



# **ENGR 1100**

## Week 02- Trigonometry

# Agenda

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1. Review of Trigonometry
2. Trigonometric functions in MATLAB
3. Examples of Trigonometry in Engineering

# Learning Objectives

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- Use right triangles to evaluate trigonometric functions.
- Find function values for  $30^\circ\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ ,  $45^\circ\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ , and  $60^\circ\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ .
- Use equal cofunctions of complements.
- Evaluate trigonometric functions with MATLAB.
- Use right triangle trigonometry to solve applied problems.
- Trigonometric functions for any angles.
- Inverse Trigonometric functions

# Trigonometric Functions

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[Trigonometric functions on Khan Academy](#)

The six trigonometric functions are:

Function	Abbreviation
sine	sin
cosine	cos
tangent	tan
cosecant	csc
secant	sec
cotangent	cot

# Right Triangle Definitions of Trigonometric Functions

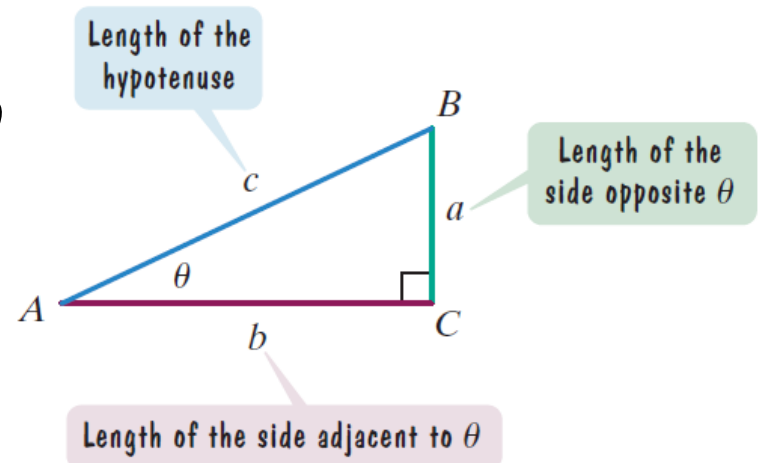
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$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{length of side opposite angle } \theta}{\text{length of hypotenuse}} = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{length of side adjacent to angle } \theta}{\text{length of hypotenuse}} = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{length of side opposite angle } \theta}{\text{length of side adjacent to angle } \theta} = \frac{a}{b}$$

In general, the trigonometric functions of  $\theta$  depend only on the size of angle  $\theta$  and not on the size of the triangle.



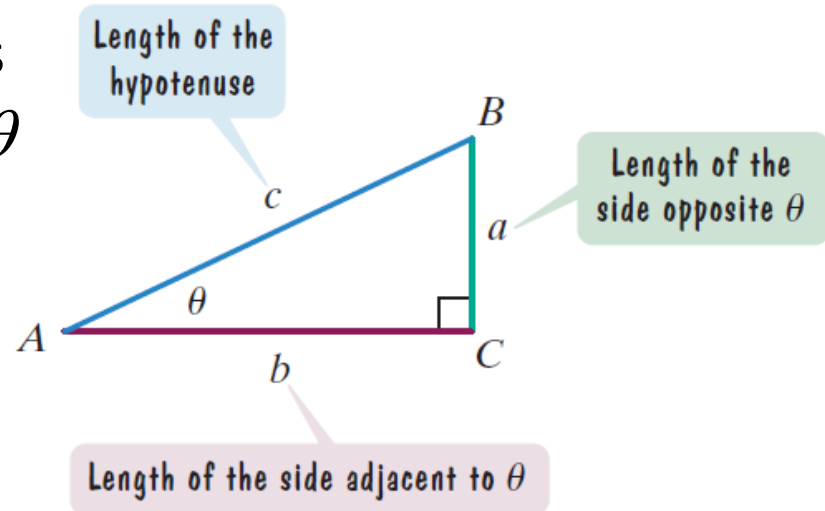
# Right Triangle Definitions of Trigonometric Function (continued)

$$\csc \theta = \frac{\text{length of hypotenuse}}{\text{length of side opposite angle } \theta} = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{\text{length of hypotenuse}}{\text{length of side adjacent to angle } \theta} = \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\text{length of side adjacent to angle } \theta}{\text{length of side opposite angle } \theta} = \frac{b}{a}$$

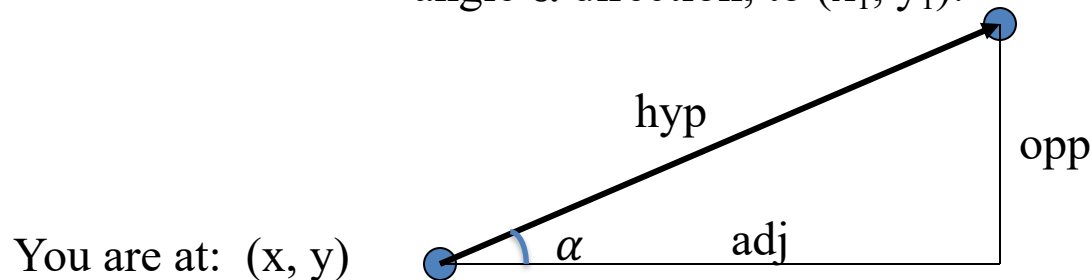
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# Application: Finding locations

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You want to move  $h$  units in the angle  $\alpha$  direction, to  $(x_1, y_1)$ :



So you make a right triangle...

