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Problem Solving with Similar Triangles and Right Triangles

Three basic approaches to real world problem solving include:

- Similar Triangles
- Trigonometry
- Pythagorean Theorem



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Geometry

Similar Triangles & Trigonometry

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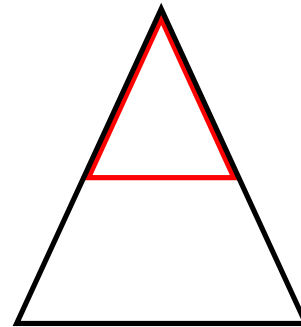
Throughout this unit, the Standards for Mathematical Practice are used.

MP1: Making sense of problems & persevere in solving them.
 MP2: Reason abstractly & quantitatively.
 MP3: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
 MP4: Model with mathematics.
 MP5: Use appropriate tools strategically.
 MP6: Attend to precision.
 MP7: Look for & make use of structure.
 MP8: Look for & express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Additional questions are included on the slides using the "Math Practice" Pull-tabs (e.g. a blank one is shown to the right on this slide) with a reference to the standards used.

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Problem Solving with Similar Triangles



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Shadows and Similar Triangles

One of the oldest math problems was solved using similar right triangles.

About 2600 years ago, Thales of Miletus, perhaps the first Greek mathematician, was visiting Egypt and wondered what the height was of one of the Great Pyramid of Giza.

Due to the shape of the pyramid, he couldn't directly measure its height.

Shadows and Similar Triangles



<http://www.metrolic.com/travel-guides-the-great-pyramid-of-giza-147358/>

When Thales visited the Great Pyramid of Giza 2600 years ago, it was already 2000 years old.

He wanted to know its height.

Shadows and Similar Triangles

He noticed that the pyramid cast a shadow, which could be measured on the ground using a measuring rod.

And he realized that the measuring rod standing vertically also cast a shadow.

Based on those two observations, can you think of a way he could measure the height of the pyramid?

Discuss this at your table for a minute or two.

Shadows and Similar Triangles

What 2 facts can you recall from our study of similar triangles? Fill in the blanks below.

Their angles are all _____
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Their corresponding sides are in _____ to one another.
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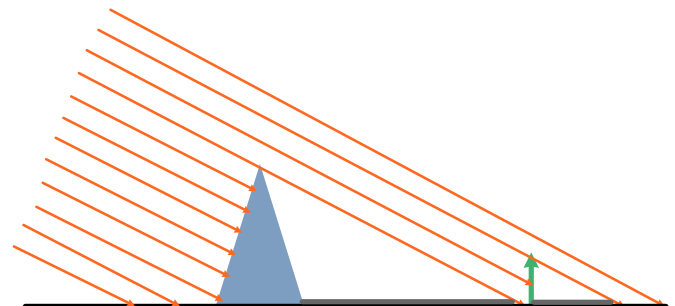
Shadows and Similar Right Triangles

Draw a sketch of the pyramid being measured and its shadow....and the measuring rod and its shadow.

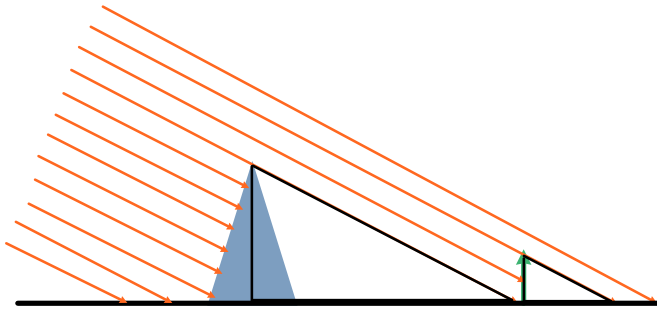
Represent the pyramid and rod as vertical lines, with the rod being much shorter than the pyramid.

You won't be able to draw them to scale, since the rod is so small compared to the pyramid, but that won't affect our thinking.

Shadows and Similar Right Triangles



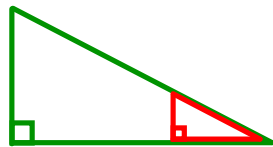
Shadows and Similar Right Triangles



Similar Right Triangles

By putting one triangle atop the other it's easy to see that they are similar.

Using the 2 ideas we came up with before, you know the angles are all the same, and the sides are in proportion.



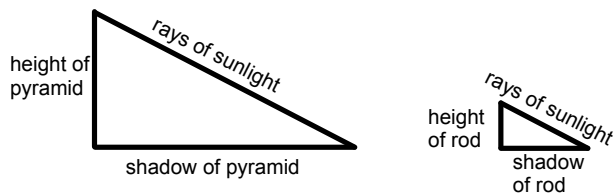
Shadows and Similar Right Triangles

If the shadow of the rod was 2 meters long.

And the shadow of the pyramid was 120 meters long.

And the height of the rod was 1 meter.

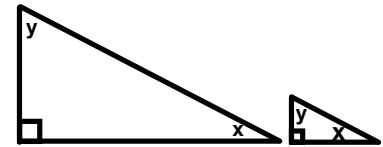
How tall is the pyramid?



Similar Right Triangles

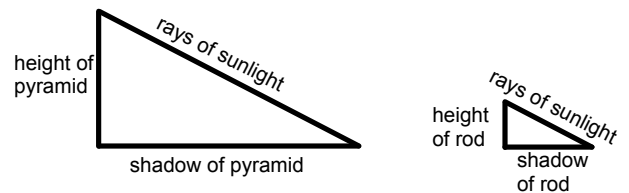
Taking away the objects and just leaving the triangles created by the height of the object, the sunlight and the shadow on the ground, we can see these are similar triangles.

All the angles are equal, so the sides must be in proportion.



Similar Right Triangles

Which means that the length of each shadow is in proportion to the height of each object.



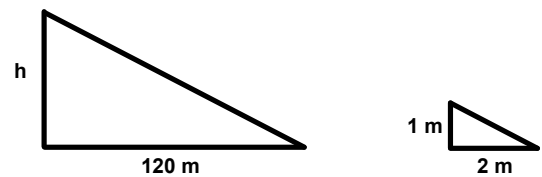
Shadows and Similar Right Triangles

$$\frac{\text{height of pyramid}}{\text{pyramid's shadow}} = \frac{\text{height of rod}}{\text{rod's shadow}}$$

$$\text{height of pyramid} = \frac{\text{height of rod}}{\text{rod's shadow}} \times \text{pyramid's shadow}$$

$$h = \frac{1 \text{ m}}{2 \text{ m}} (120 \text{ m})$$

$$h = 60 \text{ m}$$



Shadows and Similar Right Triangles

This approach can be used to measure the height of a lot of objects which cast a shadow.

And, a convenient measuring device is then your height, and the length of the shadow you cast.

Try doing this on the next sunny day you can get outside.

Measure the height of any object which is casting a shadow by comparing the length of its shadow to the length of your own.

Lab - Indirect Measurement

Reminder - Mirrors also create indirect measurement if you are doing this lab on a cloudy day.

- 1 A lamppost casts a 9 ft shadow at the same time a person 6 ft tall casts a 4 ft shadow. Find the height of the lamppost.

- A 6 ft
- B 2.7 ft
- C 13.5 ft
- D 15 ft



- 2 You're 6 feet tall and you notice that your shadow at one time is 3 feet long. The shadow of a nearby building at that same moment is 20 feet long

How tall is the building?

- 3 You're 1.5 m tall and you notice that your shadow at one time is 4.8 m long. The shadow of a nearby tree at that same moment is 35 m long

How tall is the tree?

- 4 Two buildings are side by side. The 35 m tall building casts a 21 m shadow.

How long will the shadow of the 8 m tall building be at the same time?

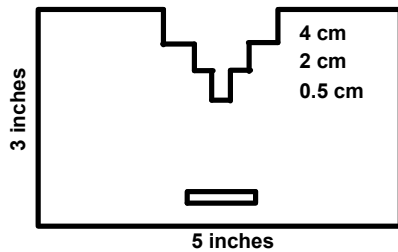
Similar Triangle Measuring Device



Similar Triangle Measuring Device

We can also make a device to set up similar triangles in order to make measurements.

Take a piece 3" x 5" card and cut it as shown below:

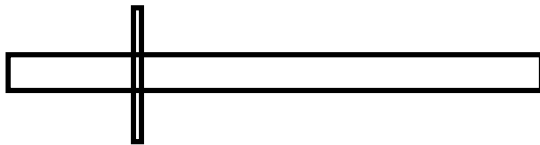


Similar Triangle Measuring Device

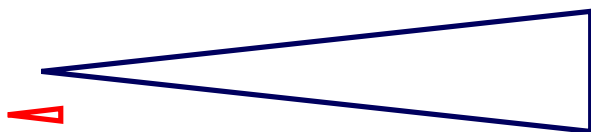
By looking along the meter stick, you can then move the card so that a distant object fills either the 0.5 cm, 2 cm or 4 cm slot.

You can then measure how far the card is from your eye, along the meter stick.

This creates a similar triangle that allows you to find how far away an object of known size is, or the size of an object of known distance away.



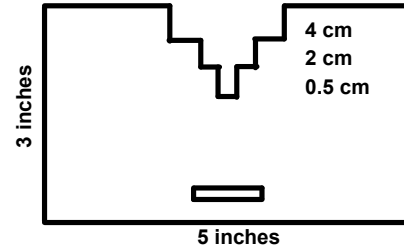
Similar Triangle Measuring Device



The altitude and base of the small isosceles triangle can be directly measured, which means that the ratio of those on the larger triangle is known. Given the size or the distance to the object, the other can be determined.

Similar Triangle Measuring Device

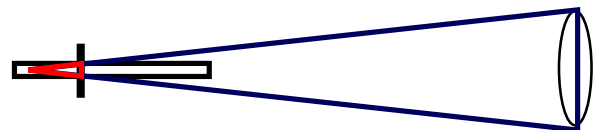
Now slide a meter stick through the slot in the bottom of the card. In that way, you can move the card a specific distance from one end of the stick.



Similar Triangle Measuring Device

This shows how by lining up a distant object to fill a slot on the device two similar triangles are created, the small red one and the larger blue one.

All the angles are equal and the sides are in proportion. Also, the base and altitude of each isosceles triangle will be in proportion.



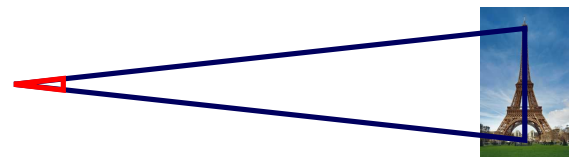
Similar Triangle Measuring Device

You are visiting Paris and have your similar triangle measuring device with you.

You know that the Eiffel Tower is 324 meters tall.

You adjust your device so that turned sidewise the height of the tower fills the 2 cm slot when the card is 20 cm from your eye.

How far are you from the tower?



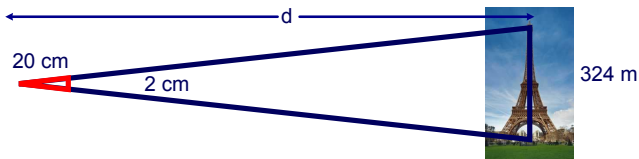
Shadows and Similar Right Triangles

$$\frac{\text{distance to tower}}{\text{height of tower}} = \frac{\text{distance to card}}{\text{width of slot}}$$

$$\text{distance to tower} = \frac{\text{distance to card}}{\text{width of slot}} \times \text{height of tower}$$

$$d = \frac{20 \text{ cm}}{2 \text{ cm}} (324 \text{ m})$$

$$d = 3240 \text{ m}$$



- 6 The tallest building in the world, the Burj Kalifah in Dubai, is 830 m tall. You turn your device so that it fills the 4 cm slot when it is 29.4 cm from your eye. How far are you from the building?

