

**Warm Up**

Determine the measure of the variable in each of the following diagrams:

$x^2 = (19)^2 + (3\sqrt{5})^2$   
 $x^2 = 19 + 45$   
 $x^2 = 64$   
 $x = 8$

$(x+2)^2 + (x-5)^2 = (x+3)^2$   
 $x^2 + 4x + 4 + x^2 - 10x + 25 = x^2 + 6x + 9$   
 $x^2 - 12x + 20 = 0$   
 $(x-2)(x-10) = 0$   
 $x = 2 \quad x = 10$

$(x-10)^2$   
 $x^2 - 20x + 10$

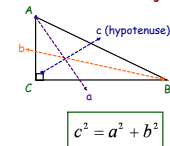
$(x-5)^2$   
 $(x-5)(x-5)$   
 $x^2 - 5x - 5x + 25$   
 $x^2 - 10x + 25$

$(x+7)^2$   
 $x^2 + 14x + 49$



**Pythagorean Theorem**

is a fundamental relationship amongst the sides on a **RIGHT** triangle.

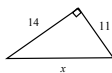


**OPTIONS...**

#1. Finding the unknown hypotenuse:

$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$

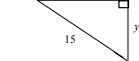
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#2. Finding an unknown side

$a^2 = c^2 - b^2$

ex:



**Trigonometric Table:**

Degrees	Radian Measure	Sin	Cor	Tan	Degrees	Radian Measure	Sin	Cor	Tan
0	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	46	0.8028	0.7193	0.6946	1.0333
1	0.0175	0.0174	0.9998	0.0175	47	0.8203	0.7314	0.6820	1.0715
2	0.0349	0.0349	0.9994	0.0349	48	0.8377	0.7431	0.6693	1.1106
3	0.0524	0.0524	0.9983	0.0524	49	0.8551	0.7541	0.6560	1.1503
4	0.0698	0.0698	0.9965	0.0699	50	0.8726	0.7646	0.6429	1.1917
5	0.0873	0.0871	0.9940	0.0874	51	0.8901	0.7745	0.6292	1.2349
6	0.1047	0.1045	0.9908	0.1050	52	0.9077	0.7839	0.6151	1.2799
7	0.1221	0.1218	0.9870	0.1223	53	0.9253	0.7928	0.6005	1.3267
8	0.1396	0.1391	0.9827	0.1404	54	0.9428	0.8012	0.5855	1.3753
9	0.1571	0.1564	0.9779	0.1588	55	0.9599	0.8091	0.5701	1.4257
10	0.1745	0.1736	0.9726	0.1763	56	0.9778	0.8166	0.5543	1.4779
11	0.1919	0.1908	0.9669	0.1940	57	0.9954	0.8236	0.5382	1.5319
12	0.2094	0.2081	0.9608	0.2112	58	1.0127	0.8302	0.5218	1.5877
13	0.2268	0.2253	0.9543	0.2287	59	1.0297	0.8364	0.5052	1.6453
14	0.2443	0.2426	0.9474	0.2653	60	1.0465	0.8422	0.4883	1.7047
15	0.2618	0.2598	0.9401	0.2709	61	1.0630	0.8476	0.4712	1.7659
16	0.2792	0.2764	0.9324	0.2867	62	1.0793	0.8526	0.4540	1.8289
17	0.2967	0.2925	0.9243	0.3027	63	1.0954	0.8572	0.4367	1.8937
18	0.3141	0.3092	0.9158	0.3189	64	1.1113	0.8615	0.4193	1.9603
19	0.3316	0.3257	0.9069	0.3353	65	1.1270	0.8654	0.4018	2.0287
20	0.3491	0.3420	0.8976	0.3519	66	1.1425	0.8691	0.3842	2.0989
21	0.3665	0.3581	0.8880	0.3686	67	1.1578	0.8725	0.3665	2.1709
22	0.3840	0.3740	0.8781	0.3854	68	1.1729	0.8756	0.3487	2.2447
23	0.4014	0.3897	0.8679	0.4023	69	1.1878	0.8784	0.3308	2.3203
24	0.4188	0.4052	0.8574	0.4192	70	1.2025	0.8809	0.3128	2.3977
25	0.4362	0.4205	0.8467	0.4361	71	1.2170	0.8831	0.2947	2.4769
26	0.4536	0.4356	0.8357	0.4530	72	1.2313	0.8850	0.2765	2.5579
27	0.4710	0.4505	0.8244	0.4698	73	1.2454	0.8866	0.2582	2.6407
28	0.4884	0.4651	0.8128	0.4866	74	1.2594	0.8879	0.2398	2.7253
29	0.5058	0.4795	0.8009	0.5033	75	1.2732	0.8889	0.2213	2.8117
30	0.5231	0.4937	0.7888	0.5199	76	1.2869	0.8896	0.2027	2.9000
31	0.5405	0.5077	0.7764	0.5364	77	1.3004	0.8900	0.1840	2.9899
32	0.5578	0.5215	0.7638	0.5528	78	1.3138	0.8901	0.1652	3.0815
33	0.5751	0.5351	0.7509	0.5691	79	1.3270	0.8900	0.1463	3.1747
34	0.5924	0.5485	0.7378	0.5853	80	1.3401	0.8897	0.1273	3.2695
35	0.6097	0.5617	0.7245	0.6014	81	1.3531	0.8892	0.1082	3.3658
36	0.6270	0.5747	0.7109	0.6174	82	1.3659	0.8884	0.0890	3.4636
37	0.6442	0.5875	0.6962	0.6333	83	1.3786	0.8874	0.0697	3.5628
38	0.6614	0.6001	0.6813	0.6491	84	1.3912	0.8861	0.0503	3.6634
39	0.6786	0.6125	0.6661	0.6648	85	1.4037	0.8846	0.0308	3.7654
40	0.6957	0.6247	0.6506	0.6804	86	1.4161	0.8829	0.0112	3.8687
41	0.7128	0.6367	0.6349	0.6958	87	1.4284	0.8809	0.0015	3.9733
42	0.7298	0.6485	0.6190	0.7110	88	1.4406	0.8787	0.0017	4.0792
43	0.7468	0.6601	0.6029	0.7260	89	1.4527	0.8762	0.0019	4.1863
44	0.7637	0.6715	0.5866	0.7408	90	1.4647	0.8735	0.0000	4.2945
45	0.7806	0.6827	0.5701	0.7554					