And you label it...

And you compute:

$$x_1 = x + \text{adj} = x + \text{hyp} * (\text{adj}/\text{hyp}) = x + \text{hyp} * \cos \alpha$$

$$y_1 = y - \text{opp} = y - \text{hyp} * (\text{opp}/\text{hyp}) = y - \text{hyp} * \sin \alpha$$

# Trigonometry in Engineering

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- Engineers routinely use trigonometric concepts to calculate angles. Civil and mechanical engineers use trigonometry to calculate torque and forces on objects, such as bridges or building girders. An example is the calculation of the static forces on an object that is not moving—such as a bridge.
- The sine and cosine functions are fundamental to the theory of periodic functions, those that describe the sound and light waves.



## Example: Evaluating Trigonometric Functions

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Find the value of the six trigonometric functions in the figure.

We begin by finding  $c$ .

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$c^2 = 3^2 + 4^2 = 9 + 16 = 25$$

$$c = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

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

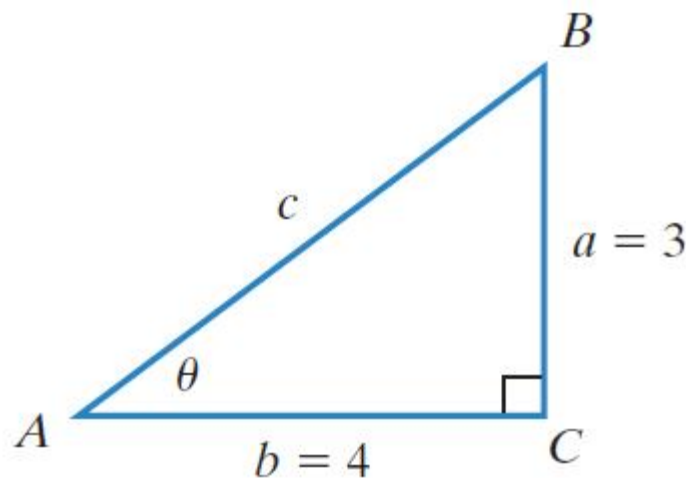
$$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$$

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

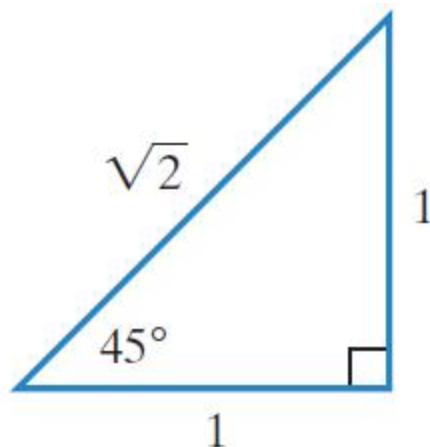
$$\cot \theta = \frac{4}{3}$$



# Function Values for Some Special Angles

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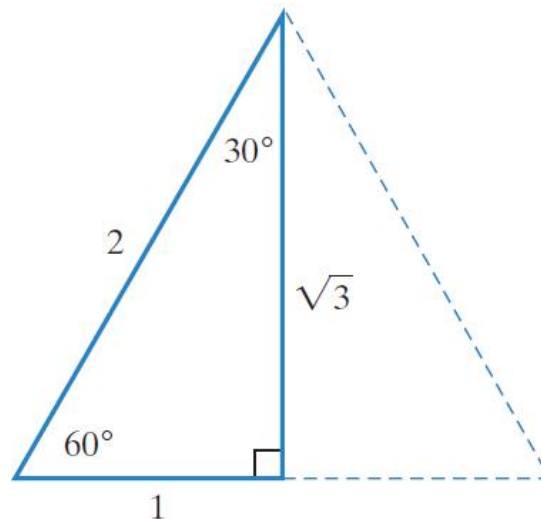
- A right triangle with a  $45^\circ$ , or  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  radian angle is isosceles – that is, it has two sides of equal length.



## Function Values for Some Special Angles (continued)

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A right triangle that has a  $30^\circ$ , or  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  radian angle also has a  $60^\circ$ , or  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  radian angle. In a 30-60-90 triangle, the measure of the side opposite the  $30^\circ$  angle is one-half the measure of the hypotenuse.



