

How to calculate the angle of the point (x,y) ? We could use atan2(x,y) if we want a straight-up formula:

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#### Definition and computation [ edit ]

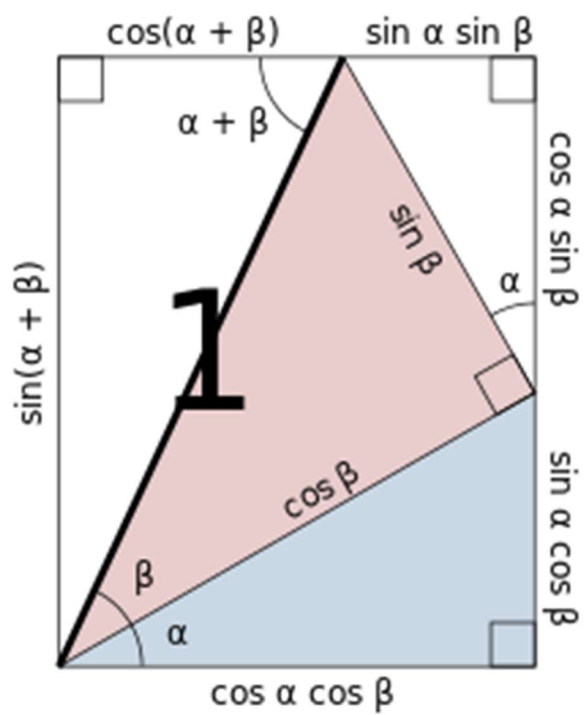
The function `atan2` computes the **principal value** of the **argument** function applied to the **complex number**  $x + yi$ . That is,  $\text{atan2}(y, x) = \text{Pr arg}(x + yi) = \text{Arg}(x + yi)$ . The argument could be changed by an arbitrary multiple of  $2\pi$  (corresponding to a complete turn around the origin) without making any difference to the angle, but to define `atan2` uniquely one uses the principal value in the range  $(-\pi, \pi]$ , that is,  $-\pi < \text{atan2}(y, x) \leq \pi$ .

In terms of the standard arctan function, whose range is  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ , it can be expressed as follows:

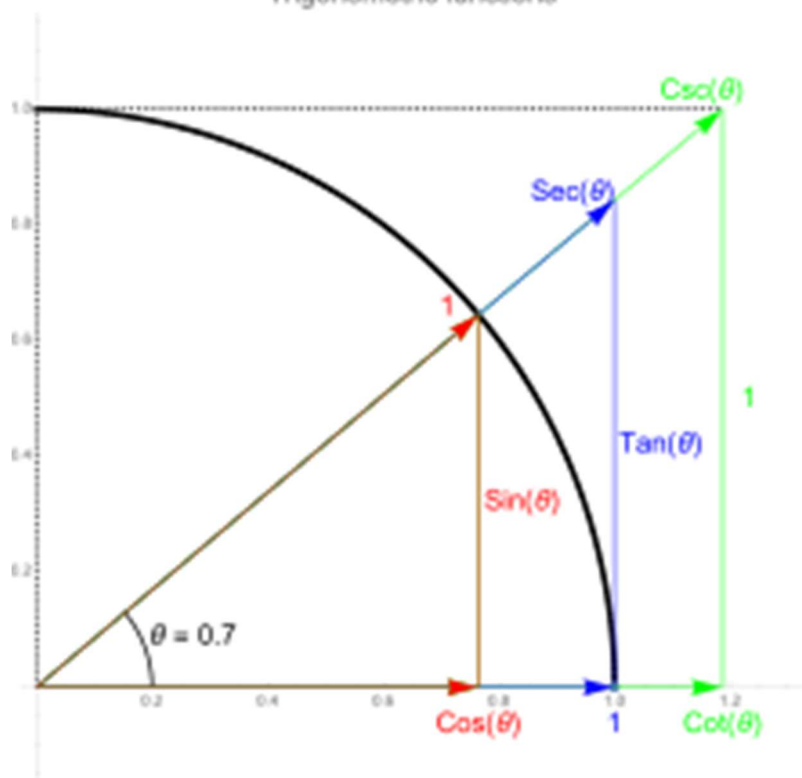
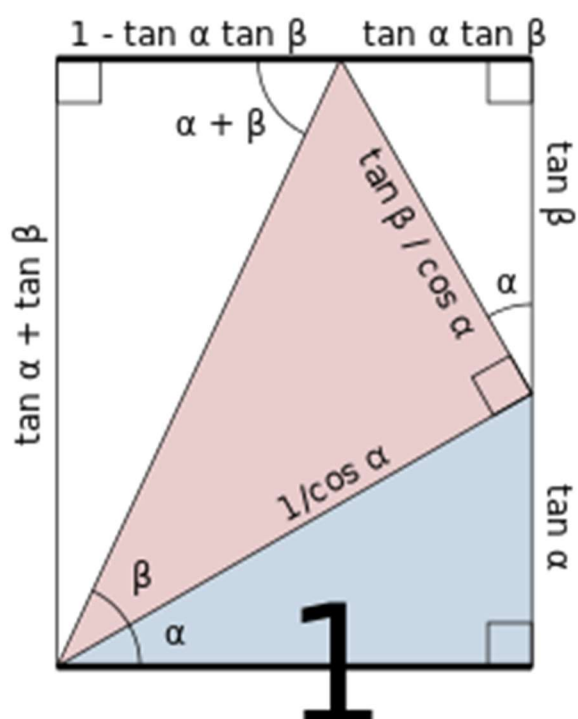
$$\text{atan2}(y, x) = \begin{cases} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) & \text{if } x > 0, \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \pi & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0, \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \pi & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ and } y < 0, \\ +\frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y > 0, \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y < 0, \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y = 0. \end{cases}$$

