

Unit 7 Notes - SOLVING TRIG EQUATIONS

RECALL: We have solved basic trig equations before (they were on the last test).

Ex 1: Solve: $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$. (ask yourself, "Self, where does sine = $\frac{1}{2}$?") *Sine is \oplus in I, II *

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

$$\text{and } \frac{5\pi}{6} \pm 2\pi k$$

2 πk takes into account
k number of full rotations!

Ex 2: Solve: $2\sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta - 1 = 0$ (this has a squared term and a linear term, so factor)

Let $y = \sin \theta$.

$$2y^2 - y - 1 = 0$$

$$(y - \frac{2}{2})(y + \frac{1}{2}) = 0$$

$$(y - 1)(2y + 1) = 0$$

$$y - 1 = 0 \quad 2y + 1 = 0$$

$$y = 1 \quad y = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin \theta = 1 \quad \sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Sine is \ominus in III, IV

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k \text{ and } \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\pi k \text{ and } \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2\pi k$$

"BLOB" PROBLEMS:

These problems will be very similar to Example 1. The main difference is the angle.

Ex 3: Solve: $\sin 2\theta = 1$ Let $\square = 2\theta$

To do: Treat the problem like $\sin \square = 1$. $\square = \text{blob}$ (represents an unknown angle)
So, find the angle whose sine = 1 $\rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$ where sine = 1

You know that the unknown angle must represent $\frac{\pi}{2}$ in order for the equation to be true...

Therefore, $\square = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k$ In the original problem, we did not have a BLOB, we had 2θ .
Therefore, $\frac{2\theta}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k$ Now, you can solve for theta by dividing everything by 2.

Answer: $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi k$ $\frac{\pi}{2} \div 2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$

Ex 4: Solve: $\cos \theta/4 = 1$

$\square = \frac{\theta}{4}$ Rewrite with a blob: $\cos \square = 1$
Find out what angle has a cosine of 1: $0 + 2\pi k = 2\pi k$
Set blob contents = to that angle: $\frac{\theta}{4} = 2\pi k \cdot 4$
Solve for theta:
Answer: $8\pi k = \theta$

Ex 5: Solve: $\tan 3\theta = \sqrt{3}$

* remember for tan, use " $+\pi k$ " in answer

$$\tan \square = \sqrt{3} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \\ \text{or } \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{3\theta}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi k}{3}$$

jumps back and forth between QI and QIII
 $\theta = \frac{\pi}{9} + \frac{\pi k}{3}$

5.3 Solving Trig Equations Practice Worksheet #1
Pre-calculus

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Solve for the unknown variable on the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.

1. $4 \cos^2 x - 3 = 0$

$$4x^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

2. $\sqrt{2} \sin(2x) = 1$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} y}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{7\pi}{8}$$

3. $3 \cot^2 x - 1 = 0$

$$\cot^2 x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\cot x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\rightarrow \tan x = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

4. $\cos^3 x = \cos x$

$$\cos^3 x - \cos x = 0$$

$$x^3 - x = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$x(x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad x+1=0 \quad x-1=0$$

$$\cos x = 0 \quad \cos x = -1 \quad \cos x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \quad x = \pi \quad x = 0$$

5. $\sin x - 2 \sin x \cos x = 0$

$$\sin x (1 - 2 \cos x) = 0$$

$$\sin x = 0 \quad 1 - 2 \cos x = 0$$

$$x = 0, \pi \quad \cos x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

6. $2 \sin^2 x - \sin x - 3 = 0$

$$2y^2 - y - 3 = 0$$

$$(y - \frac{3}{2})(y + 2) = 0$$

$$(2y - 3)(y + 1) = 0$$

$$2 \sin x - 3 = 0 \quad \sin x + 1 = 0$$

$$\sin x = \frac{3}{2} \quad \sin x = -1$$

$$x = \text{DNE} \quad x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

7. $\csc x - \csc x - 2 = 0$

$$y^2 - y - 2 = 0$$

$$(y + 1)(y - 2) = 0$$

$$\csc x = -1 \quad \csc x = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin x} = -1 \quad \frac{1}{\sin x} = 2$$

$$\sin x = -1 \quad \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2} \quad x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

Solve for the unknown variable on the given interval.

9. $\sqrt{3} + \tan(2x) = 0$ on $[0, 2\pi)$.

$$\tan \square = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

10. $\cos(\pi x) = 0.5$ on $[0, 2)$.

$$\cos \square = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{\pi x}{\pi} = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}$$

11. $\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 1 = 0$ on $[0, 8\pi)$.

$$\sin \square = 1$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k$$

$$x = \pi + 4\pi k$$

$$x = \pi, 5\pi$$

5.3 Solving Trig Equations - Worksheet #2
Pre-calculus

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Part 1: Solve for the unknown variable. Give all of the exact general solutions.

