

1. Find the values of all six trigonometric functions at $\theta = \frac{11\pi}{6}$ (that is, find $\sin \theta$, $\cos \theta$, $\tan \theta$, $\sec \theta$, $\csc \theta$, and $\cot \theta$.) *Completely simplify all values.*

Solution. The angle $\theta = \frac{11\pi}{6}$ is in QIV with a reference angle of $2\pi - \frac{11\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6}$. So

$$\sin \frac{11\pi}{6} = -\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\csc \frac{11\pi}{6} = -2$$

$$\cos \frac{11\pi}{6} = +\cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sec \frac{11\pi}{6} = +\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\tan \frac{11\pi}{6} = -\tan \frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\cot \frac{11\pi}{6} = -\sqrt{3}$$

Notes:

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2. Find the values of all six trigonometric functions at $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$. *Completely simplify all values.*

Solution. The angle $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ is a special case. You should know $\sin \frac{3\pi}{2} = -1$ and $\cos \frac{3\pi}{2} = 0$. Thus

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

$$\csc \frac{3\pi}{2} = -1$$

$$\cos \frac{3\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\sec \frac{3\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{undefined}$$

$$\tan \frac{3\pi}{2} = \frac{\sin \frac{3\pi}{2}}{\cos \frac{3\pi}{2}} = \frac{-1}{0} = \text{undefined}$$

$$\cot \frac{3\pi}{2} = \frac{0}{-1} = 0$$

3. Solve each of the following equations for θ in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$.

(a) $\csc 2\theta = -2$.

Solution.

$$\csc 2\theta = -2$$

$$\sin 2\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}, \frac{19\pi}{6}, \frac{23\pi}{6}$$

$$\theta = \frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{11\pi}{12}, \frac{19\pi}{12}, \frac{23\pi}{12}$$

(b) $4 \sin \theta - 2 \csc \theta = 0$

Solution.

$$4 \sin \theta - 2 \csc \theta = 0$$

$$4 \sin \theta - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$4 \sin^2 \theta - 2 = 0 \quad (**)$$

$$4 \sin^2 \theta = 2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin \theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{or} \quad \sin \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (***)$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

Notes:

- In (*), we used the identity $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$.
- In (**), we multiplied through by the LCD = $\sin \theta$.
- In (***), in both cases, the reference angle is $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

(c) $3 \cot^2 \theta - 1 = 0$

Solution.

$$3 \cot^2 \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$3 \cot^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\cot^2 \theta = \frac{1}{3}$$

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

$$\tan \theta = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \tan \theta = \sqrt{3} & \text{or} & \tan \theta = -\sqrt{3} & (*) \\ \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3} & \text{or} & \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3} \end{array}$$

Notes:

- In (*), in both cases, the reference angle is $\frac{\pi}{3}$.

(d) $2 \cos^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 1 = 0$

Solution.

Use the identity $\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$ (which comes from $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$) so that the equation has only $\sin \theta$'s to deal with.

$$\begin{aligned}2 \cos^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 1 &= 0 \\2(1 - \sin^2 \theta) + \sin \theta - 1 &= 0 \\2 - 2 \sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 1 &= 0 \\-2 \sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta + 1 &= 0 \\2 \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta - 1 &= 0 \\(2 \sin \theta + 1)(\sin \theta - 1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll}2 \sin \theta + 1 = 0 & \text{or} & \sin \theta - 1 = 0 \\ \sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2} & \text{or} & \sin \theta = 1 \\ \theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6} & \text{or} & \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}\end{array}$$

(e) $\sin \theta - \cos \theta = 1$ (this one is tricky)

Solution. To relate $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$, we'll use the identity $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$. However before we can use that identity, we need to isolate $\sin \theta$ (or $\cos \theta$) and square both sides.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta - \cos \theta &= 1 \\ \sin \theta &= \cos \theta + 1 \\ (\sin \theta)^2 &= (\cos \theta + 1)^2 & (*) \\ \sin^2 \theta &= \cos^2 \theta + 2 \cos \theta + 1 \\ 1 - \cos^2 \theta &= \cos^2 \theta + 2 \cos \theta + 1 \\ 2 \cos^2 \theta + 2 \cos \theta &= 0 \\ 2 \cos \theta (\cos \theta + 1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} 2 \cos \theta = 0 & \text{or} & \cos \theta + 1 = 0 \\ \cos \theta = 0 & \text{or} & \cos \theta = -1 \\ \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} & \text{or} & \theta = \pi \end{array}$$

In (*), we squared both sides which may introduce extraneous solutions. So we have to check our solutions:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{for } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, & \sin \theta - \cos \theta \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \\ & \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \\ & 1 - 0 \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \\ & 1 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{for } \theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}, & \sin \theta - \cos \theta \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \\ & \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} - \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \\ & -1 - 0 \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \\ & -1 \neq 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{for } \theta = \pi, & \sin \theta - \cos \theta \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \\ & \sin \pi - \cos \pi \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \\ & 0 - (-1) \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \\ & 1 = 1 \end{array}$$

So the only solutions are $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi$.

4. Given $\sin \theta = -\frac{7}{8}$ and $\pi \leq \theta \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$, find the values of the other five trigonometric functions.

Solution.

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{7}{8}$$

$$\csc \theta = -\frac{8}{7}$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{9}$$

$$\sec \theta = -\frac{9}{\sqrt{15}} = -\frac{9\sqrt{15}}{15} = -\frac{3\sqrt{15}}{5}$$

$$\tan \theta = +\frac{7}{\sqrt{15}} = \frac{7\sqrt{15}}{15}$$

$$\cot \theta = +\frac{\sqrt{15}}{7}$$

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5. Given $\cot \theta = -3$ and $\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, find the values of the other five trigonometric functions.

Solution.

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} = -\frac{\sqrt{10}}{10}$$

$$\csc \theta = -\sqrt{10}$$

$$\cos \theta = +\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{3\sqrt{10}}{10}$$

$$\sec \theta = +\frac{\sqrt{10}}{3}$$

$$\tan \theta = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\cot \theta = -3$$

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