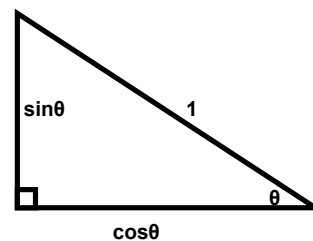
- 8 The moon has a diameter of 3480 km. You measure it one night to about fill the 0.5 cm slot when the card is 54 cm from your eye.

What is the distance to the moon?

- 5 You move to another location and the Eiffel Tower (324 m tall) now fills the 4 cm slot when the card is 48 cm from your eye. How far are you from the Eiffel Tower now?

- 7 The width of a storage tank fills the 2 cm slot when the card is 48 cm from your eye. You know that the tank is 680 m away. What is its width?

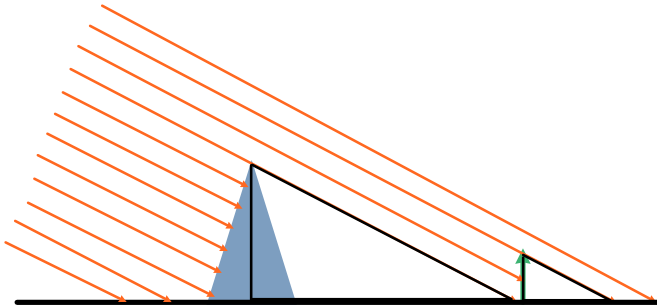
Similar Triangles and Trigonometry



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Problem Solving

Recall that Thales found the height of the pyramid by using similar triangles created by the shadow of the pyramid and a rod of known length.

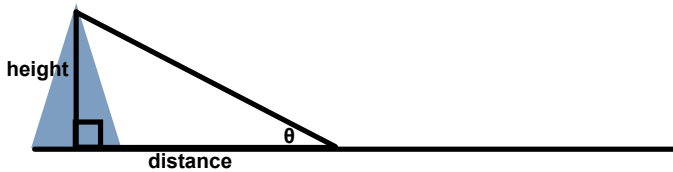


Problem Solving with Trigonometry

So, if Thales used trig to solve his problem, he'd have considered this right triangle.

First he'd measure theta, the angle between the ground and the top of the pyramid, when at a certain distance away on the ground.

Then he'd imagine a similar triangle with the same angle.

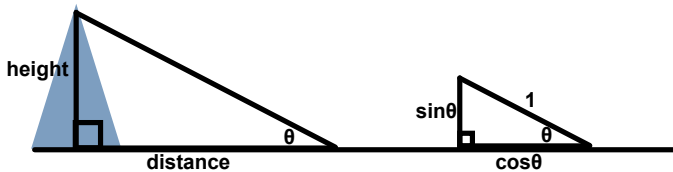


Problem Solving with Trigonometry

We know all the angles are equal since both triangles include a right angle and the angle theta, so those two angles are the same in both.

And, since all the angles of a triangle total to 180°, all three angles must be equal.

Since all the angles are equal, these triangles are similar.



Problem Solving

But what if he were trying to solve this problem and there wasn't a shadow to use.

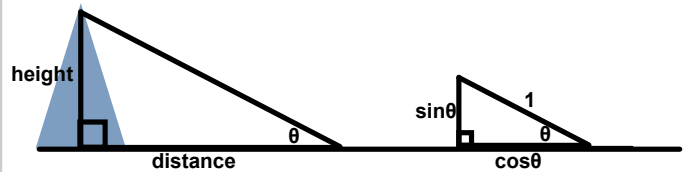
Or you are trying to solve other types of problems which don't allow you to set up a similar triangle so easily.

Trigonometry provides the needed similar triangle for any circumstance, which is why it is a powerful tool.

Problem Solving with Trigonometry

He has a ready-made right triangle, thanks to mathematicians who calculated all the possible right triangles that could be created with a hypotenuse of 1 and put their measurements in a table, a trigonometry table.

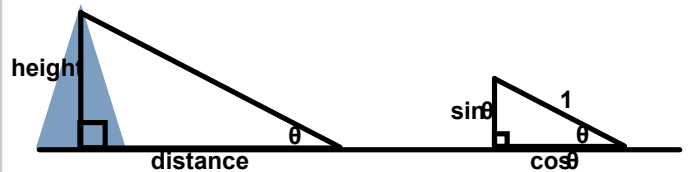
The side opposite the angle is named sine theta, or $\sin\theta$ for short, and the side adjacent to the angle is called cosine theta, or $\cos\theta$ for short.



Problem Solving with Trigonometry

Since all the angles are equal, the sides are in proportion, so what would this ratio be equal to in the triangle to the right?

$$\frac{\text{height}}{\text{distance}} = \boxed{}$$

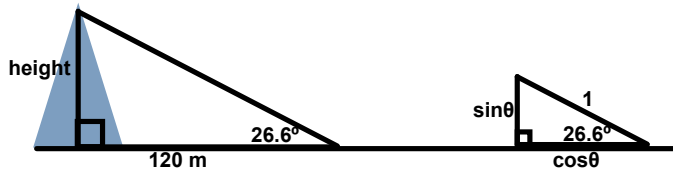


Problem Solving with Trigonometry

When we did the problem earlier we used the rod's height of 1 m and it's shadow's length of 2 m. That would mean that the angle between the rays of sunlight and the ground would have been 26.6° .

And the length of the pyramid's shadow was 120 m.

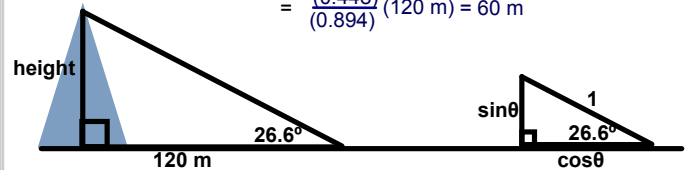
Let's use that angle and distance and see if we get the same answer.



Problem Solving with Trigonometry

If the distance was 120 m, and the angle was 26.6° , you find the height by solving for it and then using your calculator to look up the values for sin and cos.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\text{height}}{\text{distance}} &= \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} \\ \frac{\text{height}}{120 \text{ m}} &= \frac{\sin(26.6^\circ)}{\cos(26.6^\circ)} \\ \text{height} &= \frac{\sin(26.6^\circ)}{\cos(26.6^\circ)} (120 \text{ m}) \\ &= \frac{(0.448)}{(0.894)} (120 \text{ m}) = 60 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$



Tangent θ

Early in the last problem we found that: $\frac{\text{height}}{\text{distance}} = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$

This ratio of sine to cosine is used very often, and has its own name: Tangent θ , or $\tan\theta$ for short.

Tangent θ is defined as Sine θ divided by Cosine θ .

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$$

Using Calculators with Trigonometry

The last step of that problem required finding the values of the sine and the cosine of 26.6° .

When working with trigonometry, you'll need to find the values of sine, cosine and other trig functions when given an angle.

This used to involve using tables, but now it's pretty simple to use a basic scientific calculator.

Using Calculators with Trigonometry

Basic scientific calculators are available on computers, tablets and smart phones.

They can also be a separate device, similar to the inexpensive calculator shown here. It can do everything you'll need for this course.



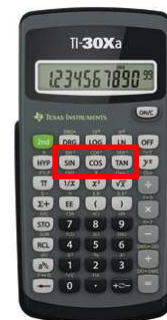
Using Calculators with Trigonometry

The trig functions we're going to be using right now are sine, cosine and tangent.

Those are marked in the box on the calculator.

On most calculators, they are noted by buttons which say

SIN
COS
TAN

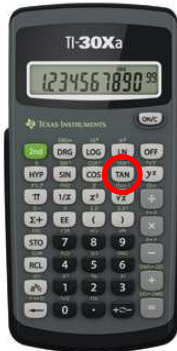


Using Calculators with Trigonometry

This is for finding the sine of an angle.



Using Calculators with Trigonometry



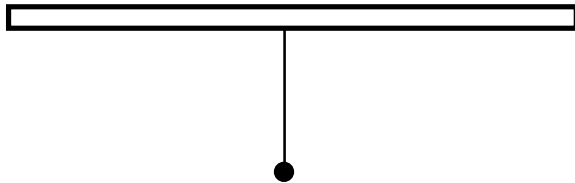
This is for finding the tangent of an angle.

Inclinometer

In practice, we often have to measure angles of elevation or depression in order to solve problems.

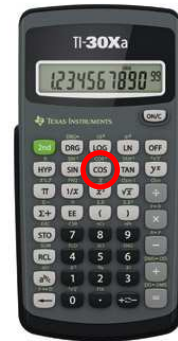
There are very accurate ways of doing that which are used by surveyors, navigators and others.

But you can make a simple device, called an inclinometer, to accomplish the same thing, and then solve problems on your own.

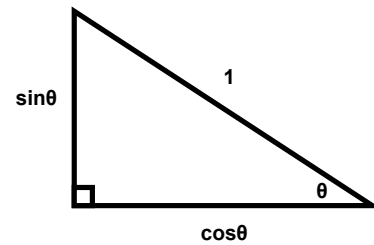


Using Calculators with Trigonometry

This is for finding the cosine of an angle.



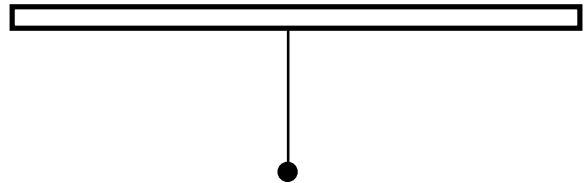
Problem Solving with Trigonometry



Inclinometer

Just tape a protractor to a meter stick and hang a small weight from the hole in the protractor.

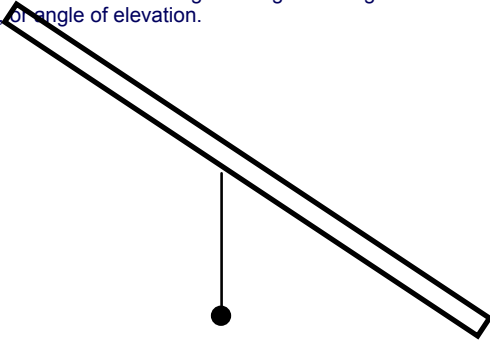
Set it up so that when the meter stick is horizontal, the string goes straight down.



Inclinometer

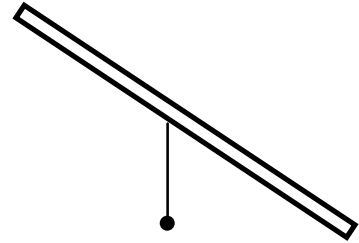
Then, if you look along the meter stick, you can hold the string where it touches the protractor and read the angle.

You'll have to subtract 90 degrees to get the angle to the horizon, or angle of elevation.



Inclinometer

You are standing on the ground and look along your inclinometer to see the top of a building to be at an angle of 30° . You then measure the distance to the base of the building to be 30 m. Find the height of the building, remembering to add in the height your eye is above the ground.

