

Answer Key

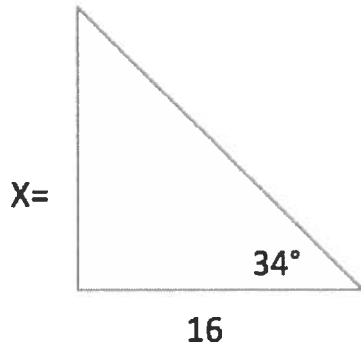
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PreCalculus Spring Practice Midterm

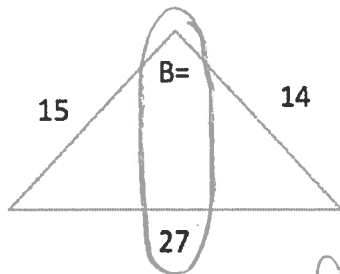
1. Solve for the missing side or angle using your trigonometric laws and ratios.

a. Find the unknown side x.



$$\begin{aligned}\tan(34) &= \frac{x}{16} \\ 16 \tan(34) &= x \\ \boxed{10.79} &= x\end{aligned}$$

b. Find the unknown angle B.



SSS \rightarrow Law of cosine

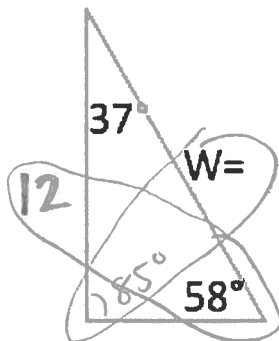
$$\begin{aligned}27^2 &= 15^2 + 14^2 - 2(15)(14)\cos B \\ 729 &= 421 - 420 \cos B\end{aligned}$$

$$308 = -420 \cos B$$

$$\cos^{-1}(-.73) = \cos^{-1}(\cos B)$$

$$\boxed{137.17^\circ} = B$$

c. Find the unknown side W.



$$\frac{\sin 58}{12} = \frac{\sin 37}{W}$$

$$\frac{W \sin(58)}{\sin(58)} = \frac{12 \sin 37}{\sin(58)}$$

$$W = 14.1$$

2. Prove the following trigonometric identities.

$$(secx + cscx) \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sec x + \csc x} = \sin x \cos x (secx + cscx)$$

$$\sin x + \cos x = \sin x \cos x \sec x + \sin x \cos x \csc x$$

$$\sin x + \cos x = \sin x \cos x \left(\frac{1}{\cos x} \right) + \sin x \cos x \left(\frac{1}{\sin x} \right)$$

$$\sin x + \cos x = \sin x + \cos x \quad \checkmark$$

b. $\frac{\cos \theta}{\sec \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\csc \theta} = 1$

$$\frac{\cos \theta}{\frac{1}{\cos \theta}} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\frac{1}{\sin \theta}} = 1$$

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

$$1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

3. Solve the following trigonometric equations (hint: your answer will be in equation format).

a. $6\sin^2\theta + \sin\theta - 1 = 0$

$$6x^2 + x - 1 = 0$$

$$(3x - 1)(2x + 1) = 0$$

$$(3\sin\theta - 1)(2\sin\theta + 1) = 0$$

$$3\sin\theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\theta = 19.47^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{19\pi}{180} + 2\pi n$$

$$\& 180 - 19^\circ = 161^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{161\pi}{180} + 2\pi n$$

$$\rightarrow 2\sin\theta + 1 = 0$$

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

$$\theta = 30^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$$

$$180 - 30 = 150^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$$

b. $2\cos\theta + 1 = 0$

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

$$\theta = 120 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi n$$

$$360 - 120 = 240 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{4\pi}{3} + 2\pi n$$

4. Convert the (x, y) point (-3, 0) to polar coordinates.

$$r^2 = (-3)^2 + (0)^2 \quad \tan \theta = \frac{0}{-3}$$

$$r^2 = 9$$

$$r = 3$$

$$\tan \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = 0 \text{ or } \pi$$

$$(3, \pi)$$

but based on quadrant

it's $180^\circ (\pi)$

5. Convert the polar coordinates $(\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4})$ to (x, y) coordinates.

$$x = r \cos \theta = \sqrt{2} \cos(\pi/4) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$y = r \sin \theta = \sqrt{2} \sin(\pi/4) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

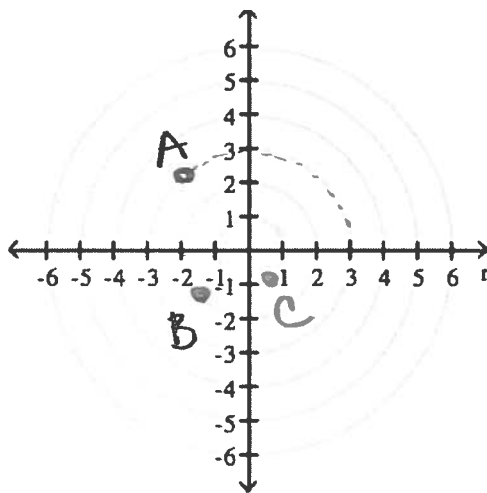
$$(1, 1)$$

6. Graph the following polar coordinates

a. $(3, \frac{3\pi}{4})$

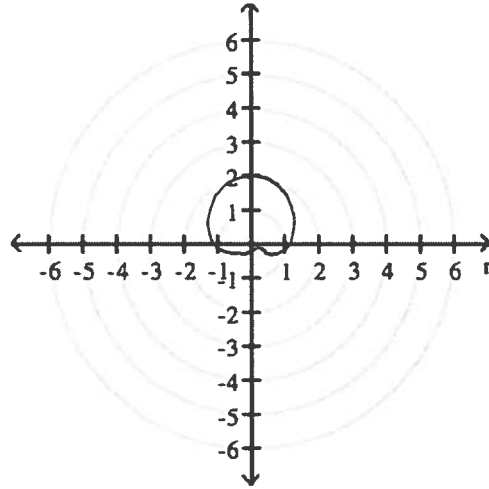
b. $(-2, \frac{\pi}{4})$

c. $(1, \frac{5\pi}{3})$



7. Graph the following polar equations (be sure to be accurate in the radius).

a. $r = 1 + \sin\theta$



b. $r = 2 - 2\cos(2\theta)$

