\geq 2 \\ 5x/5 &\geq 2/5 \\ x &\geq 2/5 \end{aligned}$$

The domain is $\{x|x \geq \frac{2}{5}\}$.

(b) $g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 9}{x^2 + 5x}$

Division by zero is not defined, hence we must insure that the denominator is not zero. We set the denominator equal to zero and solve.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 5x &= 0 \\ x(x + 5) &= 0 \\ x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x + 5 &= 0 \\ x + 5 - 5 &= 0 - 5 \\ x &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

So 0 and -5 are numbers that *cannot* be included in the domain. The domain is $\{x|x \neq 0, x \neq -5\}$.

4. Use the graph of the function to find

(a) The domain: $[-9, 2] \cup [3, 7]$

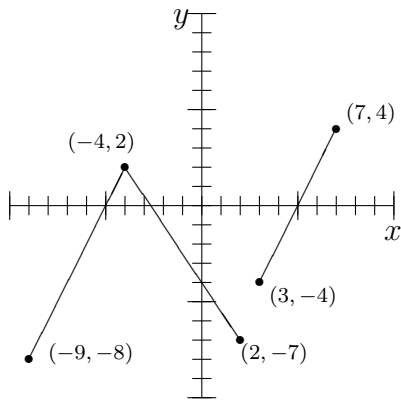
(b) The range: $[-8, 4]$

(c) y -intercept: $(0, -4)$

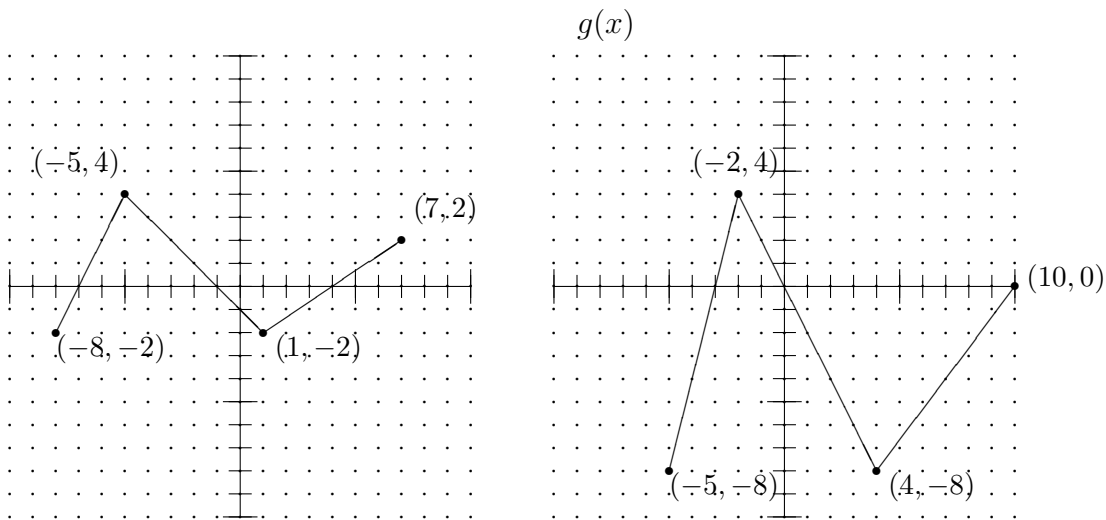
(d) x -intercept(s): $(-5, 0), (-2.7, 0), (5, 0)$

(e) Increasing intervals: $(-9, -4) \cup (3, 7)$

(f) Decreasing intervals: $(-4, 2)$



5. Shown below is a function $f(x)$. Graph the related function $g(x) = 2f(x - 3) - 4$



The function $g(x)$ is $f(x)$ shifted to the right by 3 units, stretched along the y -axis by a factor of 2, and shifted down the y -axis by 4 units, in that order. We first determine where the labeled points will end up.

point	right by 3	y-stretch by 2	down by 4
$(-8, -2)$	$(-5, -2)$	$(-5, -4)$	$(-5, -8)$
$(-5, 4)$	$(-2, 4)$	$(-2, 8)$	$(-2, 4)$
$(1, -2)$	$(4, -2)$	$(4, -4)$	$(4, -8)$
$(7, 2)$	$(10, 2)$	$(10, 4)$	$(10, 0)$

Now we connect those points with line segments, and we have the transformed graph.

6. Convert the angles from degrees to radians.

(a) $240^\circ = \frac{4\pi}{3}$

$$240^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} = \frac{60 \times 4\pi}{60 \times 3} = \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

$$(b) 150^\circ = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$150^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} = \frac{30 \times 5\pi}{30 \times 6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

7. Convert the angles from radians to degrees.

$$(a) \frac{4\pi}{3} = \underline{240^\circ}$$

$$\frac{4\pi}{3} \times \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} = \frac{4(3)(60^\circ)(\pi)}{3(\pi)} = 4(60^\circ) = 240^\circ$$

$$(b) \frac{5\pi}{2} = \underline{450^\circ}$$

$$\frac{5\pi}{2} \times \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} = 5 \times 90^\circ = 450^\circ$$