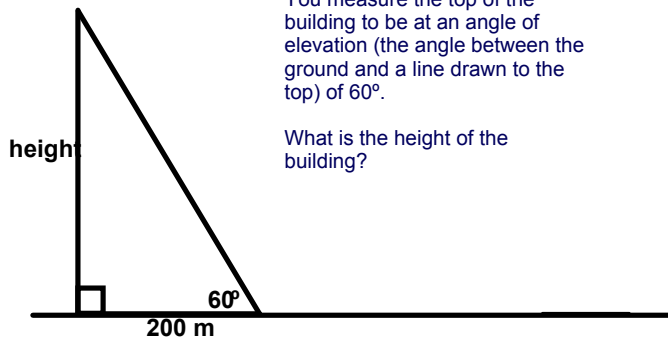


Example

You are standing 200 m away from the base of a building.

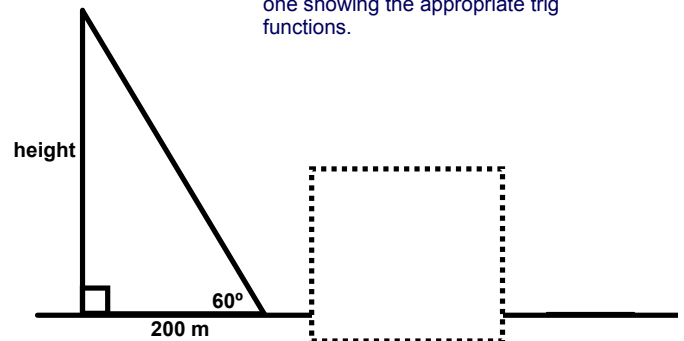
You measure the top of the building to be at an angle of elevation (the angle between the ground and a line drawn to the top) of 60° .

What is the height of the building?



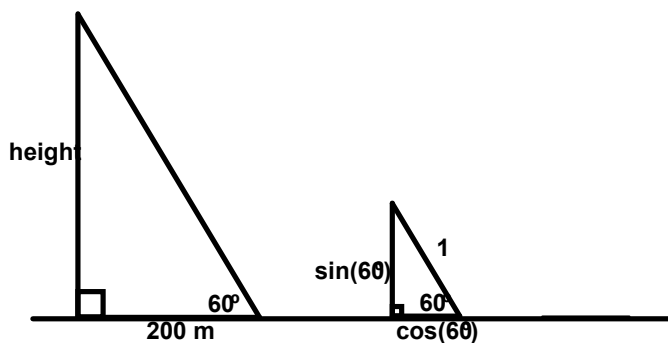
Example

Make a quick sketch showing the original right triangle and one showing the appropriate trig functions.

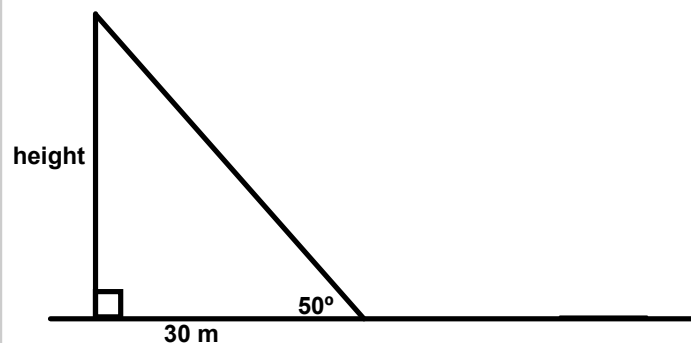


Example

Then set up the ratios, substitute the values and solve.



9 You are standing 30 m away from the base of a building. The top of the building lies at an angle of elevation (the angle between the ground and the hypotenuse) of 50° . What is the height of the building?



10 You are standing 50 m away from the base of a building. The building creates an angle of elevation with the ground measuring 80° . What is the height of the building?

11 Use the $\tan\theta$ function of your calculator to determine the height of a flagpole if it is 30 m away and it's angle of elevation with the ground measures 70° .

12 Use the $\tan\theta$ function of your calculator to determine the height of a building if its base is 50 m away and it's angle of elevation with the ground measures 20° .

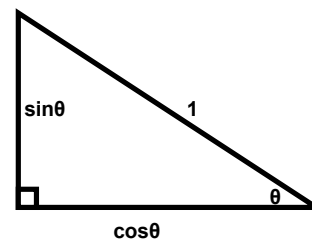
13 You are on top of a building and look down to see someone who standing the ground. The angle of depression (the angle below the horizontal to an object) is 30° and they are 90 m from the base of the building. How high is the building? (Neglect the heights of you and the other person.)

Make sure to draw a sketch!

14 Determine the distance an object lies from the base of a 45 m tall building if the angle of depression to it is 40° .

Trigonometric Ratios

When solving problems with trig, you find a right triangle which is similar to the one below. Then you find the solution by setting up the ratios of proportion. But, since the hypotenuse is 1, often it's forgotten that these are ratios.



Trigonometric Ratios

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Trigonometric Ratios

Fill in the fundamental trig ratios below:

_____ called "sin" for short
click

_____ called "cos" for short
click

_____ called "tan" for short
click

Trigonometric Ratios

The name of the angle usually follows the trig function. If the angle is named θ (theta) the names become:

- $\sin\theta$
- $\cos\theta$
- $\tan\theta$

If the angle is named α (alpha) the functions become:

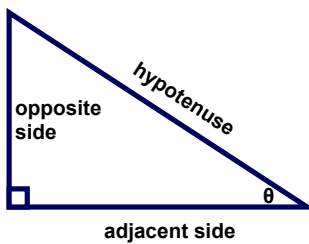
- $\sin\alpha$
- $\cos\alpha$
- $\tan\alpha$

Trigonometric Ratios

If you have the sides, trig ratios let you find the angles.

But if you have a side and an angle, trig ratios also let you find the other sides.

Trigonometric Ratios

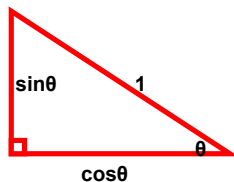


These ratios depend on which angle you are calling θ ; never the right angle.

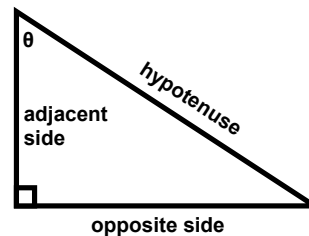
You know that the side opposite the right angle is called the hypotenuse.

The leg opposite θ is called the opposite side.

The leg that touches θ is called the adjacent side.



Trigonometric Ratios

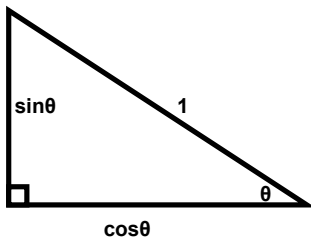


There are two possible angles that can be called θ .

Once you choose which angle is θ , the names of the sides are defined.

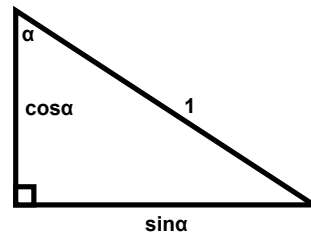
You can change later, but then the names of the sides also change.

Trigonometric Ratios



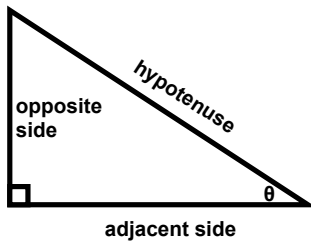
With this theta, these become the sides.

Trigonometric Ratios



If you use the other angle, named α here, the names change accordingly.

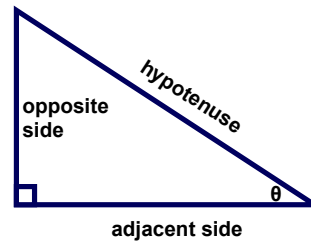
Trigonometric Ratios



Let's say I'm solving a problem that involves this right triangle.

To use trig, I'd find a right triangle with hypotenuse of 1 and legs of sinθ and cosθ which has the same angleθ so, it's similar.

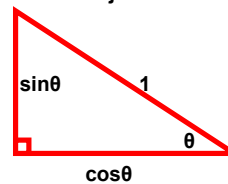
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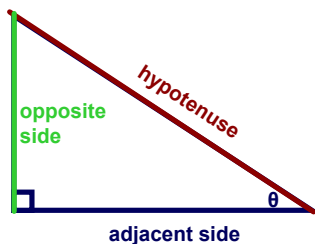
Then set up the ratios.

There are basic ratios relating the sides of these two triangles.

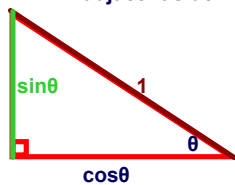
Since they are similar triangles, the ratio of any two sides in one triangle is equal to that ratio of sides in the other.



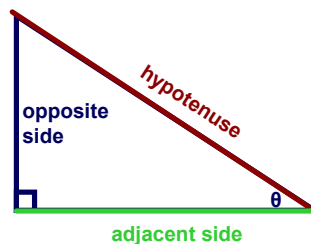
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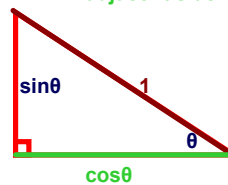
$$\frac{\sin\theta}{1} = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$



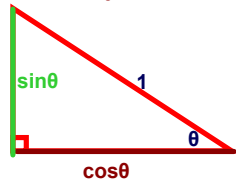
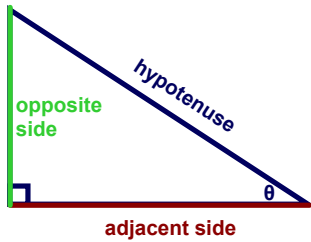
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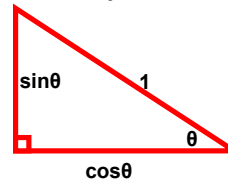
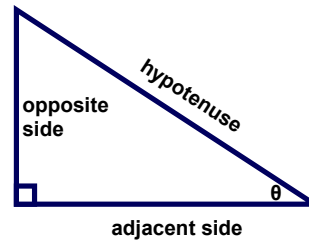


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$$\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

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$$\frac{\sin\theta}{1} = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\frac{\cos\theta}{1} = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

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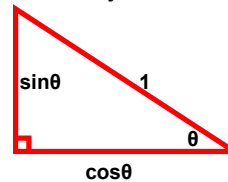
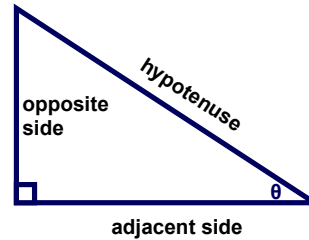
But these can be simplified since:

$$\frac{\sin\theta}{1} = \sin\theta \quad \frac{\sin\theta}{1} = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\frac{\cos\theta}{1} = \cos\theta \quad \frac{\cos\theta}{1} = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \tan\theta \quad \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

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$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

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These trig ratios are used so often that they are memorized with the expression "SOH CAH TOA."

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} \quad \text{SOH}$$

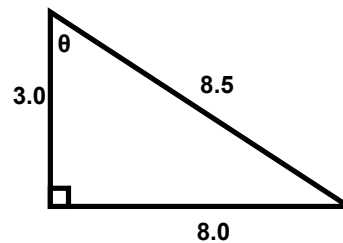
$$\cos\theta = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} \quad \text{CAH}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} \quad \text{TOA}$$

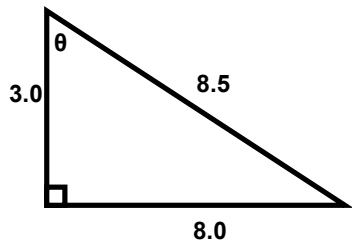
If you get confused w/ the vowel sounds in SOH CAH TOA, you could also try the mnemonic sentence below.

