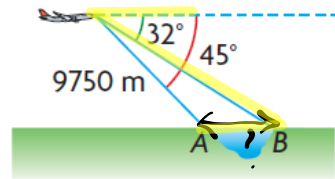


**HOMEWORK: More Applications/Word Problems ???**

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

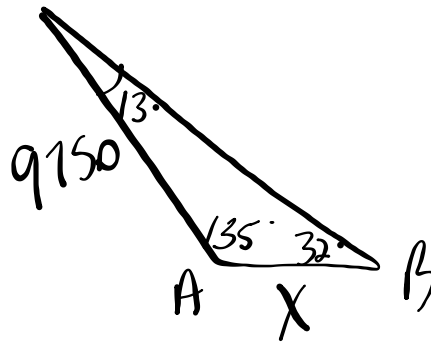
**Page 172 #9, 10, 12, 13, 14**

14. A surveyor in an airplane observes that the angles of depression to points  $A$  and  $B$ , on opposite shores of a lake, measure  $32^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , as shown. Determine the width of the lake,  $AB$ , to the nearest metre.

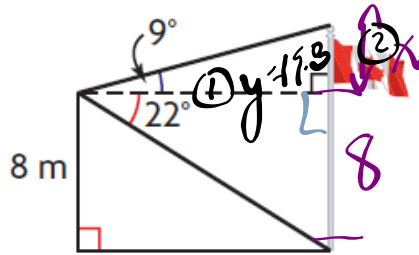


$$\frac{x}{\sin 13} = \frac{9750 \sin 13}{\sin 32}$$

$$x = 4138.9 \text{ m}$$



10. From a window in an apartment building, the angle of elevation to the top of a flagpole across the street is  $9^\circ$ . The angle of depression is  $22^\circ$  to the base of the flagpole. How tall is the flagpole, to the nearest tenth of a metre?



$$\textcircled{1} \tan 22^\circ = \frac{8}{y}$$

$$y = \frac{8}{\tan 22^\circ}$$

$$y = 19.8$$

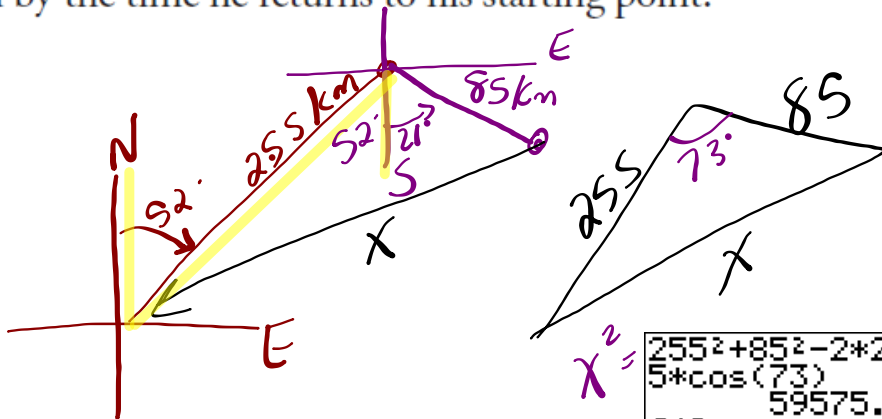
$$\textcircled{2} \tan 9^\circ = \frac{x}{19.8}$$

$$3.1 = x$$

$$H = 8 + 3.1$$

$$\text{Height} = 11.1 \text{ m}$$

11. A bush pilot delivers supplies to a remote camp by flying 255 km in the direction  $N52^\circ E$ . While at the camp, the pilot receives a radio message to pick up a passenger at a village. The village is 85 km  $S21^\circ E$  from the camp. What is the total distance, to the nearest kilometre, that the pilot will have flown by the time he returns to his starting point?



$$x^2 = 255^2 + 85^2 - 2 \cdot 255 \cdot 85 \cdot \cos(73)$$

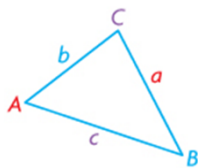
$$= 59575.6866$$

$$\sqrt{\text{Ans}} = 244.0813115$$

$$\blacksquare x =$$

Total  $\Rightarrow 244 + 255 + 85$   
(584 km)

