

The Graphs of Reciprocal Trigonometric Functions

Recall: The Graphs of Reciprocal Functions $\rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{g(x)}$

- points where $y = 1$ or $y = -1$ on the parent function coincide as points on the reciprocal function.
- x-intercepts on the parent function are vertical asymptotes on the reciprocal function.
- positive and negative intervals remain the same for both the parent and reciprocal function.
- increasing and decreasing intervals for the parent function are opposite for the reciprocal.

The Reciprocal Trigonometry Functions

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

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

Activity

1. Complete the following table of values (2 decimal places), graph the function, and fill in the blanks.

θ	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{5\pi}{3}$	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$	2π
$y = \csc \theta$	-1	-1.15	-2	Und.	2	1.15	1	1.15	2	Und.	-2	-1.15	-1	-1.15	-2	Und.

Domain: $\{\theta \in \mathbb{R} \mid \theta \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}\}$

Range: $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid |y| \geq 1\}$

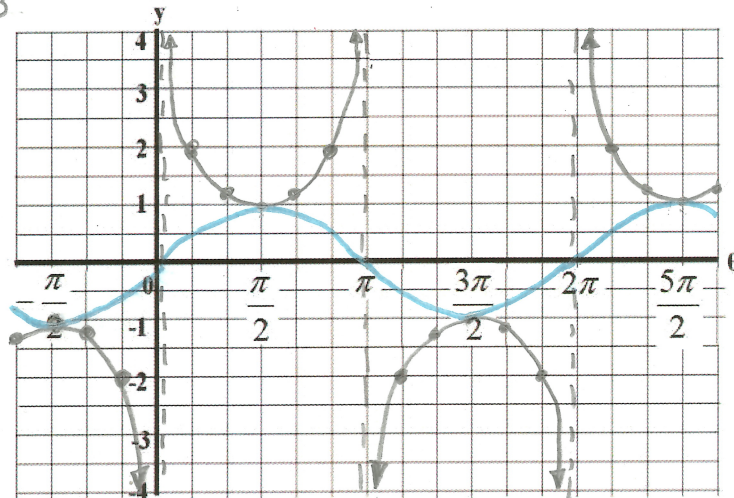
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V. Asymptotes: $\theta = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$

θ -intercepts: None

Period: 2π



2. Complete the following table of values (2 decimal places), graph the function, and fill in the blanks.

θ	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{5\pi}{3}$	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$	2π
$y = \sec \theta$	Und.	2	1.15	1	1.15	2	Und.	-2	-1.15	-1	-1.15	-2	Und.	2	1.15	1

Domain: $\{\theta \in \mathbb{R} \mid \theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}\}$

Range: $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid |y| \geq 1\}$

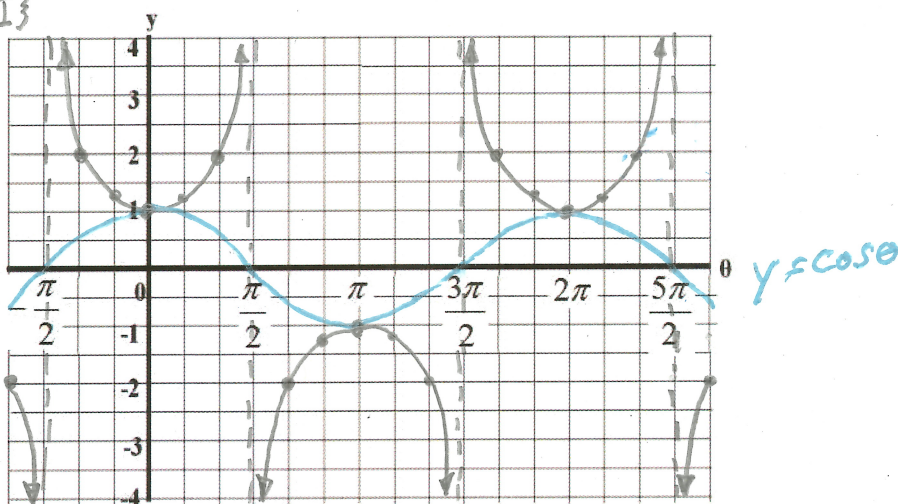
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V. Asymptotes: $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$

θ -Intercepts: None

Period: 2π



3. Complete the following table of values (2 decimal places), graph the function, and fill in the blanks.

Hint: Use the table of values for $y = \cos \theta$ and $y = \sin \theta$ to determine some of these entries.

θ	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$-\frac{\pi}{3}$	$-\frac{\pi}{6}$	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π	$\frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{4\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{5\pi}{3}$	$\frac{11\pi}{6}$	2π
$y = \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$	0	-0.58	-1.73	Und.	1.73	0.58	0	-0.58	-1.73	Und.	1.73	0.58	0	-0.58	-1.73	Und.

Domain: $\{\theta \in \mathbb{R} \mid \theta \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}\}$

Range: $\{y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

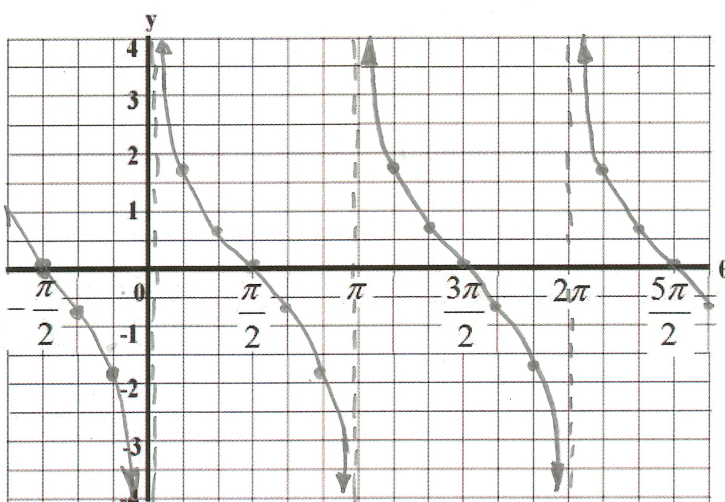
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Minimum: None

V. Asymptotes: $\theta = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$

θ - intercepts: $\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I}$

Period: π



$$y = \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

