

Chapter 4 Trigonometric Functions

Section 4.1 Radian and Degree Measure

Objective: In this lesson you learned how to describe an angle and to convert between degree and radian measures.

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Important Vocabulary

Define each term or concept.

Trigonometry The Greek word for “measurement of triangles.”

Central angle of a circle An angle whose vertex is the center of the circle.

Complementary angles Two positive angles whose sum is $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians or 90° .

Supplementary angles Two positive angles whose sum is π radians or 180° .

Degree The most common unit of angle measure, denoted by the symbol $^\circ$. A measure of one degree (1°) is equivalent to a rotation of $\frac{1}{360}$ of a complete revolution about the vertex of an angle.

I. Angles (Page 284)

An **angle** is determined by . . . rotating a ray (half-line) about its endpoint.

The **initial side** of an angle is . . . the starting position of the rotated ray in the formation of an angle.

The **terminal side** of an angle is . . . the position of the ray after the rotation when an angle is formed.

The **vertex** of an angle is . . . the endpoint of the ray used in the formation of an angle.

An angle is in **standard position** when . . . the angle’s vertex is at the origin of a coordinate system and its initial side coincides with the positive x -axis.

A **positive angle** is generated by a _____ counterclockwise _____ rotation; whereas a **negative angle** is generated by a _____ clockwise _____ rotation.

If two angles are **coterminal**, then they have . . . the same initial side and the same terminal side.

What you should learn
How to describe angles

II. Radian Measure (Pages 285–287)

The measure of an angle is determined by . . . **the amount of rotation from the initial side to the terminal side.**

What you should learn
How to use radian measure

One **radian** is the measure of a central angle **q** that . . . **intercepts an arc s equal in length to the radius r of the circle.**

A central angle of one full revolution (counterclockwise) corresponds to an arc length of $s = \underline{\underline{2\pi r}}$.

In general, the radian measure of a central angle **q** is obtained by . . . **dividing the arc length s by r . That is, $s/r = q$, where q is measured in radians.**

A full revolution around a circle of radius r corresponds to an angle of $\underline{\underline{2\pi}}$ radians. A half revolution around a circle of radius r corresponds to an angle of $\underline{\underline{\pi}}$ radians.

Angles with measures between 0 and $\pi/2$ radians are $\underline{\underline{acute}}$ angles. Angles with measures between $\pi/2$ and π radians are $\underline{\underline{obtuse}}$ angles.

To find an angle that is coterminal to a given angle **q** , . . . **add or subtract 2π or integer multiples of 2π to the measure of q .**

Example 1: Find an angle that is coterminal with $q = -\pi/8$.
 $\underline{\underline{15\pi/8}}$

Example 2: Find the supplement of $q = \pi/4$.
 $\underline{\underline{3\pi/4}}$

III. Degree Measure (Pages 287–288)

A full revolution (counterclockwise) around a circle corresponds to $\underline{\underline{360}}$ degrees. A half revolution around a circle corresponds to $\underline{\underline{180}}$ degrees.

What you should learn
How to use degree measure

To convert degrees to radians, . . . multiply degrees by
 $(\pi \text{ rad})/180^\circ$.

To convert radians to degrees, . . . multiply radians by
 $180^\circ/(\pi \text{ rad})$.

Example 3: Convert 120° to radians.
 $2\pi/3$

Example 4: Convert $9\pi/8$ radians to degrees.
 202.5°

Example 5: Complete the following table of equivalent degree and radian measures for common angles.

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|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| q (degrees) | 0° | 30° | 45° | 60° | 90° | 180° | 270° |
| q (radians) | 0 | $\pi/6$ | $\pi/4$ | $\pi/3$ | $\pi/2$ | π | $3\pi/2$ |

IV. Applications of Angles (Pages 289–290)

To find the length s of a circular arc of radius r and central angle q , . . . multiply r by q , where q is measured in radians.

What you should learn
 How to use angles to model and solve real-life problems

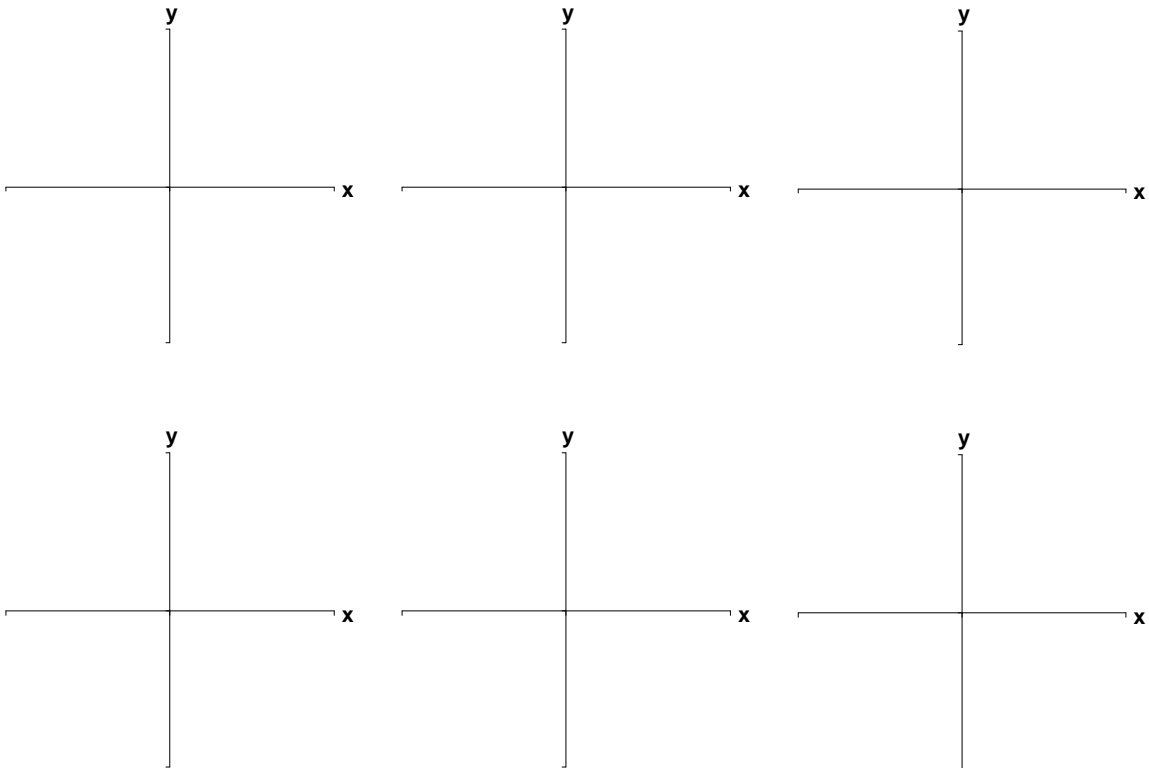
Consider a particle moving at constant speed along a circular arc of radius r . If s is the length of the arc traveled in time t , then the **linear speed** of the particle is

$$\text{linear speed} = \frac{(\text{arc length})/(\text{time}) = s/t}{}$$

If q is the angle (in radian measure) corresponding to the arc length s , then the **angular speed** of the particle is

$$\text{angular speed} = \frac{(\text{central angle})/(\text{time}) = q/t}{}$$

Example 6: A 6-inch-diameter gear makes 2.5 revolutions per second. Find the angular speed of the gear in radians per second.
 5π radians per second

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