## MBF 3C Unit 2 – Trigonometry – Outline

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C2.1 – solve problems, including those that arise from real-world applications (e.g., surveying, navigation), by determining the measures of the sides and angles of right triangles using the primary trigonometric ratios;

C2.2 – verify, through investigation using technology (e.g., dynamic geometry software, spreadsheet), the sine law and the cosine law (e.g., compare, using dynamic geometry software, the ratios \(a/\sin A\), \(b/\sin B\), and \(c\) in triangle ABC while dragging one \(c/\sin C\) of the vertices);

C2.3 – describe conditions that guide when it is appropriate to use the sine law or the cosine law, and use these laws to calculate sides and angles in acute triangles;

C2.4 – solve problems that arise from real-world applications involving metric and imperial measurements and that require the use of the sine law or the cosine law in acute triangles.
## Unit 2 Day 1: Trigonometry – Finding side length

### Description
This lesson reviews Trigonometry Material from the Grade 10 course – specifically solving sides of triangles using the three trigonometric ratios.

### Minds On…
**Whole Class ➔ Discussion**
Write the mnemonic SOHCAHTOA on the board and see what the students can recall from last year’s material.
Use this to re-introduce the three primary trigonometric ratios; Sine, Cosine and Tangent
Sine ➔ Opposite over Hypotenuse ➔ SOH
Cosine ➔ Adjacent over Hypotenuse ➔ CAH
Tangent ➔ Opposite over Adjacent ➔ TOA

### Action!
Use the following diagram to aid in identifying a right triangle.

![Diagram of a right triangle](image)

These are the primary trigonometric ratios when we look at ∠ A:

\[
\sin \angle A = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle A}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{length of } a}{\text{length of } c}
\]

\[
\cos \angle A = \frac{\text{adjacent side to } \angle A}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{length of } b}{\text{length of } c}
\]

\[
\tan \angle A = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle A}{\text{adjacent side to } \angle A} = \frac{\text{length of } a}{\text{length of } b}
\]

Perform a Think Aloud on the first example to find the missing side.
**Example 1:** Find the length of side $a$.

![Diagram of a triangle with sides $A$, $B$, $C$, $25^\circ$, and hypotenuse $12$ cm]

Script for Think Aloud: We want to find side $a$. First, I want to examine the triangle to determine what information is given to us. We have $\angle A$ and the hypotenuse. Since, $a$ is the side opposite to $\angle A$, we will need to use the sine trigonometric ratio which is:

$$\sin A = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle A}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{length of side } a}{\text{length of side } c}$$

Next, I want to put in the information that we know into our equation. We’ll replace $A$ with $25^\circ$ and $c$ with 12. So we get,

$$\sin 25^\circ = \frac{a}{12}$$

I am going to use the calculator to find the decimal value of the ratio for $\sin 25^\circ$. I want to make sure the calculator is in the proper mode. I want it to be in decimal mode. Okay now the calculator shows that the ratio is worth $0.42261826174$ and this we can replace $\sin 25^\circ$ in the equation, giving us

$$0.422618 = \frac{a}{12}$$

To solve for $a$, I want to multiplying both sides by 12.

$$12 \times 0.422618 = \frac{a}{12} \times 12$$

and the result becomes,

$$5.071416 = a$$

∴ the length of side $a$ is approximately 5.1 cm long.

Ask students to do example 2 with a partner. Emphasize with the class to make sure they select the appropriate trigonometric ratio.
Example 2: Find the length of side a.

\[ \cos B = \frac{\text{adj side to } \angle B}{\text{hyp}} \]
\[ \cos 35^\circ = \frac{a}{15} \]
\[ 0.819152 = \frac{a}{15} \]
\[ 12.28728 = a \]
\[ \therefore \text{the length of side a is approximately 12.3 m long.} \]

Alternate solution:
\[ \tan A = \frac{\text{opp side to } \angle A}{\text{adj side to } \angle A} \]
\[ \tan 50^\circ = \frac{a}{10} \]
\[ 1.191754 = \frac{a}{10} \]
\[ 11.91754 = a \]
\[ \therefore \text{the length of side a is approximately 11.9 m long.} \]

Take up example 2 with the class.
Give example 3 and discuss with the class possible strategies to solve for a.
One possible strategy is to use \( \angle A \) (50° sum of the angles in a triangle).
Another possible strategy is as shown below.
Ask student to individually try example 3 on their own. Have students share their solutions.

Example 3: Find the length of side a.

\[ \tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle B}{\text{adjacent side to } \angle B} \]
\[ \tan 40^\circ = \frac{\text{length of side b}}{\text{length of side a}} \]
\[ 0.8390996 = \frac{10}{a} \]
\[ a \times 0.8390996 = \frac{10}{b} \times a \]
\[ 0.8390996 a = 10 \]
To solve for a: divide both sides by 0.8390996.
\[ \frac{0.8390996 a}{0.8390996} = \frac{10}{0.8390996} \]
\[ a = 11.9175363687 \]
\[ \therefore \text{the length of side a is approximately 11.9 m long.} \]
| Concept Practice |
|-----------------
| Skill Drill |
| **Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation** |
| Students complete BLM2.1.1. |
Diagrams are not drawn to scale.

1. Based on the following diagram use the values given to find the missing/indicated side:
   (a) \( \angle A = 55^\circ, c = 25\, m \rightarrow \text{find } a \)
   (b) \( \angle A = 65^\circ, c = 32\, cm \rightarrow \text{find } b \)
   (c) \( \angle B = 15^\circ, c = 42\, m \rightarrow \text{find } b \)
   (d) \( \angle B = 35^\circ, c = 55\, cm \rightarrow \text{find } a \)

2. Based on the following diagram use the values given to find the missing/indicated side:
   (a) \( \angle A = 75^\circ, b = 52\, m \rightarrow \text{find } a \)
   (b) \( \angle A = 64^\circ, a = 23\, cm \rightarrow \text{find } b \)
   (c) \( \angle B = 18^\circ, a = 24\, m \rightarrow \text{find } b \)
   (d) \( \angle B = 31^\circ, b = 58\, cm \rightarrow \text{find } a \)

3. Given the following diagram solve for the lengths of the missing sides.

4. Given the following diagram solve for the lengths of the missing sides.
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BLM2.1.1 Solutions:

(Note: answers should be within a decimal place depending on accuracy of numbers used.)

