Radians

Review: What is the circumference for any circle?

How many degrees are in a circle?

Let's suppose that our circle has a radius of 1. This would mean that the circumference is 2π . Travelling all along the circle would then be a distance of 2π , but it would also mean that we have travelled 360°. This means $2\pi = 360^\circ$ where 2π is called a "Radian" measurement.

Radian conversion: $2\pi = 360^{\circ}$ $\pi \text{ radius} = 180^{\circ}$

$$\theta = 180^{\circ} = \pi \text{ radians}$$

$$\theta = 360^{\circ} = 2\pi \text{ radians}$$

$$degrees \cdot \pi rads = rads$$

$$\theta = 180^{\circ} = \pi \text{ radians}$$

Convert each measure from degrees to radians or from radians to degrees.

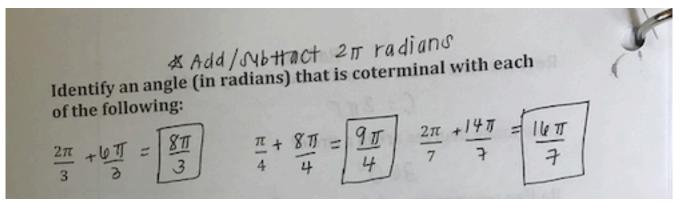
$$1.60^{\circ} \cdot \frac{\pi \text{ rads}}{180^{\circ}} = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ rads}$$

$$2.\frac{2\pi}{3} \ radians \cdot \frac{180^{\circ}}{\pi \ rads} = 120^{\circ}$$

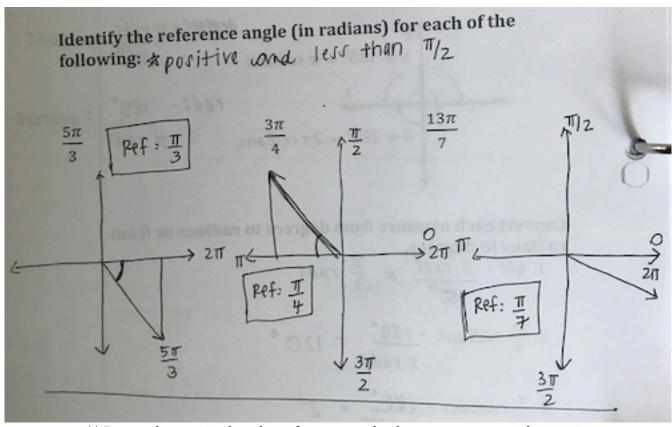
$$3. \frac{\pi}{90} \text{ radians } \cdot 180^{\circ} = 2^{\circ}$$

$$4. 20^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{9} \text{ rads}$$

$$5. -80^{\circ} = -\frac{4\pi}{9} \text{ rads}$$



These are all examples of positive coterminal angles, but we also could subtract 2π from each angle to obtain examples of negative coterminal angles.



** Remember again that the reference angle always connects to the x-axis