Some Old Horse
Caught Another Horse
Taking Oats Away.

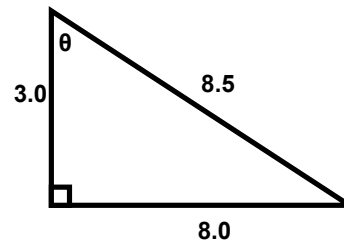
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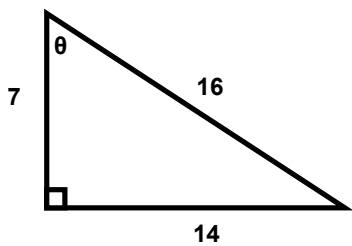
- 16 Find the $\cos\theta$. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.



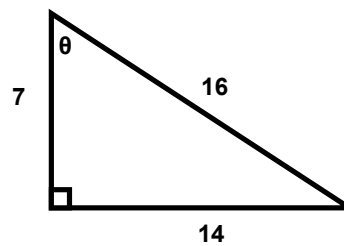
- 17 Find the $\tan\theta$. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.



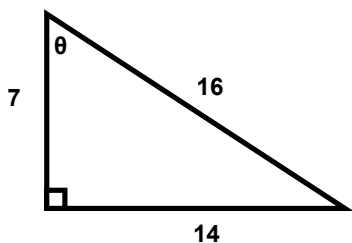
- 18 Find the $\tan\theta$. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.



- 19 Find the $\sin\theta$. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.



- 20 Find the $\cos\theta$. Round your answer to the nearest hundredth.



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For instance, let's find the length of side x .

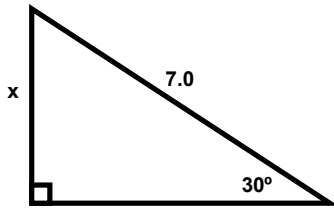
The side we're looking for is opposite the given angle;

and the given length is the hypotenuse;

so we'll use the trig function that relates these three:

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

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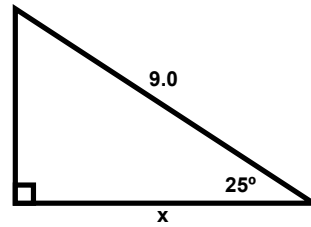
$$\text{opp} = (\text{hyp})(\sin\theta)$$

$$x = (7.0)(\sin(30^\circ))$$

$$x = (7.0)(0.50)$$

$$x = 3.5$$

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Now, let's find the length of side x in this case.

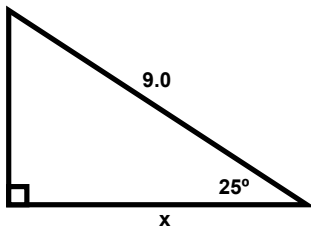
The side we're looking for is adjacent the given angle;

and the given length is the hypotenuse;

so we'll use the trig function that relates these three:

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

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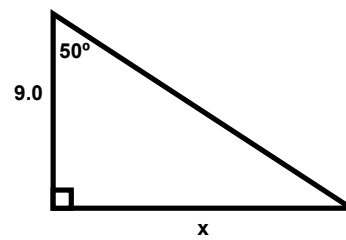
$$\text{adj} = (\text{hyp})(\cos\theta)$$

$$x = (9.0)(\cos(25^\circ))$$

$$x = (9.0)(0.91)$$

$$x = 8.2$$

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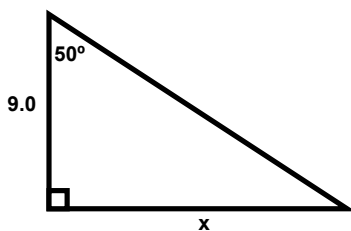
The side we're looking for is adjacent the given angle;

and the given length is the opposite the given angle;

so we'll use the trig function that relates these three:

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

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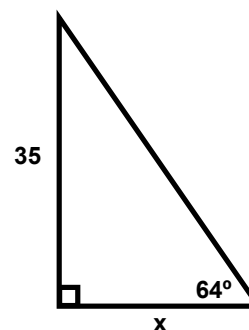
$$\text{opp} = (\text{adj})(\tan\theta)$$

$$x = (9.0)(\tan(50^\circ))$$

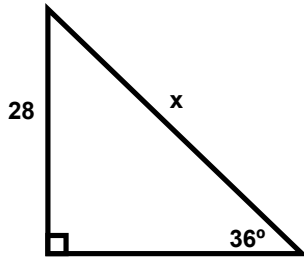
$$x = (9.0)(1.2)$$

$$x = 10.8$$

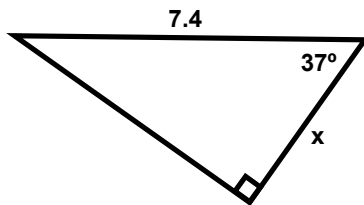
21 Find the value of x. Round your answer to the nearest tenth.



22 Find the value of x . Round your answer to the nearest tenth.

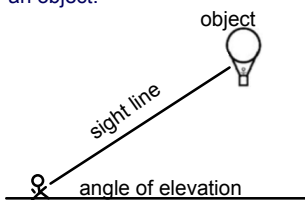


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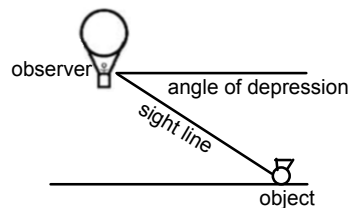


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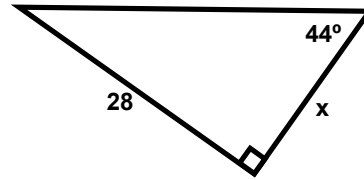
The angle of elevation is the angle above the horizontal to an object.



The angle of depression is the angle below the horizontal to an object.



23 Find the value of x . Round your answer to the nearest tenth.



Applications of Trigonometric Ratios

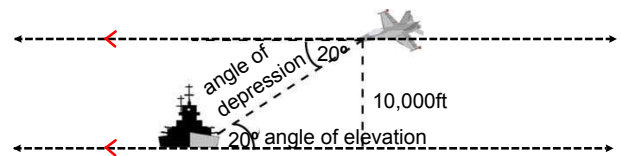
Most of the time, trigonometric ratios are used to solve real-world problems, as you saw at the beginning of this unit.

Now that you are familiar with the derivation of the three trigonometric ratios (sine, cosine, and tangent), you are ready to apply your knowledge and practice solving these problems.

Before we begin, let's review some key vocabulary that you will see in these word problems.

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The angle of elevation and the angle of depression are both measured relative to parallel horizontal lines, so they are equal in measure.



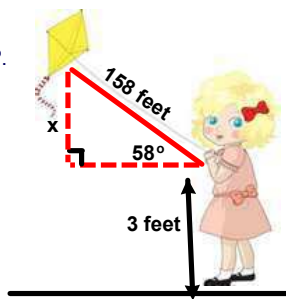
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Example

Amy is flying a kite at an angle of 58° .

The kite's string is 158 feet long and Amy's arm is 3 feet off the ground.

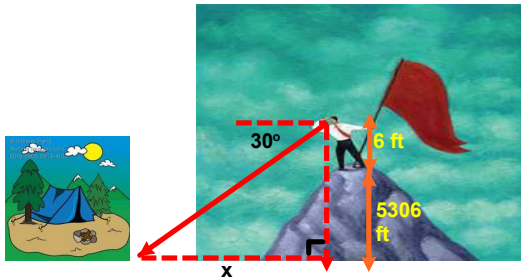
How high is the kite off the ground?



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Example

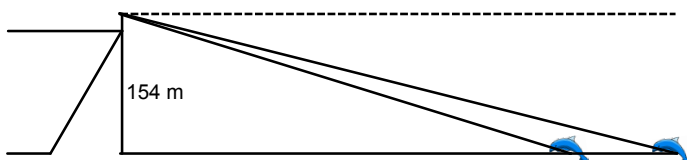
You are standing on a mountain that is 5306 feet high. You look down at your campsite at angle of 30° . If you are 6 feet tall, how far is the base of the mountain from the campsite?



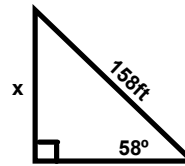
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Example:

Vernon is on the top deck of a cruise ship and observes 2 dolphins following each other directly away from the ship in a straight line. Veron's position is 154 m above sea level, and the angles of depression to the 2 dolphins to the ship are 35° and 36° , respectively. Find the distance between the 2 dolphins to the nearest hundredth of a meter.



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$$\sin\theta = \frac{x}{158}$$

$$\sin 58 = \frac{x}{158}$$

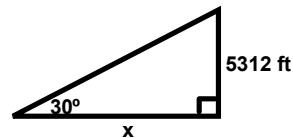
$$.8480 = \frac{x}{158}$$

$$x = 134$$

Now, we must add in Amy's arm height.
 $134 + 3 = 137$

The kite is about 137 feet off the ground.

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$$\tan 30 = \frac{5312}{x}$$

$$.5774 = \frac{5312}{x}$$

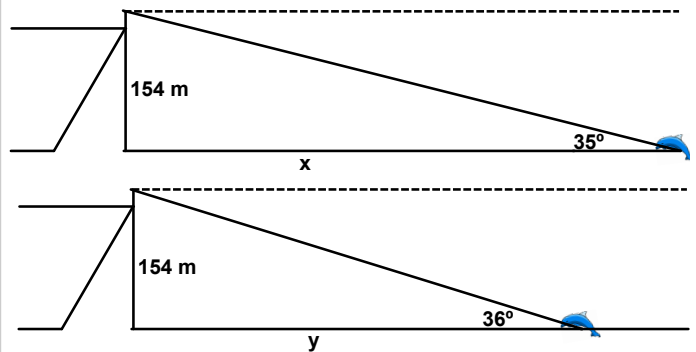
$$.5774x = 5312$$

$$x \approx 9,200 \text{ ft}$$

The campsite is about 9,200 ft from the base of the mountain.

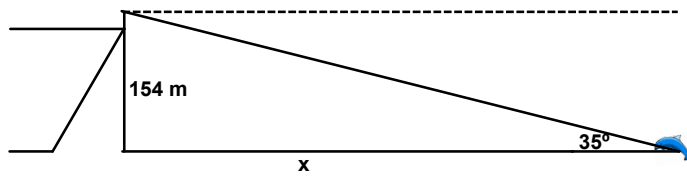
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The first step is to divide the diagram into two separate ones. Then, find the horizontal distance in both. Let's call them x & y .



Then, use your trigonometric ratios to find these values.

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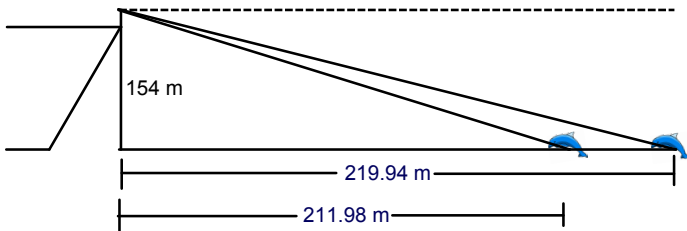
$$\tan 35 = \frac{154}{x}$$

$$0.7002 = \frac{154}{x}$$

$$0.7002x = 154$$

$$x = 219.94 \text{ m}$$

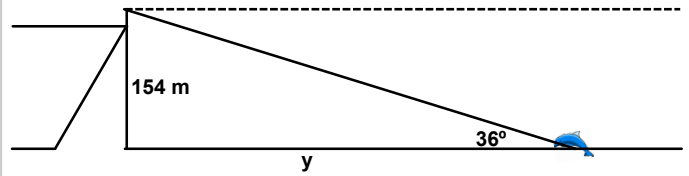
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Now, if we subtract these measurements, then we will find the distance between the 2 dolphins.

$$219.94 - 211.98 = 7.96 \text{ m}$$

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$$\tan 36 = \frac{154}{y}$$

$$0.7265 = \frac{154}{y}$$

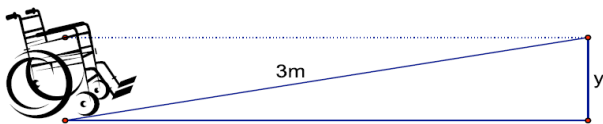
$$0.7265y = 154$$

$$y = 211.98 \text{ m}$$

- 25 You are looking at the top of a tree. The angle of elevation is 55° . The distance from the top of the tree to your position (line of sight) is 84 feet. If you are 5.5 feet tall, how far are you from the base of the tree?