**Pythagorean Triples**



Verifying a Pythagorean Triple...



**Trigonometric Ratios**

\*\*\* Must have calculator in DEGREE mode \*\*\*

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Primary Trigonometric Ratios

$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$   
 $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$   
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$

Memory Aid: "SOH CAH TOA"

**Reciprocal Trigonometric Ratios**

$\text{cosec } \theta = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{opposite}}$   
 $\text{sec } \theta = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent}}$   
 $\text{cot } \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}}$

Notice that these ratios are each the reciprocal of one of the primary trig ratios

**Summary**

Primary Ratios	Reciprocal Ratios
$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$	$\text{csc } \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}}$
$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$	$\text{sec } \theta = \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}}$
$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$	$\text{cot } \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}}$

Reciprocal ratios are not found on a calculator...we must learn how to use the reciprocal function on our calculator.

Reciprocal Functions  $x^{-1}$  or  $1/x$

Inverse Trigonometric Functions (Arc Trig Functions)



Trigonometric Functions



Evaluate each of the following:

$\sin 78^\circ =$  \_\_\_\_\_



$\cos \theta = 0.6469$

$\theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_



$\cot 118^\circ =$  \_\_\_\_\_



$\sec \theta = 5.2561$

$\theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_



EXAMPLE - Finding an unknown side

$\cos 44^\circ = \frac{x}{12.6}$   
 $12.6 \cos 44^\circ = x$   
 $9.2 = x$

$\sin 23^\circ = \frac{y}{8}$   
 $y = 8 \sin 23^\circ$   
 $y = 3.05$

EXAMPLE - Finding an unknown angle

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 $\tan \theta = \frac{18.1}{14.3}$   
 $\tan \theta = 1.265 \dots$   
 $\theta = \tan^{-1} 1.265 \dots$   
 $\theta = 51.9^\circ$

EXAMPLE - Solve the triangle (find ALL sides and angles)

**HOMEWORK...**

Worksheet - Primary Trig Ratios.doc

2 a)  $\sin 46^\circ = \frac{x}{20}$   
 $20 \sin 46^\circ = x$   
 $14.4 = x$

c)  $\sin 86^\circ = \frac{a}{140.3}$   
 $a = \frac{140.3 \sin 86^\circ}{\sin 86^\circ}$   
 $a = 140.3$

3 b)  $\tan \theta = \frac{9}{16}$   
 $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{9}{16} \right)$   
 $\theta = 29.4^\circ$   
 $\theta = 29^\circ$

**Warm Up**

1. Evaluate each of the following:

(a)  $\csc A = 1.1924$   
 $A =$  \_\_\_\_\_

(b)  $\sec 168^\circ =$  \_\_\_\_\_

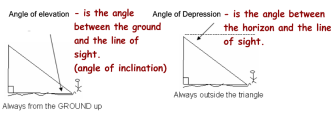
2. Solve the following triangles:

(a)  $\triangle RST$ , given that  $S = 90^\circ$ ,  $r = 12$  cm and  $t = 25$  cm.

(b)  $\triangle MVH$ , given that  $M = 90^\circ$ ,  $H = 14^\circ$  and  $m = 44$  cm.

Applications of Right Angle Trigonometry

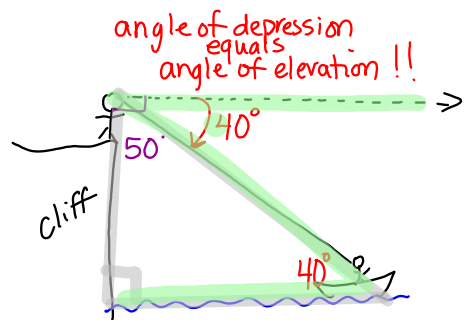
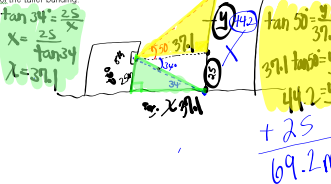
ANGLE OF ELEVATION/DEPRESSION

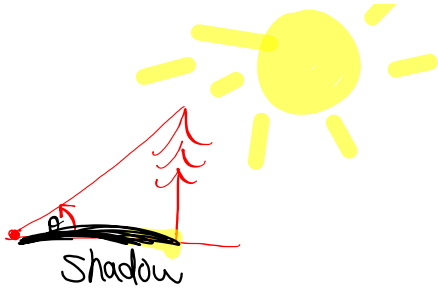


Example 1:  
 Two trees are 100m apart. From a point midway between them, the angles of elevation to their tops are  $8^\circ$  and  $13^\circ$ . How much taller is one tree than the other?



