

Unit 5 Day 4:
Law of Sines &
Area of Triangles with Sines

Warm-up:

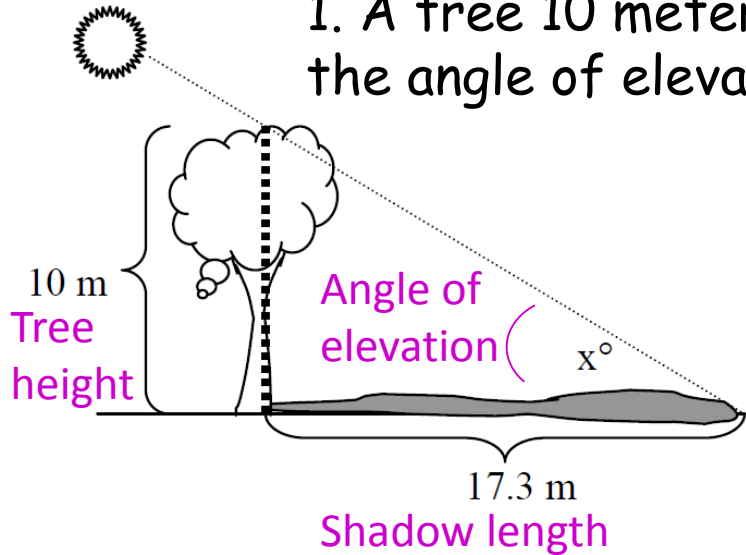
Draw a picture and solve. Label the picture with numbers and words including the angle of elevation/depression and height/length.

1. A tree 10 meters high cast a 17.3 meter shadow. Find the angle of elevation of the sun.
2. A car is traveling up a slight grade with an angle of elevation of 2° . After traveling 1 mile, what is the vertical change in feet? (1 mile = 5280 ft)
3. A person is standing 50 meters from a traffic light. If the angle of elevation from the person's feet to the top of the traffic light is 25° , find the height of the traffic light.
4. Two friends, each 5 foot tall, meet at a 120 foot tall flag pole, then walk in opposite directions. One measures her angle of elevation to the top of the pole to be 38 degrees, while the other friend finds his to be 42 degrees. How far apart are the friends?

Warm-up Answers

1. A tree 10 meters high cast a 17.3 meter shadow. Find the angle of elevation of the sun.

Approx. 30°



2. A car is traveling up a slight grade with an angle of elevation of 2° . After traveling 1 mile, what is the vertical change in feet? (1 mile = 5280 ft)

Road length

1 mile

Approx. 184 ft.

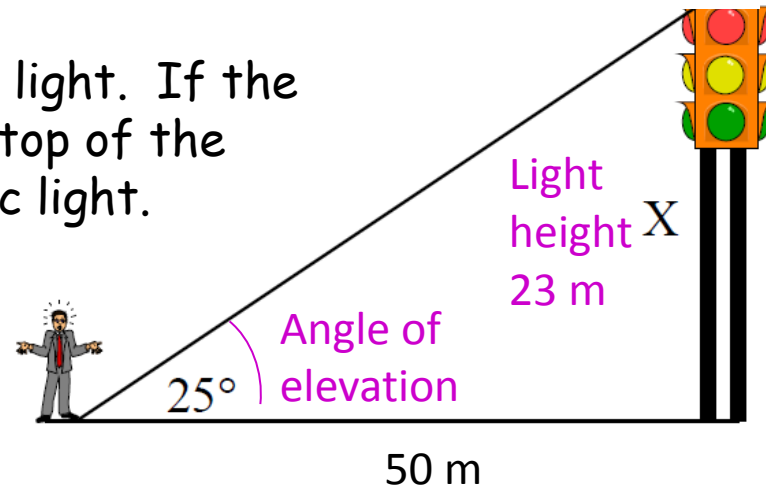
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Angle of elevation 2°

3. A person is standing 50 meters from a traffic light. If the angle of elevation from the person's feet to the top of the traffic light is 25° , find the height of the traffic light.

