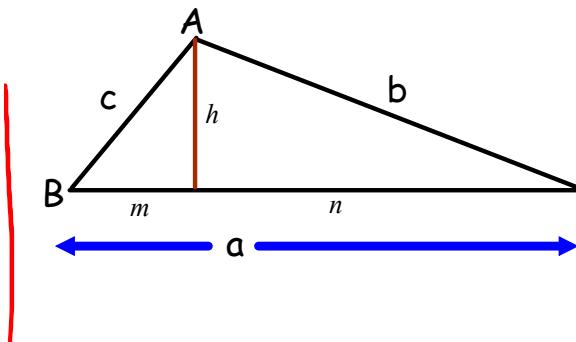


Law of Cosines

Derivation of the law of cosines...



$$c^2 = h^2 + m^2 \quad \leftarrow m = a - n$$

$$c^2 = h^2 + (a-n)^2$$

$$c^2 = h^2 + a^2 - 2an + n^2$$

$$c^2 = h^2 + n^2 + a^2 - 2an \quad \leftarrow h^2 + n^2 = b^2$$

$$c^2 = b^2 + a^2 - 2an \quad \leftarrow \cos C = \frac{n}{b}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2a(b \cos C)$$

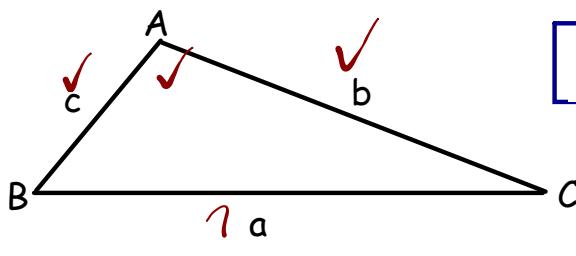
$$\boxed{c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C}$$

$$n = b \cos C$$

Finding an unknown side...

Law of Cosines

- 2 sides and a contained angle (SAS)

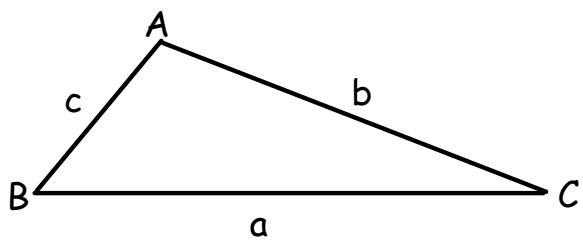


$$\boxed{a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A}$$

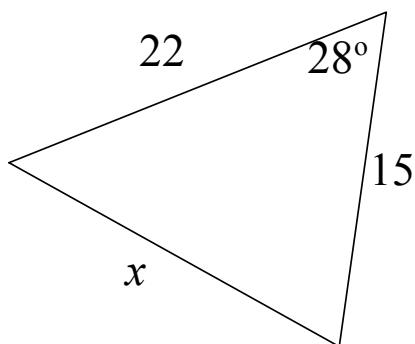
Finding an unknown angle...

- 3 known sides (SSS)

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



EXAMPLE: Finding an unknown side.



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{*SAS} \\ & a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \\ & x^2 = 22^2 + 15^2 - 2(22)(15) \cos 28^\circ \\ & x^2 = 22^2 + 15^2 - 2 * 22 * 15 * \cos(28^\circ) \\ & x^2 = 126.2545887 \\ & x = 11.23630672 \\ & x = 11.2 \end{aligned}$$

***School wellness activity...finish tomorrow

EXAMPLE: Finding an unknown angle.