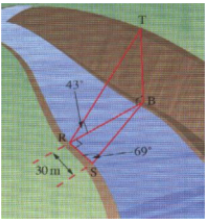
Example 2:  
 The 8th floor of an apartment building is 25m above the ground. From the 8th floor, the angle of elevation to the top of the other building is  $50^\circ$ . The angle of depression to the base of the taller building is  $34^\circ$ . Determine the height of the taller building.





**Example 3**

A climbing club plans to scale a cliff overlooking a river. To prepare for the climb, a surveyor visited the site and took some measurements to calculate the height of the cliff. From point R on the shore directly across the river, the angle of elevation to the top of the cliff is  $\angle TRB = 43^\circ$ . From a point S, 30m down the river,  $\angle BSR = 69^\circ$ . How high is the cliff?



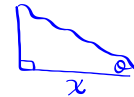
**Example 4**

An antenna is on the top of the CN Tower in Toronto. From a point 2400 m away, the angles of elevation to the top and bottom of the antenna are  $12.1^\circ$  and  $9.9^\circ$  respectively. How tall is the antenna?

10.8 Exercise #1-6

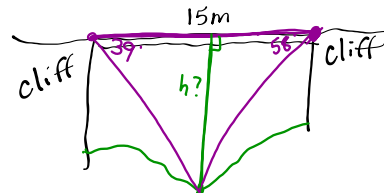
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#2.  $\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{rise} = y}{\text{run} = x}$



**Warm Up**

2. A new bridge is to be built across a gorge which is known to be 15 m wide. A support pier is to be built at the deepest point of the gorge. If the angles of depression to that point are  $39^\circ$  and  $58^\circ$  from the two ends of the bridge, what must the height of this support pier be?



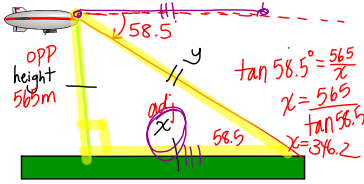
1. A surveyor who wishes to know the width of a river sights a tree on the opposite bank as bearing  $N 72^\circ E$ . He then walks 46 m due east along the bank of the river until he is directly across the river from the tree. How wide is the river?

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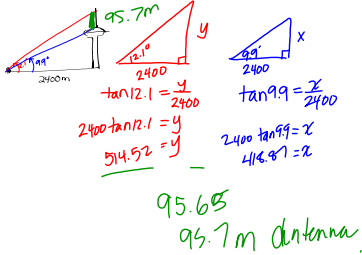
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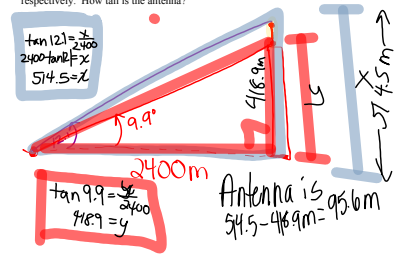
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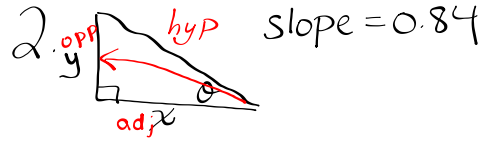
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# HOMWORK...

(Solving Right Triangles / Word Problems)

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$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = 0.84 = \frac{\text{OPP}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{OPP}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\tan \theta = 0.84$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(0.84)$$

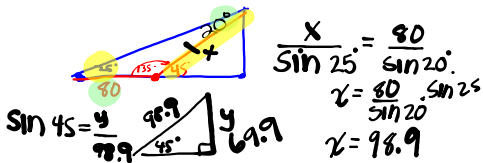
$$\theta = 40^\circ$$



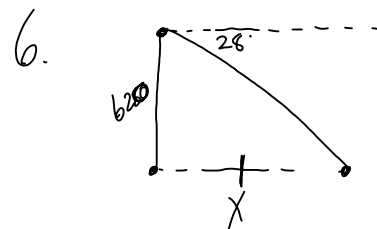
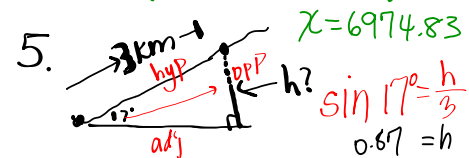
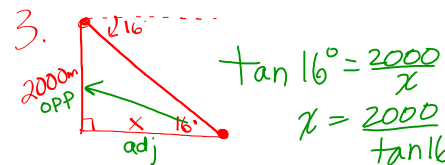
## Warm Up

### Law of Sines

In order to measure the height of a tree, two measurements are made. At one spot, the angle from the horizontal to the top of the tree is 25°. 80 feet closer to the tree, the angle from the horizontal to the top of the tree is 45°. How tall is the tree (to the nearest foot)?

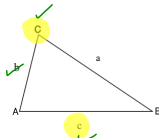


To find the length AB of a small lake, a surveyor at point C measures angle ACB to be 115°, length AC to be 500 feet, and length BC to be 325 feet. What is the length of the lake (to the nearest foot)? Circle your answer.