1. (a) a = 20.5m  (b) b = 13.5cm  (c) b = 10.9m  (d) a = 45.1cm
2. (a) a = 194.1m  (b) b = 11.2cm  (c) b = 7.8m  (d) a = 96.5cm
3. b = 116.6m  c = 275.8m
4. a = 58.3cm  c = 137.9cm
**Unit 2 Day 2: Trigonometry – Finding Angle Measure**

**Description**
This lesson reviews Trigonometry Material from the Grade 10 course – specifically solving angles in triangles using the three trigonometric ratios.

**Materials**
- Scientific Calculator
- BLM2.2.1

**Assessment Opportunities**

**Minds On…**
Whole Class ➔ Discussion
Draw a right angled triangle on the board (as shown).
Pose the question to the students: Given the sides how would you find the measure of the missing angles?

Students should be able to relate the trigonometric ratios learned yesterday to begin to make the connection to finding angles.

Have a discussion that then leads into the lesson shown below.

**Action!**
Whole Class ➔ Guided Instruction
Ask students to reflect on the primary trigonometric ratios for \( \angle A \) and to connect it to the above triangle:

\[
\sin A = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle A}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{length of side opposite}}{\text{length of side hypotenuse}}
\]

\[
\cos A = \frac{\text{adjacent side to } \angle A}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\text{length of side adjacent}}{\text{length of side hypotenuse}}
\]

\[
\tan A = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle A}{\text{adjacent side to } \angle A} = \frac{\text{length of side opposite}}{\text{length of side adjacent}}
\]

Specifically for the above triangle:

\[
\sin A = \frac{5}{13} \quad \cos A = \frac{12}{13} \quad \tan A = \frac{5}{12}
\]

\[
\sin A = 0.3846154 \quad \cos A = 0.9230769 \quad \tan A = 0.4166667
\]

Show students how to use the calculator to solve for the angle in any of the above cases by accessing the inverse of each of the trigonometric functions.

\( \angle A = 22.619864948 \quad \angle A = 22.619864948 \quad \angle A = 22.619864948 \)

It really didn’t matter which trigonometric ratio we chose to use in order to find the correct angle. Usually angles are rounded to the nearest degree. Therefore \( \angle A \) is approximately 23°.

Do example 1 with the students.

**NOTE to students:** Every calculator is different. Some require you to enter the value first and then do the 2nd button and then the Sin button, others require you to hit the 2nd button, then sin before entering the value. Test to see which order your calculator uses.
Example 1: Find the measure of $\angle A$.

First we need to examine the triangle to determine what we should do:
We have the side opposite $\angle A$ and the hypotenuse and we need to find the measure of $\angle A$. This would be easiest using the sine trigonometric ratio.

\[ \sin \angle A = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle A}{\text{hypotenuse}} \]

\[ \sin \angle A = \frac{\text{length of side } a}{\text{length of side } c} \]

\[ \sin \angle A = \frac{5}{12} \]

\[ \sin \angle A = 0.4166666667 \]

Use your calculator to find $\angle A$ (sin$^{-1}$)

\[ \angle A = 24.62431835 \]

\[ \therefore \angle A \text{ is approximately } 25^\circ. \]

Ask students to work with a partner to do example 2 and 3.

Example 2: Find the measure of $\angle B$.

\[ \cos B = \frac{\text{adj side to } \angle B}{\text{hyp}} \]

\[ \cos B = \frac{a}{c} \]

\[ \cos B = \frac{12}{15} \]

\[ \cos B = 0.8 \]

\[ \angle B = 36.86989765 \]

\[ \therefore \angle B \text{ is approximately } 37^\circ. \]

Example 3: Find the measure of $\angle B$.

\[ \tan B = \frac{\text{opp side to } \angle B}{\text{adj side to } \angle B} \]

\[ \tan B = \frac{b}{a} \]

\[ \tan B = \frac{10}{12} \]

\[ \tan B = 0.833333333 \]

\[ \angle B = 39.805571 \]

\[ \therefore \angle B \text{ is approximately } 40^\circ. \]
Some students might say using a different trig ratio and others might comment on the sum of the angles in a triangle.

**Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation**

Students complete BLM2.2.1
Diagrams are not drawn to scale. Round angle measures to the nearest degree. The side length answers should be rounded to one decimal place.

1. Based on the following diagram, use the values given to find the missing/indicated side:
   (a) $a = 58 \text{ cm}$, $c = 124 \text{ cm} \rightarrow \text{find } \angle A$
   (b) $b = 75 \text{ m}$, $c = 215 \text{ m} \rightarrow \text{find } \angle A$
   (c) $b = 64 \text{ m}$, $c = 225 \text{ m} \rightarrow \text{find } \angle B$
   (d) $a = 45 \text{ cm}$, $c = 238 \text{ cm} \rightarrow \text{find } \angle B$

2. Based on the following diagram, use the values given to find the missing/indicated side:
   (a) $a = 55 \text{ cm}$, $b = 137 \text{ cm} \rightarrow \text{find } \angle A$
   (b) $a = 235 \text{ m}$, $b = 68 \text{ m} \rightarrow \text{find } \angle A$
   (c) $a = 212 \text{ m}$, $b = 100 \text{ m} \rightarrow \text{find } \angle B$
   (d) $a = 30 \text{ cm}$, $b = 285 \text{ cm} \rightarrow \text{find } \angle B$

3. Using the diagram below on the left solve for the measure of the missing angles.

4. Using the diagram above on the right solve for both the measure of the missing angles and the length of the missing side.

Solutions:
1. (a) $\angle A = 28^\circ$  (b) $\angle A = 70^\circ$  (c) $\angle B = 17^\circ$  (d) $\angle B = 79^\circ$
2. (a) $\angle A = 22^\circ$  (b) $\angle A = 74^\circ$  (c) $\angle B = 25^\circ$  (d) $\angle B = 84^\circ$
3. $\angle A = 28^\circ$, $\angle B = 62^\circ$  
   4. $\angle A = 59^\circ$, $\angle B = 31^\circ$, $b = 142.8 \text{ m}$
# Unit 2 Day 3: Trigonometry – Applications

## Description
This lesson continues the use of Trigonometric Ratios from the last two days but applies them to real world problems.

## Materials
- Chart paper
- Markers

## Assessment Opportunities
Students refer to word wall of the trig ratios as needed.

## Minds On…
### Pairs ➔ Practice

Write the following problem on the board:

You’re out in a field flying your kite. You have just let out all 150 m of your kite string. You estimate that the kite is at an angle of elevation from you of about 20°. Can you calculate the height of your kite above the ground? *(Hint: try drawing a diagram.)*

Let the students work on this problem for a while and then help them with the solution:

![Diagram](Diagram.png)

Draw the sketch on the board. Examining the triangle, we see that we have an angle and the hypotenuse, so we need to find the side opposite the given angle. This sounds like the sin trigonometric ratio.

\[
sin A = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle A}{\text{hypotenuse}}
\]

\[
sin A = \frac{\text{length of side } a}{\text{length of side } c}
\]

\[
sin 20° = \frac{k}{150} \quad \Leftarrow \text{k is the height of the kite we want to find.}
\]

\[
0.34202014 = \frac{k}{150}
\]

Solving for k by multiplying both sides by 150 gives.

\[
k = 51.3030215
\]

\[
\therefore \text{the kite is approximately 51 m above the ground.}
\]

Today’s lesson will include more real world problems using trigonometric ratios.
**Small Groups → Placemat**

Provide each group with one of the following problems (BLM2.3.1) to complete on a placemat or chart paper.

**Problem 1:**

While walking to school you pass a barn with a silo. Looking up to the top of the silo you estimate the angle of elevation to the top of the silo to be about 14°. You continue walking and find that you were around 40 m from the silo. Using this information and your knowledge of trigonometric ratios calculate the height of the silo.

Possible Solution: 

\[
\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle B}{\text{adjacent side to } \angle B}
\]

\[
\tan 14^\circ = \frac{s}{40} \quad \text{where } s \text{ represents the height of the silo}
\]

\[
0.249328003 = \frac{s}{40}
\]

\[
s = 9.97312011
\]

\[\therefore \text{ the silo is approximately 10 m high.}\]

**Problem 2:**

A sailboat is approaching a cliff. The angle of elevation from the sailboat to the top of the cliff is 35°. The height of the cliff is known to be about 2000 m. How far is the sailboat away from the base of the cliff?
Possible solution
\[
\tan B = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle B}{\text{adjacent side to } \angle B}
\]
\[
\tan B = \frac{\text{length of side } b}{\text{length of side } a}
\]
\[
\tan 35^\circ = \frac{2000}{s} \quad \leftarrow s \text{ represents the distance between the sailboat and the cliff.}
\]
\[
0.700207538 = \frac{2000}{s}
\]
\[
0.700207538 \cdot s = 2000
\]
\[
s = 2856.2960143
\]
∴ the sailboat is approximately 2856 m away from the cliff. (or almost 3 km)

**Problem 3:**

A sailboat that is 2 km due west of a lighthouse sends a signal to the lighthouse that it is in distress. The lighthouse quickly signals a rescue plane that is 7 km due south of the lighthouse. What heading from due north should the plane take in order to intercept the troubled sailboat?

Possible Solution:
\[
\tan A = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle A}{\text{adjacent side to } \angle A}
\]
\[
\tan A = \frac{\text{length of side } a}{\text{length of side } b}
\]
\[
\tan A = \frac{2}{7}
\]
\[
\tan A = 0.2857142857
\]
\[
\angle A = 15.9453959
\]
∴ the plane should take a heading of about 16° west of north to intercept and rescue the sailboat.
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![Diagram of Problem 1](image1.png)

Problem 2:

A sailboat is approaching a cliff. The angle of elevation from the sailboat to the top of the cliff is 35°. The height of the cliff is known to be about 2000 m. How far is the sailboat away from the base of the cliff?

![Diagram of Problem 2](image2.png)
Problem 3:

A sailboat that is 2 km due west of a lighthouse sends a signal to the lighthouse that it is in distress. The lighthouse quickly signals a rescue plane that is 7 km due south of the lighthouse. What heading from due north should the plane take in order to intercept the troubled sailboat?
Round $\angle$’s to whole degrees. Length answers should be rounded to 1 decimal place and include units.

1. The top of a lighthouse is 100 m above sea level. The angle of elevation from the deck of the sailboat to the top of the lighthouse is $28^\circ$. Calculate the distance between the sailboat and the lighthouse.

2. An archer shoots and gets a bulls-eye on the target. From the archer’s eye level the angle of depression to the bulls-eye is $5^\circ$. The arrow is in the target 50 cm below the archer’s eye level. Calculate the distance the arrow flew to hit the target (the dotted line).

For the following questions you will need to create your own diagrams. Draw them carefully and refer to the written description to ensure you find the correct solution.

3. Two islands A and B are 3 km apart. A third island C is located due south of A and due west of B. From island B the angle between islands A and C is $33^\circ$. Calculate how far island C is from island A and from island B.

4. The foot (bottom) of a ladder is placed 1.5 m from a wall. The ladder makes a $70^\circ$ angle with the level ground. Find the length of the ladder. (Round to one decimal place.)

5. A tow truck raises the front end of a car 0.75 m above the ground. If the car is 2.8 m long what angle does the car make with the ground?

6. A construction engineer determines that a straight road must rise vertically 45 m over a 250 m distance measured along the surface of the road (this represents the hypotenuse of the right triangle). Calculate the angle of elevation of the road.

Solutions:
1. 188.1 m  2. 573.7 cm  3. Distance A to C: 1.6 km  Distance B to C: 2.5 km
4. 4.4 m  5. 16°  6. 10°
Unit 2 Day 4: Trigonometry – Sine Law

### Description

This lesson introduces the Sine Law to the students.

### Materials

Computer Lab with Geometer’s SketchPad.

BLM2.4.1, 2.4.2

### Assessment Opportunities

#### Minds On…

**Whole Class ➔ Discussion**

Draw the following diagram on the board:

![Diagram](image1.png)

Pose the following question to the students:

With what we know from the diagram, can we find the value of \( x \)?

Ask the students, if more information was provided like the following diagram if that would help them solve for \( x \)? Lead students through the following solution:

\[
\frac{h}{10} = \sin 60^\circ
\]

\[\therefore h = 8.66 \text{ cm}\]

Now, \[\frac{h}{x} = \sin 50^\circ\]

\[x = \frac{8.66}{\sin 50^\circ}\]

\[x = 11.3 \text{ cm}\]

Observation: \( h = 10\sin 60^\circ \)

and \( h = 11.3\sin 50^\circ \)

in this case \[\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{c}{\sin C}\]

Pose the question to them: Is this true all the time?

#### Action!

**Pairs ➔ Investigation**

Students use Geometer’s Sketchpad to explore the sine law following BLM2.4.1.

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If the school uses LanSchool or some broadcast capability for the teacher then the teacher could broadcast the steps first and let the students try it afterward.
**Whole Class ➔ Guided Instruction**

Demonstrate to students how to use the Sine Law to solve triangles.

**Example 1:** In ΔABC, given that ∠B = 48°, ∠C = 25°, and side a (named as BC) BC = 36 cm. Find the length of AB and AC correct to 1 decimal place. (Help by drawing the diagram included below.)

![Diagram of triangle ABC with angles 48° and 25° and side BC = 36 cm]

According to the Sine Law we need a ratio of the sine of an angle and its corresponding side, currently we don’t have this, however, we do have ∠B and ∠C so we are able to solve for ∠A.

∠A = 180° - (∠B + ∠C)

∴ ∠A = 43°

We have BC = 36 cm and we need to find AB and AC.

So using the Sine Law \( \frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} \) we have:

\[
\frac{36}{\sin 43°} = \frac{AB}{\sin 48°} = \frac{AC}{\sin 25°}
\]

Solving separately:

\[
\frac{36}{\sin 43°} = \frac{AB}{\sin 48°} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{36}{\sin 43°} = \frac{AC}{\sin 25°}
\]

Here, multiply both sides by \( \sin 48° \) and here, multiply both sides by \( \sin 25° \)

Gives: \( \sin 48° \cdot \frac{36}{\sin 43°} = AB \) and \( \sin 25° \cdot \frac{36}{\sin 43°} = AC \)

Finishing off using a calculator:

∴ AB = 39.2 cm and AC = 22.3 cm

Have students working with a partner solve example 2.

**Example 2:** Solve for the value of h in the following diagram:

![Diagram of triangle with angles 43° and 56° and base 68m]
Possible Solution:
Let's label the diagram A at the peak and BC on the base. Thus, in
\[
\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}
\]
We get:
\[
\frac{68}{\sin 81^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 43^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 56^\circ}
\]
We can solve for either of b or c and then use the primary trigonometric ratios to complete the solution for h.
\[
\frac{68}{\sin 81^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 43^\circ} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{68}{\sin 81^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 56^\circ}
\]
Solving for the chosen side following the same steps as above we get:
\[
\therefore \quad b = 47.0 \, m \quad \text{or} \quad c = 57.1 \, m
\]
Finally to solve for h use the sine trigonometric ratio.
\[
\sin 56^\circ = \frac{47}{h} \quad \text{or} \quad \sin 43^\circ = \frac{57}{h}
\]
\[
\therefore \quad h = 38.9 \, m \quad \text{or} \quad h = 38.9 \, m
\]

Consolidate Debrief
Whole Class ➔ Discussion
Summarize when to use the Sine Law.

The Sine Law:
Using the same triangle above you could construct another perpendicular line from B or C to the opposite side and create a similar expression for \( \sin \angle A \) and its corresponding side a. In general the Sine Law takes the form:
\[
\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}
\]
Emphasize that the two equal signs constitutes three equations.

Concept Practice
Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation
Students complete BLM2.4.2.
Investigation: Sine Law – Geometer’s Sketchpad

1. Load Geometer’s Sketchpad.
2. Start with a new document (default).
3. Select the Straightedge Tool (4th button down the toolbar)
4. Draw three lines – making sure that each new line starts from a previous line and that the last point returns to the first completing the triangle. (shown right)
5. Switch to the selection tool (1st button on the toolbar)
6. Select and right-click on each vertex and from the short-cut menu select “Show Label” (also shown right)
7. Next select any line and from the Measure menu (or from the right-click short-cut) select “Length”. This should display $\overline{AB}$ (shown)
8. Repeat Step 6 for the other lines, making sure to unselect before selecting a new line. (If anything else is selected length may not appear on the menu.)
9. Next select in the following order the vertices: A, B then C – then click the Measure menu and choose “Angle”. This should display $\angle ABC$ and the measure of that angle.
10. Now repeat Step 8 but for angles $\angle BAC$ and $\angle ACB$. (shown)
11. If you select any point you can drag the point to a new location and all of the measurements update automatically. (You can also select and move an entire line.)
12. Try this and adjust the position of the triangle to leave more room below our measurements.
13. We will now add some calculations namely the values for the Sine Law:
   \[
   \frac{a}{\sin \angle A} = \frac{b}{\sin \angle B} = \frac{c}{\sin \angle C}
   \]
14. To do this select the Measure menu and select “Calculate…” A new dialogue box appears (shown right) where we will enter our calculation.
15. First click on the measurement for side $a$ (in this case it is $\overline{BC}$), then click on the division sign
and type “si” for the sine function, next click on the measurement for ∠A (in this case it is m∠BAC (depending on the size of your triangle you will see different results.) Click OK

16. This will add a new measurement to your document, repeat step 15 for side b and side c. For side b use mCA and sin(m∠ABC) for side c use mA and sin(m∠ACB). Calculations are shown in the bottom diagrams.

17. Now change the position of your vertices; this will change the lengths and angles in your triangle – make note of what happens to all three of the calculation boxes for the Sine Law: \[ \frac{a}{\sin \angle A} = \frac{b}{\sin \angle B} = \frac{c}{\sin \angle C}. \] (two variations shown below)

18. Next create three more calculations for the other version of the Sine Law:
\[ \frac{\sin \angle A}{a} = \frac{\sin \angle B}{b} = \frac{\sin \angle C}{c} \]
(right)

19. Experiment with more positions of the triangle vertices.

20. Notice that the set of three values in either version of the Sine Law remain the same. This shows that the ratio of any side to the sine of the corresponding angle in a triangle remains equal to the ratio of any other side to the sine of the corresponding angle. Either
\[ \frac{\sin \angle A}{a} = \frac{\sin \angle B}{b} = \frac{\sin \angle C}{c} \]
or
\[ \frac{a}{\sin \angle A} = \frac{b}{\sin \angle B} = \frac{c}{\sin \angle C} \]
1. Solve for the given variable (correct to 1 decimal place) in each of the following:
   (a) \[
   \frac{a}{\sin 35^\circ} = \frac{10}{\sin 40^\circ}
   \]
   (b) \[
   \frac{65}{\sin 75^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 48^\circ}
   \]
   (c) \[
   \frac{75}{\sin 55^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 80^\circ}
   \]

2. For each of the following diagrams write the equation you would use to solve for the indicated variable:
   (a)
   \[
   \frac{a}{\sin 53^\circ} = \frac{36}{\sin 46^\circ}
   \]
   (b)
   \[
   \frac{23.6}{\sin 53^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 35^\circ}
   \]
   (c)
   \[
   \frac{14.2}{\sin 73^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 15^\circ}
   \]

3. Solve for each of the required variables from Question #2.

4. For each of the following triangle descriptions you should make a sketch and then find the indicated side rounded correctly to one decimal place.
   (a) In \(\triangle ABC\), given that \(\angle A = 57^\circ\), \(\angle B = 73^\circ\), and \(AB = 24\ cm\). Find the length of \(AC\)
   (b) In \(\triangle ABC\), given that \(\angle B = 38^\circ\), \(\angle C = 56^\circ\), and \(BC = 63\ cm\). Find the length of \(AB\)
   (c) In \(\triangle ABC\), given that \(\angle A = 50^\circ\), \(\angle B = 50^\circ\), and \(AC = 27\ m\). Find the length of \(AB\)
   (d) In \(\triangle ABC\), given that \(\angle A = 23^\circ\), \(\angle C = 78^\circ\), and \(AB = 15\ cm\). Find the length of \(BC\)
   (e) In \(\triangle ABC\), given that \(\angle A = 55^\circ\), \(\angle B = 32^\circ\), and \(BC = 77\ cm\). Find the length of \(AC\)
   (f) In \(\triangle ABC\), given that \(\angle B = 14^\circ\), \(\angle C = 78^\circ\), and \(AC = 36\ m\). Find the length of \(BC\)

Solutions:
1. (a) 8.9 units (b) 50.0 units (c) 90.2 units
2. (a) \[
   \frac{a}{\sin 53^\circ} = \frac{36}{\sin 81^\circ}
   \]
   (b) \[
   \frac{23.6}{\sin 53^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 35^\circ}
   \]
   (c) \[
   \frac{14.2}{\sin 15^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 73^\circ}
   \]
3. (a) 29.1 cm (b) 38.7 cm (c) 52.5 m
4. (a) 30.0 cm (b) 52.4 cm (c) 34.7 m (d) 6.0 cm (e) 49.8 cm (f) 148.7 m
This lesson introduces the Cosine Law to the students.

Materials
BLM2.5.1
Scientific calculator

Assessment Opportunities

**Whole Class → Discussion**

Draw the following diagram on the board:

![Diagram](image)

Ask students to solve for c in the triangle above using the Sine Law:

Results:

\[
\frac{26}{\sin \angle A} = \frac{12}{\sin \angle B} = \frac{c}{\sin 60^\circ}
\]

The solution is stalled at this point since each part of the ratio has some missing information. We cannot solve the triangle. We need to develop a new formula – this formula is called the **Cosine Law**.

**Whole Class → Guided Instruction**

Pose to the students: Haven’t you always dreamed about using the Pythagorean Theorem for all triangles?

Recall the most famous Pythagorean triangle

\[
3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2
\]

For \(\triangle ABC\),

\[
h^2 + x^2 = 4^2 \quad \text{and} \quad h^2 + (5 - x)^2 = 6^2
\]

From \(1\) and \(2\):

\[
\begin{align*}
4^2 - x^2 &= 6^2 - (5 - x)^2 \\
4^2 - x^2 &= 6^2 - (5^2 - 10x + x^2) \\
4^2 - x^2 + 5^2 + x^2 - 10x &= 6^2 \\
4^2 + 5^2 - 10(4 \cos A) &= 6^2 \\
c^2 + b^2 - 2bc \cos A &= a^2
\end{align*}
\]

Is this true for all triangles?
Guide students through example 1 and 2 to solve for a missing side and a missing angle using the Cosine Law.

**Example 1:** Now we can solve for \( c \) from our first problem (redrawn below)

\[
\begin{align*}
c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cdot \cos \angle C \\
c^2 &= (26)^2 + (12)^2 - 2(26)(12) \cdot \cos 60^\circ \\
c^2 &= 676 + 144 - 624 \cdot (0.5) \\
c^2 &= 676 + 144 - 312 \\
c^2 &= 508 \\
\sqrt{c^2} &= \sqrt{508} \\
\therefore \ c &= 22.54 \text{ cm}
\end{align*}
\]

**Example 2:** In \( \triangle ABC \), given \( BC = 7 \text{ cm} \), \( AC = 8 \text{ cm} \) and \( AB = 10 \text{ cm} \). Find the measure of \( \angle A \) to the nearest degree.

*(Help by drawing the diagram included below.)*

We are asked to find the measure of \( \angle A \) to the nearest degree so we should use the Cosine Law formula that is most appropriate:

\[
a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cdot \cos \angle A
\]

Filling in what we know gives:

\[
(7)^2 = (8)^2 + (10)^2 - 2(8)(10) \cdot \cos \angle A
\]

\[
49 = 64 + 100 - 160 \cdot \cos \angle A
\]

Rearranging:

\[
160 \cdot \cos \angle A = 64 + 100 - 49
\]

\[
160 \cdot \cos \angle A = 115
\]

\[
\cos \angle A = \frac{115}{160}
\]

\[
\cos \angle A = 0.71875
\]

Use your calculator to solve for \( \angle A \)

\[
\angle A = 44.048625674^\circ
\]

\[
\therefore \ \angle A \text{ to the nearest degree is } 44^\circ
\]

**Consolidate Debrief**

**Whole Class → Discussion**

Ask students to set up the equations using the Cosine Law for questions #1a, and #1b on BLM2.5.1. Verify that they have the correct set up.

**Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation**

Students complete BLM2.5.1.
1. For each of the following diagrams write the equation you would use to solve for the indicated variable:

   (a) \[ a^2 = (36)^2 + (26)^2 - 2(36)(26) \cdot \cos 53^\circ \]
   (b) \[ (28.4)^2 = (23.6)^2 + (33.2)^2 - 2(23.6)(33.2) \cdot \cos \angle B \]
   (c) \[ c^2 = (22.4)^2 + (14.2)^2 - 2(22.4)(14.2) \cdot \cos 75^\circ \]

2. Solve for each of the required variables from Question #1.

3. For each of the following triangle descriptions you should make a sketch and then find the indicated value.

   (a) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( AB = 24 \text{ cm} \), \( AC = 34 \text{ cm} \), and \( \angle A = 67^\circ \). Find the length of BC
   (b) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( AB = 15 \text{ m} \), \( BC = 8 \text{ m} \), and \( \angle B = 24^\circ \). Find the length of AC
   (c) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( AC = 10 \text{ cm} \), \( BC = 9 \text{ cm} \), and \( \angle C = 48^\circ \). Find the length of AB
   (d) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( \angle A = 24^\circ \), \( AB = 18.6 \text{ m} \), and \( AC = 13.2 \text{ m} \). Find the length of BC
   (e) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( AB = 9 \text{ m} \), \( AC = 12 \text{ m} \), and \( BC = 15 \text{ m} \). Find the measure of \( \angle B \).
   (f) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( AB = 18.4 \text{ m} \), \( BC = 9.6 \text{ m} \), and \( AC = 10.8 \text{ m} \). Find the measure of \( \angle A \).

Solutions:

1. (a) \[ a^2 = (36)^2 + (26)^2 - 2(36)(26) \cdot \cos 53^\circ \]
   (b) \[ (28.4)^2 = (23.6)^2 + (33.2)^2 - 2(23.6)(33.2) \cdot \cos \angle B \]
   (c) \[ c^2 = (22.4)^2 + (14.2)^2 - 2(22.4)(14.2) \cdot \cos 75^\circ \]
2. (a) 29.1 cm (b) 57° (c) 23.2 m
3. (a) 33.1 cm (b) 8.4 m (c) 7.8 cm (d) 8.5 m (e) 53° (f) 24°
### Unit 2 Day 6 Trigonometry – Applying the Sine and Cosine Law

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### Minds On…

**Whole Class ➔ Four Corners**

Post four signs, one in each corner labelled – Sine Law, Cosine Law, Pythagorean Theorem, Trigonometric Ratio (SOHCAHTOA).

Provide each of the students with one of the triangles on BLM2.6.1.

Instruct the students to make a decision as to which method they would use to solve the missing angle or side and to stand in the corner where it is labelled.

Once students are all placed have the students discuss amongst themselves to confer that they have selected an appropriate method. Allow students to move to a different location after discussion. Ask one representative from each corner to explain why their triangle(s) would be best solved using that particular method.

Ask students to complete a Frayer model (BLM2.6.2) for their method. Add to word wall or class math dictionary.

### Action!

**Pairs ➔ Practice**

Ask students to individually solve the triangle they were given for the previous activity. Then with an elbow partner check each others work.

Possible solutions for the triangles on teachers copy of the Four Corners.

### Consolidate Debrief

**Whole Class ➔ Discussion**

Clarify any problems from the pairs solving for their missing side or angle.

Highlight what the phrase “solving a triangle” means (solve for all sides and angles in a triangle).

**Pairs ➔ Practice**

Ask pairs to trade questions and solve for the remaining parts of their triangle.

### Application

**Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation**

Students complete BLM2.6.3
Four Corners – Triangles

1) 

\[ \triangle ABC \]

- \( \angle A = 56^\circ \)
- \( AB = 38 \text{ cm} \)
- \( AC = 23 \text{ cm} \)
- \( BC = 28 \text{ cm} \)

2) 

\[ \triangle ABC \]

- \( AB = 14 \text{ m} \)
- \( AC = 22 \text{ m} \)
- \( \angle A = 80^\circ \)

3) 

\[ \triangle ABC \]

- \( BC = 33 \text{ cm} \)
- \( \angle A = 28 \text{ cm} \)
- \( \angle A = 23 \text{ cm} \)

4) 

\[ \triangle ABC \]

- \( AB = 26 \text{ cm} \)
- \( AC = 37 \text{ cm} \)
- \( \angle A = 53^\circ \)

5) 

\[ \triangle ABC \]

- \( AB = 123 \text{ cm} \)
- \( BC = 65 \text{ cm} \)

6) 

\[ \triangle ABC \]

- \( AB = 125 \text{ cm} \)
- \( BC = 45 \text{ cm} \)
First we need to find $\angle B$ we can do this using the sum of the angles in a triangle. $\angle B = 180^\circ - 56^\circ - 43^\circ$. Therefore, $\angle B = 81^\circ$.

Now we can solve for $a$ using the Sine Law

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

$$\frac{a}{\sin 56^\circ} = \frac{38}{\sin 81^\circ}$$

$$a = \frac{38 \cdot \sin 56^\circ}{\sin 81^\circ}$$

$$a = \frac{38 \cdot 0.82903757}{0.98768834}$$

$\therefore a = 31.9$ cm

Solving for the other sides:

**Sine Law vs. Cosine Law**

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

$$\frac{38}{\sin 81^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 43^\circ}$$

$$c = \frac{38 \cdot \sin 43^\circ}{\sin 81^\circ}$$

$$c = \frac{38 \cdot 0.68199836}{0.98768834}$$

$$c = 26.2$ cm

$$\angle B = 81^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle C = 65^\circ$$ (i.e. $180^\circ - 80^\circ - 35^\circ$)
3)\[ \text{Given: } A = 53^\circ, b = 26 \text{ cm}, c = 37 \text{ cm} \]

Using the Law of Cosines:

\[
a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A\\
(28)^2 = (23)^2 + (33)^2 - 2(23)(33) \cos A\\
784 = 529 + 1089 - 1518 \cos A\\
\]

Rearranging:

\[
1518 \cos A = 529 + 1089 - 784\\
1518 \cos A = 834\\
\cos A = \frac{834}{1518}\\
\cos A = 0.54940711\\
\angle A = 56.67365194^\circ\\
\therefore \angle A = 57^\circ\\
\]

Solving for the other angles:

\[
\sin A = \sin B\\
\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}\\
\frac{\sin 57^\circ}{28} = \frac{\sin B}{23}\\
\sin B = \frac{0.83867057}{28} \cdot 23\\
\sin B = 0.688907967\\
\angle B = 43.543727^\circ\\
\therefore \angle B = 44^\circ \text{ (this gives us } \angle C = 79^\circ (\text{i.e. } 180^\circ - 57^\circ - 44^\circ) )\\
\]

4)\[ \text{Given: } A = 53^\circ, B = 26 \text{ cm}, c = 37 \text{ cm} \]

Using the Law of Sines:

\[
\sin A = \sin C\\
\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}\\
\frac{a}{\sin 53^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 37^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 93^\circ}\\
\]

Using the Law of Cosines:

\[
b = \frac{37}{\sin 93^\circ} \cdot \sin 93^\circ\\
b = \frac{37}{0.79863551} \cdot 0.998629535\\
b = 46.3 \text{ cm}\\
b = 46.3 \text{ cm}\\
\]

\[ \text{Sine Law vs. Cosine Law } \]

\[
b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac\\
b^2 = (26)^2 + (37)^2 - 2(26)(37) \cos 93^\circ\\
b^2 = 2145.69437981\\
b = 46.3 \text{ cm}\\
\]
5) \[ \begin{align*} c^2 &= 123^2 + 65^2 \\ c^2 &= 15129 + 4225 \\ c^2 &= 19354 \\ c &= \sqrt{19354} \\ c &= 139.1 \end{align*} \]

Solving for angles:

\[ \tan B = \frac{123}{65} \]

\[ \tan B = 1.8923 \]

\[ \angle B = 62^0 \]

\[ \therefore \angle A = 28^0 \]

6) \[ \begin{align*} \tan B &= \frac{125}{45} \\ \tan B &= 2.7778 \\ \angle B &= 70^0 \end{align*} \]

Solving for the other angle and side.

\[ \begin{align*} c^2 &= 125^2 + 45^2 \\ &= 15625 + 2025 \\ &= 17650 \\ c &= 132.85 \text{ cm} \]
Frayer Model

Definition

Characteristics

Examples

Non-examples
Round \( \angle \)’s to whole degrees; length answers should be rounded to 1 decimal place and include units.

1. For each of the following diagrams write the equation you would use to solve for the indicated variable:

   (a) \( a^2 = (40)^2 + (25)^2 - 2(40)(25) \cdot \cos 20^\circ \)
   (b) \( \frac{14.2}{\sin 38^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 67^\circ} \)
   (c) \( \frac{a}{\sin 20^\circ} = \frac{46}{\sin 130^\circ} \)
   (d) \( (10.7)^2 = (9.5)^2 + (12.4)^2 - 2(9.5)(12.4) \cdot \cos \angle B \)
   (e) \( c^2 = (10)^2 + (9)^2 - 2(10)(9) \cdot \cos 66^\circ \)
   (f) \( \frac{\sin \angle B}{14.2} = \frac{\sin 75^\circ}{21.3} \)

2. Solve for each of the required variables from Question #1.

3. For each of the following triangle descriptions you should make a sketch and then completely solve each triangle.
   (a) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( \angle A = 38^\circ \), \( \angle C = 85^\circ \), and \( c = 32 \text{ cm} \).
   (b) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( \angle A = 24^\circ \), \( b = 12.5 \text{ m} \), and \( c = 13.2 \text{ m} \).
   (c) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( a = 17 \text{ m} \), \( b = 18 \text{ m} \), and \( c = 26 \text{ m} \).
   (d) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( \angle A = 52^\circ \), \( \angle B = 47^\circ \), and \( a = 25 \text{ m} \).
   (e) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( \angle B = 43^\circ \), \( \angle C = 73^\circ \), and \( b = 19 \text{ m} \).
   (f) In \( \triangle ABC \), given that \( a = 32 \text{ m} \), \( b = 30 \text{ m} \), and \( c = 28 \text{ m} \).

Solutions:

1. (a) \( a^2 = (40)^2 + (25)^2 - 2(40)(25) \cdot \cos 20^\circ \)  
   (b) \( \frac{14.2}{\sin 38^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 67^\circ} \)
   (c) \( \frac{a}{\sin 20^\circ} = \frac{46}{\sin 130^\circ} \)
   (d) \( (10.7)^2 = (9.5)^2 + (12.4)^2 - 2(9.5)(12.4) \cdot \cos \angle B \)
   (e) \( c^2 = (10)^2 + (9)^2 - 2(10)(9) \cdot \cos 66^\circ \)
   (f) \( \frac{\sin \angle B}{14.2} = \frac{\sin 75^\circ}{21.3} \)

2. (a) 18.6 cm  (b) 21.2 cm  (c) 20.5 cm  (d) 57°  (e) 10.4 m  (f) 40°

(Note: the following answers have been listed in the optimal order for solving the triangle. If you did not solve your triangle in this order your angle measurements should be within 1° due to rounding differences; side length values should be accurate.)

3. (a) \( \angle B = 57^\circ \), \( a = 19.8 \text{ cm} \), \( b = 26.9 \text{ cm} \)  
   (b) \( a = 5.4 \text{ m} \), \( \angle B = 70^\circ \), \( \angle C = 86^\circ \)
   (c) \( \angle A = 41^\circ \), \( \angle B = 43^\circ \), \( \angle C = 96^\circ \)  
   (d) \( \angle C = 81^\circ \), \( b = 23.2 \text{ m} \), \( c = 31.3 \text{ m} \)
   (e) \( \angle A = 64^\circ \), \( a = 25.0 \text{ m} \), \( c = 26.6 \text{ m} \)  
   (f) \( \angle A = 67^\circ \), \( \angle B = 60^\circ \), \( \angle C = 53^\circ \)
This lesson has students solving real-world problems using the Sine Law and the Cosine Law.

**Materials**
- BLM2.7.1

**Assessment Opportunities**

**Minds On…**
**Pairs ➔ Interpreting a Problem**
Write the following example on the board:
Ask students to develop a diagram to illustrate Problem 1.

David wants to go to Toronto from Edmonton, but he took the wrong road and ended up in Chicago instead. Upon realizing his directional mistake, David drove from Chicago to Toronto. If the angle at Toronto is 45°, the angle at Chicago is 95°, and the distance from Edmonton to Toronto is 2000 km, how much further did David drive than necessary?

Take up the diagram with the class.

**Action!**
**Pairs ➔ Practice**
Ask students to finish solving the above problem and Problem 2.

Solution:

The \( \angle E \) can be found using the sum of the angles in a triangle: \( \angle E = 40° \)

Now use Sine Law to find the remaining two sides:

\[
\frac{e}{\sin 40°} = \frac{2000}{\sin 95°} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{t}{\sin 45°} = \frac{2000}{\sin 95°}
\]

Break this into two separate equations and solve for \( e \) and \( t \).

\[
e = \frac{2000}{\sin 95°} \cdot \sin 40° = 1290.4859 \text{ km} \quad \text{and} \quad t = \frac{2000}{\sin 95°} \cdot 0.707107 = 1419.6156 \text{ km}
\]

So David drove a total of 2710.1 km. \( \therefore \) he drove 710.1 km more than was necessary.
Problem 2: Jill and her friends built an outdoor hockey rink. Their hockey goal line is 5 feet wide. Jill shoots a puck from a point where the puck is 5 yards from one goal post and 6 yards from the other goal post. Within what angle must Jill make her shot to hit the net?

Solution:

If we make the position where Jill is standing A and the goalposts B and C then in this case we can use the Cosine Law to solve for the angle.

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

\[ (5)^2 = (15)^2 + (18)^2 - 2(15)(18) \cdot \cos A \]

\[ 25 = 225 + 324 - 540 \cdot \cos A \]

\[ 25 - 225 - 324 = -540 \cdot \cos A \]

\[ -524 = -540 \cos A \]

\[ \cos A = 0.9703703704 \]

\[ \angle A = 13.98 \]

\[ \therefore \text{Jill must shoot within an angle of about 14° to hit the net}. \]

Consolidate Debrief

Pair/Group→ Share

Ask a pair of students to share their solution with another pair. As a whole class discuss any problems and share model solutions.

Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation

Students complete BLM2.7.1
If diagrams are not included in any of the following questions it is advisable to sketch a diagram to aid in your solution to the problem. Round \( \angle \)'s to a whole degrees; length answers should be rounded to 1 decimal place and include units.

1. A squash player hits the ball 2.3 m to the side wall. The ball rebounds at an angle of 100\(^\circ\) and travels 3.1 m to the front wall. How far is the ball from the player when it hits the front wall? (Assume the player does not move after the shot.)

2. A smokestack, \(AB\), is 205m high. From two points \(C\) and \(D\) on the same side of the smokestack’s base \(B\), the angles of elevation to the top of the smokestack are 40\(^\circ\) and 36\(^\circ\) respectively. Find the distance between \(C\) and \(D\). (Diagram included.)

3. Trina and Mazaheer are standing on the same side of a Red Maple tree. The angle of elevation from Mazaheer to the tree top is 67\(^\circ\) and the angle of elevation from Trina to the tree top is 53\(^\circ\). If Mazaheer and Trina are 9.3 feet apart and Mazaheer is closer to the tree than Trina, how tall is the tree?

4. Two roads separate from a village at an angle of 37\(^\circ\). Two cyclists leave the village at the same time. One travels 7.5 km/h on one road and the other travels 10.0 km/h on the other road. How far apart are the cyclists after 2 hours?

5. A pilot is flying from Thunder Bay, Ontario to Dryden, Ontario, a distance of approximately 320 km. As the plane leaves Thunder Bay, it flies 20\(^\circ\) off-course for exactly 80 km.
   (a) After flying off-course, how far is the plane from Dryden?
   (b) By what angle must the pilot change her course to correct the error?

Solutions:

1. 4.2 m  
2. 37.8 m  
3. 28.3 feet  
4. 12.1 km  
5. (a) 246.4 km  (b) approximately 26\(^\circ\) turn towards Dryden.
## Minds On…

**Individual → Creating Diagram**
Write the following example on the board. Ask students to create a picture for the following problem. Clarify the term angle of elevation.

Jillian stood at a distance admiring a magnificent Douglas Fir. Jillian measured the angle of elevation to the top of the tree and found it to be 15°. Jillian then walked 31.4 feet closer to the tree. This time the angle of elevation to the top of the tree was 17°. Calculate the height of the tree to the nearest tenth of a metre.

## Action!

**Whole Class → Sharing**
Ask for students to share their pictures to the class. Once diagram is established, discuss strategies to solve the problem.

**Individual → Practice**
Ask students to individually solve the problem.

![Diagram of a tree with angles 15° and 17° and a distance of 31.4 feet]

This problem will require a few steps to complete. Examining the problem we note that there are two main triangles: ΔABC and ΔACD. We need to find the height of the tree (\(AB\) in ΔABC) but to find the height of the tree we need more information about ΔABC. So we need to work in ΔACD first. We can use the Sine Law to solve for \(AC\).

In ΔACD we have:
\[
\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{d}{\sin D}
\]
\[
\frac{31.4}{\sin 2°} = \frac{d}{\sin 15°}
\]
\[
d = \frac{31.4}{\sin 2^\circ} \cdot \sin 15^\circ
\]

\[
d = \frac{31.4}{0.0348995} \cdot 0.25881905
\]

\[
d = 232.8663386 \text{ feet}
\]

This value is the length of AC – the hypotenuse of \(\Delta ABC\).

So now we can use the primary trigonometric ratio for Sine to solve for the height of the tree.

In \(\Delta ABC\) we have:

\[
\sin C = \frac{\text{opposite side to } \angle C}{\text{hypotenuse}}
\]

\[
\sin C = \frac{AB}{AC}
\]

\[
\sin 17^\circ = \frac{\text{tree}}{232.9}
\]

\[
\text{tree} = 232.9 \times \sin 17^\circ
\]

\[
\text{tree} = 232.9 \times 0.2923717
\]

\[
\text{tree} = 68.0835284
\]

\[\therefore\] The tree is about 68 feet tall.

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**Consolidate Debrief**

Whole Class → Review

Any other examples from the last day’s homework could be done to help students before giving out today’s homework. Also any extra time available could be used for a Quiz or review of any other homework from previous lessons in this unit.

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**Application Concept Practice**

Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation

Students complete BLM 2.8.1.
If diagrams are not included in any of the following questions it is advisable to sketch a diagram to aid in your solution to the problem. Round $\angle$’s to whole degrees; length answers should be rounded to 1 decimal place and include units.

1. To calculate the height of a tree, Marie measures the angle of elevation from a point A to be $34^\circ$. She then walks 10 feet directly toward the tree, and finds the angle of elevation from the new point B to be $41^\circ$. What is the height of the tree?

2. To measure the distance from a point A to an inaccessible point B, a surveyor picks out a point C and measures $\angle BAC$ to be $71^\circ$. He moves to point C, a distance of 56 m from point A, and measures $\angle BCA$ to be $94^\circ$. How far is it from A to B? (Diagram below.)

3. A radar tracking station locates an oil tanker at a distance of 7.8 km, and a sailboat at a distance of 5.6 km. At the station, the angle between the two ships is $95^\circ$. How far apart are the ships?

4. Two islands A and B are 5 km apart. A person took a vacation from island B and travelled 7 km to a third island C. At island B the angle separating island A and island C was $34^\circ$. While on this vacation the person decided to visit island A. Calculate how far the person will have to travel to get to island A from island C.

5. The light from a rotating offshore beacon can illuminate effectively up to a distance of 250 m. From a point on the shore that is 500 m from the beacon, the sight line to the beacon makes an angle of $20^\circ$ with the shoreline. What length of shoreline is effectively illuminated by the beacon? (i.e. solve for the length of AD in the diagram below.)

Solutions:
1. 30.1 feet  
2. 215.8 m  
3. 10.0 km  
4. 4.0 km  
5. HINT: When you solved for $\angle CAB$ the angle $43.2^\circ$ actually is the value for angle(s) $\angle ADB$ and $\angle DAB$ (AABD is isosceles since $AB = DB \therefore \angle ADB$ and $\angle DAB$) and the result $43.2^\circ$ is too small for $\triangle ABC$’s $\angle CAB$ (which is actually $136.8^\circ$ $\ll$ check sin $136.8^\circ$ vs sin $43.2^\circ$) so the length of shoreline that is effectively illuminated by the beacon 364.5 m.