

Which one doesn't belong?

2 $\frac{19\pi}{6}$ <p><math>\frac{7\pi}{6}</math> <math>210^\circ</math></p>	1110° Q1 30°	$\frac{1110^\circ}{360^\circ}$
3 $\frac{11\pi}{6}$ <p><math>30^\circ</math></p>	$\frac{7\pi}{3}$ <p><math>\frac{420^\circ}{60^\circ}</math></p>	4

# 4.2

## The Unit Circle

Focus on...

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- developing and applying the equation of the unit circle
- generalizing the equation of a circle with centre  $(0, 0)$  and radius  $r$
- using symmetry and patterns to locate the coordinates of points on the unit circle

## The Equation of the Unit Circle:

The unit circle is a circle with radius 1 and centre at the origin.

Point P is a point,  $(x, y)$ , on the unit circle. A right angle triangle, OPA, can be constructed.

$$OP = 1$$

$$PA = |y|$$

$$OA = |x|$$

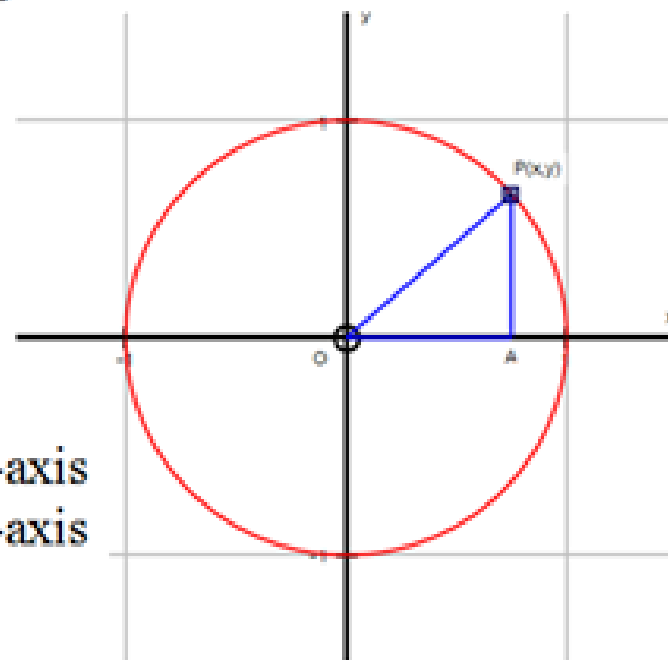
$$(OP)^2 = (OA)^2 + (PA)^2$$

definition of unit circle

distance from the point to the  $x$ -axis

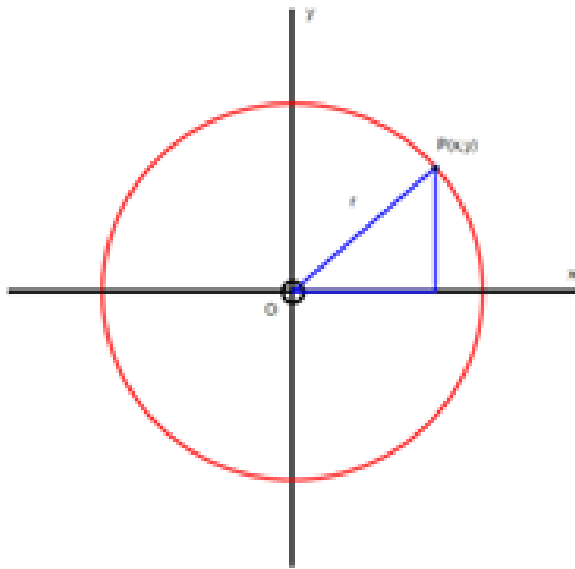
distance from the point to the  $y$ -axis

Pythagorean Theorem



The equation of any circle, radius  $r$ , with centre at the origin is:

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

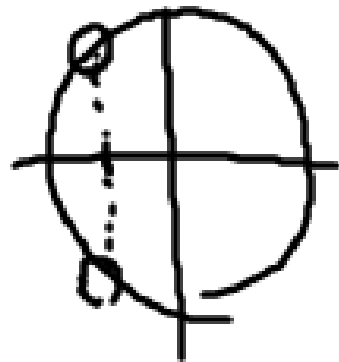


Example: Determine the equation of a circle with centre at the origin and radius 5.