**Law of Sines**

\*\* Used when the triangle does not contain 90° angle (Oblique Triangle)  
 \*\* In order to use you must be given 1) an angle and an opposite side AND 2) any other side or angle  
 "PAIR"



Lower case letters "a,b,c" represent side lengths  
 Upper case letters "A,B,C" represent angle measures

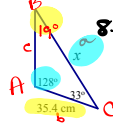
**Law of Sines**

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} \quad \frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

"when looking for a side"

"when looking for an angle"

EXAMPLE #1 - Finding a side.



$$B + 128^\circ + 33 = 180^\circ$$

$$B = 19^\circ$$

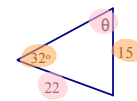
$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$$

$$\frac{x}{\sin 128^\circ} = \frac{35.4}{\sin 19^\circ}$$

$$x = \frac{35.4}{\sin 19^\circ} \times \sin 128^\circ$$

$$x = 85.7$$

EXAMPLE #2 - Finding an angle.



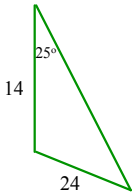
$$\frac{\sin \theta}{22} = \frac{\sin 32}{15}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sin 32}{15} \times 22$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin 32}{15} \times 22 \right)$$

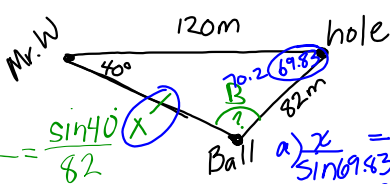
$$\theta = 51^\circ$$

EXAMPLE #3 - Solve the triangle.



EXAMPLE #4 - Application

Suppose that Mr. Waters was playing a straight par-3 golf hole that was 120 m long. He hits one of his regular old slices that ends up 40° off line and is still 82 m from the hole.  
 (a) How far did his tee shot travel?  
 (b) If he somehow miraculously hits his next shot onto the green, what was the angle between the path of his first shot and the path followed by the second shot?



$$\frac{\sin B}{120} = \frac{\sin 40^\circ}{82}$$

$$\sin B = \frac{\sin 40^\circ}{82} \times 120$$

$$\sin B = 0.94 \rightarrow (0.94)$$

$$b) B = \sin^{-1}(0.94) \rightarrow 70.2^\circ$$

**Homework...**

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Left Side...

Right Side...

#1 - 6

#1 - 4

**WARM-UP...**

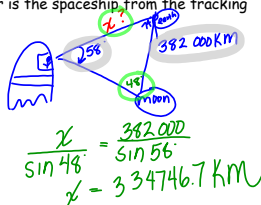
Ask yourself...

1. What am I given?
2. What am I trying to find?



EXAMPLE...

On a space flight, astronaut Neil Armstrong reports that the angle formed by his lines of sight to the earth and to the moon was 58°. At the same time, the observer on the earth reports that the angle formed by her lines of sight to the spaceship and to the moon is 74°. If the moon is 382 000 km from the earth, how far is the spaceship from the tracking station?

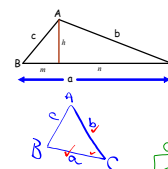


$$\frac{x}{\sin 74^\circ} = \frac{382,000}{\sin 58^\circ}$$

$$x = 3,347,467 \text{ km}$$

**Law of Cosines**

Derivation of the law of cosines...



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$$c^2 = h^2 + m^2 - 2hm \cos \theta$$

$$c^2 = h^2 + (a - h \cos \theta)^2 - 2h(a - h \cos \theta) \cos \theta$$

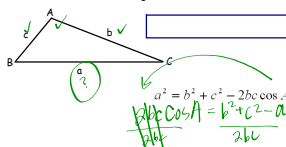
$$c^2 = h^2 + a^2 - 2ah \cos \theta + h^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2ah \cos \theta + 2h^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + h^2 - 2ah \cos \theta + h^2 \cos^2 \theta + 2h^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2ah \cos \theta$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + h^2 - 2ah \cos \theta + 3h^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2ah \cos \theta$$

**LAW OF COSINES**

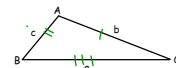
Finding an unknown side...  
 • 2 sides and a contained angle (SAS)



$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

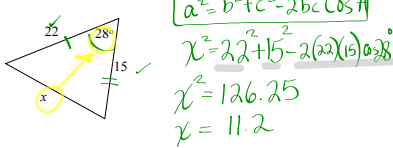
$$b^2 \cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

Finding an unknown angle...  
 • 3 known sides (SSS)



$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

EXAMPLE: Finding an unknown side.



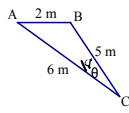
$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$x^2 = 22^2 + 15^2 - 2(22)(15)\cos 28^\circ$$

$$x^2 = 126.25$$

$$x = 11.2$$

EXAMPLE: Finding an unknown angle.



$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

$$\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{5^2 + 6^2 - 2^2}{2(5)(6)}$$

$$\cos \theta = 0.95$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.95)$$

$$\theta = 18.2^\circ$$

Application Questions - Law of Cosines

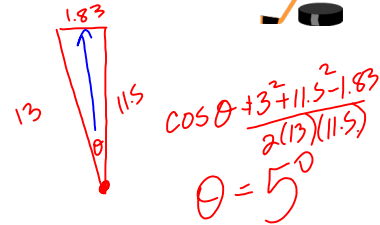
Ask yourself...

1. What am I given?
2. What am I trying to find?



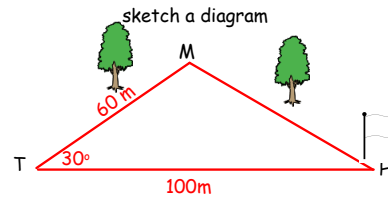
EXAMPLE...

A hockey net is 1.83m wide. A player shoots from a point where the puck is 13m from one goal post and 11.5m from the other. Within what angle must he make his shot to score?