1. $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \pm 2\pi k$

and $\frac{3\pi}{4} \pm 2\pi k$

4. $1 + \sin \theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta$

$1 + \sin \theta = 2(1 - \sin^2 \theta)$

$1 + \sin \theta = 2 - 2\sin^2 \theta$

$2\sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 1 = 0$

$(\sin \theta + \frac{1}{2})(\sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}) = 0$

$\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$

$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2} \pm 2\pi k, \frac{\pi}{6} \pm 2\pi k, \frac{5\pi}{6} \pm 2\pi k$

2. $\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta}$

$\tan \theta = 1$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \pm \pi k$

5. $2 \cos^2 \theta + \cos \theta = 0$

$\cos \theta (2 \cos \theta + 1) = 0$

$\cos \theta = 0$

$\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \pm 2\pi k, \frac{3\pi}{2} \pm 2\pi k$

$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} \pm 2\pi k, \frac{4\pi}{3} \pm 2\pi k$

3. $\tan \theta = 1$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \pm \pi k$



6. $\sin 3\theta = -1$

$\sin \square = -1$

$\frac{3\theta}{3} = \frac{3\pi}{2} \pm \frac{2\pi k}{3}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \pm \frac{2\pi k}{3}$

7. $\sin^2 \theta - 1 = 0$

$\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta} = \pm \sqrt{1}$

$\sin \theta = \pm 1$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \pm 2\pi k$

or

$\frac{3\pi}{2} \pm 2\pi k$

8. $\cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}$

$\cos \square = \frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{2\theta}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3} \pm \frac{2\pi k}{2}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} \pm \pi k$

$\frac{2\theta}{2} = \frac{5\pi}{3} \pm \frac{2\pi k}{2}$

$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} \pm \pi k$

9. $2 \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta - 1 = 0$

$2x^2 - x - 1 = 0$

$(x - \frac{1}{2})(x + 1) = 0$

$(\sin \theta - \frac{1}{2})(\sin \theta + 1) = 0$

$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad \sin \theta = -1$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} \pm 2\pi k, \frac{5\pi}{6} \pm 2\pi k$

$\frac{7\pi}{6} \pm 2\pi k, \frac{11\pi}{6} \pm 2\pi k$

10. $\tan 4\theta = -1$

II, IV

$\frac{y}{x} \square = \theta$

$\frac{4\theta}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{4} \pm \frac{\pi k}{4}$

$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{16} \pm \frac{\pi k}{4}$

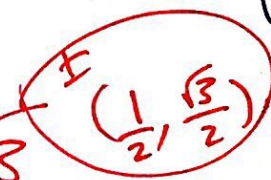
11. $\tan^2 3x = 3$

$\sqrt{\tan^2 \square} = \sqrt{3}$

$\tan \square = \pm \sqrt{3} = y$
 $1 = x$

$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3} \pm \frac{\pi k}{3}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{9} \pm \frac{\pi k}{9}$



12. $\cos \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$\cos \square = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{4} \pm \frac{2\pi k}{2}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{2} \pm 4\pi k$

$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{7\pi}{4} \pm \frac{2\pi k}{2}$

$x = \frac{7\pi}{2} \pm 4\pi k$

Part 2: Solve by approximating the solutions on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$.

13. $2\sin^2 x + 3\sin x + 1 = 0$

$2y^2 + 3y + 1 = 0$

$(y + \frac{1}{2})(y + \frac{2}{2}) = 0$

$(2y + 1) = 0 \quad y + 1 = 0$

$\sin x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \sin x = -1$

$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$

16. $\frac{\cos x \cot x}{1 - \sin x} = 3$

$\cos x \cot x = 3(1 - \sin x) \cdot \sin x$

$\cos^2 x = 3\sin x(1 - \sin x)$

$1 - \sin^2 x = 3\sin x - 3\sin^2 x$

$2\sin^2 x - 3\sin x + 1 = 0$

$(2\sin x - 1)(\sin x - 1) = 0$

$\sin x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \sin x = 1 \quad x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}$

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* 14. $4\sin^2 x = 2\cos x + 1$

$4(1 - \cos^2 x) = 2\cos x + 1$

$4(1 - x^2) = 2x + 1$

$4x - 4x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$

$+4x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$

Quadratic Formula $x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{13}}{4}$

$x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{13}}{4}\right)$

17. $\sec^2 x + 0.5 \tan x = 1$

$\sec^2 x + \frac{1}{2}(\sec^2 x - 1) = 1$

$\sec^2 x + \frac{1}{2}\sec^2 x - \frac{1}{2} = 1$

$\frac{3}{2}\sec^2 x - \frac{3}{2} = 0$

$3/2(\sec^2 x - 1) = 0$

$\tan^2 x = 0$

$x = 0, \pi$

15. $\csc x + \cot x = 1$

$\frac{1}{\sin x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = 1$

$\frac{1 + \cos x}{\sin x} = 1 \quad (\sin x)$

$(1 + \cos x)^2 = (\sin x)^2$

$1 + 2\cos x + \cos^2 x = \sin^2 x$

$1 + 2\cos x + \cos^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$

$2\cos x + 2\cos^2 x = 0$

$2x + 2x^2 = 0$
 $2x(1 + x) = 0$

$2\cos \theta = 0 \quad 1 + \cos \theta = 0$
 $\cos \theta = -1$
 $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \quad \theta = \pi$

Part 3: Use the calculator's inverse trig functions to approximate the solutions. Remember that you must also find the other solution by either adding π , subtracting the value from π , or subtracting the value from 2π .