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



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° angle.

cosine rearranged  

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

**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.

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 or 	- the lengths of all three sides 

**SAS**

~~SSA~~

**SAA**

**SSS**

**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.

# Notes - Ambiguous Case.pdf

## In Summary

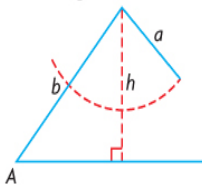
### Key Idea

- The ambiguous case of the sine law may occur when you are given two side lengths and the measure of an angle that is opposite one of these sides. Depending on the measure of the given angle and the lengths of the given sides, you may need to construct and solve zero, one, or two triangles.

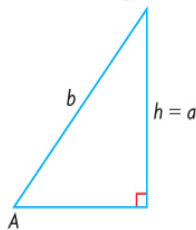
### Need to Know

- In  $\triangle ABC$  below, where  $h$  is the height of the triangle,  $\angle A$  and the lengths of sides  $a$  and  $b$  are given, and  $\angle A$  is acute, there are four possibilities to consider:

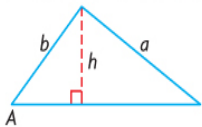
If  $\angle A$  is acute and  $a < h$ , there is **no triangle**.



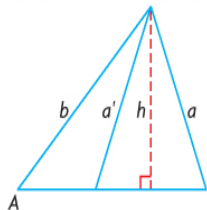
If  $\angle A$  is acute and  $a = h$ , there is **one right triangle**.



If  $\angle A$  is acute and  $a > b$  or  $a = b$ , there is **one triangle**.

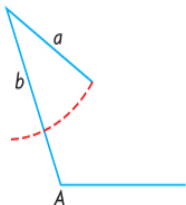


If  $\angle A$  is acute and  $h < a < b$ , there are **two possible triangles**.

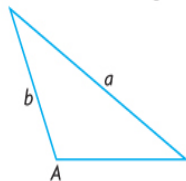


- If  $\angle A$ ,  $a$ , and  $b$  are given and  $\angle A$  is obtuse, there are two possibilities to consider:

If  $\angle A$  is obtuse and  $a < b$  or  $a = b$ , there is **no triangle**.



If  $\angle A$  is obtuse and  $a > b$ , there is **one triangle**.



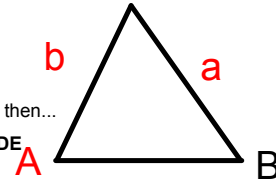
## Criteria for the Ambiguous Case...

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

\*\*\* If ALL 3 criteria are met, then...

### CALCULATE THE ALTITUDE

$$\text{alt} = b \sin A$$



**CASE 1:**  $a < \text{altitude}$ ; there is NO SOLUTION

**CASE 2:**  $a = \text{altitude}$ ; there is ONE SOLUTION [Right Triangle]

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

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

**MUST  
MEMORIZE  
THESE  
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AMBIGUOUS  
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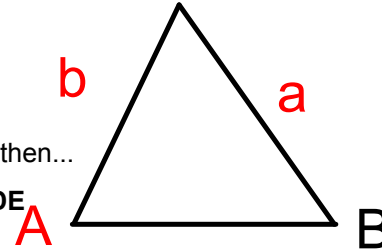
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**CASE 1:**  $a < alt$ ; there is NO SOLUTION

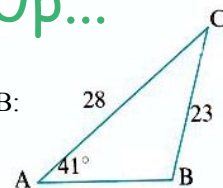
**CASE 2:**  $a = alt$ ; there is ONE SOLUTION [Right Triangle]

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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

✓SSA  
 ✓acute  
 ✓ $a < b$   
 $alt = 12 \sin 30^\circ$

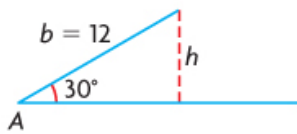
Given each SSA situation for  $\triangle ABC$ , determine how many triangles are possible.