Example #2:

From T, a golfer aims a ball towards the hole at H which is 100m away. But the ball actually sliced in a direction 30° off course and lands at M, 60m away. If the next shot is hit 50 m towards the hole, will the ball go in the hole?



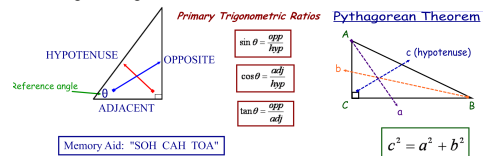
Homework...

Worksheet - Law of Cosines.doc QUESTIONS???

10.11 # 1a, 2a, 7abc  
10.12 # 3

REVIEW - What formula do I use? Ask yourself...

- Is it a right triangle? If Yes, then...



- If you are finding a side, do you have SAS? If Yes, then...

Law of Cosines

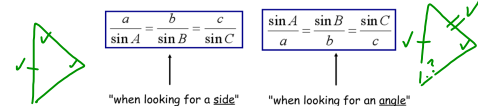
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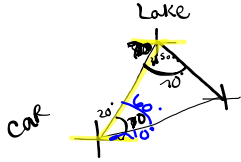
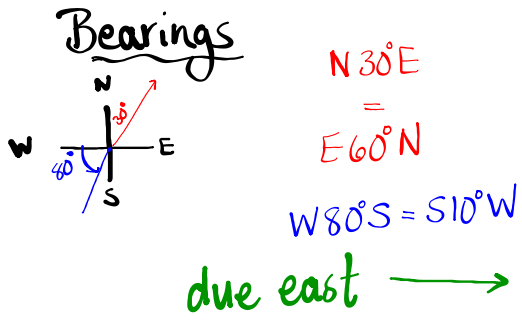
- If you are finding an angle, do you have SSS? If Yes, then...

Law of Cosines (rearranged)

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

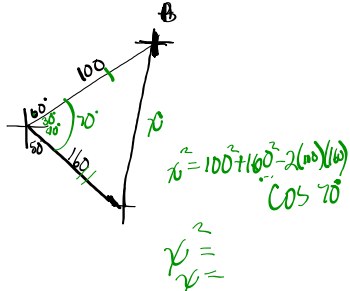
- Anything else...use your Law of Sines! Pair



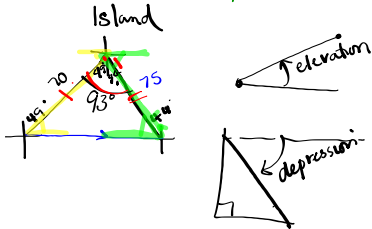


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 10.13  $\rightarrow$  # 1-5

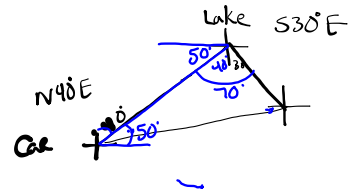
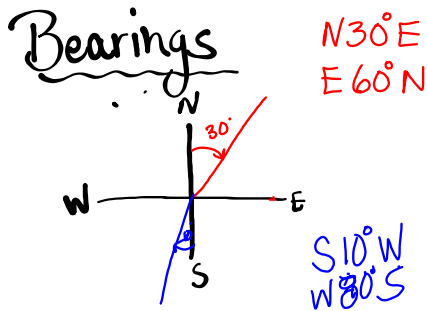
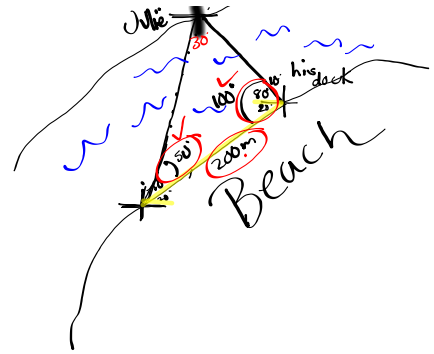
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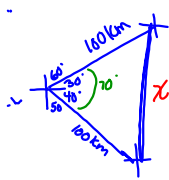
12.



#1



#8.



SAS.  
Law of Cosines

$$x^2 = 100^2 + 100^2 - 2(100)(100)\cos 70$$

$$x^2 = 13159.59$$

$$x = 114.7 \text{ Km}$$

10.12 # 8-12

10.13 harder!! #1-5

12.



$$x^2 = 70^2 + 75^2 - 2(70)(75)\cos 93$$

$$x =$$

9.



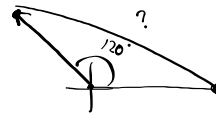
EXTRA PRACTICE TIME...Finish for HW!!!

1) Review - Primary Trig Ratios\_Law of Sines\_Cosines.pdf

Corrections to solutions: #1c) 19.1 #1d) 20.63 scratch (e) & (f)  
#4. 877.3 km

2) Puzzle Review - Primary Trig. Law of Sines\_Cosines.pdf

$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$	$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$	$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$
$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$	$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$	$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$
$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$	$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$	

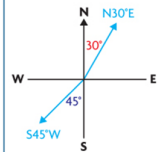


Hello crayon

MORE APPLICATIONS... Bearings

NOTE:

**Communication Tip**  
Directions are often stated in terms of north and south on a compass. For example, N30°E means travelling in a direction 30° east of north. S45°W means travelling in a direction 45° west of south.



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**Applications: Bearings**

Ex #1 (p. 122) Using reasoning to determine the measure of an angle

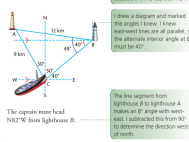
The captain of a small boat (radioing) signals to two lighthouses, as shown. His compass indicates that the lighthouse to his left is located at  $S69^{\circ}W$  and the lighthouse to his right is located at  $S90^{\circ}E$ . Determine the compass direction he must follow when he leaves lighthouse B for lighthouse A.



