Changing sign of ratios with increasing angle

In turn, look at each ratio as the value of $x$ and $y$ changes with increasing angle.

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\sin \theta=\frac{y}{1} \quad \cos \theta=\frac{x}{1} \quad \tan \theta=\frac{y}{x}
$$



The results can be summarised in this diagram:


The Sine Curve

note:

- the sine graph starts at zero
- it repeats itself every $\mathbf{3 6 0}$ degrees
- y is never more than $\mathbf{1}$ or less than-1
- a sin graph 'leads' a cos graph by 90 degrees

note:
- the cosine graph starts at one
- it repeats itself every $\mathbf{3 6 0}$ degrees
- $\quad y$ is never more than $\mathbf{1}$ or less than -1
- a cos graph 'lags' a sin graph by 90 degrees

The Tangent Curve

note:

- the tangent graph starts at zero
- it repeats itself every $\mathbf{1 8 0}$ degrees
- y can vary between numbers approaching infinity and minus infinity

