

§4.3: Right Triangle Trigonometric Applications
“I WILL...
...solve right triangles using trigonometry.”

I. Right Triangles

- A. Consider a right triangle, one of whose acute angle is θ
- B. The three sides of a triangle are _____, _____, and _____ side of θ
- C. To determine what is the opposite side, look at θ and extend the line to determine the *opposite*

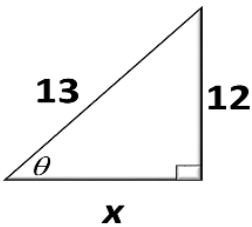
II. Steps in Solving for Triangles

- A. Solve for x , using Pythagorean Theorem
- B. Determine the missing sides by identifying θ
- C. Use Trigonometry Functions to find what’s needed

III. Trig Ratios; Saying of “SOHCAHTOA”: “_____”

- A. $\sin \theta =$ _____
- B. $\cos \theta =$ _____
- C. $\tan \theta =$ _____
- D. $\csc \theta =$ _____
- E. $\sec \theta =$ _____
- F. $\cot \theta =$ _____

Ex 1: Solve for x and determine all trig functions of θ



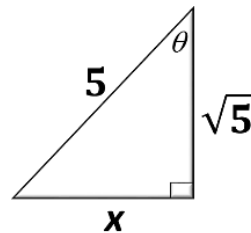
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Ex 2: Solve for x and determine all trig functions of θ



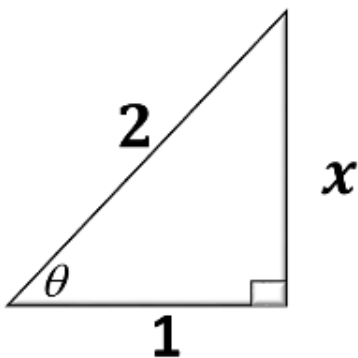
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Your Turn: Solve for x and determine all trig functions of θ



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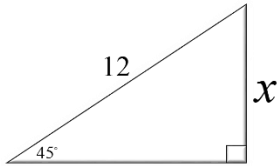
$x =$ _____

III. Special Right Triangles

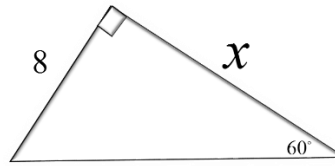
A. $45^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ =$ _____, _____, and _____

B. $30^\circ, 60^\circ, 90^\circ =$ _____, _____, and _____

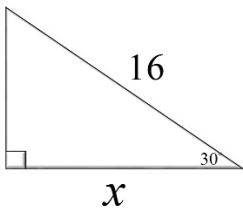
Ex 3: Find the exact value of x without using a calculator



Ex 4: Find the exact value of x without using a calculator



Your Turn: Find the exact value of x without using a calculator.



Ex 5: Given $\cos \theta = \frac{5}{6}$, identify the third side and solve for $\sec \theta$ and $\cot \theta$

Ex 6: Given $\cot \theta = 5$, identify the third side and solve for $\tan \theta$ and $\cot (90^\circ - \theta)$

Your Turn: Given $\csc \theta = 9$, identify the third side and solve for $\cos \theta$ and $\cot \theta$