

4-2 The Unit Circle

Objective:

- Identify a unit circle and describe its relationship to real numbers;
- Evaluate trigonometric functions using the unit circle;
- Use the domain and period to evaluate sine and cosine functions.

RECALL from 4-3.

Sines, Cosines, and Tangents of Special Angles

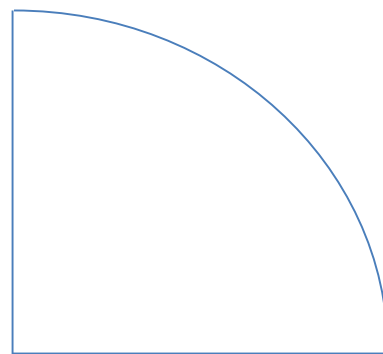
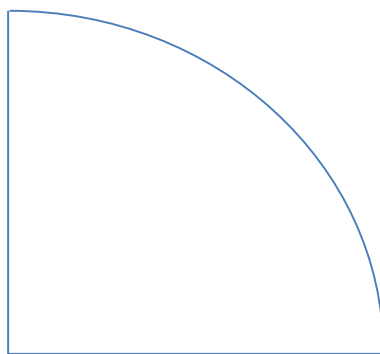
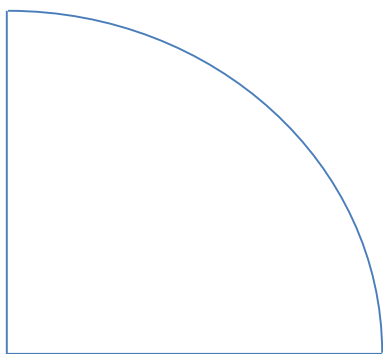
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$$\sin 45^\circ = \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \cos 45^\circ = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \tan 45^\circ = \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

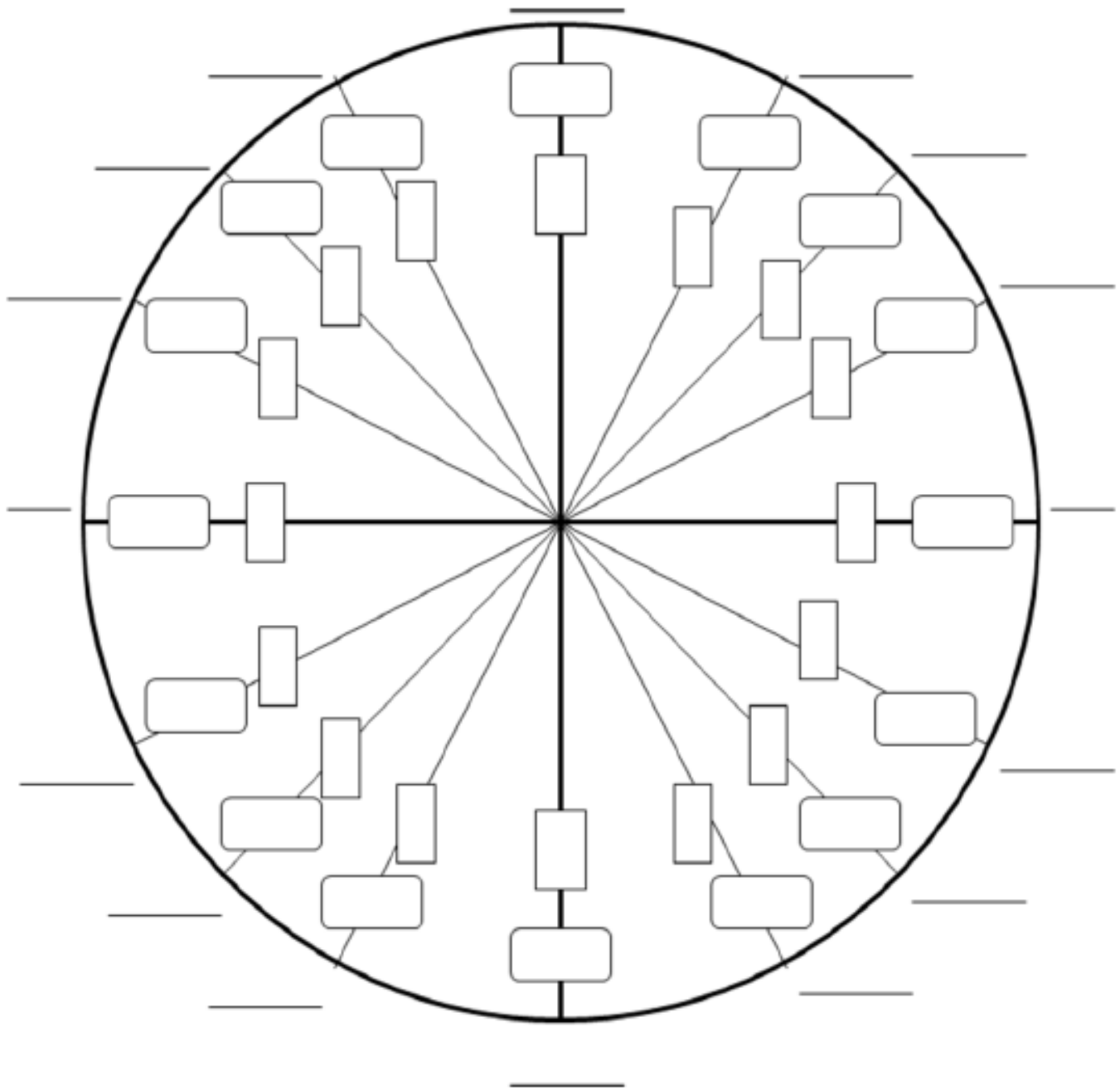
$$\sin 60^\circ = \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \cos 60^\circ = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \tan 60^\circ = \tan \frac{\pi}{3} = \sqrt{3}$$