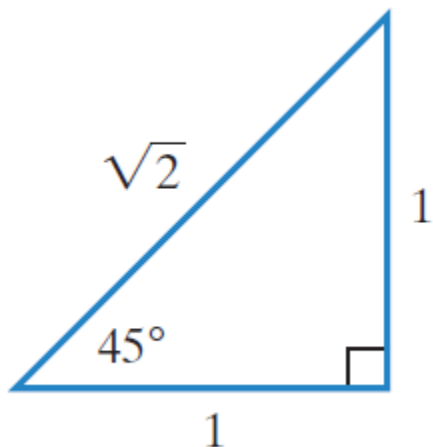
## Example: Evaluating Trigonometric Functions

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Use the figure to find  $\csc 45^\circ$ ,  $\sec 45^\circ$ , and  $\cot 45^\circ$ .

$$\csc 45^\circ = \frac{\text{length of hypotenuse}}{\text{length of side opposite } 45^\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sec 45^\circ = \frac{\text{length of hypotenuse}}{\text{length of side adjacent to } 45^\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1} = \sqrt{2}$$

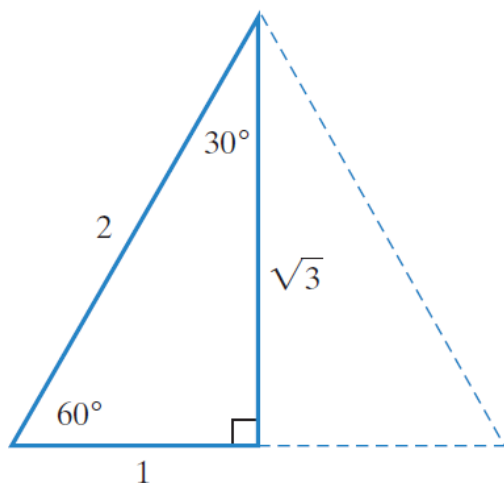


$$\begin{aligned}\cot 45^\circ &= \frac{\text{length of side adjacent to } 45^\circ}{\text{length of side opposite } 45^\circ} \\ &= \frac{1}{1} = 1\end{aligned}$$

## Evaluating Trigonometric Functions of $30^\circ$ and $60^\circ$

Use the figure to find  $\tan 60^\circ$  and  $\tan 30^\circ$ . If a radical appears in a denominator, rationalize the denominator.

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{\text{length of side opposite } 60^\circ}{\text{length of side adjacent to } 60^\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} = \sqrt{3}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\tan 30^\circ &= \frac{\text{length of side opposite } 30^\circ}{\text{length of side adjacent to } 30^\circ} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\end{aligned}$$

# Trigonometric Functions of Special Angles

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$\theta$	$30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}$	$45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$
$\sin \theta$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
$\cos \theta$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\tan \theta$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$

# Fundamental Identities

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## Reciprocal Identities

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$$

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## Quotient Identities

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

## Example: Using Quotient and Reciprocal Identities

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Given  $\sin \theta = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$ , find the value of each of the four remaining trigonometric functions.

Ex:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

Please calculate the value for other 3 trigonometric functions.



## Example: Using Quotient and Reciprocal Identities (continued)

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$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{5}{2\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{2 \times 5} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

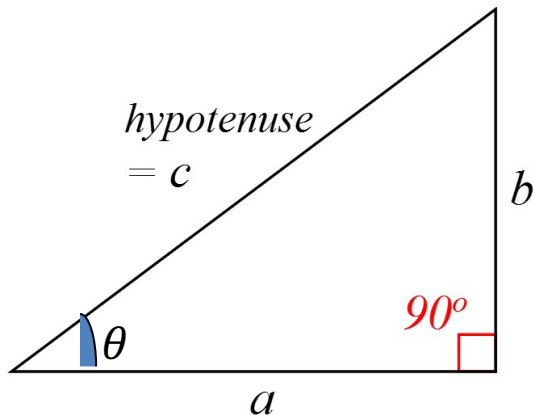
# The Pythagorean Identities



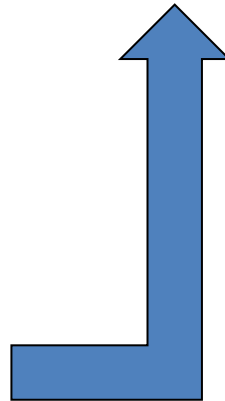
[Pythagorean Theorem on Khan Academy](#)

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad 1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta \quad 1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

## Pythagorean Theorem



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$



Four different ways of  
proving Pythagorean  
Theorem!

## Example: Using a Pythagorean Identity

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Given that  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\theta$  is an acute angle, find the value of  $\cos \theta$  using a trigonometric identity.

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

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\cos \theta = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

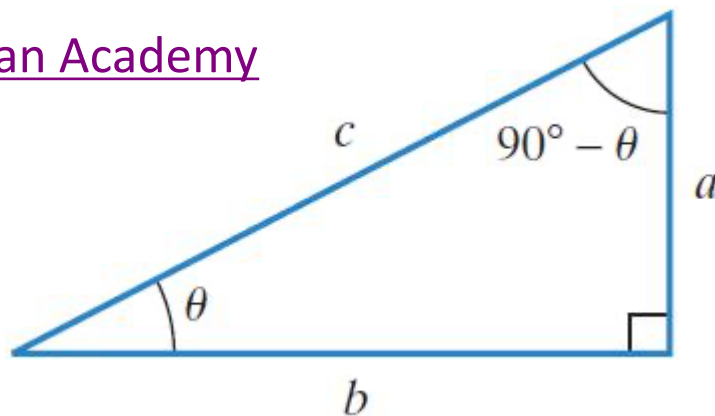
# Trigonometric Functions and Complements

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Two positive angles are **complements** if their sum is  $90^\circ$  or  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . Any pair of trigonometric functions  $f$  and  $g$  for which  $f(\theta) = g(90^\circ - \theta)$  and  $g(\theta) = f(90^\circ - \theta)$  are called **cofunctions**.