18. $\tan \theta = 4$



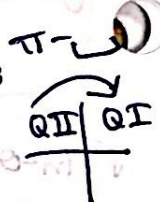
$\tan^{-1} 4 = \theta$

19. $\cos \theta = 0.84$



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

20. $\sin \theta = 0.63$

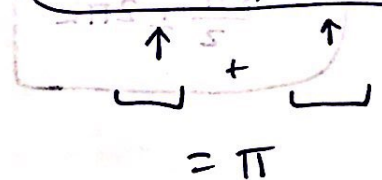
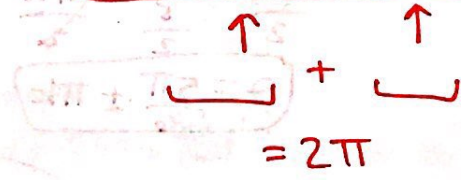


$\sin^{-1}(0.63) = \theta$

$\theta = 1.3258, 4.4674$

$\theta = 0.5735, 5.7097$

$\theta = 0.6816, 2.46$



opp. signs

Sum and Difference Identities	
$\sin(A \pm B)$	$= \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$
$\cos(A \pm B)$	$= \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$
$\tan(A \pm B)$	$= \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$

Example 1

Evaluate each trigonometric sum or difference.

a) $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$

b) $\cos(45^\circ - 60^\circ) = \cos(45^\circ)\cos(60^\circ) + \sin(45^\circ)\sin(60^\circ)$

$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}$

c) $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)}{1 + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)}$

$= \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} - \sqrt{3}}{1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}(\sqrt{3})} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3}}{3}}{1 + 1} = \frac{\frac{-2\sqrt{3}}{3}}{2} = \frac{-2\sqrt{3}}{6} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{3}$

Example 2

Write each expression as a single trigonometric ratio.

a) $\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\cos\frac{\pi}{2} + \cos\frac{\pi}{6}\sin\frac{\pi}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(0) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)(1) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$

b) $\frac{\tan\frac{\pi}{4} - \tan\frac{\pi}{6}}{1 + \tan\frac{\pi}{4}\tan\frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{3 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}{3 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{3 + \sqrt{3}}$

$= \frac{(3 - \sqrt{3}) \cdot 2}{(3 + \sqrt{3}) \cdot 2} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{3 + \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{(3 - \sqrt{3})}{(3 - \sqrt{3})} = \frac{(3 - \sqrt{3})^2}{(3 + \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})} = \frac{3 - 2\sqrt{3} + 3}{3 - 3} = \frac{6 - 2\sqrt{3}}{0}$

c) $\cos\frac{\pi}{3}\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + \sin\frac{\pi}{3}\sin\frac{\pi}{6}$

$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$0^\circ, 30^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ, 90^\circ, \dots$

Angle Sum/Difference Identities

Use the angle sum identity to find the exact value of each.

1) $\cos 105^\circ = \cos(60^\circ + 45^\circ)$
 $= \cos(60^\circ)\cos(45^\circ) - \sin(60^\circ)\sin(45^\circ)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}$$

3) $\cos 195^\circ = \cos(150^\circ + 45^\circ)$
$$\frac{-\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

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5) $\cos 285^\circ = \cos(225^\circ + 60^\circ)$
$$\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}$$

7) $\sin 105^\circ = \sin(60^\circ + 45^\circ)$
$$\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\frac{-\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

9) $\cos 75^\circ = \cos(30^\circ + 45^\circ)$
 $= \cos(30^\circ)\cos(45^\circ) - \sin(30^\circ)\sin(45^\circ)$
 $= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$

10) $\sin 255^\circ$
$$\frac{-\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

Use the angle difference identity to find the exact value of each.

11) $\cos 75^\circ = \cos(225^\circ - 150^\circ)$
$$\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

12) $\cos -15^\circ$
$$\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

13) $\tan 75^\circ$

$$2 + \sqrt{3}$$

14) $\cos 15^\circ$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

15) $\tan -105^\circ$

$$2 + \sqrt{3}$$

16) $\sin 105^\circ$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

17) $\tan 15^\circ$

$$2 - \sqrt{3}$$

18) $\sin 15^\circ$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

19) $\tan -15^\circ$

$$\sqrt{3} - 2$$

20) $\sin -75^\circ$

$$\frac{-\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

Use the angle sum or difference identity to find the exact value of each.

21) $\sin -105^\circ$

$$\frac{-\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

22) $\cos 195^\circ$

$$\frac{-\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

23) $\cos \frac{7\pi}{12}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}$$

24) $\tan \frac{13\pi}{12} = \tan(5\pi/6 + \pi/4)$

$$= \frac{\tan(5\pi/6) + \tan(\pi/4)}{1 - \tan(5\pi/6)\tan(\pi/4)} = \frac{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + 1}{1 - (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3})(1)}$$

$$= \frac{(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + 3) \cdot (3 - \sqrt{3})}{(3 + \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})} = \frac{-3\sqrt{3} + 9 + 3 - 3\sqrt{3}}{9 - 3}$$

26) $\cos -\frac{7\pi}{12}$

$$= \frac{-6\sqrt{3} + 12}{6}$$

25) $\sin \frac{\pi}{12}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}$$

$$= \boxed{-\sqrt{3} + 2}$$

Day 3 Notes - Double and Half Angle Identities

$$R \rightarrow D \quad \bigg| \quad D \rightarrow R$$

$$\theta \cdot \frac{180}{\pi} \quad \bigg| \quad \theta \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}$$

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Double Angle Identities	$\sin(2A) = 2\sin A \cos A$	$\cos(2A) = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$ $= 1 - 2\sin^2 A$ $= 2\cos^2 A - 1$	$\tan(2A) = \frac{2\tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$
Half Angle Identities	$\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos A}{2}}$	$\cos\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos A}{2}}$	$\tan\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) = \frac{\sin A}{1 + \cos A} = \frac{1 - \cos A}{\sin A}$

Evaluate the following expressions using double- and half-angle formulas.

