

# Summary sheet: Trigonometric functions

E4 Understand and use the definitions of secant, cosecant and cotangent and of arcsin, arccos and arctan; their relationships to sine, cosine and tangent; understanding of their graphs; their ranges and domains

E5 Understand and use;  $\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$  and  $\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta = 1 + \cot^2 \theta$

E8 Construct proofs involving trigonometric functions and identities

## Some definitions

Definition	Notes	Graph	Domain (D) & Range (R)
$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$	Remember that you cannot divide by 0, so whenever $\cos \theta, \sin \theta$ or $\tan \theta = 0$ the relevant function will be undefined. To sketch the graphs, sketch the original (e.g. $\cos \theta$ ) then invert it (like turning it inside out).		You can see from the graph that: D: $\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2} \dots$ R: $\sec \theta \leq -1$ OR $\geq 1$
$\operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$			You can see from the graph that: D: $\theta \neq 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi \dots$ R: $\operatorname{cosec} \theta \leq -1$ OR $\geq 1$
$\cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$			You can see from the graph that: D: $\theta \neq 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi \dots$ R: $-\infty < \cot \theta < \infty$
$\arcsin x = \sin^{-1} x$	Remember that these are the inverses and are used when you know the number and you want to find the angle. (e.g. $\sin \theta = 0.45$ so $\theta = \arcsin 0.45$ )		You can see from the graph that: D: $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ R: $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \arcsin x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
$\arccos x = \cos^{-1} x$			You can see from the graph that: D: $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ R: $0 \leq \arccos x \leq \pi$
$\arctan x = \tan^{-1} x$			You can see from the graph that: D: $-\infty < x < \infty$ R: $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \arctan x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

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## More identities

You should remember from previous work (see AS summary sheet) that:

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

You can use this relationship to find 2 other ones that you need to know:

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

$\div$  by  $\cos^2 \theta$   $\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}$

Tidy up:  $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$   $\rightarrow$   $\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$

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

$\div$  by  $\sin^2 \theta$   $\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta}$

Remember that:

$$\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\tan^2 \theta} = \cot^2 \theta$$

Tidy up:  $1 + \cot^2 \theta = \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$   $\rightarrow$   $\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta = 1 + \cot^2 \theta$