

Section 7.3

Solutions and Hints

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for the book:

Precalculus, Mathematics for Calculus 4th Edition
by James Stewart, Lothar Redlin and Saleem Watson.

Depending on your professor you may or may not need to memorize a large number of formulas. Regardless almost all the professors will expect you to know the following:

$\cos(0) = 1$	$\sin(0) = 0$
$\cos(\pi/6) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\sin(\pi/6) = 1/2$
$\cos(\pi/4) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\sin(\pi/4) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
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Notice that $0 < \pi/6 < \pi/4 < \pi/3 < \pi/2$, so the angles as listed are in order. Also notice that on the unit circle the x coordinates = cosine values and the y coordinates = sine values.

52. Find the value of the product or sum:

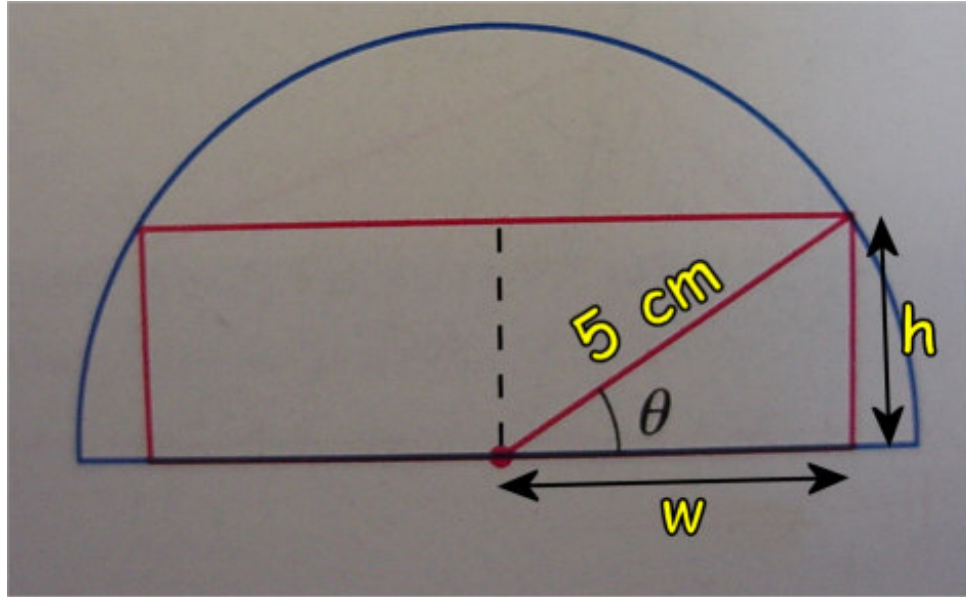
Recall: $\cos(x) + \cos(y) = 2 * \cos((x+y)/2) * \cos((x-y)/2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(\pi/12) + \cos(5\pi/12) &= 2 * \cos((\pi/12 + 5\pi/12)/2) * \cos((\pi/12 - 5\pi/12)/2) \\ &= 2 * \cos((6\pi/12)/2) * \cos((4\pi/12)/2) \\ &= 2 * \cos(\pi/4) * \cos(\pi/6) \\ &= 2 * \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} * \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

80. A rectangle is to be inscribed in a semicircle of radius 5 cm.

80a. Show that the area of the rectangle is modeled by the function:

$$A(\theta) = 25 * \sin(2\theta)$$



Notice the hypotenuse of the triangle must always equal 5 cm.
Also notice we added the h and w variables into the picture.

You should see that there are 2 rectangles of height = h and width = w.
You should also know that for the rectangle to be inscribed in a semicircle, theta will always range in value such that $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$

With this in mind the area of the rectangle = $(w * h) + (w * h)$ (2 rectangles)

We now need to find an equations such that h and w are expressed in terms of theta:

$$\sin(\theta) = \text{opposite} / \text{hypotenuse} = h / 5 \rightarrow h = 5 * \sin(\theta)$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \text{adjacent} / \text{hypotenuse} = w / 5 \rightarrow w = 5 * \cos(\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} = A &= 2 * h * w &= 2 * (5 * \sin \theta) * (5 * \cos \theta) \\ &= 25 * (2 * \sin \theta * \cos \theta), &\text{which by double angle formula is:} \\ &= 25 * \sin(2\theta) \end{aligned}$$

80b. Find the largest possible area for the inscribed rectangle.

$A = 25 \cdot \sin(2\theta)$ will be maximum when $\sin(2\theta)$ is maximum.

Recall that $\sin(\)$ achieves its maximum at $90^\circ = \pi/2$.

So set $2\theta = \pi/2 \rightarrow \theta = \pi/4 = 45^\circ$.

Thus the maximum area is $25 \cdot \sin(\pi/4) = 25 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cong \mathbf{17.68 \text{ cm}^2}$.

80c. Find the dimensions of the inscribed rectangle with the largest area.

Recall from part (a):

$$h = 5 \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$w = 5 \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

And from part (b) $\theta = \pi/4$ when the rectangle's area is greatest. So

$$h = 5 \cdot \sin(\pi/4) = 5 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$w = 5 \cdot \cos(\pi/4) = 5 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

But recall from the picture that the full width of the rectangle = $2 \cdot w$.

Thus the dimensions of the rectangle are: $5 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ by $5 \cdot \sqrt{2}$

Or roughly: **3.54 cm by 7.07 cm**