[Complementary Angles on Khan Academy](#)



# Cofunction Identities

The value of a trigonometric function of  $\theta$  is equal to the cofunction of the complement of  $\theta$ . Cofunctions of complementary angles are equal.

$$\sin \theta = \cos(90^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\cos \theta = \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$$

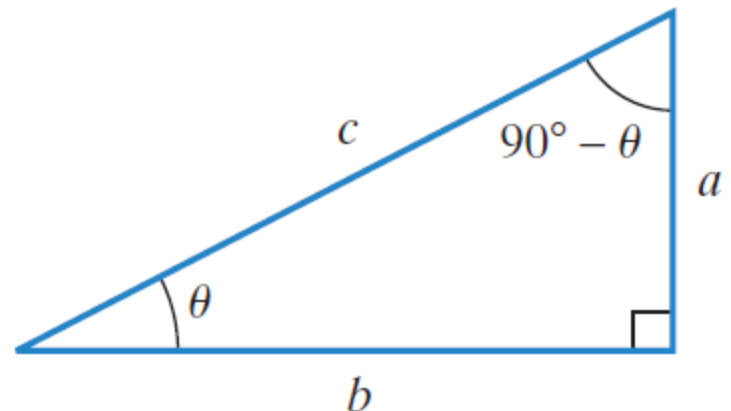
$$\tan \theta = \cot(90^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\cot \theta = \tan(90^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\sec \theta = \csc(90^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\csc \theta = \sec(90^\circ - \theta)$$

If  $\theta$  is in radians, replace  $90^\circ$  with  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .



## Using Cofunction Identities

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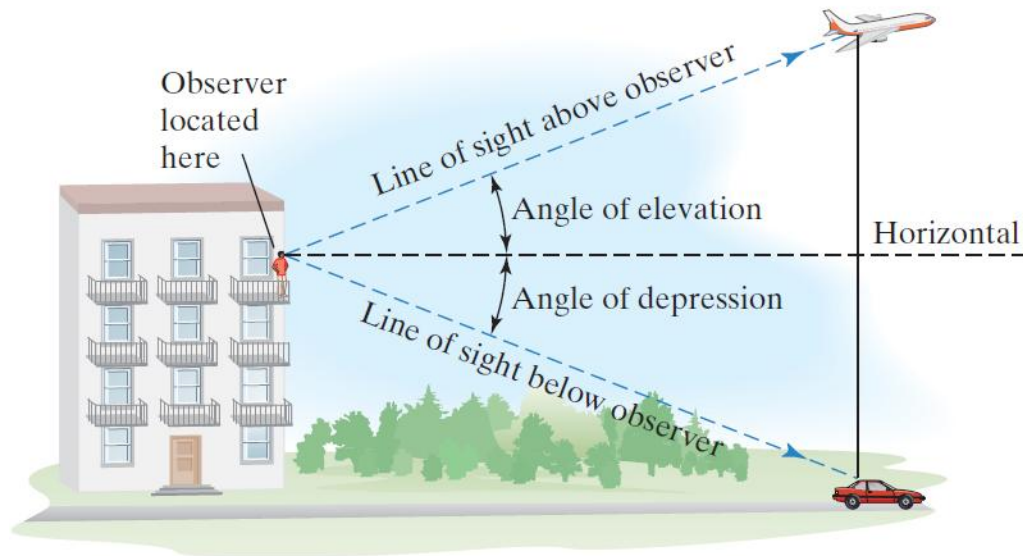
Find a cofunction with the same value as the given expression:

a.  $\sin 46^\circ = \cos(90^\circ - 46^\circ) = \cos 44^\circ$

b.  $\cot \frac{\pi}{12} = \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{12} \right) = \tan \left( \frac{6\pi}{12} - \frac{\pi}{12} \right) = \tan \frac{5\pi}{12}$

# Applications: Angle of Elevation and Angle of Depression

An angle formed by a horizontal line and the line of sight to an object that is above the horizontal line is called the **angle of elevation**. The angle formed by the horizontal line and the line of sight to an object that is below the horizontal line is called the **angle of depression**.



Trigonometric Functions of Any Angle

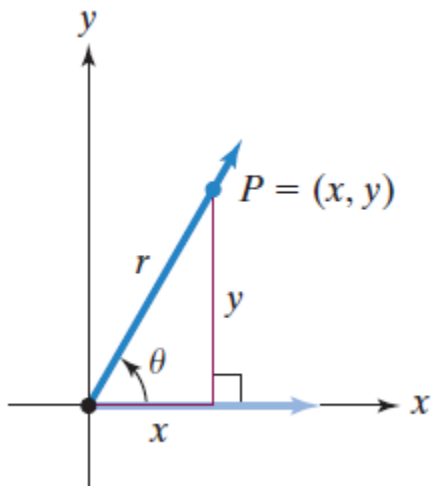
# **TRIGONOMETRY WITH GENERAL TRIANGLES**



