Numbers

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PICTURE

π is the distance half way around a circle of radius 1.

Measure angles according to the distance traveled on a circle of radius 1.

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The angle θ is measured by traveling a distance θ on a circle of radius 1.

Stretch both x and y to get a circle of radius r.

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The distance θ stretches to $r\theta$. Hence, the

$$(\text{arc length along an angle } \theta \text{ on a circle of radius } r) = r\theta.$$

The distance 2π around a circle of radius 1 stretches to $2\pi r$ around a circle of radius r. So the circumference of a circle is $2\pi r$ is the circle is radius r.

To find the area of a circle first approximate with a polygon inscribed in the circle.

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the eight triangles form an octagon P_8 in the circle. The area of the octagon is almost the same as the area of the circle.

Unwrap the octagon.

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The area of the octagon is the area of the 8 triangles. The area of each triangle is $\frac{1}{2}bh$. So the area of the octagon is $\frac{1}{2}Bh$.

Take the limit as the number of triangles in the interior polygon gets larger and larger (the polygon gets closer and closer to being the circle). Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Area of the circle} &= \lim_{n\to\infty}\Big(\text{area of an } n\text{-sided polygon } P_n\Big) \\
&= \lim_{n\to\infty}\Big(\frac{1}{2}Bh\Big) \\
& PICTURE \text{total base} \quad \text{height of triangle} \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(2\pi r)(r) \\
& PICTURE \text{length of an unwrapped circle} \quad \text{radius of the circle} \\
&= \pi r^2.
\end{aligned}$$

So the area of a circle is πr^2 if the circle is radius r, and the

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{area of an arc of angle } \theta \text{ for a circle of radius } r) &= \frac{\theta}{2\pi}\cdot(\text{area of the whole circle}) \\
&= \frac{\theta}{2\pi}\cdot \pi r^2 = \frac{\theta r^2}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Trigonometric functions

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sin\theta \text{ is the } y\text{-coordinate of a point at distance } \theta \text{ on a circle of radius 1,} \\
&\cos\theta \text{ is the } x\text{-coordinate of a point at distance } \theta \text{ on a circle of radius 1,} \\
&\tan\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}, \\
&\cot\theta = \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}, \\
&\sec\theta = \frac{1}{\cos\theta}, \\
&\csc\theta = \frac{1}{\sin\theta},
\end{aligned}$$

Since the equation of a circle of radius 1 is $x^2+y^2=1$ this forces

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

The pictures

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show that

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin\theta \qquad \text{and} \qquad \cos(-\theta) = \cos\theta.$$

Also

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show that

$$\begin{matrix} \sin 0 = 0 \\ \cos 0 = 1 \end{matrix} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \begin{matrix} \sin\frac{\pi}{2} = 1, \\ \cos\frac{\pi}{2} = 0. \end{matrix}$$

Draw the graphs

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by seeing how the x and y coordinates change as you walk around the circle.

There are five trig identities to remember:

$$\begin{gathered}
\sin(x+y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y, \\
\cos(x+y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y, \\
\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1, \\
\sin(-x) = -\sin x \quad \text{and} \quad \cos(-x) = \cos x,
\end{gathered}$$

As well as the two triangles

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From these triangles,

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2} & \cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \\
\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}
\end{array}$$

Since the only trig identities I remember are identities for sines and consines I usually verify trig identities by first writing them completely in terms of sines and cosines.