From the Pythagorean Trigonometric identity, we know that _____,
and the equation of a circle is _____ $\therefore x =$ _____ and $y =$ _____.

The Unit Circle (Quadrant I)



The Unit Circle



We can use the unit circle to evaluate the six trigonometric functions at real numbers.

Example:

1) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$

2) $\theta = \frac{4\pi}{3}$

PRACTICE: Evaluate the six trigonometric functions at the given angle.

1) $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

2) $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{3}$

3) $\theta = -\frac{9\pi}{2}$

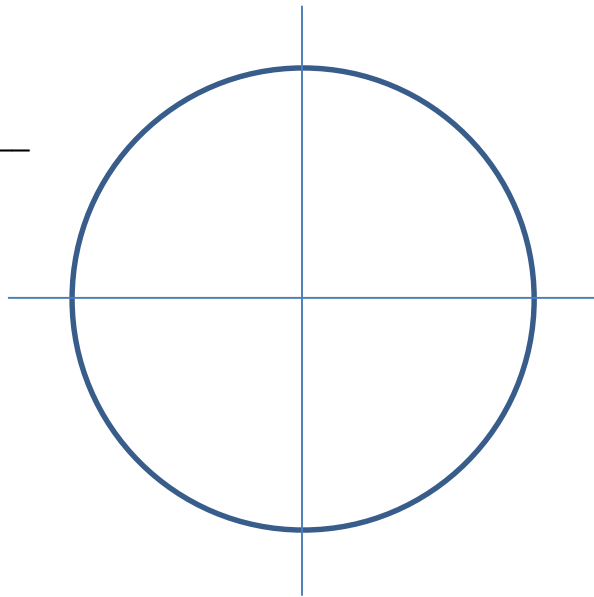
Periodic Functions: Sine and Cosine

Domain of sine and cosine = _____

Range of sine = _____

Range of cosine = _____

What happens if we add 2π to the angle?



Definition of Periodic Function

A function f is **periodic** if there exists a positive real number c such that

for all θ in the domain of f . The smallest number c for which f is periodic is called the **period** of f .

Examples:

1) Evaluate $\sin \frac{13\pi}{6}$

2) Evaluate $\cos -\frac{7\pi}{2}$