Trigonometric Functions and Acute Angles

Term	Definition	Picture
Right Triangle		
Acute Angle		
Hypotenuse		
Adjacent Side		
Opposite Side		
Similar Triangles		

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Ratios of Sides of Similar Triangle: $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$

a) Write as many ratios as you can using two side lengths from ΔABC

b) Write as many ratios as you can using two side lengths from ΔDEF



c) The ratios of side lengths of similar triangles are _

Trig Ratios

sin heta =	$cos \theta =$	$tan \theta =$
$csc\theta =$	$sec\theta =$	$cot \theta =$

Examples: Given the triangle below, write the six trig ratios for angle θ .



Example 3: Knowing that $tan\theta = \frac{15}{8}$ what are the other trig ratios for θ ?

$sin\theta =$	$cos\theta =$	$tan \theta =$
$csc\theta =$	$sec\theta =$	$cot\theta =$

Example 4: Given that $sin\theta = \frac{24}{25}$ what are the other trig ratios for θ ?

sin heta =	$cos\theta =$	$tan \theta =$
$csc\theta =$	$sec\theta =$	$cot\theta =$

Example 5: Find a missing side length.

A fire truck has an 84 ft ladder extended against a building forming a 55° angle with the top of the truck. The truck is 8 ft tall. The firefighters are trying to reach a window that is 75 ft above the ground. Will they be able to reach the window using the ladder set at this angle?

SOLUTION



Example 6: The sun shines at a 60° angle to the ground. How long is the shadow cast by a 20 foot tall flagpole?

Example 7: ΔMNO is a $45^{\circ} - 45^{\circ} - 90^{\circ}$ triangle with side length OM = 2. Find the six trig ratios for angle θ .

$sin\theta =$	$cos\theta =$	tan heta =			
$csc\theta =$	$sec\theta =$	$cot \theta =$			

Example 8: The length of the hypotenuse in a $45^\circ - 45^\circ - 90^\circ$ *triangle* is $5\overline{2}$. What are the sine and secant ratios for a 45° angle?