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5. $\tan x = -5/12$, x lies in second quadrant.

Solution:

It is given that

$$\tan x = -5/12$$

We can write it as

$$\cot x = \frac{1}{\tan x} = \frac{1}{\left(-\frac{5}{12}\right)} = -\frac{12}{5}$$

We know that

$$1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$$

We can write it as

$$1 + (-5/12)^2 = \sec^2 x$$

Substituting the values

$$1 + 25/144 = \sec^2 x$$

$$\sec^2 x = 169/144$$

$$\sec x = \pm 13/12$$

Here x lies in the second quadrant so the value of $\sec x$ will be negative

$$\sec x = -13/12$$

We can write it as

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{\sec x} = \frac{1}{\left(-\frac{13}{12}\right)} = -\frac{12}{13}$$

So we get

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$
$$-\frac{5}{12} = \frac{\sin x}{\left(-\frac{12}{13}\right)}$$

By further calculation

$$\sin x = \left(-\frac{5}{12}\right) \times \left(-\frac{12}{13}\right) = \frac{5}{13}$$

Here

$$\operatorname{cosec} x = \frac{1}{\sin x} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{5}{13}\right)} = \frac{13}{5}$$

Find the values of the trigonometric functions in Exercises 6 to 10.

6. $\sin 765^\circ$

Solution:

We know that values of $\sin x$ repeat after an interval of 2π or 360°

So we get

$$\sin 765^\circ = \sin(2 \times 360^\circ + 45^\circ)$$

By further calculation

$$= \sin 45^\circ$$

$$= 1/\sqrt{2}$$

7. $\operatorname{cosec}(-1410^\circ)$

Solution:

We know that values of $\operatorname{cosec} x$ repeat after an interval of 2π or 360°

So we get

$$\operatorname{cosec}(-1410^\circ) = \operatorname{cosec}(-1410^\circ + 4 \times 360^\circ)$$

By further calculation

$$= \operatorname{cosec}(-1410^\circ + 1440^\circ)$$

$$= \operatorname{cosec} 30^\circ = 2$$