# Definitions of Trigonometric Functions of Any Angle

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- Let  $\theta$  be any angle in standard position and let  $P = (x, y)$  be a point on the terminal side of  $\theta$ . If  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  is the distance from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(x, y)$ , the **six trigonometric functions** of  $\theta$  are defined by the following ratios:



$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{r}{y}, y \neq 0$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{r}{x}, x \neq 0$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}, x \neq 0$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{x}{y}, y \neq 0$$

# The Graph of $y = \sin x$

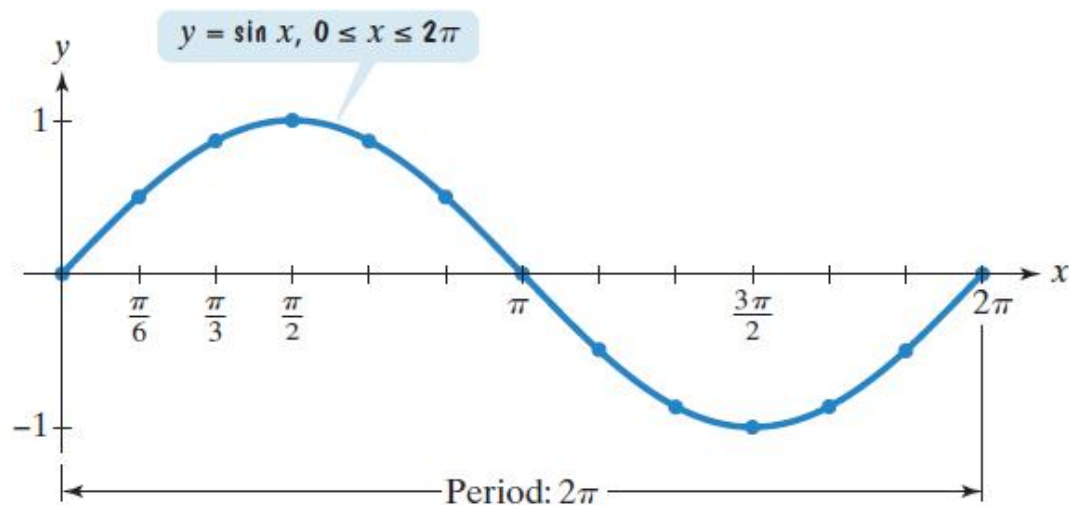
$x$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	$\pi$	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{5\pi}{3}$	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$	$2\pi$
$y = \sin x$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0

As  $x$  increases from 0 to  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $y$  increases from 0 to 1.

As  $x$  increases from  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  to  $\pi$ ,  $y$  decreases from 1 to 0.

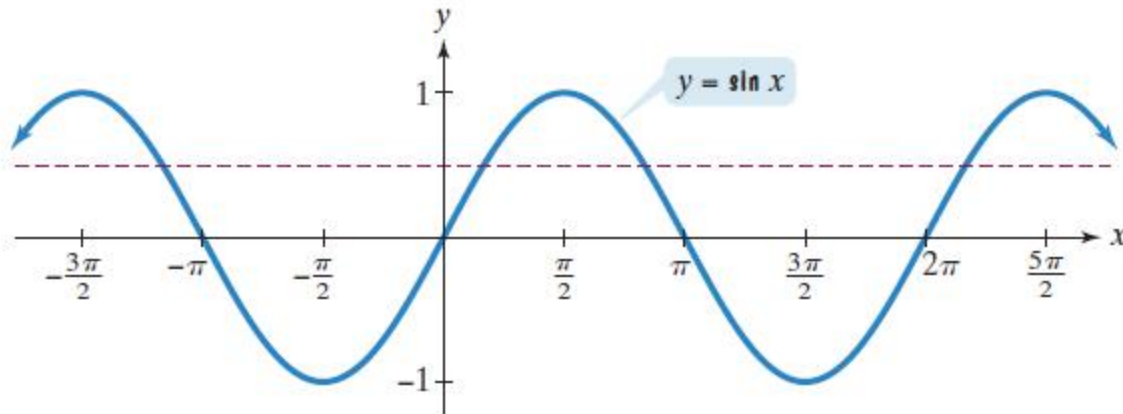
As  $x$  increases from  $\pi$  to  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ ,  $y$  decreases from 0 to -1.

As  $x$  increases from  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$  to  $2\pi$ ,  $y$  increases from -1 to 0.



# The Inverse Sine Function

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The horizontal line test shows that the sine function is not one-to-one;  $y = \sin x$  has an inverse function on the restricted domain  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