1. $\sin 15^\circ$ OR $= \sin\left(\frac{30^\circ}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(30^\circ)}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sqrt{3}/2}{2 \cdot 2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{4}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}}}{2}$

$= \sin(45^\circ - 30^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$

2. $\cos 22.5^\circ = \cos\left(\frac{45^\circ}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos(45^\circ)}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}/2}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{4}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{2}$

3. $\tan(-15^\circ) = \tan\left(-\frac{30^\circ}{2}\right) = \frac{\sin(-30^\circ)}{1 + \cos(30^\circ)} = \frac{\sin(330^\circ)}{1 + \cos(330^\circ)} = \frac{-1/2}{1 + \sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{-1/2}{(2 + \sqrt{3})/2} = \frac{-1}{2 + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{-1(2 - \sqrt{3})}{(2 + \sqrt{3})(2 - \sqrt{3})} = \frac{-2 + \sqrt{3}}{4 - 3} = -2 + \sqrt{3}$

4. $\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \sin(-15^\circ) = \sin\left(-\frac{30^\circ}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos(-30^\circ)}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sqrt{3}/2}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{4}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}}}{2}$

5. $\cos \frac{5\pi}{8} = \cos\left(\frac{225^\circ}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos(225^\circ)}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + (-\sqrt{2}/2)}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{4}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}}{2}$

6. $\tan \frac{\pi}{8} = \tan\left(\frac{45^\circ}{2}\right) = \frac{1 - \cos(45^\circ)}{\sin(45^\circ)} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{2}/2}{\sqrt{2}/2} = \frac{2/2 - \sqrt{2}/2}{\sqrt{2}/2} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2} - 2}{2} = \sqrt{2} - 1$

Find the exact value of the function.

7. $\cos \frac{u}{2}$ if $\cos u = \frac{4}{5}$, $0 \leq u < \frac{\pi}{2}$ QI

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos u}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + (4/5)}{2/1}}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{\frac{5/5 + 4/5}{10/5}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5+4}{10}}$$

$$= \frac{\pm \sqrt{9}}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{\pm 3}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{3\sqrt{10}}{10}$$

Verify the following identities.

9. $2\sin^2 2x + \cos 4x = 1$

$$2\sin^2 2x + \cos(2 \cdot 2x) = 1$$

$$2\sin^2 2x + 1 - 2\sin^2 2x = 1$$

$$1 = 1$$

Solve the equations for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.

11. $\sin x = \cos 2x$

$$\sin x = 1 - 2\sin^2 x$$

$$2\sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$(2\sin x - 1)(\sin x + 1) = 0$$

$$2\sin x - 1 = 0 \quad \sin x + 1 = 0$$

$$\sin x = 1/2 \quad \sin x = -1$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

8. $\tan 2u$ if $\sin u = \frac{4}{5}$, $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq u < \pi$ QII



$$\tan u = \frac{O}{A} = \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$\frac{2 \tan u}{1 - \tan^2 u} = \frac{2(-4/3)}{1 - (4/3)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-8/3}{1 - 16/9} = \frac{-8/3}{9/9 - 16/9}$$

$$= \frac{-8/3}{-7/9} = \frac{-8/3 \cdot 3}{-7} = \frac{-8}{-7} = \frac{8}{7}$$

10. $(\sin x + \cos x)^2 = 1 + \sin 2x$

$$\underbrace{\sin^2 x + 2\sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x}_{+1 + 2\sin x \cos x} = 1 + \sin 2x$$

12. $\cos 2x - \cos x - 2 = 0$

$$2\cos^2 x - 1 - \cos x - 2 = 0$$

$$2\cos^2 x - \cos x - 3 = 0$$

$$(2\cos x - 3)(\cos x + 1) = 0$$

$$2\cos x - 3 = 0 \quad \cos x + 1 = 0$$

$$\cos x = \frac{3}{2} \quad \cos x = -1$$

$$x = \pi$$

Day 3 Homework

Double and Half Angle ID's

Use a double-angle or half-angle identity to find the exact value of each expression.

$$1) \cos 75^\circ = \cos\left(\frac{150^\circ}{2}\right) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos(150^\circ)}{2}}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + (-\sqrt{3}/2)}{2}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{\pm \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}}}{2}$$

3) $\cos \frac{\pi}{8}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{2}$$

5) $\sin \frac{5\pi}{8}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{2}$$

7) $\sec \theta = \frac{17}{15}$ and $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Find $\cos 2\theta$

$$\frac{161}{289}$$

9) $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ and $180^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$

Find $\tan 2\theta$

$$\frac{24}{7}$$

11) $\csc \theta = \frac{\sqrt{34}}{5}$ and $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$

Find $\cos \frac{\theta}{2}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{578 + 51\sqrt{34}}}{34}$$

2) $\sin \frac{5\pi}{3}$

$$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

4) $\tan \frac{4\pi}{3}$

$$\sqrt{3}$$

6) $\tan 60^\circ$

$$\sqrt{3}$$

8) $\cot \theta = -\frac{4}{3}$ and $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$

