

**Objective:** To use basic right triangle trigonometry to find lengths of missing sides or missing angles.

**Warm Up:** What is SohCahToa, and how/why is it used?

Sine =  $\frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

Cosine =  $\frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

Tangent =  $\frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$

It is used to solve for missing side/angle measures for right triangles.

**Vocabulary:**

**Right Triangle:** A three-sided polygon that has one right angle and sides that are classified as legs or the hypotenuse.

Sine (sin):  $\frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

Cosecant (csc):  $\frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{opposite}}$

Cosine (cos):  $\frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

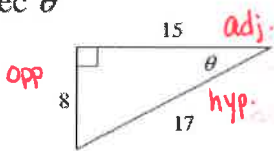
Secant (sec):  $\frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent}}$

Tangent (tan):  $\frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$

Cotangent (cot):  $\frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}}$

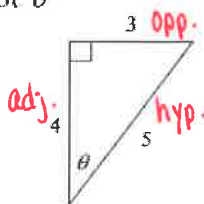
**Example 1:** Evaluate the trig functions based off of the given right triangles

A.)  $\sec \theta$



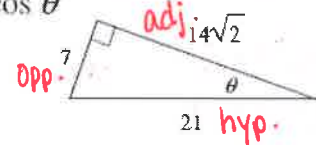
$\sec \theta = \frac{17}{15}$

B.)  $\cot \theta$



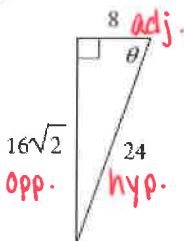
$\cot \theta = \frac{4}{3}$

C.)  $\cos \theta$



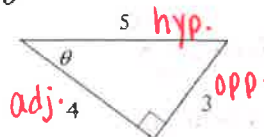
$\cos \theta = \frac{14\sqrt{2}}{21} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$

D.)  $\csc \theta$



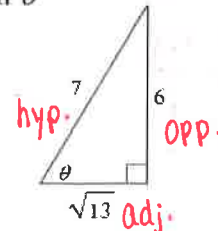
$\csc \theta = \frac{24}{16\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}$

E.)  $\tan \theta$



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

F.)  $\sin \theta$



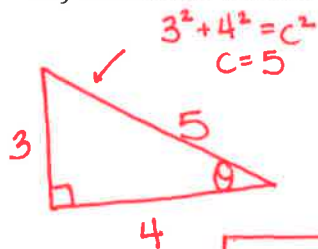
$\sin \theta = \frac{6}{7}$

★ helps to draw a picture if not provided with one!

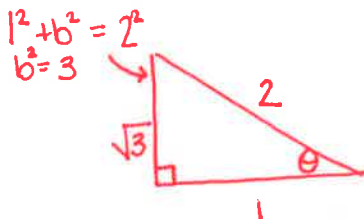
**Example 2:** Find the value of the trig function indicated.

A.) Find  $\csc \theta$  if  $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$

B.) Find  $\cot \theta$  if  $\sec \theta = \frac{2}{1}$



$\csc \theta = \frac{5}{3}$



$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

**Example 3:** Use your calculator to evaluate the trig function. Round to four decimal places.

\*\*\*Make sure that your calculator is set to DEGREES for this section.\*\*\*

A.)  $\sin 15^\circ$

$= 0.2588$

B.)  $\cos 40^\circ$

$= 0.7660$

C.)  $\tan 50^\circ$

$= 1.1918$

D.)  $\csc 20^\circ = 1/\sin 20^\circ$

$= 2.9238$

E.)  $\sec 60^\circ = 1/\cos 60^\circ$

$= 2$

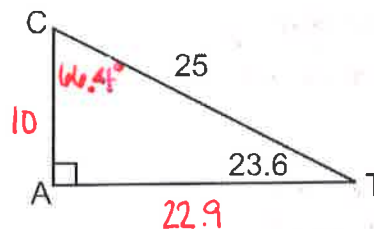
F.)  $\cot 80^\circ = 1/\tan 80^\circ$

$= 0.1763$

**Example 4:**

A.) Find the missing sides and angles of Triangle ACT

$\angle C = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 23.6^\circ = 66.4^\circ$



$\overline{AC} = 25 \cdot \sin 23.6^\circ = \frac{x}{25} \cdot 25$

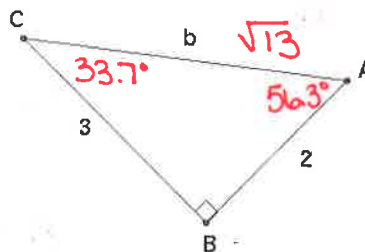
$x = 10.0$

$\overline{AT} = 25 \cdot \cos 23.6^\circ = \frac{x}{25} \cdot 25$

$x = 22.9$

B.) Find the missing sides and angles of Triangle ABC

$b = 3^2 + 2^2 = c^2$   
 $(\overline{AC}) = c = \sqrt{13}$



$\angle A = \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{2}$

$A = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)$

$A = 56.3^\circ$

$\angle C = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}$

$C = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)$

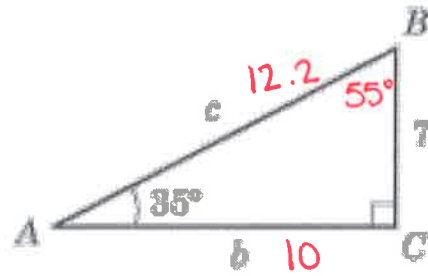
$C = 33.7^\circ$

OR

$\angle C = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 56.3^\circ = 33.7^\circ$

C.) Find the missing sides and angles of Triangle ABC

$$\angle B = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 35^\circ = 55^\circ$$



$$b(\overline{AC}) = b \cdot \tan 35^\circ = \frac{7}{\cancel{b}} \cdot \cancel{b}$$

$$\frac{b \tan 35^\circ}{\tan 35^\circ} = \frac{7}{\tan 35^\circ}$$

$$b = \frac{7}{\tan 35^\circ}$$

$$\boxed{b = 10}$$

$$c(\overline{AB}) = c \cdot \sin 35^\circ = \frac{7}{c} \cdot c$$

$$\frac{c \sin 35^\circ}{\sin 35^\circ} = \frac{7}{\sin 35^\circ}$$

$$c = \frac{7}{\sin 35^\circ}$$

$$\boxed{c = 12.2}$$

Reflect:

How do you know when to use sin or  $\sin^{-1}$ ?

Solving for a  
side measure

Solving for an  
angle measure