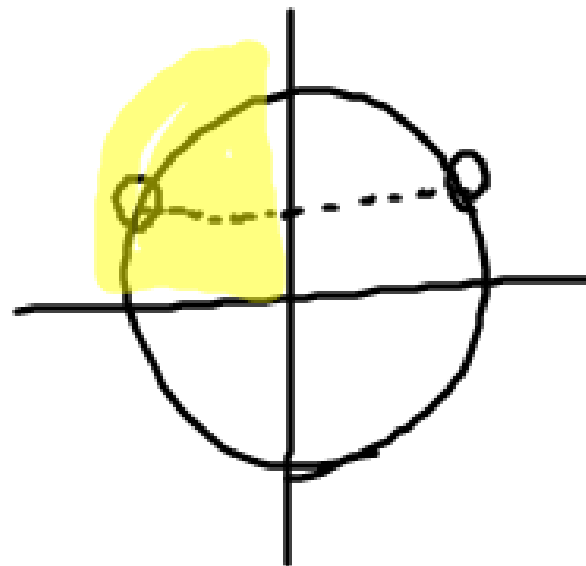
**Your Turn**

Determine the missing coordinate(s) for all points on the unit circle satisfying the given conditions. Draw a diagram and tell which quadrant(s) the points lie in.

a)  $\left(-\frac{5}{8}, y\right)$



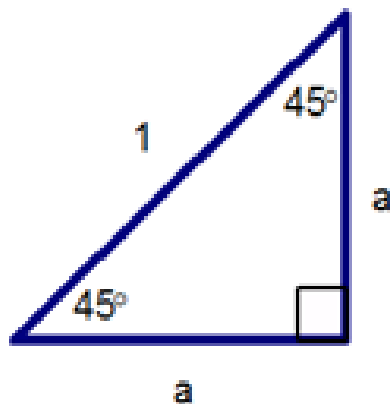
b)  $\left(x, \frac{5}{13}\right)$ , where the point is in quadrant II



## Special Angles:

$$\theta = 45^\circ$$

For a right angled triangle, if  $\theta = 45^\circ$ , then the triangle will be isosceles with two equal sides.



Use the Pythagorean Theorem to find the length of side a.

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$a^2 + a^2 = 1^2$$

$$2a^2 = 1$$

$$a^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{a^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$a = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$a = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$a = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

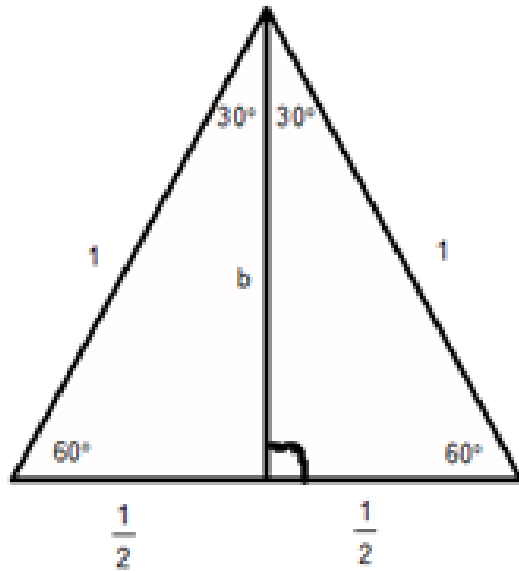
$$a = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

← rationalize  
fancy "1"

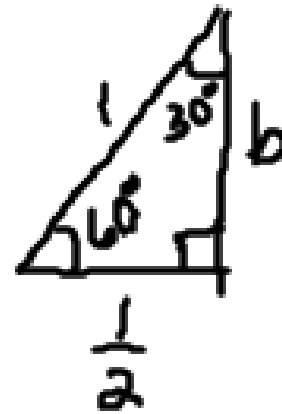
← can't have  
a negative  
side length

$$\theta = 60^\circ$$

The triangle is half of an equilateral triangle:



Use the Pythagorean Theorem to find the length of side  $b$ :



$$a^2 + b^2 = 1^2$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + b^2 = 1$$

$$b^2 = \frac{4}{4} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$b^2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

