

**COS****PURPOSE**

Compute the cosine of an angle for a variable or parameter.

**DESCRIPTION**

The cosine is defined for all real numbers and the returned value will be between -1 and 1. By default, the angle is specified in radian units. To use degree values, enter the command ANGLE UNITS DEGREES (ANGLE UNITS RADIANS resets it).

**SYNTAX**

LET <y2> = COS(<y1>) <SUBSET/EXCEPT/FOR qualification>  
where <y1> is a number, parameter, or variable;  
<y2> is a variable or a parameter (depending on what <y1> is) where the computed cosine value is stored;  
and where the <SUBSET/EXCEPT/FOR qualification> is optional.

**EXAMPLES**

LET A = COS(-2)  
LET A = COS(A1)  
LET X2 = COS(PI/2)

**DEFAULT**

None

**SYNONYMS**

None

**RELATED COMMANDS**

SIN	=	Compute sine.
TAN	=	Compute tangent.
COT	=	Compute cotangent.
SEC	=	Compute secant.
CSC	=	Compute cosecant.
ARCCOS	=	Compute arccosine.
ARCSIN	=	Compute arcsine.
ARCTAN	=	Compute arctangent.
ARCCOT	=	Compute arccotangent.
ARCSEC	=	Compute arcsecant.
ARCCSC	=	Compute arcsecant.

**APPLICATIONS**

Trigonometry

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE**

Pre-1987

## PROGRAM

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XILABEL ANGLE (RADIANS)
YILABEL COS(X)
TITLE COS(X) FOR X = -6 TO 6
YLIMITS -1 1
YTIC OFFSET 0.05 0.05
XLIMITS -6 6
XTIC OFFSET 0.3 0.3
PLOT COS(X) FOR X = -6.28 .01 6.28
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