

Civilization	Time	Contribution
Egyptians	1650 BC	Used angles to calculate the location of a specific star to predict when the Nile would flood. -The Rhind Papyrus contained a type of cosecant relationship which was expressed as run over rise.
Babylonians	1800-1600BC	Created a base 60 number system and calculated 'degrees' in this manner. Were aware of the idea behind the "Pythagorean theorem"
India	800BC	The Baudhayaana Sulbasutra detailed a "Pythagorean theorem"
Greek	140 BC	Hipparchus-was influenced by Babylonian 60 base number system which led to the division of the circle into 360 parts (degrees);he created a table of trigonometric functions
	100AD	Menelaus-he created earliest known work on spherical trigonometry
Modern Era...	100-170AD	Ptolemy- his works included <i>Almagest</i> - Which refined the foundations of trig
	1533	Johann Müller (Regiomontanus)- published <i>De triangulis omnimodis</i> which explained plane and spherical trigonometry without using formulas
	1768	Johann Lambert-printed a work entitled <i>Observations trigonométriques</i> which introduced hyperbolic functions to trig.

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-half chord tables that are modern day ‘sine tables’

Aryabhata

500 AD

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