Example. Verify $\dfrac{\sec B}{\cos B} - \dfrac{\tan B}{\cot B} = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\sec B}{\cos B} - \frac{\tan B}{\cot B} &= \frac{\left(\dfrac{1}{\cos B}\right)}{\cos B} - \frac{\left(\dfrac{\sin B}{\cos B}\right)}{\left(\dfrac{\cos B}{\sin B}\right)} \\
&= \frac{1}{\cos^2 B} - \frac{\sin^2 B}{\cos^2 B} = \frac{1-\sin^2 B}{\cos^2 B} = \frac{\cos^2 B}{\cos^2 B} = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Example. Verify $\cot\alpha - \cot\beta = \dfrac{\sin(\beta-\alpha)}{\sin\alpha\sin\beta}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Left Hand Side} = \cot\alpha - \cot\beta &= \frac{\cos\alpha}{\sin\alpha} - \frac{\cos\beta}{\sin\beta} \\
&= \frac{\cos\alpha\sin\beta - \cos\beta\sin\alpha}{\sin\alpha\sin\beta}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Right Hand Side} = \frac{\sin(\beta-\alpha)}{\sin\alpha\sin\beta} &= \frac{\sin\beta\cos(-\alpha) + \cos\beta\sin(-\alpha)}{\sin\alpha\sin\beta} \\
&= \frac{\sin\beta\cos\alpha + \cos\beta(-\sin\alpha)}{\sin\alpha\sin\beta} = \frac{\sin\beta\cos\alpha - \cos\beta\sin\alpha}{\sin\alpha\sin\beta}.
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\text{Left Hand Side} = \text{Right Hand Side}.$$

Example. Verify $\dfrac{\tan A - \sin A}{\sec A} = \dfrac{\sin^3 A}{1+\cos A}$.

$$\frac{\tan A - \sin A}{\sec A} =^? \frac{\sin^3 A}{1+\cos A}$$

So $\quad (1+\cos A)(\tan A - \sin A) =^? \sin^3 A \sec A.$

So $\quad \tan A + \cos A \tan A - \sin A - \sin A \cos A =^? \sin^3 A \sec A.$

So $\quad \dfrac{\sin A}{\cos A} + \cos A \left(\dfrac{\sin A}{\cos A}\right) - \sin A - \sin A \cos A =^? \sin^3 A \left(\dfrac{1}{\cos A}\right).$

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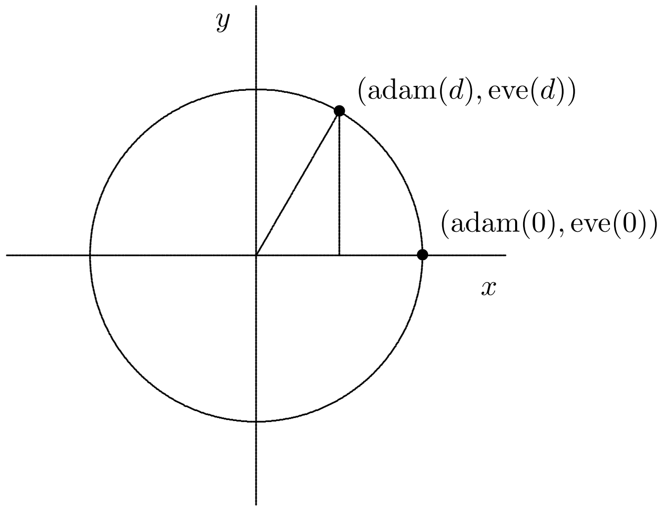
So $\quad 1 - \cos^2 A =^? \sin^2 A.$

YES, because $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$.

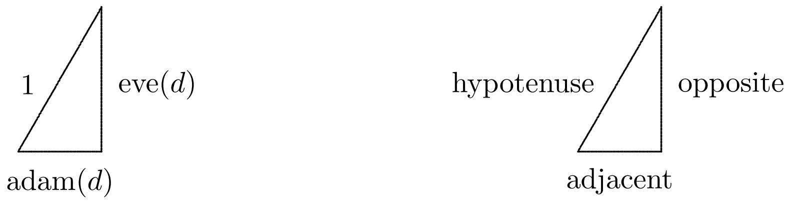
and so

$\mathrm{adam}(t) = x$-coordinate of the point on a circle of radius 1 which is distance d from the point (1,0), and

$\mathrm{eve}(t) = y$-coordinate of the point on a circle of radius 1 which is distance d from the point (1,0).



The triangle in this picture is



and so

$$\text{adam}(d) = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \text{eve}(d) = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

for a right triangle with angle d.