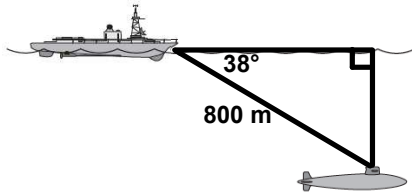


- 26 A wheelchair ramp is 3 meters long and inclines at 6° . Find the height of the ramp to the nearest hundredth of a centimeter.

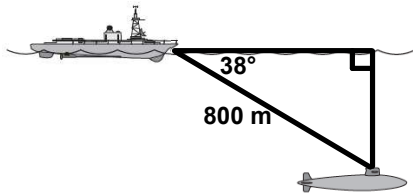


- 27 John wants to find the height of a building which is casting a shadow of 175 ft at an angle of 73.75° . Find the height of the building to the nearest foot.

- 28 A sonar operator on a ship detects a submarine that is located 800 meters away from the ship at an angle of depression of 38° . How deep is the submarine?



- 30 The ship is traveling at a speed of 32 meters per second, in the direction towards the submarine. From its current position, how many minutes, to the nearest tenth of a minute, will it take the ship to be directly over the submarine.



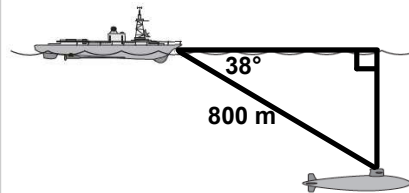
Inverse Trigonometric Ratios

So far, you have used the sine, cosine, and tangent ratios when given the measurement of the acute angle θ in a right triangle to find the measurements of the missing sides.

What can you use when you need to find the measurements of the acute angles?

We have what are called the inverse sine, inverse cosine and inverse tangent ratios that will help us answer the question above. If you know the measures of 2 sides of a triangle, then you can find the measurement of the angle with these ratios.

- 29 A sonar operator on a ship detects a submarine that is located 800 meters away from the ship at an angle of depression of 38° . If the submarine stays in the same position, then how far would the ship need to travel to be directly above the submarine?



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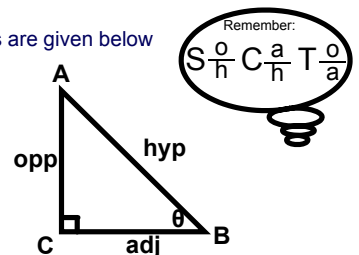
Inverse Trigonometric Ratios

The Inverse Trigonometric Ratios are given below

$$\text{If } \sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}, \theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} \right)$$

$$\text{If } \cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}, \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} \right)$$

$$\text{If } \tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}, \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} \right)$$



Using Calculators with Inverse Trigonometry

The inverse trig functions are located just above the sine, cosine and tangent buttons.

They are marked in the box on the calculator.

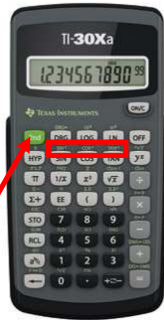
On most calculators, they are noted by text which says

SIN⁻¹

COS⁻¹

TAN⁻¹

In most cases, they can be used by pressing the 2nd, or shift, button (arrow pointing to it) & the sine, cosine, or tangent button.



32 Find $\tan^{-1}(2.3)$. Round the angle measure to the nearest hundredth.

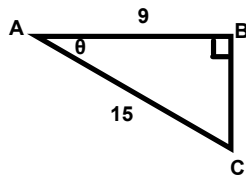
31 Find $\sin^{-1}(0.8)$. Round the angle measure to the nearest hundredth.

33 Find $\cos^{-1}(0.45)$. Round the angle measurement to the nearest hundredth.

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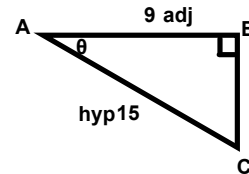
To find an unknown angle measure in a right triangle, you need to identify the correct trig function that will find the missing value. Use "SOH CAH TOA" to help.

$\angle A$ is your angle of reference.
Label the two given sides of your triangle opp, adj, or hyp.
Identify the trig function that uses $\angle A$, and the two sides.



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Using "SOH CAH TOA", I have "a" and "h", so the ratio is a/h which is cosine.



$$\cos A = \frac{9}{15}$$

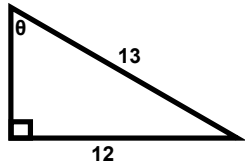
now you can solve for $m\angle A$, the missing angle using the inverse trig function.

$$m\angle A = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{15}\right)$$

$$m\angle A = 53.13^\circ$$

Once you find $m\angle A$, you can easily find $m\angle C$, using the Triangle Sum Theorem.

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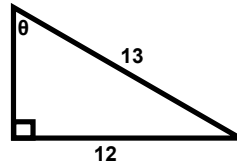
Now, let's find the measurement of the angle θ in this case.

The sides that we are given are the opposite side & the hypotenuse;

so we'll use the trig function that relates these two sides with our angle:

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

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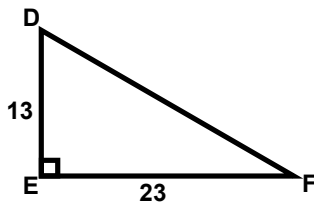


$$\sin\theta = \frac{12}{13}$$

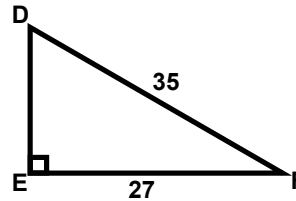
$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)$$

$$\theta = 67.38^\circ$$

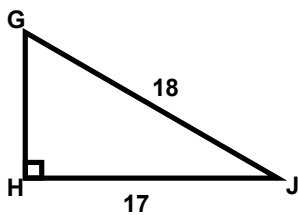
34 Find the $m\angle D$ in the figure below.



35 Find the $m\angle F$ in the figure below.



36 Find the $m\angle G$ in the figure below.



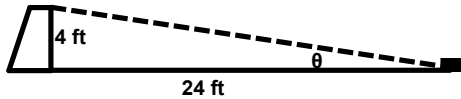
Applications of Inverse Trigonometric Ratios

As we discussed earlier in this unit, trigonometric ratios and the inverse trigonometric ratios are used to solve real-world problems.

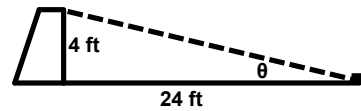
Now that you are familiar with the three inverse trigonometric ratios (inverse sine, inverse cosine, and inverse tangent), you are ready to apply your knowledge and practice solving these problems.

Applications of Inverse Trigonometric Ratios

A hockey player is 24 feet from the goal line. He shoots the puck directly at the goal. The height of the goal is 4 feet. What is the maximum angle of elevation at which the player can shoot the puck and still score a goal?



Applications of Inverse Trigonometric Ratios



$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{24}$$

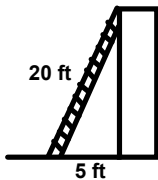
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{24}\right)$$

$$\theta = 9.46^\circ$$

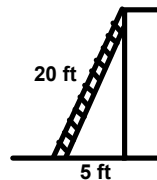
The angle of elevation that the player can shoot the puck is a maximum of 9.46° .

Applications of Inverse Trigonometric Ratios

You lean a 20 foot ladder up against a wall. The base of the ladder is 5 feet from the edge of the wall. What is the angle of elevation is created by the ladder & the ground.



Applications of Inverse Trigonometric Ratios



$$\cos \theta = \frac{5}{20}$$

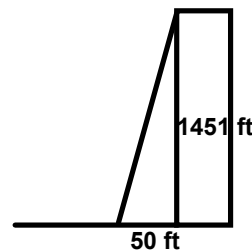
$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{20}\right)$$

$$\theta = 75.52^\circ$$

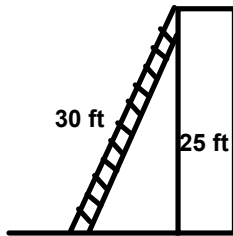
- 37 Katherine looks down out of the crown of the statue of liberty to an incoming ferry about 345 feet. The distance from crown to the ground is about 250 feet. What is the angle of depression?



- 38 The Sear's Tower in Chicago, Illinois is 1451 feet tall. The sun is casting a 50 foot shadow on the ground. What is the angle of elevation created by the tip of the shadow and the ground?



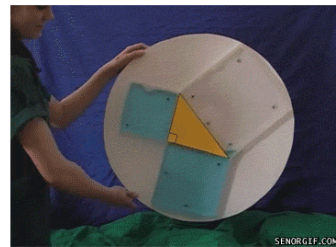
- 39 You lean a 30 foot ladder up against the side of your home to get into a bedroom on the second floor. The height of the window is 25 feet. What angle of elevation must you set the ladder at in order to reach the window?



- 41 You return to view your home's shadow 3 hours later. Your friend measures the length of the shadow to be 25 feet long. If you are 20 feet off the ground, what is the angle of depression needed to see the tip of your home's shadow.

- 40 You are looking out your bedroom window towards the tip of the shadow made by your home. Your friend measures the length of the shadow to be 10 feet long. If you are 20 feet off the ground, what is the angle of depression needed to see the tip of your home's shadow.

Review of the Pythagorean Theorem



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Review of Pythagorean Theorem

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

"c" is the hypotenuse

"a" and "b" are the two legs;

which leg is "a" and which is "b" doesn't matter.

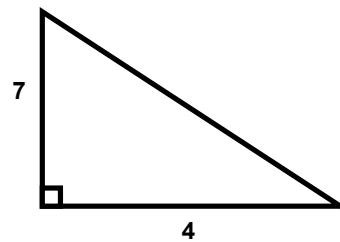
- 42 The legs of a right triangle are 7.0m and 3.0m, what is the length of the hypotenuse?

43 The legs of a right triangle are 2.0m and 12m, what is the length of the hypotenuse?

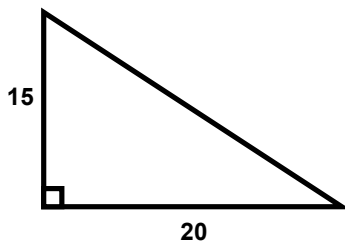
44 The hypotenuse of a right triangle has a length of 4.0m and one of its legs has a length of 2.5m. What is the length of the other leg?

45 The hypotenuse of a right triangle has a length of 9.0m and one of its legs has a length of 4.5m. What is the length of the other leg?