# The Inverse Sine Function (*continued*)

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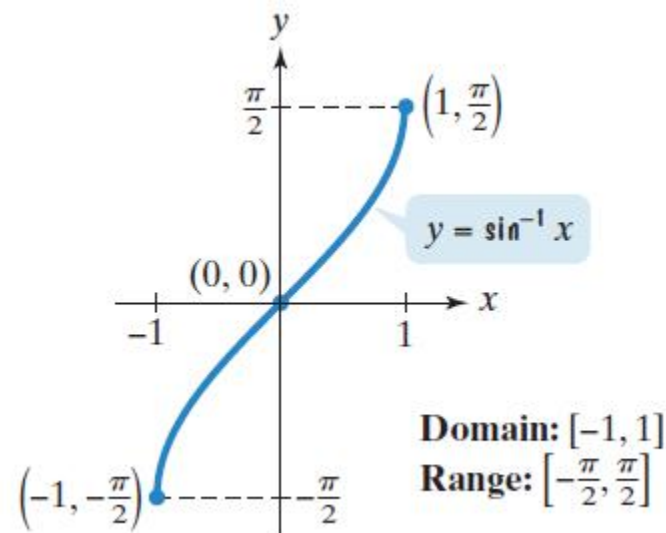
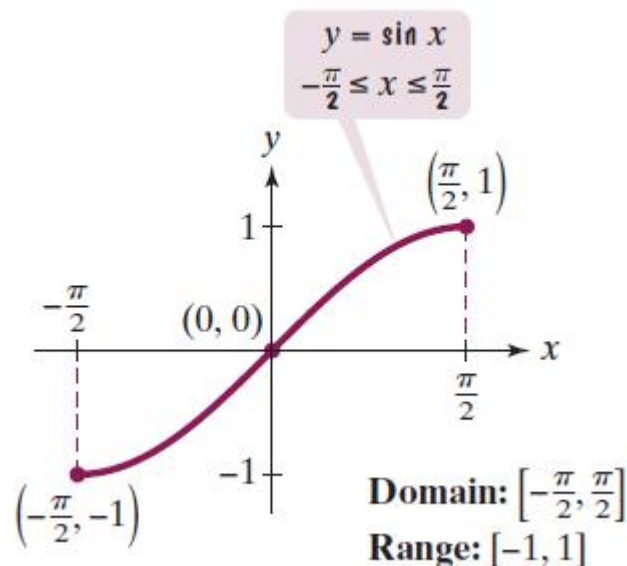
The **inverse sine function**, denoted by  $\sin^{-1}$ , is the inverse of the restricted sine function  $y = \sin x$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Thus,

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \quad \text{means} \quad \sin y = x,$$

where  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ . We read  $y = \sin^{-1} x$  as “y equals the inverse sine at x.”

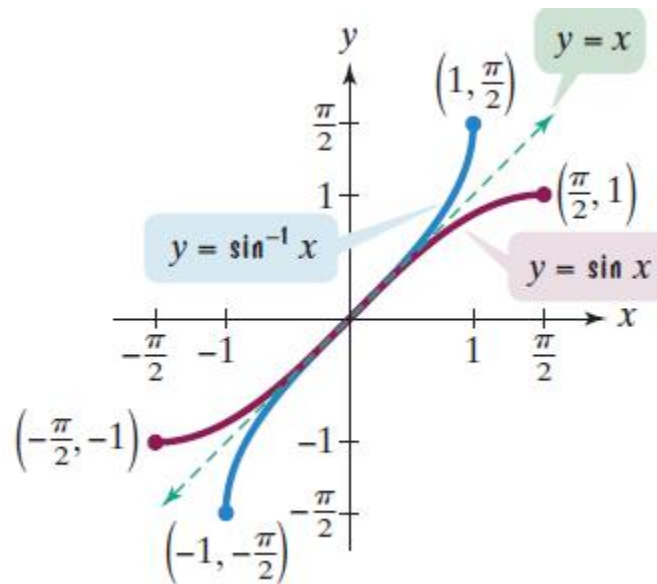
# Graphing the Inverse Sine Function

One way to graph  $y = \sin^{-1} x$  is to take points on the graph of the restricted sine function and reverse the order of the coordinates.



## Graphing the Inverse Sine Function (*continued*)

Another way to obtain the graph of  $y = \sin^{-1} x$  is to reflect the graph of the restricted sine function about the line  $y = x$ .



## Finding Exact Values of $\sin^{-1}x$

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1. Let  $\theta = \sin^{-1}x$ .
2. Rewrite  $\theta = \sin^{-1}x$  as  $\sin \theta = x$ , where  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .
3. Use the exact values in the table to find the value of  $\theta$  in  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  that satisfies  $\sin \theta = x$ .

$\theta$	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{4}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sin \theta$	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1

## Example: Finding the Exact Value of an Inverse Sine Function

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Find the exact value of  $\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

**Solution:**

Step 1. Let  $\theta = \sin^{-1} x$ .

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Step 2. Rewrite  $\theta = \sin^{-1} x$  as  $\sin \theta = x$ , where  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$



## Example: Finding the Exact Value of an Inverse Sine Function *(continued)*

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Step 3. Use the exact value in the table to find the value of  $\theta$  in  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  that satisfies  **$\sin \theta = x$** .

