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**SOLUTIONS**

1. (a)  $\frac{7\pi}{12} \cdot \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} = 105^\circ$

(b)  $225 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{5\pi}{4}$

(c)  $-40 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} = -\frac{2\pi}{9}$

2. (a) Observe that

$$\frac{17\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi$$

so  $\frac{17\pi}{6}$  behaves exactly like  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ . It lies in the second quadrant, where only sine (and therefore cosecant) are positive. Its reference angle is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ , so the trig values of these two angles will be the same, except possibly for their signs. Thus

$$\sin\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right) = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right) = -\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\cot\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right) = -\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sec\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right) = -\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right) = \csc\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 2.$$

(b) The reference angle for  $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ , and  $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$  is in the third quadrant, where only tangent

(and therefore cotangent) are positive. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\sin\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) &= -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \cos\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) &= -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \tan\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) &= \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1 \\ \cot\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) &= \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1 \\ \sec\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) &= -\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\sqrt{2} \\ \csc\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) &= -\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\sqrt{2}.\end{aligned}$$

(c) Since

$$\frac{5\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi,$$

it will have the same trig values as  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \\ \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 \\ \cot\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) &= \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 \\ \csc\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) &= \csc\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1.\end{aligned}$$

Note that both  $\tan\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right)$  and  $\sec\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right)$  are undefined.

3. Cosine is positive in the first and fourth quadrants, while cosecant is negative in the third and fourth quadrants. Thus  $\theta$  must lie in the fourth quadrant.
4. (a) The angle  $\theta + \pi$  is exactly half a revolution around the unit circle from the angle  $\theta$ . This means that  $\theta$  and  $\theta + \pi$  will have the same reference angle. (If this isn't obvious to you, draw some representative angles  $\theta$  and  $\theta + \pi$ .) Furthermore, we know that  $\theta$  must be in either the first or the fourth quadrant (since its cosine is positive), which means that  $\theta + \pi$  will be in either the second or the third quadrant, where cosine is negative. Thus

$$\cos(\theta + \pi) = -\frac{2}{5}.$$

- (b) The angle  $\theta + 2\pi$  is a full revolution around the unit circle from the angle  $\theta$ , and so they have the same trig values. Consequently,

$$\cos(\theta + 2\pi) = \frac{2}{5}.$$

5. (a) We construct a right triangle with opposite sidelength 8 and hypotenuse 17; by the Pythagorean theorem, the adjacent sidelength is

$$\sqrt{17^2 - 8^2} = \sqrt{289 - 64} = \sqrt{225} = 15.$$

Since  $\theta$  is in the second quadrant, only sine and cosecant are positive. Thus

$$\cos(\theta) = -\frac{15}{17}$$

$$\tan(\theta) = -\frac{8}{15}$$

$$\cot(\theta) = -\frac{15}{8}$$

$$\sec(\theta) = -\frac{17}{15}$$

$$\csc(\theta) = \frac{17}{8}.$$

- (b) We construct a right triangle with adjacent sidelength 1 and hypotenuse of length 3; by the Pythagorean theorem, the opposite sidelength is

$$\sqrt{3^2 - 1^2} = \sqrt{9 - 1} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}.$$

Since  $\theta$  is in the third quadrant, only tangent and cotangent are positive. Thus

$$\sin(\theta) = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{1} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\cot(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\sec(\theta) = -3$$

$$\csc(\theta) = -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4}.$$

- (c) We construct a right triangle with hypotenuse of length 5 and adjacent sidelength 3; by the Pythagorean theorem, the opposite sidelength is

$$\sqrt{5^2 - 3^2} = \sqrt{25 - 9} = \sqrt{16} = 4.$$

Since  $\theta$  is in the fourth quadrant, only cosine and secant are positive, so we see that

$$\sin(\theta) = -\frac{4}{5}$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\tan(\theta) = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\cot(\theta) = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\csc(\theta) = -\frac{5}{4}$$