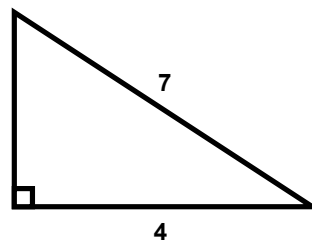
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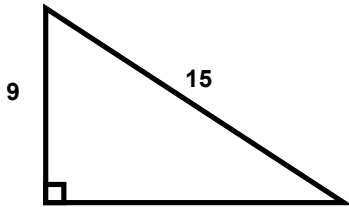
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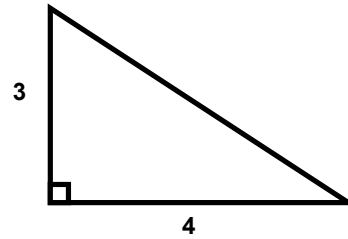
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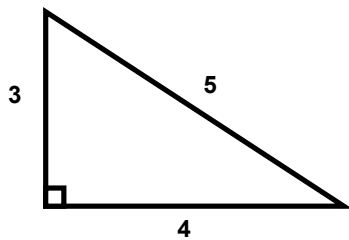
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Pythagorean Triples

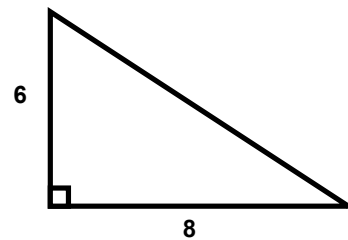


Triples are integer solutions of the Pythagorean Theorem.

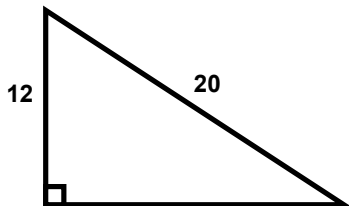
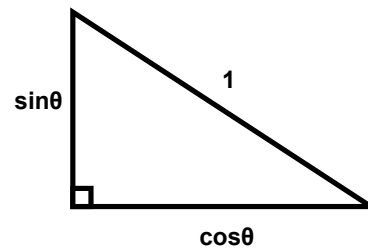
3-4-5 is the most famous of the triples:

You don't need a calculator if you recognize the sides are in this ratio.

51 What is the length of the third side?



52 What is the length of the third side?

53 $(\sin\theta)^2 + (\cos\theta)^2 = ?$ 

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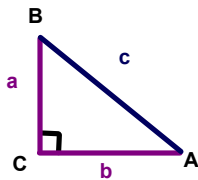
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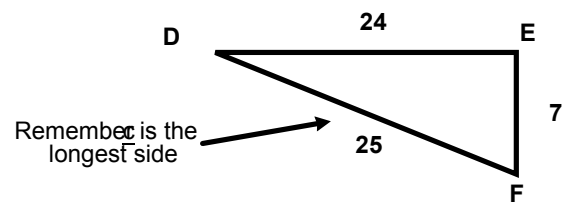
If the square of the longest side of a triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides, then the triangle is a right triangle.

If $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$, then $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle.



Example

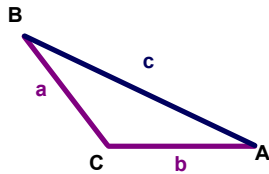
Tell whether the triangle is a right triangle
Explain your reasoning.



Theorem

If the square of the longest side of a triangle is greater than the sum of the squares of the other two sides, then the triangle is obtuse.

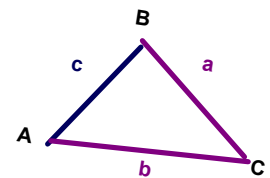
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Theorem

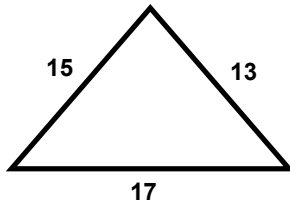
If the square of the longest side of a triangle is less than the sum of the squares of the other two sides, then the triangle is acute.

If $c^2 < a^2 + b^2$, then $\triangle ABC$ is acute.



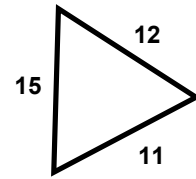
Example

Classify the triangle as acute, right, or obtuse.
Explain your reasoning.



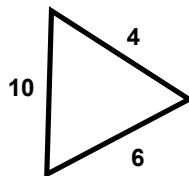
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- A acute
 B right
 C obtuse
 D not a triangle



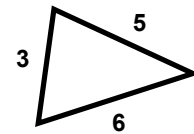
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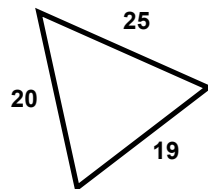
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59 Tell whether the lengths 35, 65, and 56 represent the sides of an acute, right, or obtuse triangle.

- A acute
 B right
 C obtuse

60 Tell whether the lengths represent the sides of an acute, right, or obtuse triangle.

$$\sqrt{3}, 2, 3$$

- A acute triangle
 B right triangle
 C obtuse triangle

Review

If $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$, then triangle is right.

If $c^2 > a^2 + b^2$, then triangle is obtuse.

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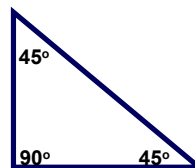
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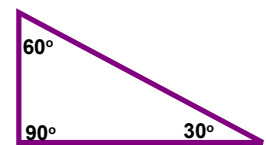
Special Right Triangles

In this section you will learn about the properties of the two special right triangles.

45-45-90



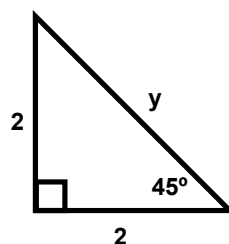
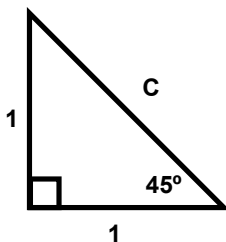
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Investigation: 45-45-90 Triangle Theorem

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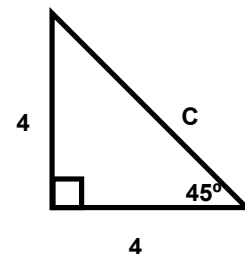
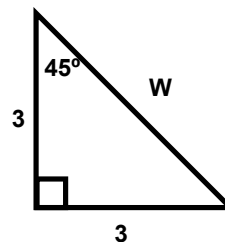
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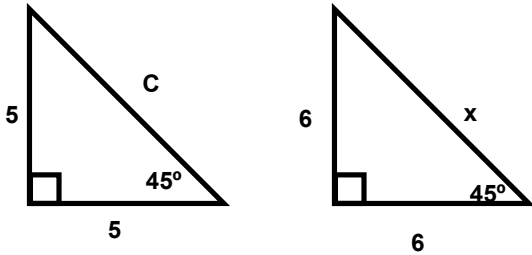
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45-45-90 Triangle Theorem

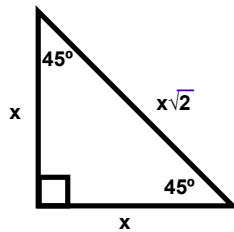
This theorem can be proved algebraically using Pythagorean Theorem.

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

$$x^2 + x^2 = c^2$$

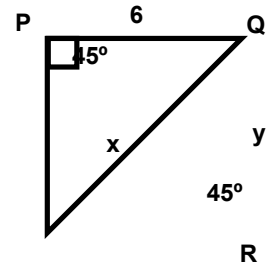
$$2x^2 = c^2$$

$$x\sqrt{2} = c$$



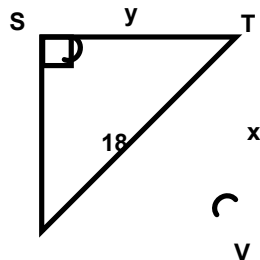
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Find the length of the missing sides.
Write the answer in simplest radical form.



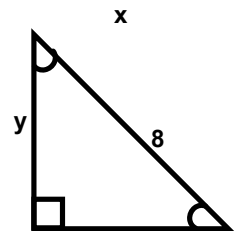
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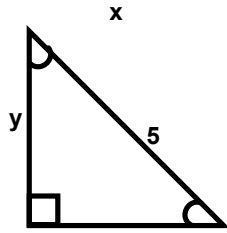
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61 Find the value of x .

- A 5
 B $5\sqrt{2}$
 C —

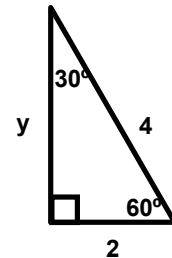
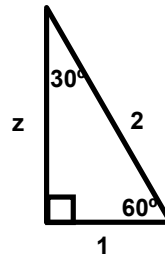
62 What is the length of the hypotenuse of an isosceles right triangle if the length of the legs is $8\sqrt{2}$ inches.

63 What is the length of each leg of an isosceles, if the length of the hypotenuse is 20 cm.

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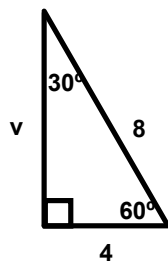
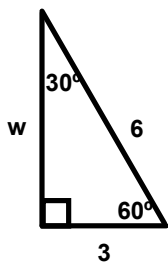
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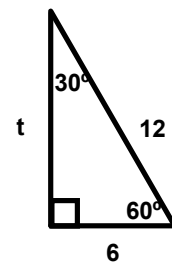
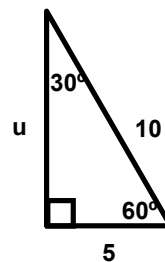
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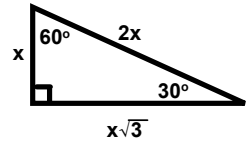


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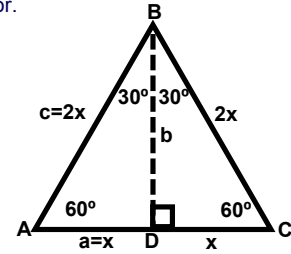
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This theorem can be proved using an equilateral triangle and Pythagorean Theorem.



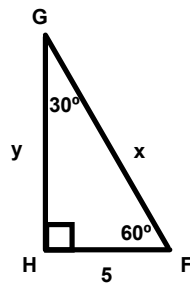
For right triangle ABD, \overline{BD} is a perpendicular bisector. let $a = x$, $c = 2x$ and $b = BD$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \\ x^2 + b^2 &= (2x)^2 \\ x^2 + b^2 &= 4x^2 \\ b^2 &= 3x^2 \\ b &= x\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$



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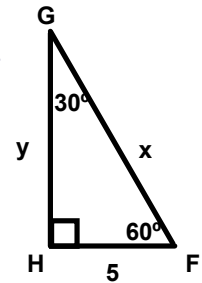
Example:
Find the length of the missing sides of the right triangle.



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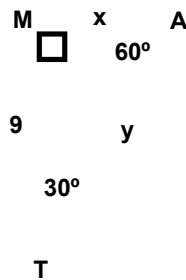
Recall triangle inequality, the shortest side is opposite the smallest angle and the longest side is opposite the largest angle.

\overline{HF} is the shortest side
 \overline{GF} is the longest side (hypotenuse)
 \overline{GH} is the 2nd longest side
 $HF < GH < GF$



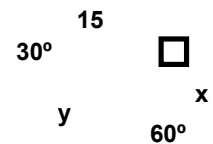
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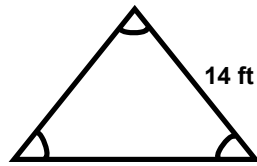
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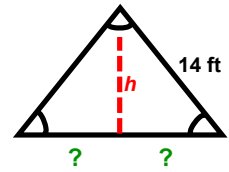


30-60-90 Example

Example:
Find the area of the triangle.

**30-60-90 Example**

The altitude (or height) divides the triangle into two 30°-60°-90° triangles.