$\theta$	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{4}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sin \theta$	-1	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1

The angle in  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  whose sine is  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

# Useful Resources

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<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/trigonometry>

# Trig Functions in MATLAB



## [MATLAB: Trigonometric functions](#)

<code>sin</code>	Sine of argument in radians	<code>csc</code>	Cosecant of input angle in radians
<code>sind</code>	Sine of argument in degrees	<code>cscd</code>	Cosecant of argument in degrees
<code>asin</code>	Inverse sine in radians	<code>acsc</code>	Inverse cosecant in radians
<code>cos</code>	Cosine of argument in radians	<code>sec</code>	Secant of angle in radians
<code>cosd</code>	Cosine of argument in degrees	<code>secd</code>	Secant of argument in degrees
<code>acos</code>	Inverse cosine in radians	<code>asec</code>	Inverse secant in radians
<code>tan</code>	Tangent of argument in radians	<code>cot</code>	Cotangent of angle in radians
<code>tand</code>	Tangent of argument in degrees	<code>cotd</code>	Cotangent of argument in degrees
<code>atan</code>	Inverse tangent in radians	<code>acot</code>	Inverse cotangent in radians

# Evaluate Trigonometric Functions

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Evaluate the following trig functions in MATLAB

a. `csc 1.5` (radian mode)

b. `sin 72.8°` (degree mode)

[**Hint**: convert the degree into radian]

# **TRIGONOMETRY IN ENGINEERING EXAMPLES**

## Example 1: Problem Solving Using an Angle of Elevation

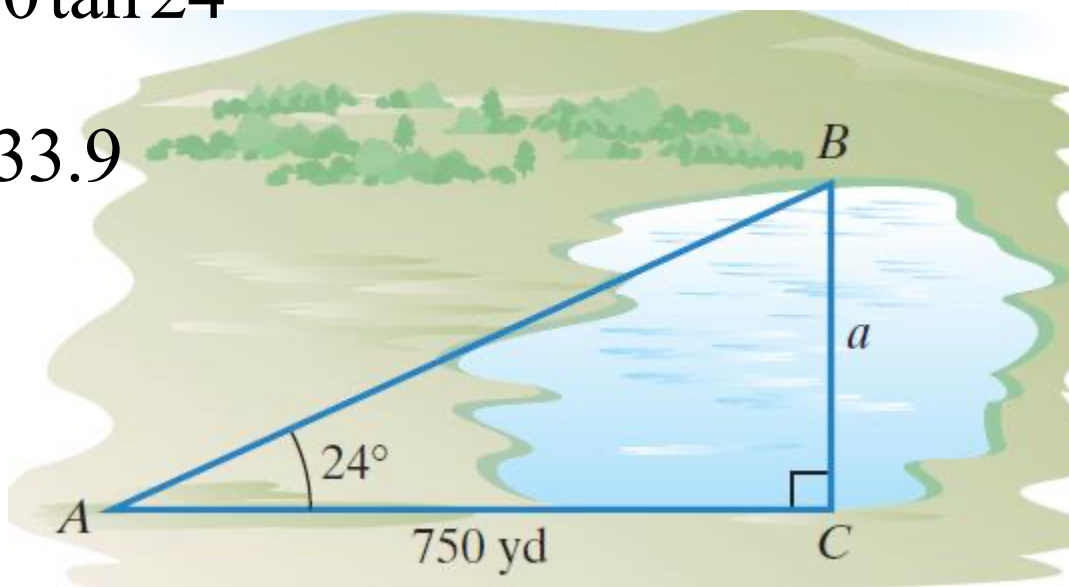
The irregular blue shape in the figure represents a lake. The distance across the lake,  $a$ , is unknown. To find this distance, a surveyor took the measurements shown in the figure. What is the distance across the lake?

**Solution:**

$$\tan 24^\circ = \frac{a}{750} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = 750 \tan 24^\circ$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$a \approx 333.9$$

The distance across the lake is approximately 333.9 yards.



## Example 2: Trigonometric Identity

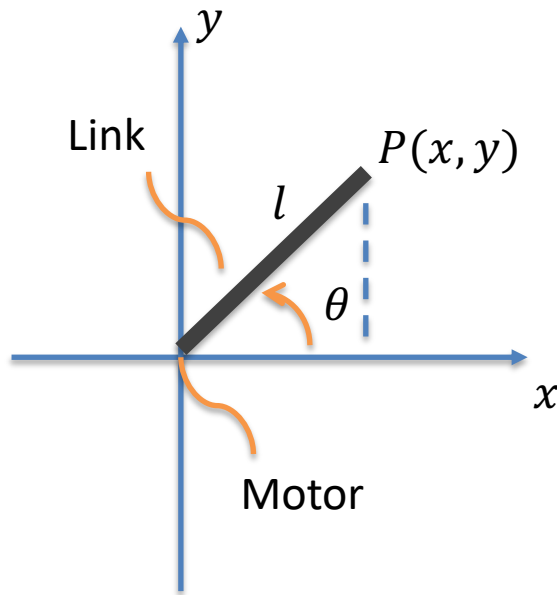
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A trigonometric identity is given by,

$$\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\tan x + \sin x}{2 \tan x}$$

Verify that the identity is correct by calculating each side of the equation, substituting  $x = \frac{\pi}{5}$ .