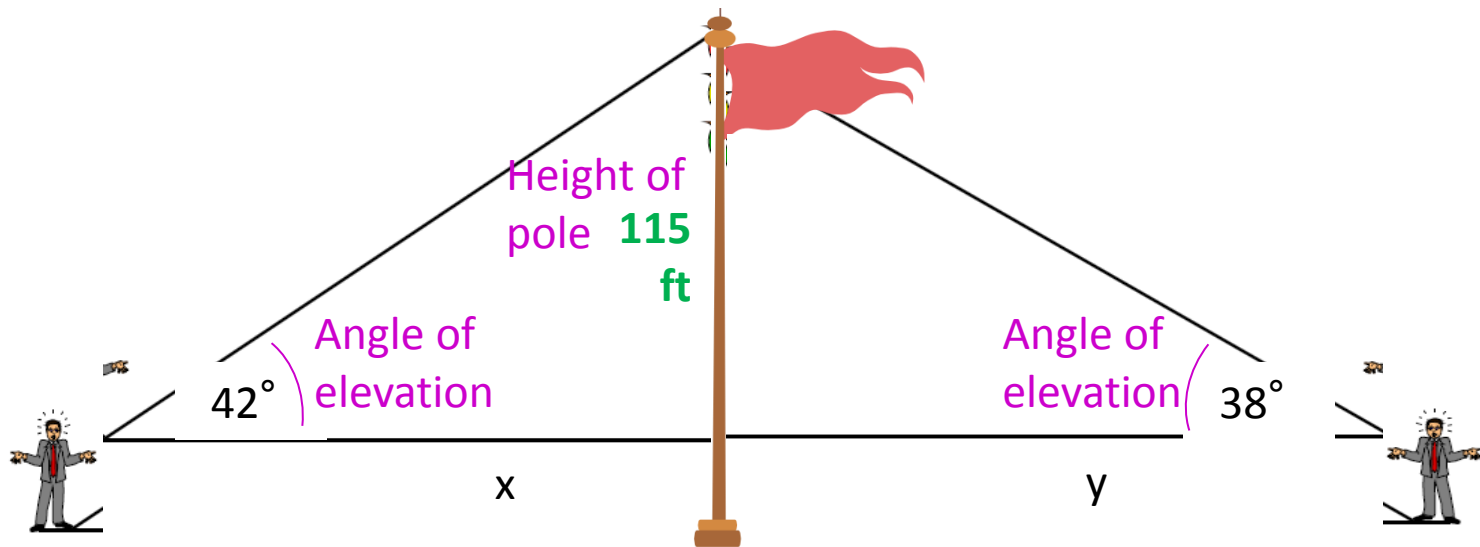
Approx. 23 m



Warm-up Answers

Laws control the lesser man... Right conduct controls the greater one.

4. Two friends, each 5 foot tall, meet at a 120 foot tall flag pole, then walk in opposite directions. One measures her angle of elevation to the top of the pole to be 38 degrees, while the other friend finds his to be 42 degrees. How far apart are the friends?



Approx. 274.9 feet

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| 1. 7.1 m | 2. 8.2 ft | 3. 28.6 ft |
| 4. 81.9 m | 5. 17.2 ft | 6. 57.4ft |

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|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. 994.3 ft | 2. 1664.3 m | 3. 29° |
| 4. 29.4 ft | 5. 30.1 ft | |
| 6. 19.27 ft | 7. 82.8° | 8. 41.4 m |

Homework Information!!

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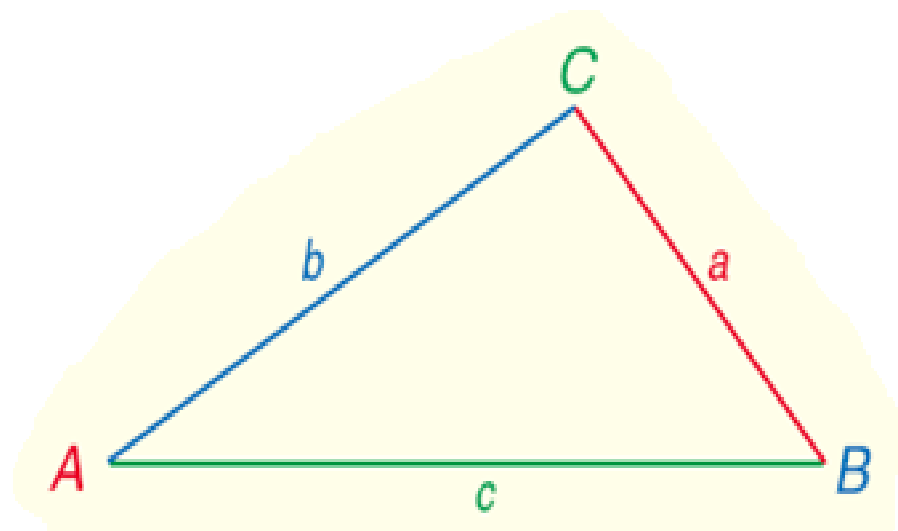
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Formula, Area Of A Triangle with Sine,
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Law of Sines