Find $\sin 2\theta$

$$-\frac{24}{25}$$

10) $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ and $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$

Find $\sin \frac{\theta}{2}$

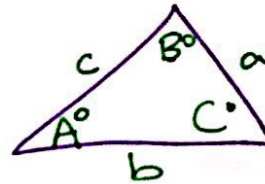
$$\frac{\sqrt{10}}{10}$$

12) $\csc \theta = \sqrt{17}$ and $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$

Find $\tan \frac{\theta}{2}$

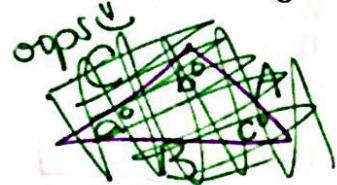
$$\frac{\sqrt{17} + 4}{5}$$

Day 4 Notes - The Law of Sines



For any triangle (right, acute or obtuse), you may use the following formula to solve for missing sides or angles:

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



Use the Law of Sines when...you have 3 dimensions of a triangle and you need to find the other 3 dimensions - they cannot be just ANY 3 dimensions though, or you won't have enough info to solve the Law of Sines equation. Use the Law of Sines if you are given:

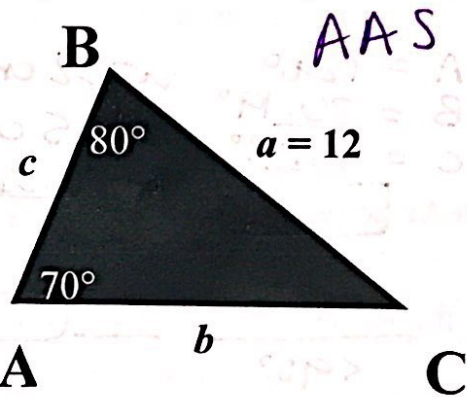
- AAS
- ASA
- SSA (Ambiguous Case)

check your calc. mode!!

Example 1

You are given a triangle, ABC, with angle A = 70°, angle B = 80° and side a = 12 cm. Find the measures of angle C and sides b and c.

$\angle A = 70^\circ$ $a = 12 \text{ cm}$
 $\angle B = 80^\circ$ $b = 12.58 \text{ cm}$
 $\angle C = 30^\circ$ $c = 6.39 \text{ cm}$



① $180 - 70 - 80$

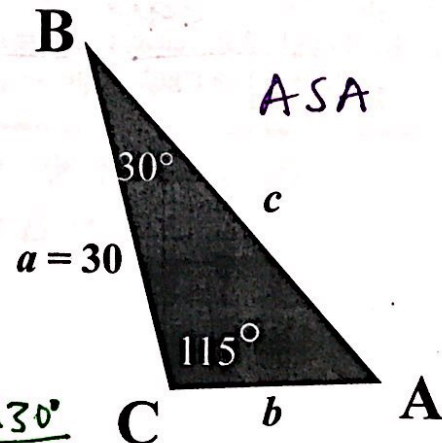
② $\frac{\sin 70^\circ}{12} = \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{b}$
 $b \sin 70^\circ = 12 \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{\sin 70^\circ}$

③ $\frac{\sin 70^\circ}{12} = \frac{\sin 30^\circ}{c} \rightarrow c = \frac{12 \sin 30^\circ}{\sin 70^\circ}$

Example 2

You are given a triangle, ABC, with angle C = 115°, angle B = 30° and side a = 30 cm. Find the measures of angle A and sides b and c.

$\angle A = 35^\circ$ $a = 30 \text{ cm}$
 $\angle B = 30^\circ$ $b = 26.15 \text{ cm}$
 $\angle C = 115^\circ$ $c = 41.4 \text{ cm}$



① $180 - 115 - 30$

② $\frac{\sin 115^\circ}{c} = \frac{\sin 35^\circ}{30}$
 $c = \frac{30 \sin 115^\circ}{\sin 35^\circ}$

③ $\frac{\sin 35^\circ}{30} = \frac{\sin 30^\circ}{b} \rightarrow b = \frac{30 \sin 30^\circ}{\sin 35^\circ}$

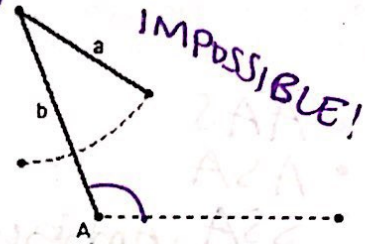
The Ambiguous Case

When given SSA (two sides and an angle that is NOT the included angle), the situation is ambiguous. The dimensions may not form a triangle, or there may be 1 or 2 triangles with the given dimensions. We first go through a series of tests to determine how many (if any) solutions exist.

If angle A is **obtuse...**

1. If angle A is obtuse, and $a < b$ or $a = b$, **no such triangle exists**
 $> 90^\circ$

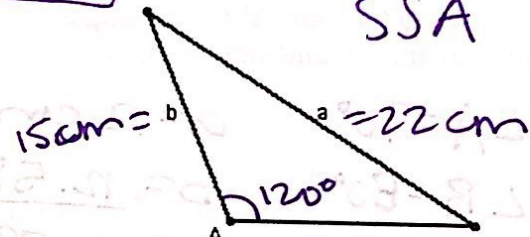
No Triangle



2. If angle A is obtuse, and $a > b$, **one such triangle exists.**
 $> 90^\circ$

Given a triangle with angle A = 120°, side a = 22 cm and side b = 15 cm, find the other dimensions.