# Example 3: 1-Link Planar Robot



- Given  $l$  and  $\theta$ , what are the coordinates of the end point  $P(x, y)$ ?

$$l = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$x = l \cos \theta$$

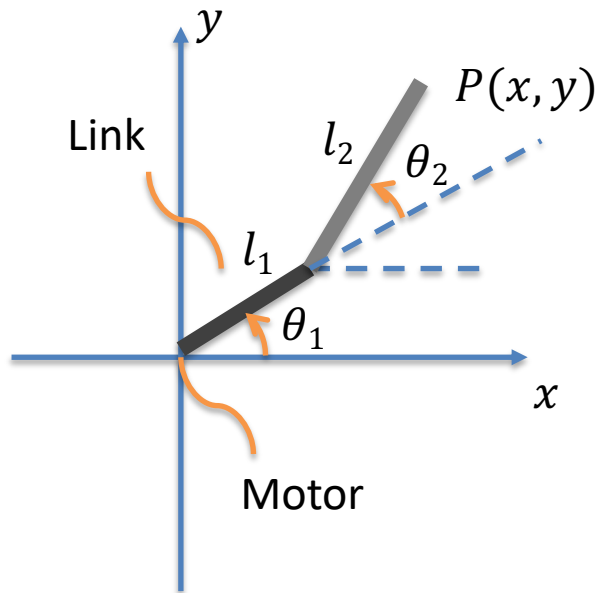
$$y = l \sin \theta$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = (l \cos \theta)^2 + (l \sin \theta)^2 = l^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = l^2$$

Trig identity



# Example 4a: 2-Link Planar Robot



- Given  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$ ,  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , what are the coordinates of the end point  $P(x, y)$ ?

$$x = x_1 + x_2, \quad y = y_1 + y_2$$

$$x_1 = l_1 \cos \theta_1, \quad x_2 = l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

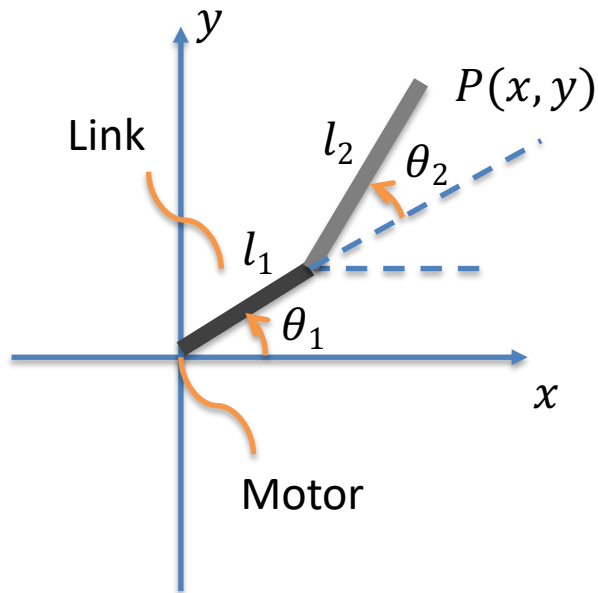
$$y_1 = l_1 \sin \theta_1, \quad y_2 = l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = (l \cos \theta)^2 + (l \sin \theta)^2 = l^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = l^2$$

Trig identity

# Example 4b: 2-Link Robot Inverse Problem

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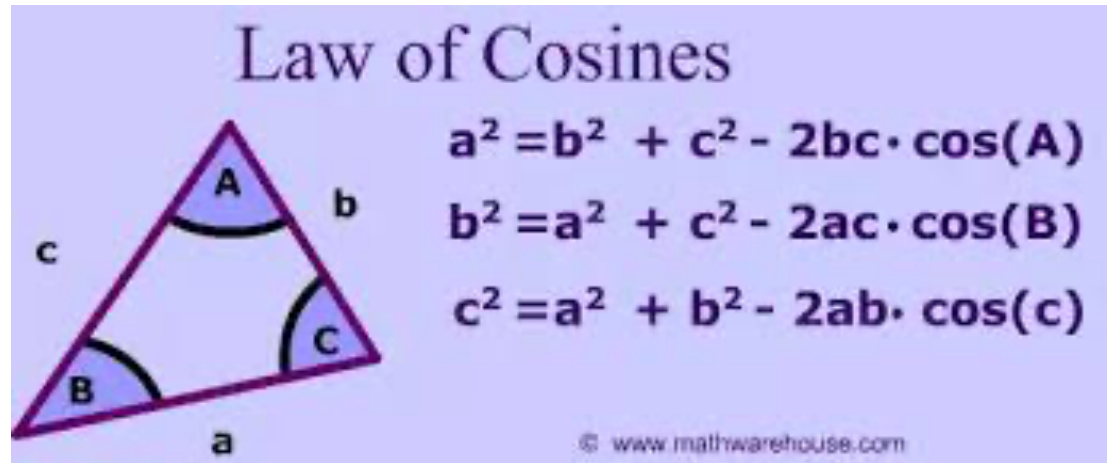


Given  $P(x, y)$ ,  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$ , what are the angles of the two links,  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , assuming that both  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are acute angle ?

$$P(x, y) = (12, 6)$$

$$l_1 = l_2 = 5\sqrt{2}$$

# Law of Cosine



Proof can be found at,

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/geometry/hs-geo-trig/hs-geo-law-of-cosines/v/law-of-cosines>

## Example 5: Geometry and Trigonometry

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Four circles are placed as shown in the figure. At each point where two circles are in contact, they are tangent to each other. Determine the distance between the centers C2 and C4. The radii of the circles are,

$$R_1 = 16mm, R_2 = 6.5mm, R_3 = 12mm \text{ and } R_4 = 9.5mm$$