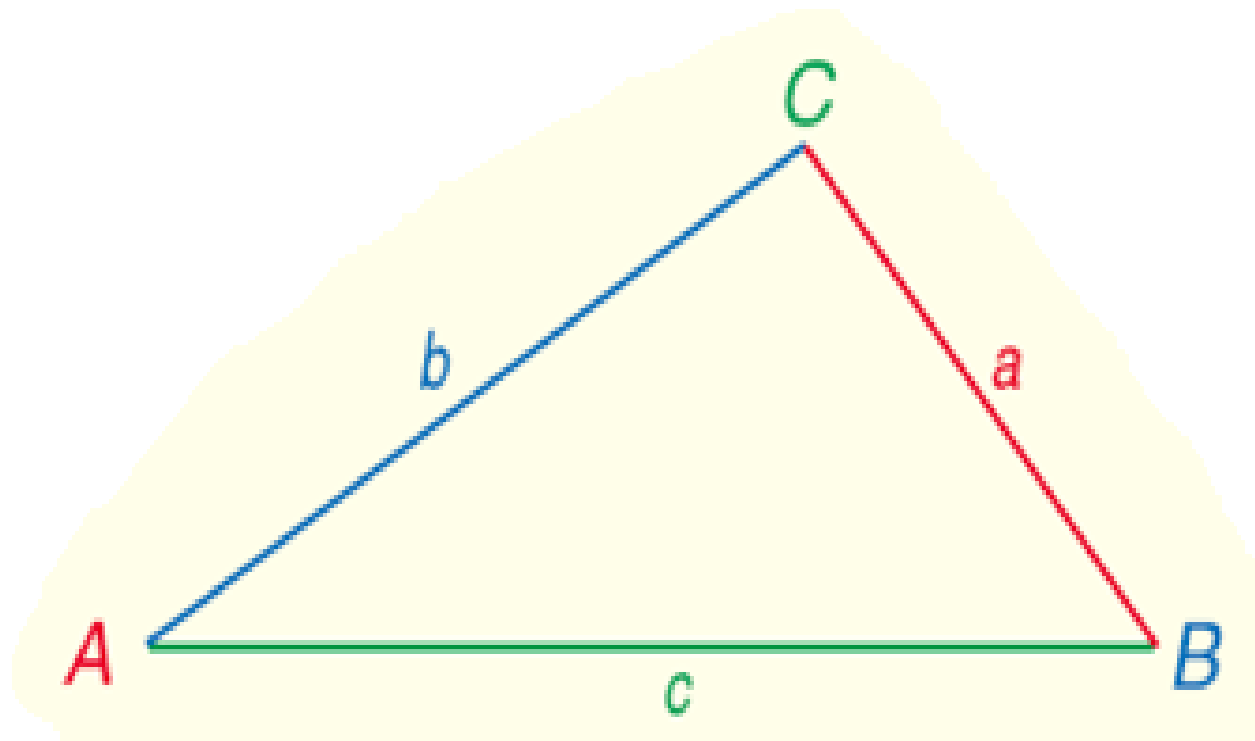
Note Day 4 Part 1 – Solving Oblique Triangles

- In trigonometry, the **Law of Sines** can be used to find missing parts of triangles that are **oblique** triangles. **(Remember an oblique triangle is a non-right triangle.)**
- In Trigonometry, we use capital letters for angles and lower case letters for sides. We also use special positions for the angles and sides. Angle A is opposite from side a, etc, as shown below.



Discovery for Solving Oblique Triangles

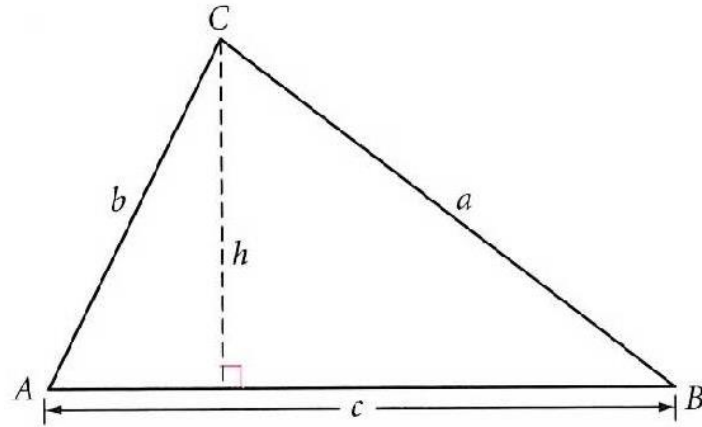
- **Complete the Discovery**
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Discovery for Solving Oblique Triangles!

