Trigonometric functions

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acos(x)
Description: the radian value of the arccosine of x
Domain: -1 to 1
Range: 0 to π

acosh(x)
Description: the inverse hyperbolic cosine of x
$\texttt{acosh}(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})$
Domain: 1 to 8.9e+307
Range: 0 to 709.77

asin(x)
Description: the radian value of the arcsine of x
Domain: -1 to 1
Range: $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$

asinh(x)
Description: the inverse hyperbolic sine of x
$\texttt{asinh}(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$
Domain: $-$8.9e+307 to 8.9e+307
Range: $-$709.77 to 709.77

`atan(`x`)`
Description: the radian value of the arctangent of x
Domain: −8e+307 to 8e+307
Range: $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$

`atan2(`y`, `x`)`
Description: the radian value of the arctangent of y/x, where the signs of the parameters y and x are used to determine the quadrant of the answer
Domain y: −8e+307 to 8e+307
Domain x: −8e+307 to 8e+307
Range: $-\pi$ to π

`atanh(`x`)`
Description: the inverse hyperbolic tangent of x
`atanh(`x`)` $= \frac{1}{2}\{\ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x)\}$
Domain: −1 to 1
Range: −8e+307 to 8e+307

`cos(`x`)`
Description: the cosine of x, where x is in radians
Domain: −1e+18 to 1e+18
Range: −1 to 1

`cosh(`x`)`
Description: the hyperbolic cosine of x
`cosh(`x`)` $= \{\exp(x) + \exp(-x)\}/2$
Domain: −709 to 709
Range: 1 to 4.11e+307

`sin(`x`)`
Description: the sine of x, where x is in radians
Domain: −1e+18 to 1e+18
Range: −1 to 1

`sinh(`x`)`
Description: the hyperbolic sine of x
`sinh(`x`)` $= \{\exp(x) - \exp(-x)\}/2$
Domain: −709 to 709
Range: −4.11e+307 to 4.11e+307

`tan(`x`)`
Description: the tangent of x, where x is in radians
Domain: −1e+18 to 1e+18
Range: −1e+17 to 1e+17 or *missing*

`tanh(`x`)`
Description: the hyperbolic tangent of x
`tanh(`x`)` $= \{\exp(x) - \exp(-x)\}/\{\exp(x) + \exp(-x)\}$
Domain: −8e+307 to 8e+307
Range: −1 to 1 or *missing*

❑ Technical note

The trigonometric functions are defined in terms of *radians*. There are 2π radians in a circle. If you prefer to think in terms of *degrees*, because there are also 360 degrees in a circle, you may convert degrees into radians by using the formula $r = d\pi/180$, where d represents degrees and r represents radians. Stata includes the built-in constant `_pi`, equal to π to machine precision. Thus, to calculate the sine of `theta`, where `theta` is measured in degrees, you could type

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sin(theta*_pi/180)
```

`atan()` similarly returns radians, not degrees. The arccotangent can be obtained as

acot(x) =`_pi/2 - atan(`x`)`

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