1. Show a diagram. Labelled the sides of the triangle. Know and the angle needed to determine.

2. Know AC, AB, and  $\angle C$ , and I wanted to determine  $\angle B$ . So I used the sine law that includes these three quantities. I used the proportion with  $a, b$  and  $\sin A$  in the numerator, so the unknown would be in the denominator.

3. The answer seems reasonable.  $\angle B$  must be less than  $90^{\circ}$ . Because 9 km is less than 12 km.



4. The bearing from lighthouse B to lighthouse A is  $N82^{\circ}W$ .

**NOTE:**



**Compass Rose Addition**

**EX #2: Solving an application question...**

(p. 166)

Colleen and Juan observed a tethered balloon advertising the opening of a new fitness centre. They were 250 m apart, joined by a line that passed directly below the balloon, and were on the same side of the balloon. Juan observed the balloon at an angle of elevation of  $7^{\circ}$  while Colleen observed the balloon at an angle of elevation of  $82^{\circ}$ . Determine the height of the balloon to the nearest metre.

**HOMEWORK...**

**\*\*\* Quiz on Monday**

- Primary Trig Ratios & Pythagorean Theorem
- Law of Sines/Cosines
- Finding angles/sides/solving/word problems

**MORE PRACTICE!!!**

Puzzle Review - Primary Trig, Law of Sines\_Cosines.pdf

Solutions to the puzzle... Puzzle Review Solutions.pdf

Logic - Figure Out The Digits.doc

**DUE FIRST OF CLASS MONDAY**

**When your finished the quiz...**

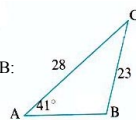
**HOMEWORK: More Applications/Word Problems**

**Page 154 #5, 6, 9, 10, 11 (bearings - see example from Friday)**  
**Page 172 #9, 10, 12, 13, 14**



**Warm Up**

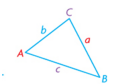
Determine the measure of the obtuse angle B:



**Trigonometry Summary AND 'The AMBIGUOUS Case'...**

**Need to Know**

- The sine law and cosine law are used with obtuse triangles in the same way that they are used with acute triangles.



sine law  $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

cosine law  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$

**oblique triangle**  
 A triangle that does not contain a  $90^{\circ}$  angle.

Use the sine law when you know ...	Use the cosine law when you know ...
- the lengths of two sides and the measure of the angle that is opposite a known side 	- the lengths of two sides and the measure of the contained angle 
- the measures of two angles and the length of any side 	- the lengths of all three sides 

**Ambiguous Case**

Be careful when using the sine law to determine the measure of an angle. The inverse sine of a ratio always gives an acute angle, but the supplementary angle has the same ratio. You must decide whether the acute angle,  $\theta$ , or the obtuse angle,  $180^{\circ} - \theta$ , is the correct angle for your triangle.

4.3

The Ambiguous Case of the Sine Law

GOAL

Analyze the ambiguous case of the sine law, and solve problems that involve the ambiguous case.

EXPLORE...

- Two sides in an obtuse triangle are 3 m and 4 m in length. The angle that is opposite the 3 m side measures  $40^\circ$ . Determine the measure of the angle that is opposite the 4 m side.

SAMPLE ANSWER



**Ambiguous case of the sine law.**  
A situation in which two triangles can be drawn, given the available information; the ambiguous case may occur when the given measurements are the lengths of two sides and the measure of an angle that is not contained by the two sides (SSA).

**Notes - Ambiguous Case.pdf**

**Criteria for the Ambiguous Case...**

- Must be given SSA
- Given angle is acute
- $a < b$

\*\*\* If ALL 3 criteria are met, then...  
**CALCULATE THE ALTITUDE**  
 $alt = b \sin A$

**CASE 1:**  $a <$  altitude; there is **NO SOLUTION**

**CASE 2:**  $a =$  altitude; there is **ONE SOLUTION** (Right Triangle)

**CASE 3:**  $a >$  altitude; this is the **'AMBIGUOUS CASE'... TWO SOLUTIONS**

- Acute Triangle (angle,  $\theta$ , is found with Law of Sines)
- Obtuse Triangle (angle is  $180^\circ - \theta$ )

**Handwritten notes:**

SSA (ASS) **try**  
 $A = 10^\circ, b = 4m, a = 3m$   
 1 triangle (a+b)  
 $A = 30^\circ, b = 6m, a = 5m$   
 altitude =  $b \sin A$   
 $6 \sin 30^\circ = 3$   
 $a = 5 > 3$  1 triangle (right)  
 $A = 60^\circ, b = 10m, a = 6m$   
 altitude =  $b \sin A$   
 $10 \sin 60^\circ = 8.66$   
 $a = 6 < 8.66$  0 triangles  
 $A = 30^\circ, b = 9m, a = 9m$   
 altitude =  $b \sin A$   
 $9 \sin 30^\circ = 4.5$   
 $a = 9 = 4.5 \times 2$  2 triangles

**MUST MEMORIZE THESE NOTES IN ORDER TO KNOW AMBIGUOUS CASE**

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**Back to the Warm-Up...**

Determine the measure of the obtuse angle B:

**EXAMPLE 1** Connecting the SSA situation to the number of possible triangles

Given each SSA situation for  $\triangle ABC$ , determine how many triangles are possible.