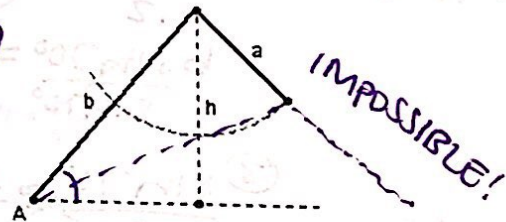
$LA = 120^\circ$
 $LB = 36.19^\circ$
 $LC = 23.81^\circ$
 $a = 22 \text{ cm}$
 $b = 15 \text{ cm}$
 $c = 10.26 \text{ cm}$



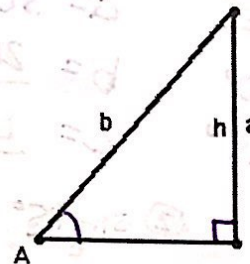
$$\frac{\sin 120^\circ}{22} = \frac{\sin B^\circ}{15}$$

If angle A is **acute...**

3. If angle A is acute, and $a < h$, **no such triangle exists.**
 $< 90^\circ$



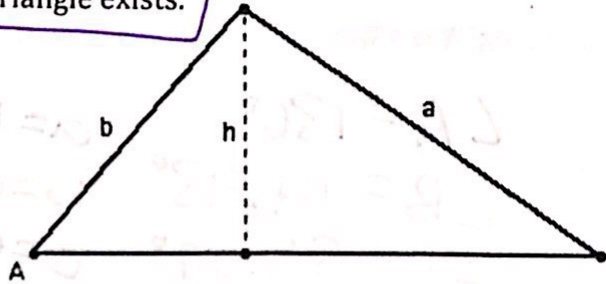
4. If angle A is acute, and $a = h$, **one possible triangle exists.**
 Angle B is a right angle.



and $a > h$

5. If angle A is acute, and $a > b$, one possible triangle exists.

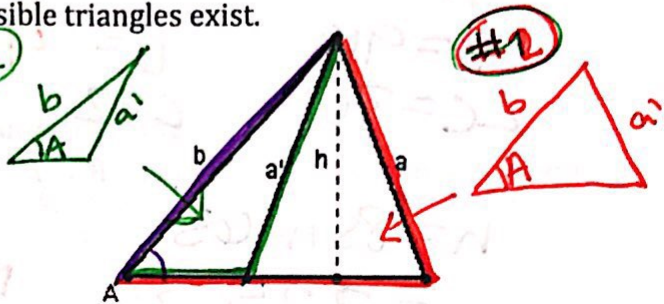
Given a triangle with angle $A = 40^\circ$,
side $a = 12$ cm and side $b = 10$ cm,
find the other dimensions.



$\angle A = 40^\circ$ $a = 12$ cm
 $\angle B = 32.93^\circ$ $b = 10$ cm
 $\angle C = 107.61^\circ$ $c = 17.79$ cm

6. If angle A is acute, and $h < a < b$, two possible triangles exist.

Given a triangle with angle $A = 40^\circ$,
side $a = 12$ cm and side $b = 15$ cm,
find the other dimensions.



Triangle 1

$\angle A = 40^\circ$ $a = 12$ cm
 $\angle B = 126.54^\circ$ $b = 15$ cm
 $\angle C = 13.46^\circ$ $c = 4.35$ cm

Triangle 2

$\angle A = 40^\circ$ $a = 12$ cm
 $\angle B = 53.46^\circ$ $b = 15$ cm
 $\angle C = 86.54^\circ$ $c = 4.35$ cm

SSA Summary:

if angle A is obtuse	if $a < b \rightarrow$ no solution
	if $a > b \rightarrow$ one solution
if angle A is acute find the height, $h = b \cdot \sin A$	if $a < h \rightarrow$ no solution
	if $h < a < b \rightarrow$ 2 solutions one with angle B acute, one with angle B obtuse
	if $a > b > h \rightarrow$ 1 solution
	if $a = h \rightarrow$ 1 solution angle B is right

Ambiguous Examples:

a. Given: $A = 130^\circ$, $c = 9$, $a = 12$... Find: B, C, b

$\angle A = 130^\circ$ $a = 12$
 $\angle B = 14.93^\circ$ $b = 4.04$
 $\angle C = 35.07^\circ$ $c = 9$

b. Given: $B = 90^\circ$, $C = 30^\circ$, $c = 2$... Find: A, a, b

$\angle A = 60^\circ$ $a = 3.46$
 $\angle B = 90^\circ$ $b = 4$
 $\angle C = 30^\circ$ $c = 2$

NOT Ambiguous

c. Given: $A = 65^\circ$, $a = 6$, $c = 8$... Find: B, C, b

$h = 8 \sin 65^\circ$
 $= 7.25 > a$ NOT a triangle

Example 3

Two observers are 600 ft apart on opposite sides of a flagpole. The angles of elevation from the observers to the top of the pole are 19° and 21° . Find the height of the flagpole.



Example 4

Officer Chamblee at checkpoint A notices 2 wrecked cars in the direction 48° east of north. Officer Thorne at checkpoint B, 12 miles due east of A, spots the same accident 30° west of north. Find the distance from each checkpoint to the accident.



Day 4 Homework

Law of Sines

State the number of possible triangles that can be formed using the given measurements.

