

Topic: Complementary and supplementary angles

Question: Find the supplementary angle.

The angle θ that's supplementary to 126°

Answer choices:

A $\theta = 154^\circ$

B $\theta = 36^\circ$

C $\theta = 54^\circ$

D $\theta = 180^\circ$

Solution: C

Since θ is supplementary to an angle of 126° we have

$$\theta + 126^\circ = 180^\circ$$

Solving for θ :

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 126^\circ$$

$$\theta = 54^\circ$$

Topic: Complementary and supplementary angles

Question: Find the complementary angle.

The angle θ (in radians) that's complementary to $\pi/6$ radians

Answer choices:

A $\theta = \frac{5}{12}\pi$

B $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

C $\theta = \frac{5}{6}\pi$

D $\theta = \frac{1}{3}\pi$

Solution: D

θ and the angle of $\pi/6$ radians are complementary, so

$$\theta + \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Solving for θ :

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\theta = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \right) \pi$$

Combining the two terms on the right-hand side by using 6 as a common denominator, we find that

$$\theta = \left(\frac{3 - 1}{6} \right) \pi$$

$$\theta = \frac{2}{6} \pi$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{3} \pi$$