8. Find the missing quantity.

$$(a) r = 15'' \quad s = 22'' \quad \theta = \underline{\frac{22}{15}\text{rad}}$$

$$\theta = \frac{s}{r} = \frac{22''}{15''} = \frac{22}{15}\text{rad}$$

$$(b) \theta = 1.5 \quad r = 9 \text{ meters} \quad s = \underline{13.5 \text{ meters}}$$

$$s = r\theta = 9(1.5) = 13.5 \text{ meters}$$

$$(c) \theta = 35^\circ \quad r = 8 \text{ ft} \quad s = \underline{4.89\text{ft}}$$

$$\theta = 35^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} = \frac{7\pi}{36}$$

$$s = r\theta = 8 \times \frac{7\pi}{36} = \frac{56\pi}{36} = \frac{14\pi}{9} \approx 4.89\text{ft}$$

Note that θ must be in radians

9. Express the angle $37^\circ 23' 31''$ in decimal degrees and then again in radians.

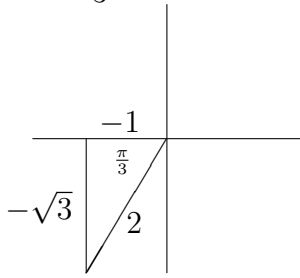
$$37^\circ 23' 31'' = 37^\circ + \frac{23^\circ}{60} + \frac{31''}{3600} \approx 37.3919^\circ$$

In radians, this is

$$37.3919^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} = .6526\text{rad}$$

10. Find the *exact* values (not the calculator approximations) of the following trigonometric values.

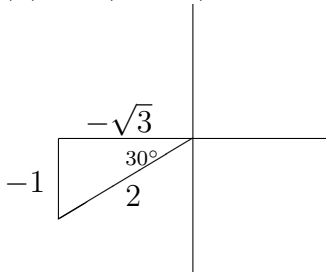
(a) $\cos \frac{4\pi}{3}$



$\frac{4\pi}{3} = \pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$, so the angle is in quadrant III and the reference angle is $\frac{\pi}{3}$. This is the standard $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle. In quadrant III, x and y are both negative. Then

$$\cos \frac{4\pi}{3} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{-1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

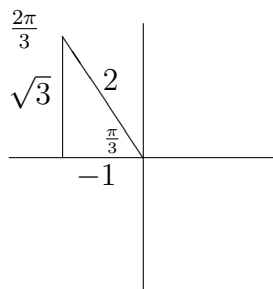
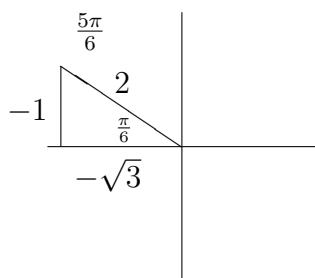
(b) $\sin(-150^\circ)$



Negative angles are measured in the clockwise direction from the positive x -axis. $150^\circ = 180^\circ - 30^\circ$, so this angle is in quadrant III, and the reference angle is 30° . This is the standard $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle. Again in quadrant III, x and y are both negative. Then

$$\sin(-150^\circ) = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{-1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

(c) $\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} - \cos \frac{2\pi}{3}$



$\frac{5\pi}{6} = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$, so $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ is in quadrant II, the reference angle is $\frac{\pi}{6}$ and

$$\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$\frac{2\pi}{3} = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3}$, so $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ is in quadrant II, the reference angle is $\frac{\pi}{3}$, and

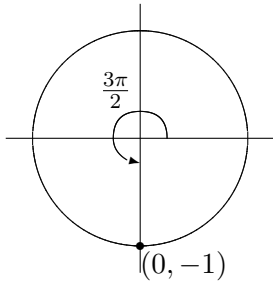
$$\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{-1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Then

$$\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} - \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

(d) $\sin \frac{7\pi}{2}$

$$\sin \frac{7\pi}{2} = \sin \frac{7\pi}{2} - 2\pi = \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} = -1$$



$(0, -1)$ Using the unit circle definition, $\sin t = y$, so $\sin \frac{3\pi}{2} = -1$

11. Use a calculator to find approximations for the following trigonometric values.

(a) $\sin 50^\circ = \underline{0.766}$

Make sure your calculator is in *degree* mode.

(b) $\csc \frac{3\pi}{5} = \underline{1.0515}$

Make sure your calculator is in *radian* mode.

$$\csc \frac{3\pi}{5} = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{3\pi}{5}} \approx 1.0515$$

(c) $\sec(-0.75) = \underline{1.3667}$

Make sure your calculator is in *radian* mode.

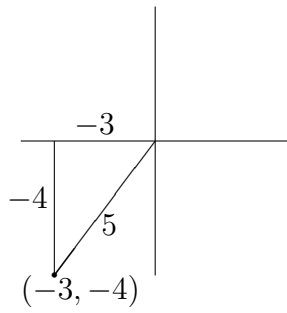
$$\sec(-0.75) = \frac{1}{\cos(-0.75)} \approx 1.3667$$

12. The point $(-3, -4)$ is on the terminal side of an angle in standard position. Find the values of the trigonometric functions for this angle.

$$\sin \theta = \underline{-\frac{4}{5}} \quad \csc \theta = \underline{-\frac{5}{4}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \underline{-\frac{3}{5}} \quad \sec \theta = \underline{-\frac{5}{3}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \underline{\frac{4}{3}} \quad \cot \theta = \underline{\frac{3}{4}}$$



We can calculate the hypotenuse using the Pythagorean theorem.

$$\begin{aligned}h^2 &= (-3)^2 + (-4)^2 \\&= 9 + 16 \\&= 25 \\h &= \sqrt{25} \\&= 5\end{aligned}$$