1) $m\angle C = 24^\circ$, $b = 29$ yd, $c = 14$ yd

2

2) $m\angle B = 104^\circ$, $a = 8$ m, $b = 8$ m

0

3) $m\angle C = 70^\circ$, $b = 34$ yd, $c = 5$ yd

0

4) $m\angle B = 40^\circ$, $a = 14$ cm, $b = 24$ cm

1

Find each measurement indicated. Round your answers to the nearest tenth.

5) $m\angle B = 140^\circ$, $m\angle A = 12^\circ$, $c = 27$ m
Find b

37 m

6) $m\angle A = 30^\circ$, $m\angle B = 36^\circ$, $a = 23$ km
Find b

27 km

7) $m\angle C = 62^\circ$, $b = 14$ mi, $c = 9$ mi
Find a

Not a Triangle

8) $m\angle A = 104^\circ$, $m\angle B = 39^\circ$, $a = 37$ yd
Find b

24 yd

9) $m\angle C = 27^\circ$, $b = 23$ in, $c = 21$ in
Find $m\angle B$

29.8° or 150.2°

10) $m\angle A = 128^\circ$, $c = 10$ ft, $a = 38$ ft
Find $m\angle C$

12°

11) $m\angle C = 43^\circ$, $b = 33$ ft, $c = 17$ ft
Find $m\angle B$

Not a Triangle

12) $m\angle C = 96^\circ$, $b = 5$ mi, $c = 26$ mi
Find $m\angle B$

11°

Solve each triangle. Round your answers to the nearest tenth.

13) $m\angle B = 59^\circ$, $m\angle A = 24^\circ$, $a = 9$ m

$\angle C = 97^\circ$, $b = 19$ m, $c = 22$ m

14) $m\angle A = 37^\circ$, $a = 35$ mi, $c = 17$ mi

$\angle B = 126^\circ$, $\angle C = 17^\circ$, $b = 47.1$ mi

Day 5 Notes - The Law of Cosines

For any type of triangle (right, acute, or obtuse), you may use the following formula to solve for missing sides or angles:

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

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cdot \cos B$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cdot \cos C$$

Use the Law of Cosines when... you have 3 dimensions of a triangle and you need to find the other 3 dimensions. They cannot be just ANY 3 dimensions though, or you won't have enough information to solve the Law of Cosines equations. Use the Law of Cosines if you are given:

- SAS
- SSS

Example 1

Find all the missing dimensions of triangle ABC, given that angle $B = 98^\circ$, side $a = 13$ and side $c = 20$.

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cdot \cos B$$

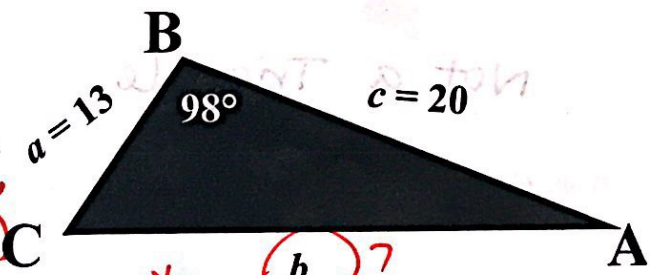
$$b^2 = 13^2 + 20^2 - 2 \cdot 13 \cdot 20 \cdot \cos 98^\circ$$

$$b^2 = 169 + 400 - 520 \cdot (-.139)$$

$$b^2 = 569 - 520(-.139)$$

$$b^2 \approx 641.37$$

$$b \approx 25.325$$



Law of Sines:

$$\frac{\sin 98^\circ}{25.325} = \frac{\sin C}{20}$$

$$\angle C = 51.45^\circ$$

$$\angle A = 30.55^\circ$$

Example 2*

Find all the missing dimensions of triangle, ABC, given that angle $A = 39^\circ$, side $b = 20$ and side $c = 15$.

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

$$a^2 = 20^2 + 15^2 - 2 \cdot 20 \cdot 15 \cdot \cos 39^\circ$$

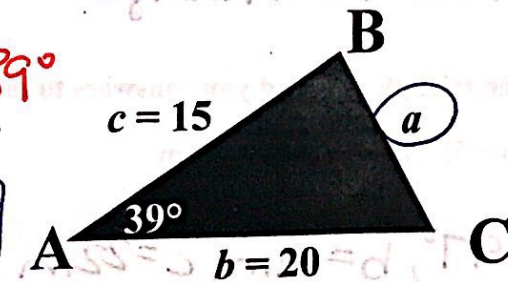
$$a^2 = 400 + 225 - 600 \cdot \cos 39^\circ$$

$$\sqrt{a^2} \approx \sqrt{158.71}$$

$$a \approx 12.598$$

$$\angle B = 87.53^\circ$$

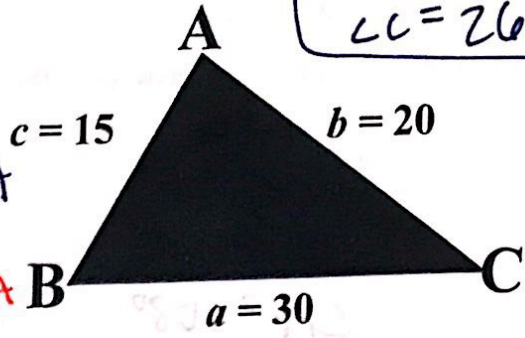
$$\angle C = 100.13^\circ$$



Example 3*

Find all the missing dimensions of triangle, ABC, given that side $a = 30$, side $b = 20$ and side $c = 15$.