The length of the shorter leg is 7 ft.

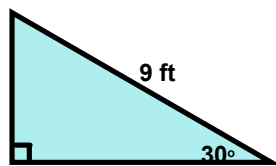
The length of the longer leg is $7\sqrt{3}$ ft.

$$A = \frac{1}{2} b(h) = \frac{1}{2} 14(7\sqrt{3})$$

$$A = 49\sqrt{3} \text{ square ft} \approx 84.87 \text{ square ft}$$

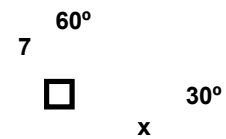
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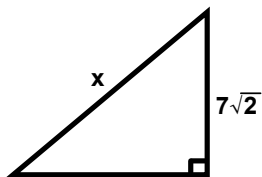
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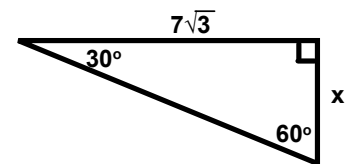
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- 67 The hypotenuse of a 30° - 60° - 90° triangle is 13 cm. What is the length of the shorter leg?

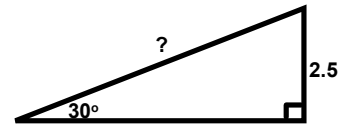
- 68 The length the longer leg of a 30° - 60° - 90° triangle is 7 cm. What is the length of the hypotenuse?

Real World Example



The wheelchair ramp at your school has a height of 2.5 feet and rises at angle of 30° . What is the length of the ramp?

Real World Example

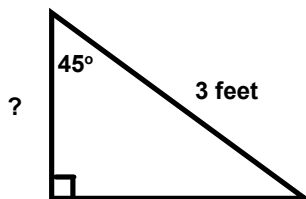


The triangle formed by the ramp is a 30° - 60° - 90° right triangle. The length of the ramp is the hypotenuse.

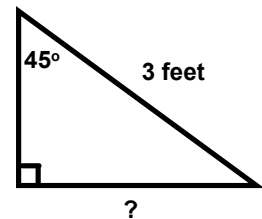
$$\begin{aligned} \text{hypotenuse} &= 2(\text{shorter leg}) \\ \text{hypotenuse} &= 2(2.5) \\ \text{hypotenuse} &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

The ramp is 5 feet long.

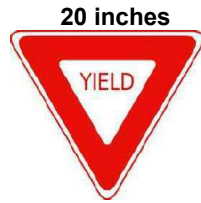
- 69 A skateboarder constructs a ramp using plywood. The length of the plywood is 3 feet long and falls at an angle of 45° . What is the height of the ramp? Round to the nearest hundredth.



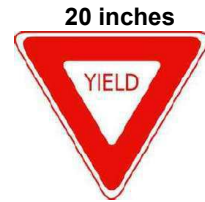
- 70 What is the length of the base of the ramp? Round to the nearest hundredth.



- 71 The yield sign is shaped like an equilateral triangle. Find the length of the altitude.



- 72 The yield sign is shaped like an equilateral triangle. Find the area of the sign.



PARCC Sample Questions

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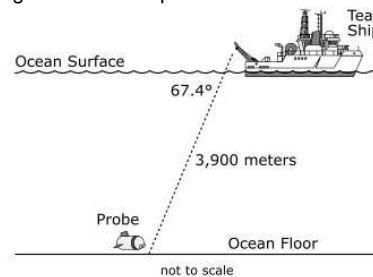
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Question 10/25

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

An archaeological team is excavating artifacts from a sunken merchant vessel on the ocean floor. To help with the exploration the team uses a robotic probe. The probe travels approximately 3,900 meters at an angle of depression of 67.4 degrees from the team's ship on the ocean surface down to the sunken vessel on the ocean floor. The figure shows a representation of the team's ship and the probe.



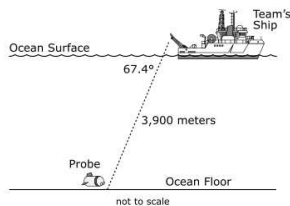
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Question 10/25

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

- 73 When the probe reaches the ocean floor, the probe will be approximately _____ meters below the ocean surface.

- A 1,247
 B 1,500
 C 1,623
 D 3,377
 E 3,600



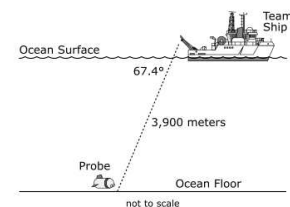
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Question 10/25

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

- 74 When the probe reaches the ocean floor, the horizontal distance of the probe behind the team's ship on the ocean surface will be approximately _____ meters.

- F 1,247
 G 1,500
 H 1,623
 I 3,377
 J 3,600



PARCC Released Question (EOY)

Question 3/25

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

75 In right triangle ABC , $m\angle B \neq m\angle C$. Let $\sin B = r$ and $\cos B = s$. What is $\sin C - \cos C$?

- A $r + s$ **B**
 B $r - s$
 C $s - r$
 D $\frac{r}{s}$

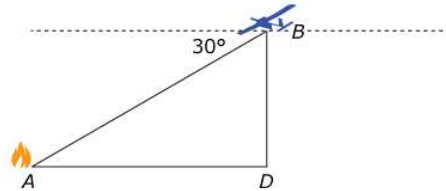
A C

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Question 16/25

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) is equipped with cameras used to monitor forest fires. The figure represents a moment in time at which a UAV, at point B , flying at an altitude of 1,000 meters (m) is directly above point D on the forest floor. Point A represents the location of a small fire on the forest floor.

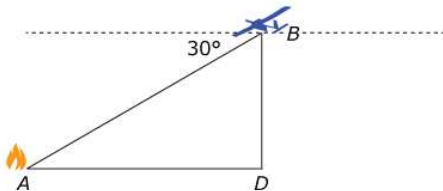


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Question 16/25 Part A

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

76 At the moment in time represented by the figure, the angle of depression from the UAV to the fire has a measure of 30° . At the moment in time represented by the figure, what is the distance from the UAV to the fire?

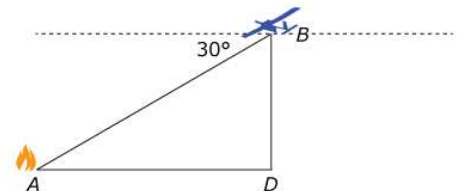


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Question 16/25 Part B

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

77 What is the distance, to the nearest meter, from the fire to point D ?



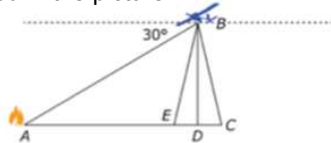
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Question 16/25 Part C

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

78 Points C and E represent the linear range of view of the camera when it is pointed directly down at point D . The field of view of the camera is 20° and is represented in the figure by $\angle CBE$. The camera takes a picture directly over point D , what is the approximate width of the forest floor that will be captured in the picture?

- A 170 meters
 B 353 meters
 C 364 meters
 D 728 meters



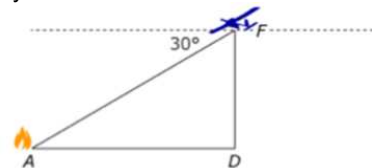
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Question 16/25 Part D

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

79 The UAV is flying at a speed of 13 meters per second in the direction toward the fire. Suppose the altitude of the UAV is now 800 meters. The new position is represented at F in the figure. From its position at point F , how many minutes, to the nearest tenth of a minute, will it take the UAV to be directly over the fire?

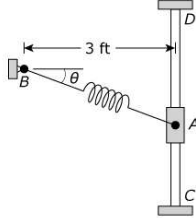
- A 0.6
 B 1.2
 C 1.8
 D 2.0



PARCC Released Question (EOY)

Question 20/25 Part A Topic: **Trigonometric Ratios**

A spring is attached at one end to support B and at the other end to collar A, as represented in the figure. Collar A slides along the vertical bar between points C and D. In the figure, the angle θ is the angle created as the collar moves between points C and D.



80 When $\theta = 28^\circ$, what is the distance from point A to point B to the nearest tenth of a foot?

PARCC Released Question (EOY)

Question 4/7 Topic: **Trigonometric Ratios**

82 Right triangle WXY is similar to triangle DEF. The following are measurements in right triangle DEF.

- $m\angle F = 90^\circ$
- $DE = \sqrt{113}$
- $DF = 7$
- $EF = 8$

Write an expression that represents $\cos W$.

Which number represents the **numerator** of the fraction?

- 90
- $\sqrt{113}$
- 7
- 8

$$\cos W = \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{}}$$

PARCC Released Question (PBA)

Question 6/7 Topic: **Trigonometric Ratios**

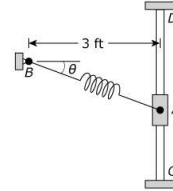
84 The degree measure of an angle in a right triangle is x , and $\sin x = 1/3$. Which of these expressions are also equal to $1/3$? Select **all** that apply.

- $\cos(x)$
- $\cos(x - 45^\circ)$
- $\cos(45^\circ - x)$
- $\cos(60^\circ - x)$
- $\cos(90^\circ - x)$

PARCC Released Question (PBA)

Question 20/25 Part B Topic: **Inverse Trigonometric Ratios**

A spring is attached at one end to support B and at the other end to collar A, as represented in the figure. Collar A slides along the vertical bar between points C and D. In the figure, the angle θ is the angle created as the collar moves between points C and D.



81 When the spring is stretched and the distance from A to B is 5.2 feet, what is the value of θ to the nearest tenth of a degree?

- 35.2°
- 54.8°
- 45.1°
- 60.0°

PARCC Released Question (EOY)

Question 4/7 Topic: **Trigonometric Ratios**

83 Right triangle WXY is similar to triangle DEF. The following are measurements in right triangle DEF.

- $m\angle F = 90^\circ$
- $DE = \sqrt{113}$
- $DF = 7$
- $EF = 8$

Write an expression that represents $\cos W$.

Which number represents the **denominator** of the fraction?

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- 7
- 8

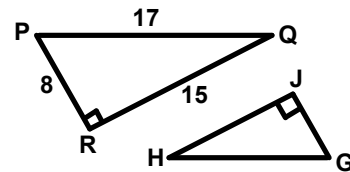
$$\cos W = \frac{\boxed{}}{\boxed{}}$$

PARCC Released Question (PBA)

Question 7/7 Topic: **Trigonometric Ratios**

85 In this figure, triangle GHJ is similar to triangle PQR. Based on this information, which ratio represents $\tan H$?

- A $\frac{8}{15}$
- B $\frac{8}{17}$
- C $\frac{15}{8}$
- D $\frac{17}{8}$

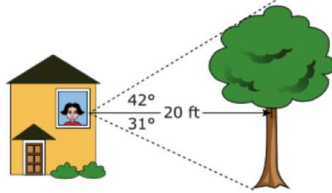


PARCC Released Question (PBA)

Question 5/11

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

- 86 Mariela is standing in a building and looking out of a window at a tree. The tree is 20 feet away from Mariela. Mariela's line of sight to the top of the tree creates a 42° angle of elevation, and her line of sight to the base of the tree creates a 31° angle of depression.



What is the height, in feet, of the tree? Type in your answer.

PARCC Released Question (PBA)

Released PARCC Exam Question

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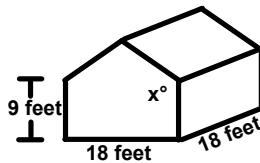
Then we'll go through the processes that we can use to solve it.