a)  $\angle A = 30^\circ, a = 4 \text{ m},$  and  $b = 12 \text{ m}$     c)  $\angle A = 30^\circ, a = 8 \text{ m},$  and  $b = 12 \text{ m}$   
 b)  $\angle A = 30^\circ, a = 6 \text{ m},$  and  $b = 12 \text{ m}$     d)  $\angle A = 30^\circ, a = 15 \text{ m},$  and  $b = 12 \text{ m}$

**Saskia's Solution**

$b = 12$   
 $\sin 30^\circ = \frac{h}{12}$   
 $12 \sin 30^\circ = h$   
 $6 \text{ m} = h$

a)  $\angle A = 30^\circ, a = 4 \text{ m},$  and  $b = 12 \text{ m}$   
 No triangles are possible.

b)  $\angle A = 30^\circ, a = 6 \text{ m},$  and  $b = 12 \text{ m}$   
 One triangle is possible.

c)  $\angle A = 30^\circ, a = 8 \text{ m},$  and  $b = 12 \text{ m}$   
 Two triangles are possible.

d)  $\angle A = 30^\circ, a = 15 \text{ m},$  and  $b = 12 \text{ m}$   
 One triangle is possible.

**Handwritten notes:**

- I drew the beginning of a triangle with a  $30^\circ$  angle and a 12 m side.
- I used the sine ratio to calculate the height of the triangle.
- I can use this height as a benchmark to decide on side lengths opposite the  $30^\circ$  angle that will result in zero, one, or two triangles.
- Since  $a < b$  and  $a < h$ , I know that no triangles are possible.
- I used a compass to be certain. I set the compass tips to represent 4 m. I placed one tip of the compass at the open end of the 12 m side and swung the pencil tip toward the other side. The pencil couldn't reach the base, so a 4 m side could not close the triangle.
- Since  $a < b$  and  $a = h$ , there is only one possible triangle, a right triangle.
- A compass arc intersects the base at one point.
- Since  $a < b$  and  $a > h$ , there are two possible triangles.
- A compass arc intersects the base at two points.
- Since  $a > b$ , only one triangle is possible.
- A compass arc intersects the base at only one point.

**Example 2:**  
Solve the triangle ABC if  $a = 10, b = 12$  and angle  $A = 72^\circ$ .

**Example 3:**  
Given that  $A = 25^\circ, a = 15,$  and  $b = 33,$  find the measure of angle B to the nearest degree. If there are two answers, give both of them. If there are no possible answers, write "none".

**HOMEWORK...**

Worksheet - Ambiguous Case.pdf

Do questions #1, 2 & 4  
**MEMORIZE!!!**

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- $a < b$
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**The Ambiguous Case of the Law of Sines**

Ambiguous Case Slide Show.ppt



**am-big-u-ous**  $\text{adj}$  [am-big-yoo-ah-s] [Show IPA](#)

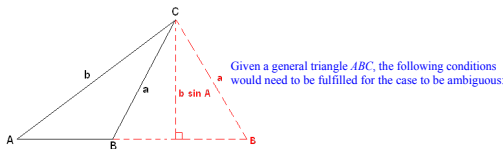
**adjective**

- open to or having several possible meanings or interpretations; equivocal: an *ambiguous* answer.
- Linguistics (of an expression) exhibiting constructional homonymy; having two or more structural descriptions, as the sentence *Flying planes can be dangerous*.
- of doubtful or uncertain nature; difficult to comprehend, distinguish, or classify: a *rock of ambiguous* character.
- lacking clearness or definiteness; obscure; indistinct: an *ambiguous shape*; an *ambiguous future*.

**REVIEW: Solving Oblique Triangles... The Ambiguous Case**

**The ambiguous case**

When using the law of sines to solve triangles, under special conditions there exists an ambiguous case where two separate triangles can be constructed (i.e., there are two different possible solutions to the triangle).

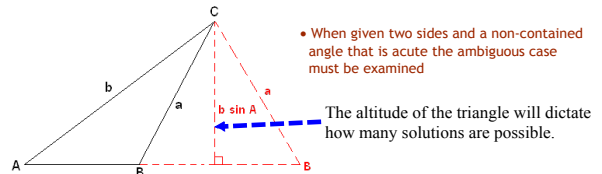


- The only information known about the triangle is the angle  $A$  and the sides  $a$  and  $b$ , where the angle  $A$  is not the included angle of the two sides.
- The angle  $A$  is acute (i.e.,  $A < 90^\circ$ ).
- The side  $a$  is shorter than the side  $b$  (i.e.,  $a < b$ ). ( $a$  is the altitude of a right triangle with angle  $A$ )
- The angle  $B$  is not a right angle (i.e.,  $a > b \sin A$ ).

Given all of the above premises are true, the angle  $B$  may be acute or obtuse; meaning, one of the following is true:

$$B = \sin^{-1}\left[\frac{b \sin A}{a}\right] \text{ OR } B = 180^\circ - \sin^{-1}\left[\frac{b \sin A}{a}\right]$$

**Summary: Ambiguous Case**



$a < b \bullet \sin A$	No Solutions
$b \bullet \sin A < a < b$	Two Solutions
$b < a$	One Solution

**Example 4: Solving a problem using the sine law**

Martina and Carl are part of a team that is studying weather patterns. The team is about to launch a weather balloon to collect data. Martina's rope is 7.8 m long and makes an angle of  $36.0^\circ$  with the ground. Carl's rope is 5.9 m long. Assuming that Martina and Carl form a triangle in a vertical plane with the weather balloon, what is the distance between Martina and Carl, to the nearest tenth of a metre?