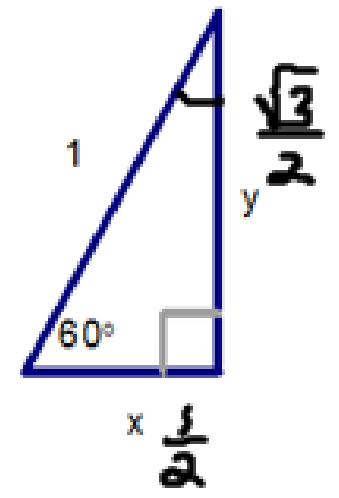
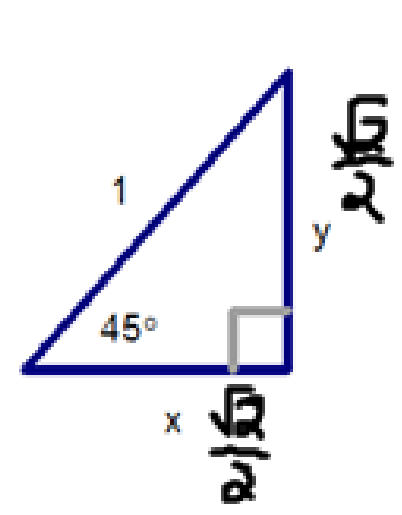
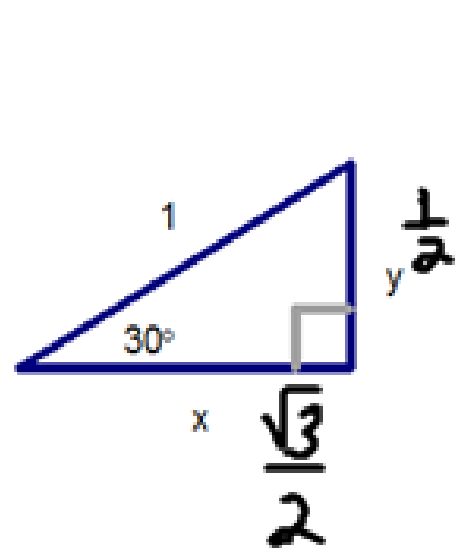
$$\sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$= \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$b = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

*reject negative*

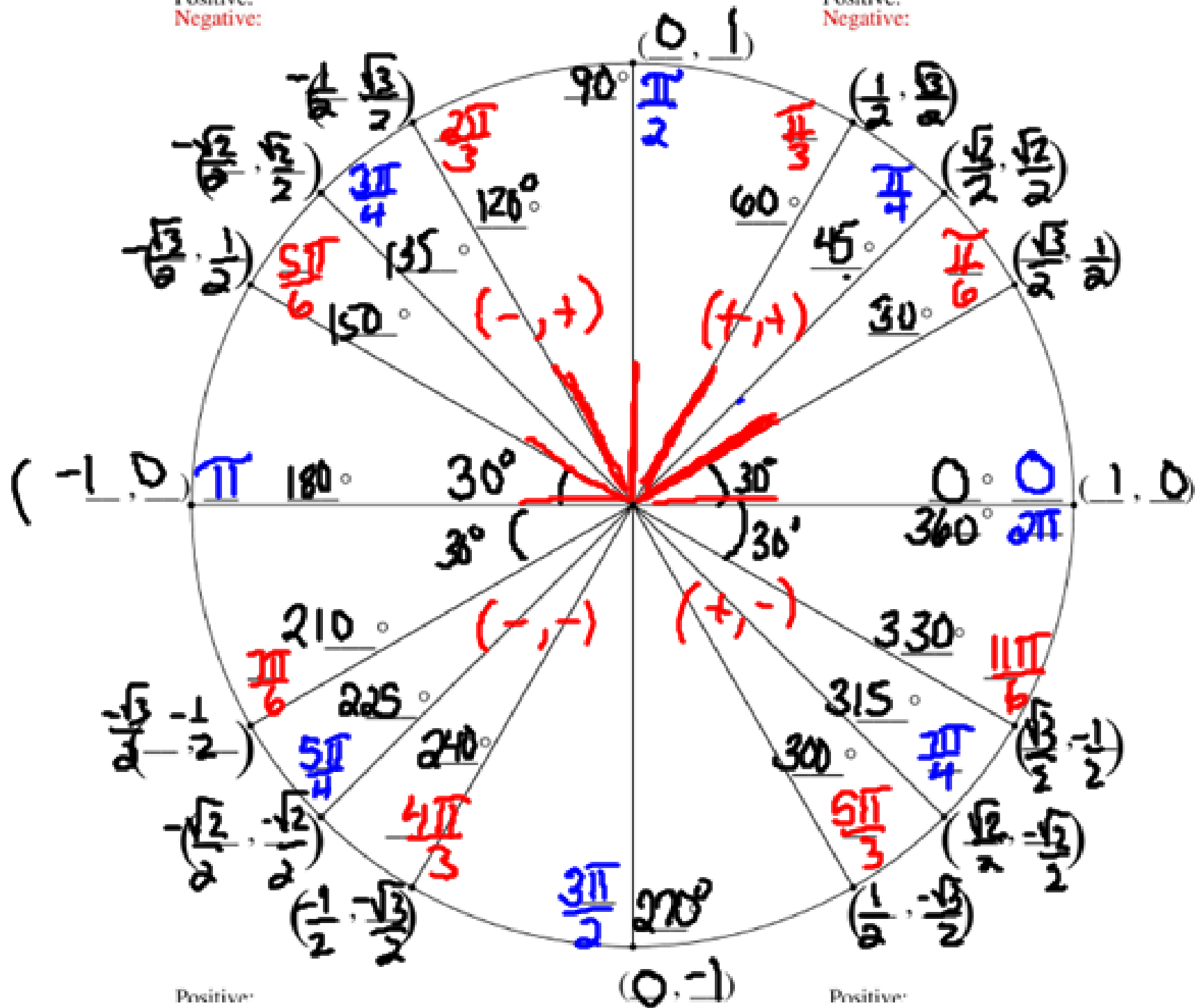
Find the value for x and y for each of the following triangles:





Positive:  
Negative:

Positive:  
Negative:



Positive:

Positive:

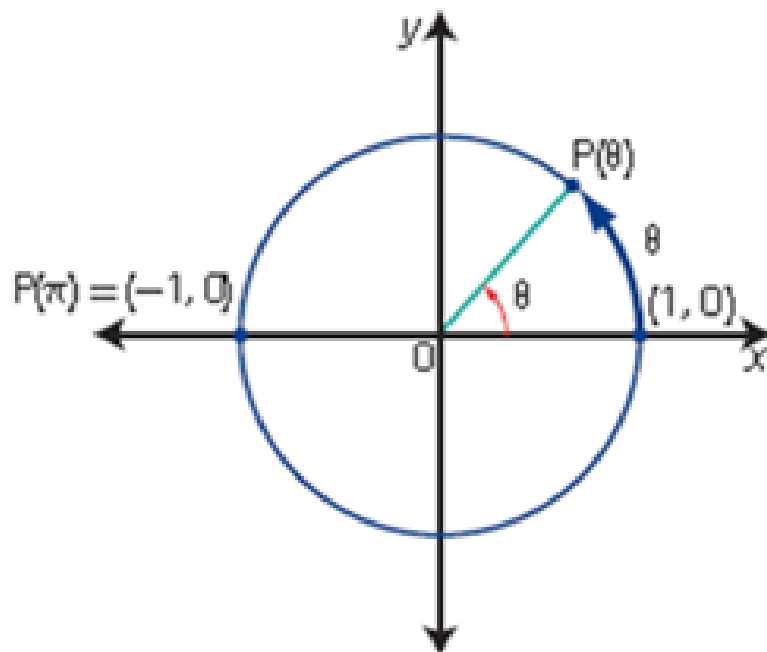
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Radians and the Unit Circle:

arc length:  $a = (\theta)(r)$

Since the unit circle has a radius of 1,  $a = \theta$ .

Use the function  $P(\theta) = (x, y)$  to link arc length,  $\theta$ , of a central angle to the coordinates  $(x, y)$  of the point of intersection of the terminal arm and the unit circle.