$$\begin{aligned} \angle B &= 30.330^\circ \\ \angle C &= 26.374^\circ \end{aligned}$$

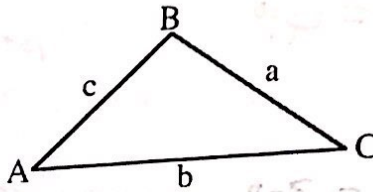


$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cdot \cos A \\ 30^2 &= 20^2 + 15^2 - 2 \cdot 20 \cdot 15 \cos A \\ 900 &= 400 + 225 - 600 \cdot \cos A \\ 275 &= -600 \cos A \\ -0.4583 &= \cos A \\ \boxed{117.28^\circ} &= A \end{aligned}$$

***Important:** The Law of Sines will never produce an obtuse angle. If an angle *might* be obtuse, never use the Law of Sines to find it.

Area of a Triangle

You can find the area of any triangle given at least three pieces of information...



1. SAS

$$\Delta \text{ Area} = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin A = \frac{1}{2} ac \sin B = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$

Ex) Given: $B = 75^\circ$, $a = 20$, $c = 18$... find the area of the Δ

$$A = \frac{1}{2} a \cdot c \cdot \sin B$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 20 \cdot 18 \cdot \sin 75^\circ \approx \boxed{173.867}$$

2. SSS "Heron's Formula"

$$\Delta \text{ Area} = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \text{Half of the Perimeter} \\ &= \frac{a+b+c}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Ex) Given $a = 6$, $b = 8$, $c = 12$... find the area of the Δ

$$A = \sqrt{13(13-6)(13-8)(13-12)}$$

$$s = \frac{6+8+12}{2} = \frac{26}{2} = 13$$

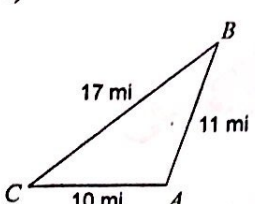
$$= \sqrt{13(7)(5)(1)}$$

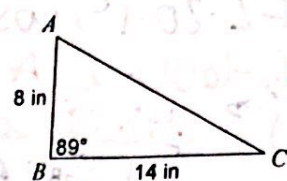
$$\approx \boxed{21.33}$$

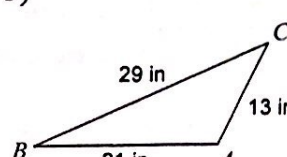
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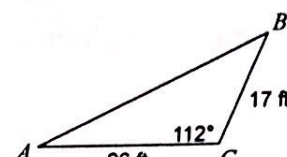
Law of Cosines and Area

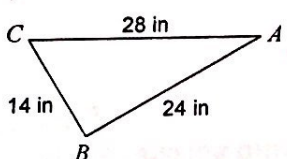
Solve each triangle. Round your answers to the nearest tenth.

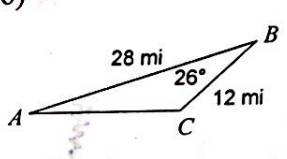
1)  $\angle B = 34^\circ$
 $\angle C = 38^\circ$
 $\angle A = 108^\circ$

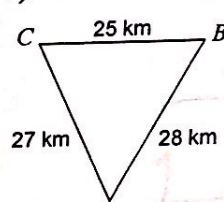
2)  $\angle A = 61^\circ$
 $\angle C = 30^\circ$
 $b = 16 \text{ in}$

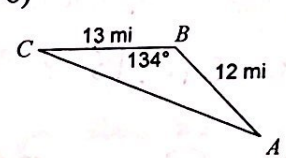
3)  $\angle A = 115^\circ$
 $\angle B = 24^\circ$
 $\angle C = 41^\circ$

4)  $\angle A = 26^\circ$
 $\angle B = 42^\circ$
 $c = 36 \text{ ft}$

5)  $\angle A = 30^\circ$
 $\angle B = 91^\circ$
 $\angle C = 59^\circ$

6)  $\angle A = 17^\circ$
 $\angle C = 137^\circ$
 $b = 18 \text{ mi}$

7)  $\angle A = 54^\circ$
 $\angle B = 61^\circ$
 $\angle C = 65^\circ$

8)  $\angle A = 24^\circ$
 $\angle C = 22^\circ$
 $b = 23 \text{ mi}$

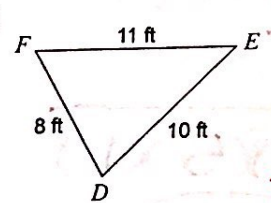
9) $b = 28 \text{ km}, a = 18 \text{ km}, c = 21 \text{ km}$

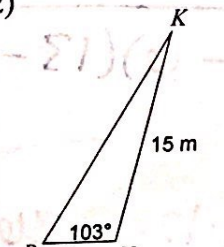
10) $c = 30 \text{ cm}, b = 17 \text{ cm}, a = 18 \text{ cm}$

$\angle A = 40^\circ \quad \angle B = 91.4^\circ \quad \angle C = 48.6^\circ$

$\angle A = 32^\circ \quad \angle B = 30^\circ \quad \angle C = 118^\circ$

Find the area of each triangle to the nearest tenth.

11)  38.5 ft^2

12)  36.5 m^2