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

$alt = 6$

d)  $a > b \rightarrow$  one solution      ①  $a < alt$  (a) No solution      ②  $a = alt$  (b) 1 right  $\triangle$       ③  $a > alt$  (c) Ambiguous 2 solutions

Saskia's Solution



I drew the beginning of a triangle with a  $30^\circ$  angle and a 12 m side.

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{h}{12}$$

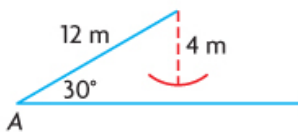
I used the sine ratio to calculate the height of the triangle.

$$12 \sin 30^\circ = h$$

$$6 \text{ m} = h$$

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.

- a)  $\angle A = 30^\circ$ ,  $a = 4$  m, and  $b = 12$  m

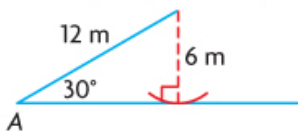


Since  $a < b$  and  $a < h$ , I knew that no triangles are possible.

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.

- b)  $\angle A = 30^\circ$ ,  $a = 6$  m, and  $b = 12$  m

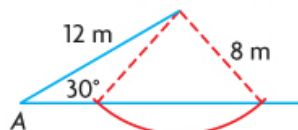


Since  $a < b$  and  $a = h$ , there is only one possible triangle, a right triangle.

One triangle is possible.

A compass arc intersects the base at only one point.

- c)  $\angle A = 30^\circ$ ,  $a = 8$  m, and  $b = 12$  m

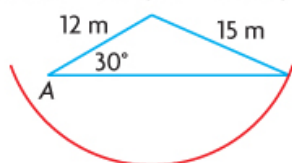


Since  $a < b$  and  $a > h$ , there are two possible triangles.

Two triangles are possible.

A compass arc intersects the base at two points.

- d)  $\angle A = 30^\circ$ ,  $a = 15$  m, and  $b = 12$  m



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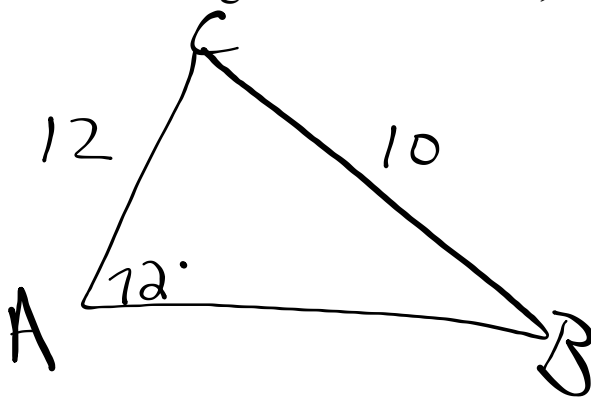
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## Example 2:

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

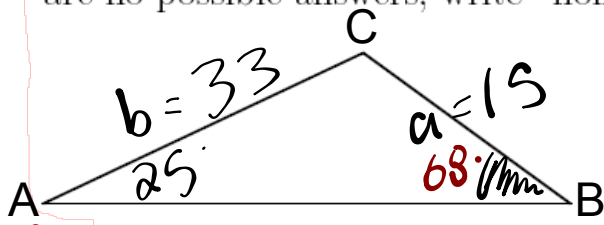


~~SSA~~  
✓ - angle acute  
✓ -  $a < b$   
alt =  $12 \sin 72^\circ$   
alt = 11.41

$a$  vs alt  
 $10 < 11.4$   
(No Solution)

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".



SSA  
 acute  
 $a < b$   
 $alt = 33 \sin 25^\circ$   
 $alt = 13.95$

$$\frac{\sin B}{33} = \frac{\sin 25^\circ}{15}$$

~~$\sin^{-1} \sin B = (0.9298)$~~

$\times \angle B = \boxed{68^\circ}$  OR  $\angle B = 180 - 68$   
 $\angle B = \boxed{112^\circ}$

$a \underline{vs} alt$   
 $15 > 13.95$   
 $\times$  Ambiguous

# HOMEWORK...



Do questions #1, 2 & 4

**MEMORIZE!!!**

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## Attachments

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