1. Set up the ratios for $\sin A$ and $\sin B$.

$$\sin A = \frac{h}{b}, \quad \sin B = \frac{h}{a}$$



2. Find h in terms of a and the sine of an angle.

$$h = a \sin B$$

3. Find h in terms of b and the sine of an angle.

$$h = b \sin A$$

4. Using Algebra, show that $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$

$$b \sin A = a \sin B$$

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

5. Find k in terms of c and the sine of an angle.

$$\sin B = \frac{k}{c}, \text{ so } k = c \sin B$$

6. Find k in terms of b and the sine of an angle.

$$\sin C = \frac{k}{b}, \text{ so } k = b \sin C$$

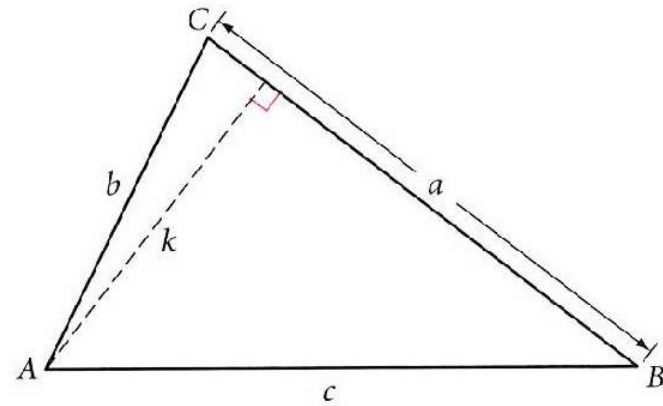
7. Using Algebra, show that $\frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

$$c \sin B = b \sin C$$

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

8. Combine steps 4 and 7 to complete the blanks in the following Law of Sines box.

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



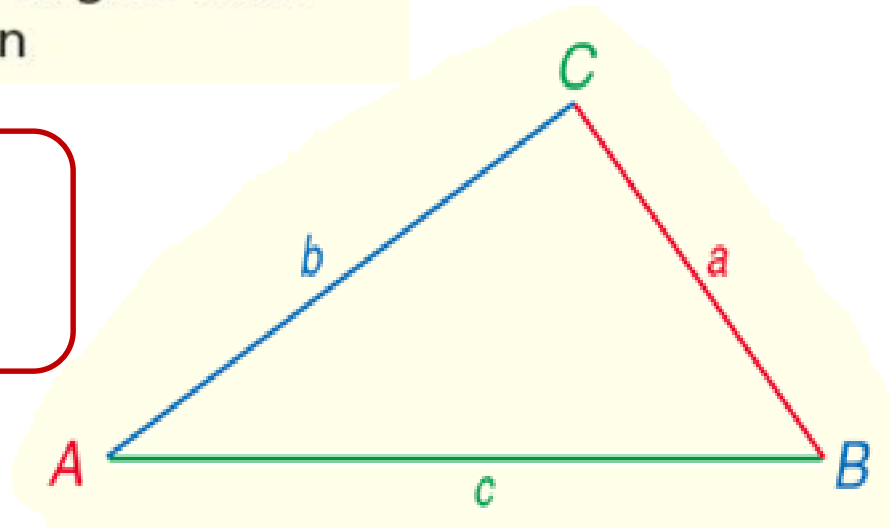
Discussion of Discovery

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Law of Sines

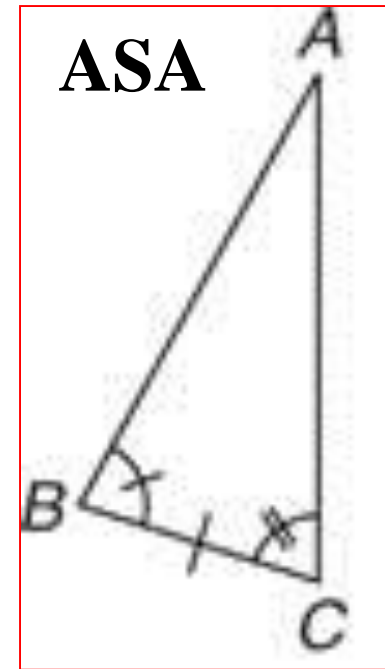
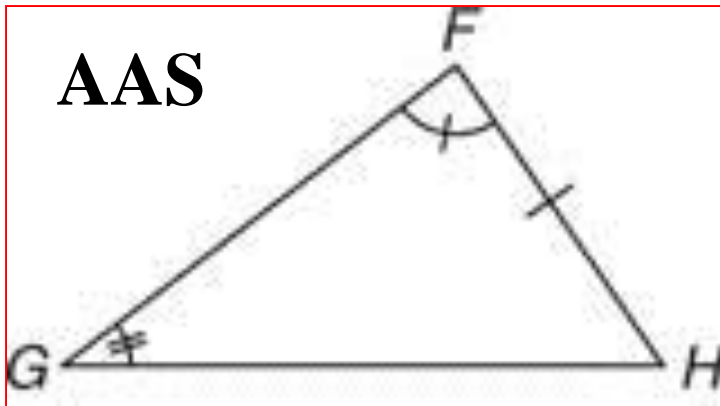
Let $\triangle ABC$ be any triangle with a , b , and c representing the measures of the sides opposite the angles with measures A , B , and C , respectively. Then

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

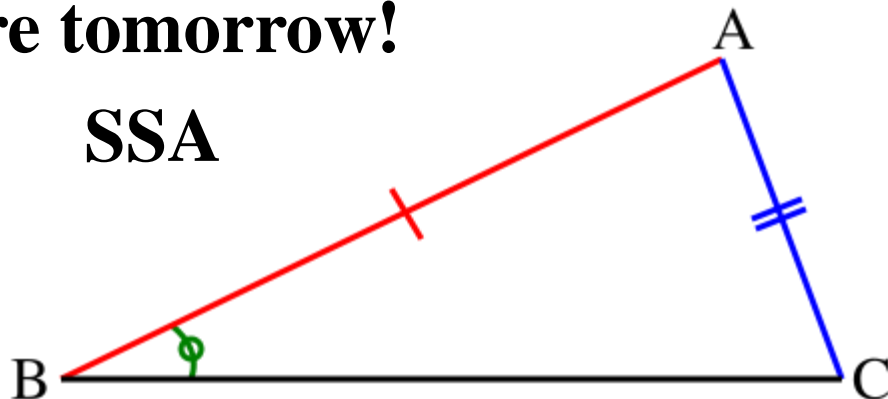


NOTE: to use the Law of Sines, we need an angle and a side **across** from each other!!

Law of Sines is useful in these cases :

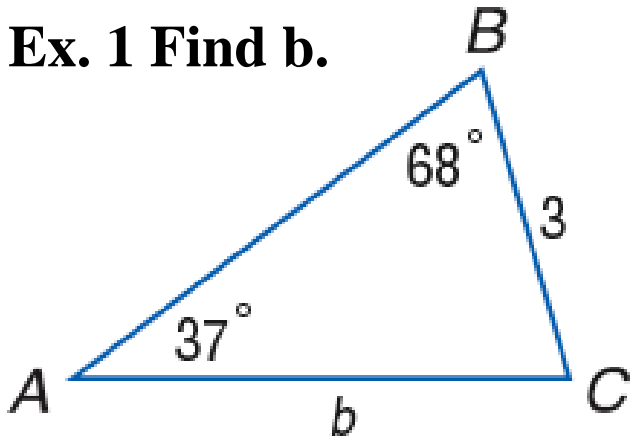


Law of Sines can also be used in this case, but it is ambiguous. We'll discuss this more tomorrow!



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

Ex. 1 Find b.



Pay special attention to how we label the sides and angles.

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

$$\frac{\sin(37)}{3} = \frac{\sin(68)}{b}$$

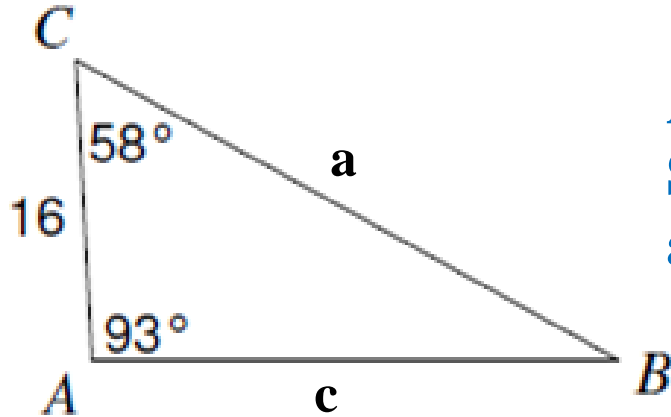
Notice this arrangement is AAS

$$3 \cdot \sin(68) = b \cdot \sin(37)$$

$$b = \frac{3 \cdot \sin(68)}{\sin(37)} \approx 4.6$$

Ex. 2 Find B, a, and c.

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



At first, it may appear we can't use Law of Sines because we don't have an angle and side across from each other. BUT could we get one?

$$\begin{aligned} B &= 180 - 93 - 58 \\ &= 29^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Notice this arrangement is ASA

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

$$\frac{\sin(93)}{a} = \frac{\sin(29)}{16}$$

$$16 \cdot \sin(93) = a \cdot \sin(29)$$

$$a = \frac{16 \cdot \sin(93)}{\sin(29)} \approx 32.96$$

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

$$\frac{\sin(29)}{16} = \frac{\sin(58)}{c}$$

$$16 \cdot \sin(58) = c \cdot \sin(29)$$

$$c = \frac{16 \cdot \sin(58)}{\sin(29)} \approx 27.99$$

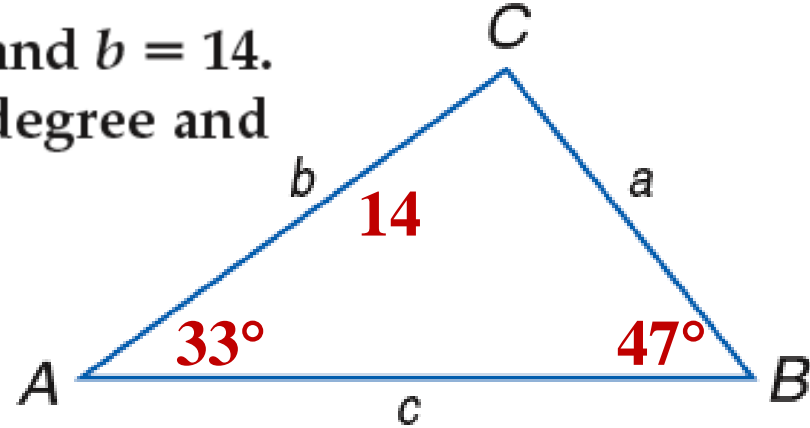
The Law of Sines can be used to solve a triangle. Solving a Triangle means finding the measures of **all the angles** and **all the sides** of a triangle.

Ex. 3

Solve $\triangle ABC$ if $m\angle A = 33$, $m\angle B = 47$, and $b = 14$. Round angle measures to the nearest degree and side measures to the nearest tenth.

First, make a sketch of the triangle and label the parts we know.

Then, find the other parts of the triangle to “SOLVE THE TRIANGLE”.



$$B = 180 - 33 - 47 = 100^\circ$$

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

$$\frac{\sin(33)}{a} = \frac{\sin(47)}{14}$$

$$a = \frac{14 \cdot \sin(33)}{\sin(47)} \approx 10.4$$

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

$$\frac{\sin(47)}{14} = \frac{\sin(100)}{c}$$

$$c = \frac{14 \cdot \sin(100)}{\sin(47)} \approx 18.9$$

Indirect Measurement

Ex. 4 Word Problem

When the angle of elevation to the sun is 62° , a telephone pole tilted at an angle of 7° from the vertical casts a shadow of 30 feet long on the ground. Find the length of the telephone pole to the nearest tenth of a foot.

Be careful....the 7 degrees takes away from the 90 degree angle shown.

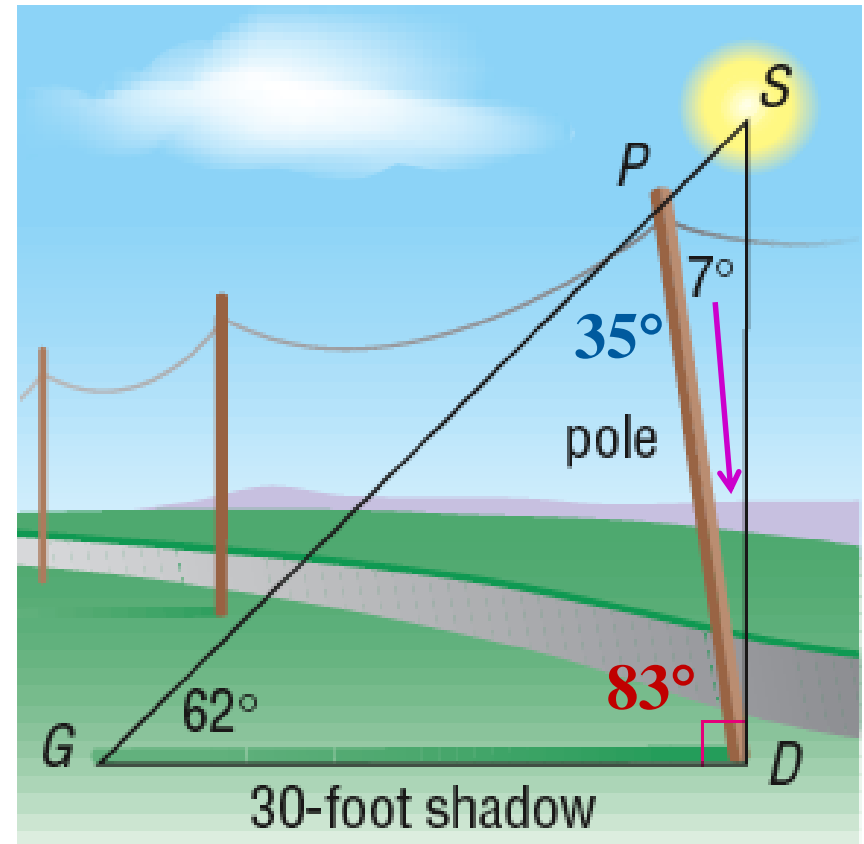
$$m\angle PDG = 90 - 7 = 83^\circ$$

We need to find $m\angle DPG$ so that we have an angle and side across from each other!

$$m\angle DPG = 180 - 83 - 62 = 35^\circ$$

$$\frac{\sin(35)}{30} = \frac{\sin(62)}{x}$$

$$x = \frac{30 \cdot \sin(62)}{\sin(35)} \approx 46.2 \text{ ft}$$



Practice Break!

Try Notes p. 10 #8, 10, 12

Concept Summary

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Notes Part 2:
Finding the Area of Triangles
With Sines

Discovery for Area with Sine

- Complete Bottom of Notes p. 10

Discussion of Discovery

1) What is the formula for the area of a triangle that you remember from other courses?

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

2) What is formula for the area of this triangle?

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ah$$

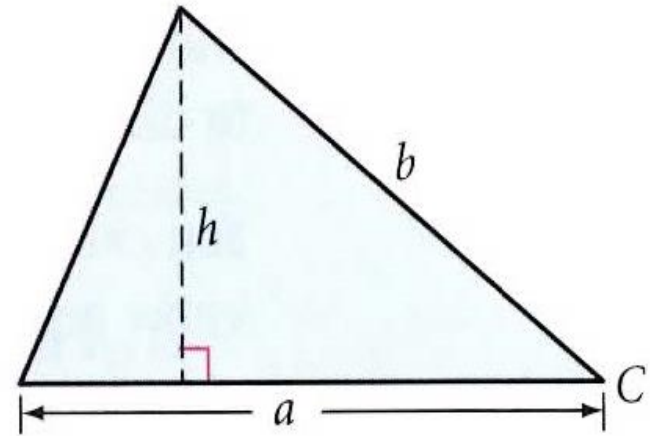
3) Find the ratio for $\sin C$.

$$\sin C = \frac{h}{b}$$

4) Suppose we only know the measures of a , b , and angle C – and that we do not know the measure of h . How could we find the area of the triangle? (Hint: use steps 2 & 3)

Solve for h , $h = b \sin C$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$$

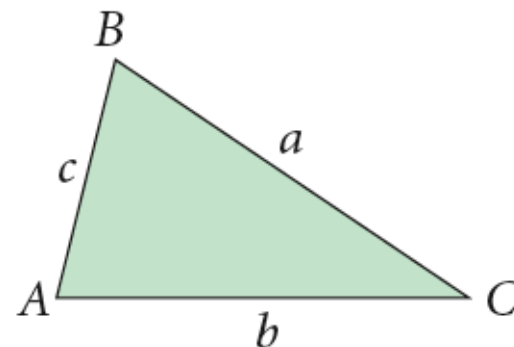


Theorem 9-1

Area of a Triangle Given SAS

The area of a triangle is one half the product of the lengths of two sides and the sine of the included angle.

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2}bc(\sin A)$$



Notice you must have the arrangement SAS to use this technique !

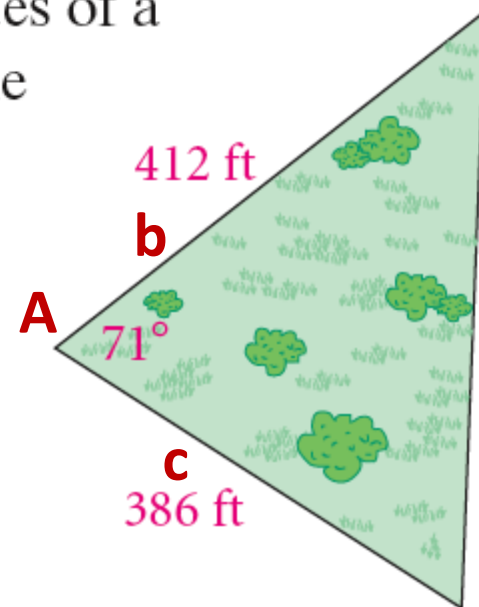
Surveying The surveyed lengths of two adjacent sides of a triangular plot of land are 412 ft and 386 ft. The angle between the sides is 71° . Find the area of the plot.

Make sure the triangle is SAS.

Then, label the triangle with b, c, A

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} (412 \text{ ft})(386 \text{ ft}) \sin(71) \\ &= 75183.9 \text{ ft}^2\end{aligned}$$

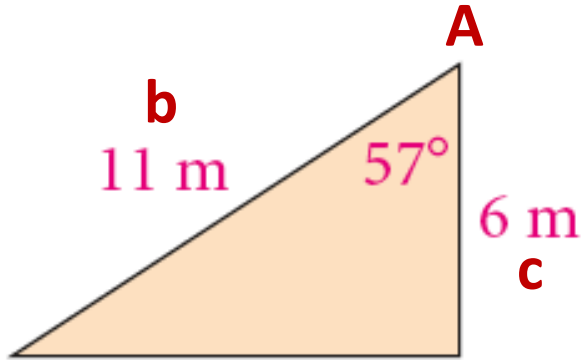
Be sure to use appropriate units!!



One Together!

Find the area of each triangle. Give answers to the nearest tenth.

11.



Does it fit the SAS requirement?

YES! The triangle is SAS.