PARCC Released Question (PBA)

Question 1/11

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

The figure shows the design of a shed that will be built. Use the figure to answer all parts of the task.



The base of the shed will be a square measuring 18 feet by 18 feet. The height of the rectangular sides will be 9 feet. The measure of the angle made by the roof with the side of the shed can vary and is labeled as x° . Different roof angles create different surface areas of the roof. The surface area of the roof will determine the number of roofing shingles needed in constructing the shed. To meet drainage requirements, the roof angles must be at least 117° .

Question 1/11 Part A

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

The builder of the shed is considering using an angle that measures 125° . Determine the surface area of the roof if 125° angle is used. Explain or show your process.

- 87 What concepts could we use to solve this problem?

- Area of a rectangle
 Right Triangle Trigonometry
 Angle Addition Postulate
 All of the above

Part A

The builder of the shed is considering using an angle that measures 125° . Determine the surface area of the roof if 125° angle is used. Explain or show your process.

Part B

Without changing the measurements of the base of the shed, the builder is also considering using a roof angle that will create a roof surface area that is 10% less than the area obtained in Part A. Less surface area will require less roofing shingles. Will such an angle meet the specified drainage requirements. Explain how you came to your conclusion.

Part C

The roofing shingles cost \$27.75 for a bundle. Each bundle can cover approximately 35 square feet. Shingles must be purchased in full bundles. The builder has a budget of \$325 for shingles.

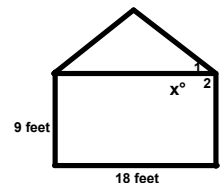
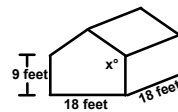
What is the greatest angle the builder can use and stay within budget? Explain or show your process.

Question 1/11 Part A

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

- 88 If the value of x is 125° , what would be the $m\angle 1$?

- 90°
 25°
 35°
 160°



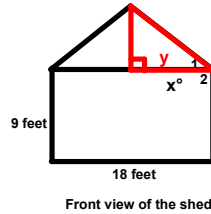
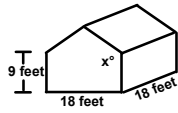
Front view of the shed

Question 1/11 Part A

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

89 What would be the value of y in the figure to the right?

- 6 ft
- 9 ft
- 12 ft
- 18 ft

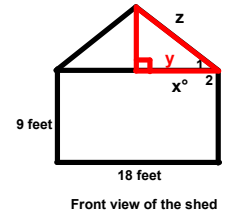
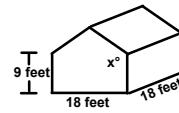


Question 1/11 Part A

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

90 What ratio would we use to find the value of z in the figure below?

- $\sin(35) = \frac{z}{18}$
- $\tan(35) = \frac{9}{z}$
- $\cos(35) = \frac{9}{z}$
- $\tan(35) = \frac{z}{9}$

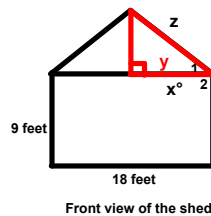
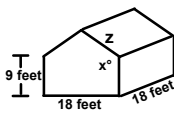


Question 1/11 Part A

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

91 What is the value of z in the figure below?

- 7.37 feet
- 10.32 feet
- 10.99 feet
- 12.85 feet

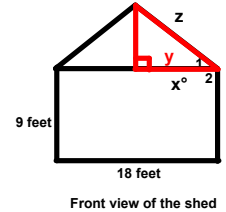
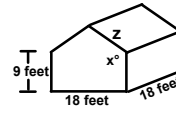


Question 1/11 Part A

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

92 What is the area of the roof?

- 98.91 ft²
- 197.82 ft²
- 296.73 ft²
- 395.64 ft²



Question 1/11 Part B

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

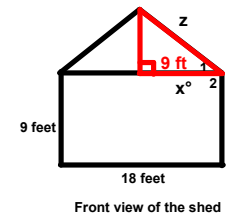
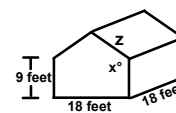
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Question 1/11 Part B

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

93 After finding the answer that the area of the roof was 395.64 ft², what would be the area of a roof that has 10% less area?

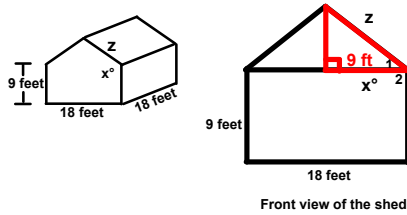
- 356.08 ft²
- 316.52 ft²
- 197.8 ft²
- 39.56 ft²



Question 1/11 Part B Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

94 Using the area that we found in the previous slide, what is the new value of z ?

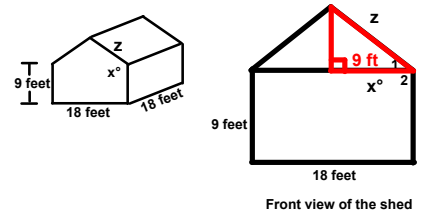
- 10.99 ft
- 17.58 ft
- 19.78 ft
- 9.89 ft



Question 1/11 Part B Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

95 Using the new value of z , what is the new $m\angle 1$?

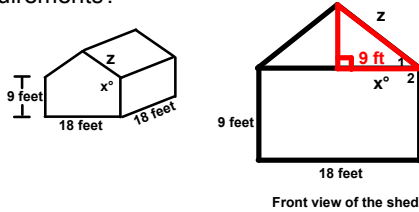
- 65.51°
- 24.49°
- 42.30°
- 47.70°



Question 1/11 Part B Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

96 Does the measurement of our new angle x meet the building requirements?

- Yes
- No



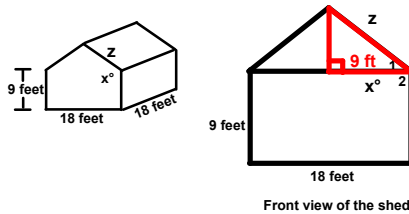
Question 1/11 Part C Topic: Trigonometric Ratios



Question 1/11 Part C Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

97 If the roofing shingles cost \$27.75 for a bundle and his budget is \$325, how many bundles of shingles can he buy?

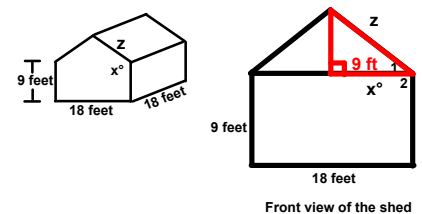
- 10
- 11
- 11.71
- 12



Question 1/11 Part C Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

98 If each bundle of shingles covers an area of 35 square feet, then what is the area is covered by the amount of bundles that the builder purchased?

- 420 ft²
- 409.85 ft²
- 385 ft²
- 350 ft²

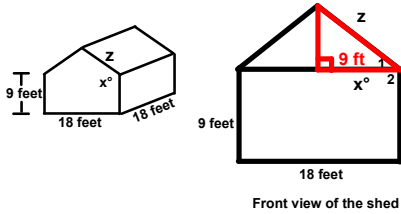


Question 1/11 Part C

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

99 Using the new area found in the last question, what is the value of z in the figures below?

- 10.69 ft
- 14.26 ft
- 16.04 ft
- 21.39 ft

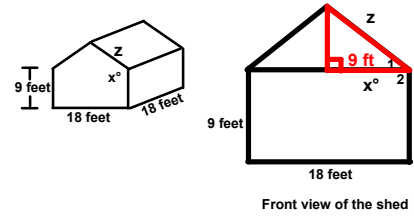


Question 1/11 Part C

Topic: Trigonometric Ratios

100 Using the new value of z found in the last question, what is the new value of x in the figures below?

- 32.66°
- 57.34°
- 122.66°
- 147.34°



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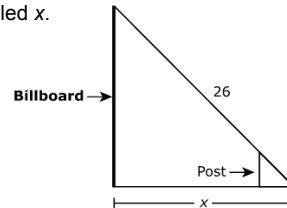
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Then we'll go through the processes that we can use to solve it.

Question 3/11

Topic: Problem Solving w/ Similar Triangles

A billboard at ground level has a support length of 26 feet that extends from the top of the billboard to the ground. A post that is 5 feet tall is attached to the support and is 4 feet from where the base of the support is attached to the ground. In the figure shown, the distance, in feet, from the base of the billboard to the base of the support is labeled x .



Create an equation that can be used to determine x . Discuss any assumptions that should be made concerning the equation. Use your equation to find the value of x . Show your work or explain your answer.

Question 3/11

Topic: Problem Solving w/ Similar Triangles

101 Is this problem solvable?

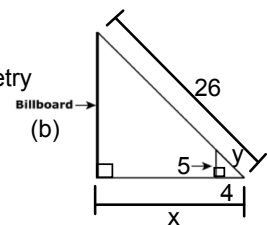
- Yes
- No

Question 3/11

Topic: Problem Solving w/ Similar Triangles

102 If we assume that both the billboard & the post are perpendicular with the ground, what concepts could we use to solve this problem?

- A Pythagorean Theorem
- B Right Triangle Trigonometry
- C Similar Triangles
- D All of the above



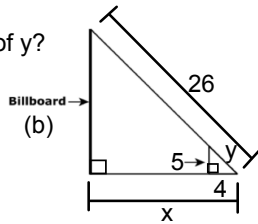
Question 3/11

Topic: Problem Solving w/ Similar Triangles

Let's use first, the combination of
 A Pythagorean Theorem &
 C Similar Triangles.

103 What would be the value of y?

- A 3
- B 9
- C $\sqrt{41}$
- D 41

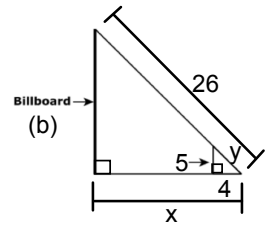


Question 3/11

Topic: Problem Solving w/ Similar Triangles

104 What proportion would we use to find the value of x?

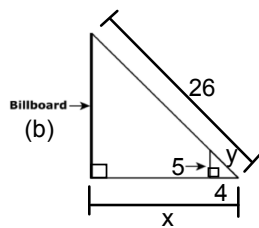
- A $\frac{5}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{41}}{26}$
- B $\frac{4}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{41}}{26}$
- C $\frac{5}{b} = \frac{\sqrt{41}}{26}$
- D $\frac{4}{x} = \frac{26}{\sqrt{41}}$



Question 3/11

Topic: Problem Solving w/ Similar Triangles

105 What is the value of x?



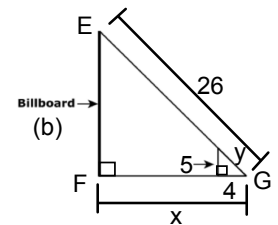
Question 3/11

Topic: Problem Solving w/ Similar Triangles

Now, let's use the combination of
 B Right Triangle Trigonometry &
 C Similar Triangles.

106 What would be the ratio that we would use to find the measurement of Angle G?

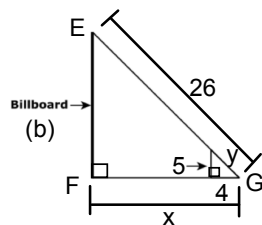
- A $\tan G = \frac{5}{4}$
- B $\sin G = \frac{5}{26}$
- C $\cos G = \frac{4}{26}$
- D $\tan G = \frac{4}{5}$



Question 3/11

Topic: Problem Solving w/ Similar Triangles

107 What is the measurement of angle G?



Question 3/11

Topic: Problem Solving w/ Similar Triangles

Since the two triangles are similar, the measurement of angle G is the same in both triangles.

108 Using the measurement of angle G, what is the value of x?

