

The Sine Law

Sometime using a right angle triangle just can't be done and then SOH CAH TOA doesn't work!!! In that case need to use so-called "OBLIQUE TRIANGLES". Oblique triangles come in two forms:

- 1) Acute (all angles are less than 90° ?)
- 2) Obtuse (one angle is more than 90°)

In Grade 10 we will focus on Acute Triangles. The Sine Law (for oblique triangles)

(There are **TWO FORMS** you should know!!)

Given the **non-right triangle**, $\triangle ABC$, then:

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

or

$$\frac{a}{\sin(A)} = \frac{b}{\sin(B)} = \frac{c}{\sin(C)} \sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \frac{b}{\sin(a)} = \frac{c}{\sin(a)} \sum_{b=1}^{\infty} \frac{b}{\sin(b)} = \frac{c}{\sin(b)} \sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \frac{b}{\sin(a)} \sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \frac{b}{\sin(a)} = \frac{c}{\sin(b)} \sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \frac{b}{\sin(a)} \sum_{a$$

Notes:

- 1) Memorize the SINE LAW!
- 2) If we are trying to find an angle, use the first form of the Sine Law (angles on top)
- 3) If we are trying to **find the length** of a side, use the second for of the law (**with sides on top**)

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4) In order to use the Sine Law, you must have the correct infor-

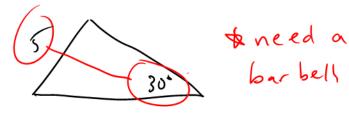
mation in the triangle. You must have:

- a) 3 pieces of information
- b) One "**CORRESPONDING PAIR**" an angle with

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its opposite side (for example you might have side a and

angle A)

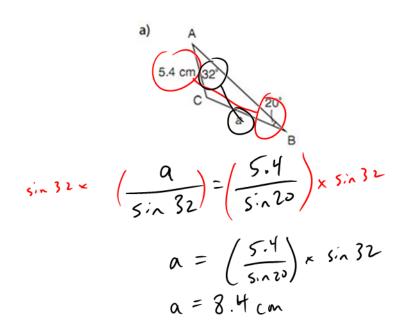


Example 8.2.1

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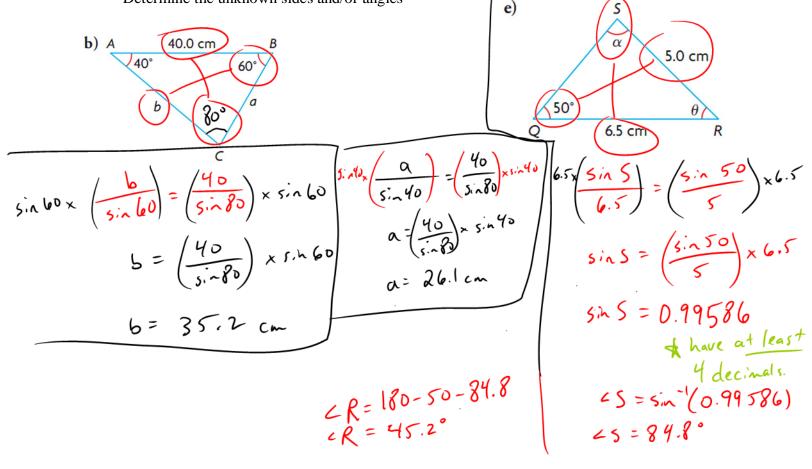
b)

If you can use the Sine Law, determine the length of side *a*. If you can't use the Sine Law, say why.



Example 8.2.2

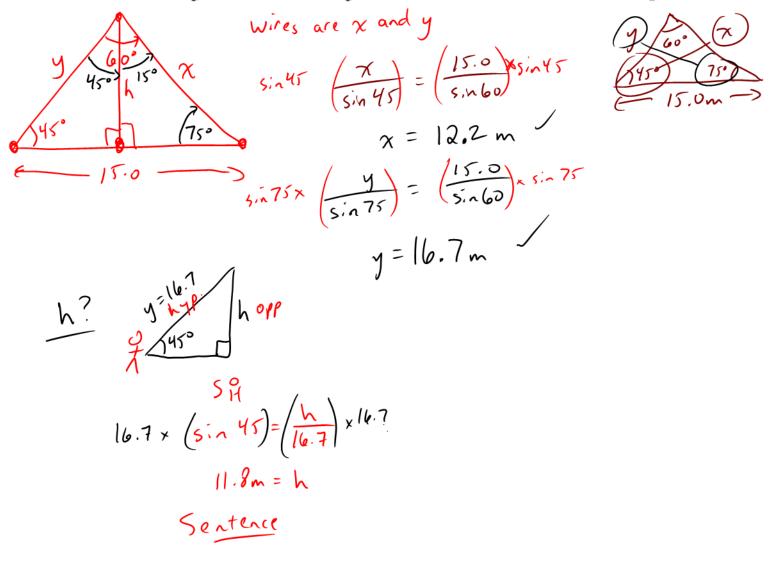
From your Text: Pg. 433 #3b) e) Determine the unknown sides and/or angles



Example 8.2.3

From your Text: Pg. 434 #9

A telephone pole is supported by two wires on opposite sides. At the top of the pole, the wires form an angle of 60°. On the ground, the ends of the wires are 15.0 m apart. One wire makes a 45° angle with the ground. How long are the wires, and how tall is the pole?



for monday

Class/Homework: Pg. 433 – 434 #2b, 3acdf, 4 – 8 10, 11