

Study Guide

Angles and Radian Measure

An angle of one complete revolution can be represented either by 360° or by 2π radians. Thus, the following formulas can be used to relate degree and **radian** measures.

Degree/Radian Conversion Formulas	1 radian = $\frac{180}{\pi}$ degrees or about 57.3°
	1 degree = $\frac{\pi}{180}$ radians or about 0.017 radian

Example 1 a. Change 36° to radian measure in terms of π .

b. Change $-\frac{17\pi}{3}$ radians to degree measure.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } 36^\circ &= 36^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } -\frac{17\pi}{3} &= -\frac{17\pi}{3} \times \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} \\ &= -1020^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Example 2 Evaluate $\sin \frac{3\pi}{4}$.

The reference angle for $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ is $\frac{\pi}{4}$. Since $\frac{\pi}{4} = 45^\circ$, the terminal side of the angle intersects the unit circle at a point with coordinates of $(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$.

Because the terminal side of $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ lies in Quadrant II, the x -coordinate is negative and the y -coordinate is positive. Therefore, $\sin \frac{3\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$.

Example 3 Given a central angle of 147° , find the length of its intercepted arc in a circle of radius 10 centimeters. Round to the nearest tenth.

First convert the measure of the central angle from degrees to radians.

$$\begin{aligned} 147^\circ &= 147^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} & 1 \text{ degree} &= \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \\ &= \frac{49\pi}{60} \end{aligned}$$

Then find the length of the arc.

$$s = r\theta \quad \text{Formula for the length of an arc}$$

$$s = 10\left(\frac{49\pi}{60}\right) \quad r = 10, \theta = \frac{49\pi}{60}$$

$$s \approx 25.65634$$

The length of the arc is about 25.7 cm.

Practice

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Change each degree measure to radian measure in terms of π .

1. -250°

2. 6°

3. -145°

4. 870°

5. 18°

6. -820°

Change each radian measure to degree measure. Round to the nearest tenth, if necessary.

7. 4π

8. $\frac{13\pi}{30}$

9. -1

10. $\frac{3\pi}{16}$

11. -2.56

12. $-\frac{7\pi}{9}$

Evaluate each expression.

13. $\tan \frac{\pi}{4}$

14. $\cos \frac{3\pi}{2}$

15. $\sin \frac{3\pi}{2}$

16. $\tan \frac{11\pi}{6}$

17. $\cos \frac{3\pi}{4}$

18. $\sin \frac{5\pi}{3}$

Given the measurement of a central angle, find the length of its intercepted arc in a circle of radius 10 centimeters. Round to the nearest tenth.

19. $\frac{\pi}{6}$

20. $\frac{3\pi}{5}$

21. $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Find the area of each sector, given its central angle θ and the radius of the circle. Round to the nearest tenth.

22. $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, r = 14$

23. $\theta = \frac{7\pi}{4}, r = 4$