**AMBIGUOUS???**

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**Sandra's Solution:** Using the sine law and then the cosine law

Let  $h$  represent the height of the weather balloon. Let  $\theta$  represent the angle for Carl's rope.

**Situation 1:**

$\frac{5.9}{\sin 36.0^\circ} = \frac{7.8}{\sin \theta}$   
 $\sin \theta = \frac{7.8 \sin 36.0^\circ}{5.9}$   
 $\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{7.8 \sin 36.0^\circ}{5.9}\right) \approx 54.847^\circ \approx 54.8^\circ$

**Situation 2:**

$\frac{5.9}{\sin 36.0^\circ} = \frac{7.8}{\sin \theta}$   
 $\sin \theta = \frac{7.8 \sin 36.0^\circ}{5.9}$   
 $\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{7.8 \sin 36.0^\circ}{5.9}\right) \approx 125.153^\circ$

**Substituted the side lengths and angles (including  $\theta$ ) into the formula for the cosine law to solve for  $c$ .**

**Used the cosine law to determine  $c$ .**

**Used the cosine law to determine the angle  $\theta$  between Martina and Carl. I substituted the known measurements into the cosine law.**

**Also considered the situation in which Carl is closer to Martina.**

**Used the sine law to determine  $\theta$ .**

**Determined the measure of the supplementary angle, which is suitable for this situation.**

**The measure of the angles in a triangle sum to  $180^\circ$ .**

**Used the cosine law to determine the distance  $c$ , between Martina and Carl.**

**Used the cosine law to determine the distance  $c$ , between Martina and Carl.**

**Substituted the measure of  $\theta$  and the given side lengths into the cosine law.**

In the second situation, Martina and Carl are 2.6 m apart. Martina and Carl are either 10.0 m apart or 2.6 m apart.

HOMEWORK...

Worksheet - Ambiguous Case.pdf

#5, 6, & 7

Page 184: #7, 8, 11

Warm Up

Given  $\triangle RST$  has angle  $R = 58^\circ$ ,  $r = 48$  and  $s = 25$ .  
Solve the triangle, if there is more than one possible, solve both!

**EXAMPLE #5: Reasoning about ambiguity**  
(p. 180)

Leanne and Kerry are hiking in the mountains. They left Leanne's car in the parking lot and walked northwest for 12.4 km to a campsite. Then they turned due south and walked another 7.0 km to a glacier lake. The weather was taking a turn for the worse, so they decided to plot a course directly back to the parking lot. Kerry remembered, from the map in the parking lot, that the angle between the path to the campsite and the path to the glacier lake measures about  $30^\circ$ . What compass direction should they follow to return directly to the parking lot?

**Austin's Solution**

Since I am given specific directions, I know exactly how to draw a sketch of the situation. There is only one way to draw the sketch, so this is not ambiguous.

Leanne and Kerry left the parking lot and walked northwest and then south.

Because the campsite is due north of the lake, I know that the angle at the lake vertex of the triangle,  $\theta$ , would help me determine the compass direction that Leanne and Kerry need to travel. My diagram shows that Leanne and Kerry need to travel approximately southeast.

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{12.4} = \frac{\sin 30^\circ}{7.0}$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{12.4} = 12 \cdot \left( \frac{\sin 30^\circ}{7.0} \right)$$

$$\sin \theta = 0.8857 \dots$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}(0.8857)$$

$$\theta = 62.3395 \dots$$

**Correction: AMBIGUOUS!!!**  
 $\theta = 180^\circ - 62.3395 \dots$   
 $\theta = 117.6604 \dots$

$180^\circ - 117.6604 \dots = 62.3395 \dots$

Leanne and Kerry would need to travel in the direction  $S62.3^\circ E$  to reach the parking lot.

I noticed two sine-angle pairs, so I substituted the values into the sine law and solved for  $\theta$ .

subtracted the measure of the angle in my triangle from  $180^\circ$  to determine the direction of travel.

Warm up Nov 28 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gail works as an aerial photographer. On one trip she takes off from the airport and flies for 52 km on a bearing of  $N50^\circ E$ . Then she turns and flies southwest for 38 km, until she is due east of the airport.

a) Sketch a diagram of Gail's flight.

b) Explain how this situation could be ambiguous, and why it is not.

c) How far is Gail from the airport when she is due east of it?

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Warm up Nov 28 Name: Answer

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a) Sketch a diagram of Gail's flight.

b) Explain how this situation could be ambiguous, and why it is not.

$a < b$  altitude =  $b \sin A = 52 \sin 40^\circ = 33.42$   
 $a > \text{altitude}$  two possible situations but told South West

c) How far is Gail from the airport when she is due east of it?

$$\frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin A}{a}$$

$$\frac{\sin B}{52} = \frac{\sin 40^\circ}{38}$$

$$B = 61.6^\circ$$

but need supplementary angle  $180^\circ - 62^\circ = 118^\circ$

$$\frac{x}{\sin 118^\circ} = \frac{52}{\sin 32^\circ}$$

$$x = 22 \text{ km from airport}$$

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**REVIEW - Trigonometry**

- Pythagorean Theorem & Primary Trig Ratios
- REMEMBER: "SOH CAH TOA"
- Applications of Primary Trig
- Law of Sines & Its Applications
- Law of Cosines & Its Applications
- Bearings and Multi-step Word Problems
- "Solving" - find ALL angles & sides

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## REVIEW TIME!!!

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Review - Trigonometry.doc

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