SINE AND COSINE

Trigonometry ('Trig' for short) involves angles drawn in circles of radius 1 "unit".

Consider an angle of 40° drawn in a circle as shown below.



The point where the horizontal line meets the y axis (about 0.64) is known as 'sine of 40° ' or sin 40° for short.

The point where the horizontal line meets the *x* axis (about 0.77) is known as 'cosine of 40° ' or cos 40° for short.

1. Your teacher will provide a worksheet containing a special unit circle. Use it to draw angles from 0° , 10° , 20° , 30° etc. up to 360° , and find the value of sine and cosine of each angle using definitions above.

Record your results in an extended version of the table below.

| Angle | Sine | Cosine |
|-------|------|--------|
| 0° | | |
| 10° | | |
| 20° | | |
| 30° | | |
| etc. | | |

- 2. Check your answers using a calculator.
- 3. Extension:

Produce a graph of sine x (vertical axis) versus x. Produce a graph of cosine x (vertical axis) versus x.

The Unit Circle