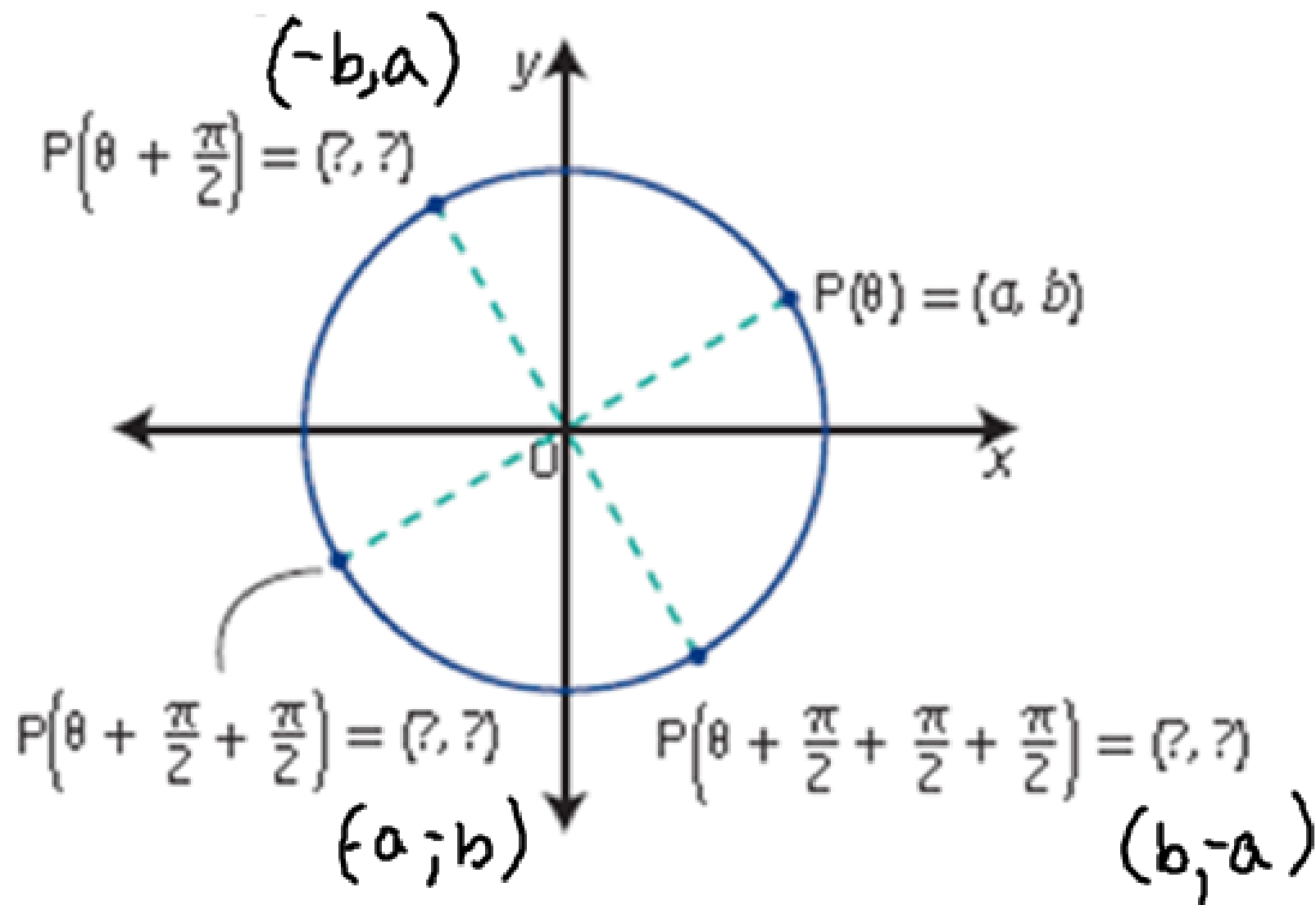
$$P\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = (0, 1) \quad P\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \quad P\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad P\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$P\left(-\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = P\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$$



find coterminal  
angle

$$-\frac{5\pi}{6} + \frac{12\pi}{6} = \frac{7\pi}{6}$$



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Point	Step 2: $+\frac{1}{4}$ turn	Step 3: $-\frac{1}{4}$ turn	Step 4: Description	Diagram
$P(0) = (1,0)$	$P\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) =$  $(0, 1)$	$P\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) =$  $P\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) =$  $(0, -1)$		
$P\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) =$  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$  $(+, +)$	$P\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) =$  $\frac{2\pi}{6} + \frac{3\pi}{6}$ $P\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$P\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) =$  $\frac{2\pi}{6} - \frac{3\pi}{6} = -\frac{\pi}{6}$ $P\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = P\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$	Switch $x$ + $y$ spots	

$P\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) =$	$P\left(\frac{5\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) =$	$P\left(\frac{5\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) =$		
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13. If  $P(\theta) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\right)$ , determine the following.
- a) What does  $P(\theta)$  represent? Explain using a diagram.
  - b) In which quadrant does  $\theta$  terminate?
  - c) Determine the coordinates of  $P\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ .
  - d) Determine the coordinates of  $P\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ .