

Circle Beyond One Turn

Use radian angles to locate points on the unit circle.

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CCSS.Math.Content.HSF-TF.A.2 "Explain how the unit circle in the coordinate plane enables the extension of trigonometric functions to all real numbers, interpreted as radian measures of angles traversed counterclockwise around the unit circle."

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ONE CIRCLE, ALL ANGLES

An angle θ starts at $(1, 0)$ on the unit circle, and its terminal point is $(\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta))$. Adding or subtracting 2π radians makes a full trip around the circle and leaves the point unchanged, so angles greater than 2π or less than 0 still have sine and cosine values.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Find the terminal point and the values of $\cos(11\pi/6)$ and $\sin(11\pi/6)$.

- $11\pi/6$ is $2\pi - \pi/6$, so the terminal side is in Quadrant IV.
- The unit-circle point for $\pi/6$ is $(\sqrt{3}/2, 1/2)$.
- In Quadrant IV, the x-coordinate stays positive and the y-coordinate is negative: $(\sqrt{3}/2, -1/2)$.

Answer: Terminal point: $(\sqrt{3}/2, -1/2)$; $\cos(11\pi/6) = \sqrt{3}/2$; $\sin(11\pi/6) = -1/2$.

PRACTICE 6 problems

- 1** Starting at $(1, 0)$, move counterclockwise $\pi/3$ radians. What is the terminal point?

ANSWER _____

- 2** Find $\cos(5\pi/4)$ and $\sin(5\pi/4)$.

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- 3** Starting at $(1, 0)$, traverse $-\pi/2$ radians. What is the terminal point?

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- 4** What is the terminal point for an angle of $7\pi/4$ radians?

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- 5** What is the terminal point for an angle of 2π radians?

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- 6** What is the terminal point for an angle of $10\pi/3$ radians?

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** During a coding-club game, a character's direction is shown by a point moving on a unit-circle compass. It starts at $(1, 0)$ and turns counterclockwise $17\pi/4$ radians. What is its final coordinate?

WORK SPACE

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- 2** A music-video editor uses a unit-circle dial for a spinning marker. Starting at $(1, 0)$, the marker's turn is recorded as $-4\pi/3$ radians. What is the marker's final coordinate?

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CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

A student says that an angle must be between 0 and 2π to have a sine and cosine. Use $\theta = -21\pi/4$ to refute the claim. Find a coterminal angle between 0 and 2π , give the terminal point, and explain why the original angle has the same point.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Starting at (1, 0), move counterclockwise $\pi/3$ radians. What is the terminal point?	$(1/2, \sqrt{3}/2)$
2	Find $\cos(5\pi/4)$ and $\sin(5\pi/4)$.	$\cos(5\pi/4) = -\sqrt{2}/2$; $\sin(5\pi/4) = -\sqrt{2}/2$
3	Starting at (1, 0), traverse $-\pi/2$ radians. What is the terminal point?	$(0, -1)$
4	What is the terminal point for an angle of $7\pi/4$ radians?	$(\sqrt{2}/2, -\sqrt{2}/2)$
5	What is the terminal point for an angle of 2π radians?	$(1, 0)$
6	What is the terminal point for an angle of $10\pi/3$ radians?	$(-1/2, -\sqrt{3}/2)$

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. $(\sqrt{2}/2, \sqrt{2}/2)$ Subtract 4π , or $16\pi/4$, from $17\pi/4$ to get $\pi/4$. The unit-circle point at $\pi/4$ is $(\sqrt{2}/2, \sqrt{2}/2)$.
2. $(-1/2, \sqrt{3}/2)$ Add 2π , or $6\pi/3$, to $-4\pi/3$ to get $2\pi/3$. The unit-circle point at $2\pi/3$ is $(-1/2, \sqrt{3}/2)$.

CHALLENGE

$-21\pi/4 + 3(2\pi) = 3\pi/4$, so a coterminal angle is $3\pi/4$. Its terminal point is $(-\sqrt{2}/2, \sqrt{2}/2)$. Adding 2π three times makes three full trips around the unit circle, so the terminal point does not change.

Accept equivalent radical formatting and correctly ordered coordinate pairs. For the challenge, accept any correct explanation that adding whole multiples of 2π leaves the terminal point unchanged.