Then, label the triangle with b, c, A

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin A$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} (11\text{m})(6\text{m}) \sin(57)$$

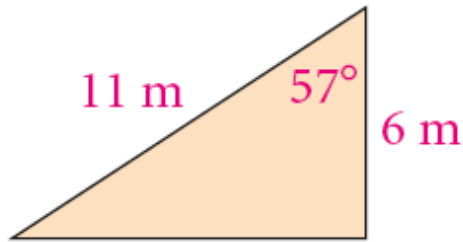
$$= 27.7 \text{ m}^2$$

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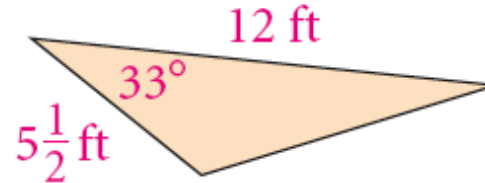
You Try the rest!

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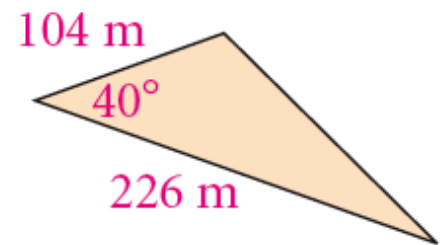
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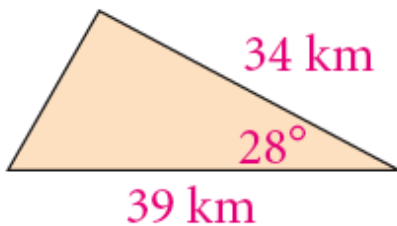
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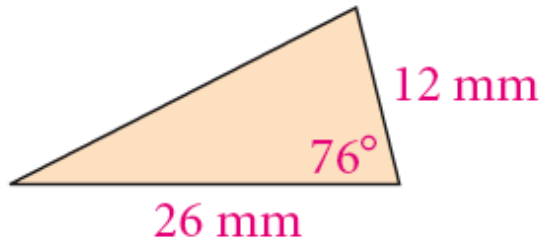
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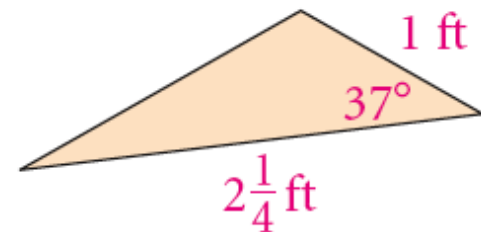
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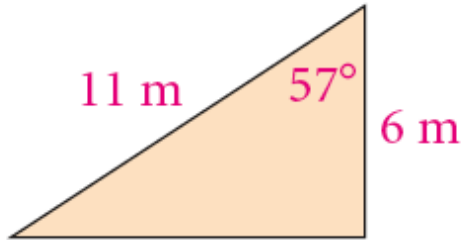


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You Try Answers!

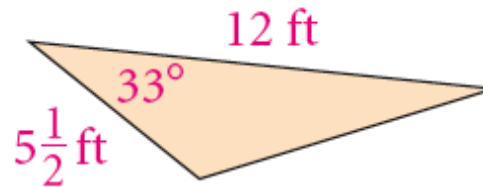
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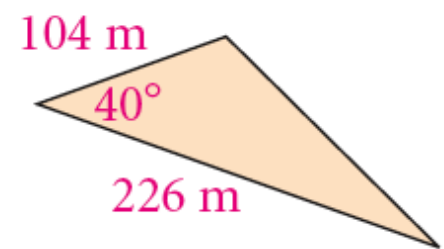
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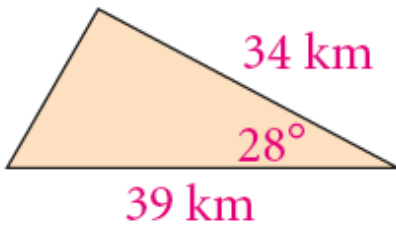
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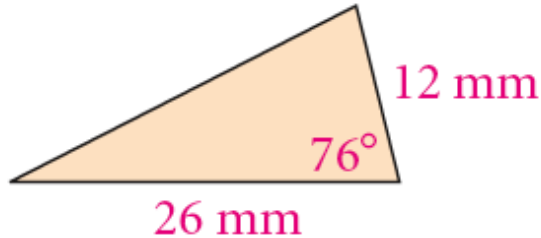
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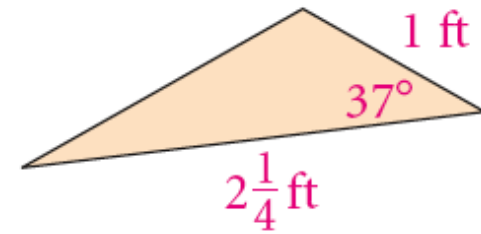
$$311.3 \text{ km}^2$$

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$$151.4 \text{ mm}^2$$

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$$0.7 \text{ ft}^2$$

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Hint: Draw a picture first!!

$$5523 \text{ yd}^2$$

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