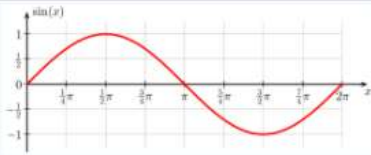
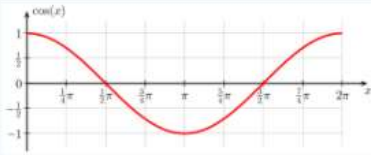
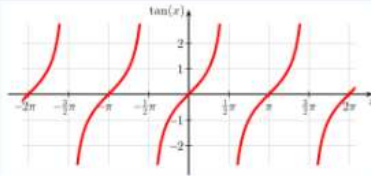
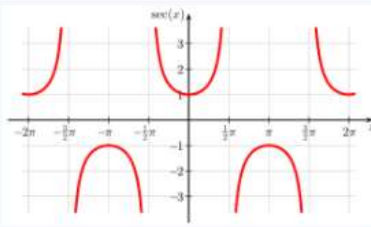
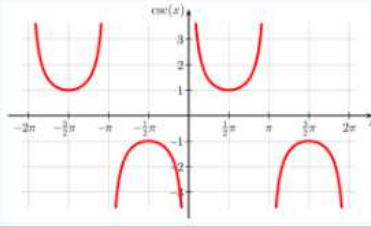
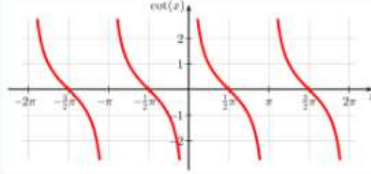
A compact expression with four overlapping half-planes is

$$\text{atan2}(y, x) = \begin{cases} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) & \text{if } x > 0, \\ \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) & \text{if } y > 0, \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) & \text{if } y < 0, \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \pm \pi & \text{if } x < 0, \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y = 0. \end{cases}$$



Trigonometric functions



Function	Period	Domain	Range	Graph
sine	$2\pi$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$[-1, 1]$	
cosine	$2\pi$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$[-1, 1]$	
tangent	$\pi$	$x \neq \pi/2 + n\pi$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	
secant	$2\pi$	$x \neq \pi/2 + n\pi$	$(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	
cosecant	$2\pi$	$x \neq n\pi$	$(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$	
cotangent	$\pi$	$x \neq n\pi$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	

Name	Usual notation	Definition	Domain of $x$ for real result	Range of usual principal value (radians)	Range of usual principal value (degrees)
arcsine	$y = \arcsin(x)$	$x = \sin(y)$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$-90^\circ \leq y \leq 90^\circ$
arccosine	$y = \arccos(x)$	$x = \cos(y)$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	$0 \leq y \leq \pi$	$0^\circ \leq y \leq 180^\circ$
arctangent	$y = \arctan(x)$	$x = \tan(y)$	all real numbers	$-\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$	$-90^\circ < y < 90^\circ$
arccotangent	$y = \operatorname{arccot}(x)$	$x = \cot(y)$	all real numbers	$0 < y < \pi$	$0^\circ < y < 180^\circ$
arcsecant	$y = \operatorname{arcsec}(x)$	$x = \sec(y)$	$x \leq -1$ or $1 \leq x$	$0 \leq y < \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\frac{\pi}{2} < y \leq \pi$	$0^\circ \leq y < 90^\circ$ or $90^\circ < y \leq 180^\circ$
arccosecant	$y = \operatorname{arccsc}(x)$	$x = \csc(y)$	$x \leq -1$ or $1 \leq x$	$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y < 0$ or $0 < y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$	$-90^\circ \leq y < 0^\circ$ or $0^\circ < y \leq 90^\circ$