

Solve the following triangles:

(1.)  $a = 8$ ;  $c = 7$ ;  $B = 135$  here is the problem

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \quad \text{use the law of cosines}$$

$$b^2 = (8)^2 + (7)^2 - 2(8)(7)\cos 135 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$b = 14 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} \quad \text{use the law of sines}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{8} = \frac{\sin 135}{14} \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$14 \sin A = 8 \sin 135 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

$$\frac{14 \sin A}{14} = \frac{8 \sin 135}{14} \quad \text{divide each side by 14}$$

$$\sin A = (8 \sin 135)/(14) \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$A = \arcsin [(8 \sin 135)/(14)] \quad \text{take arcsin of each side}$$

$$A = 24 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$A + B + C = 180 \quad \text{use the triangle sum theorem}$$

$$24 + 135 + C = 180 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$C + 159 = 180 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$- 159 \quad -159 \quad \text{subtract 159 from each side}$$

$$\frac{C}{C} = \frac{21}{21} \quad \text{subtract}$$

result:  $A = 24$  ;  $B = 135$  ;  $C = 21$

$$a = 8 \quad ; \quad b = 14 \quad ; \quad c = 7$$

(2.)  $a = 30$ ;  $b = 50$  ;  $C = 25$  here is the problem

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \quad \text{use the law of cosines}$$

$$c^2 = (30)^2 + (50)^2 - 2(30)(50)\cos 25 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$c = 26 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c} \quad \text{use the law of sines}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{30} = \frac{\sin 25}{26} \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$26 \sin A = 30 \sin 25 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

$$\frac{26 \sin A}{26} = \frac{30 \sin 25}{26} \quad \text{divide each side by 26}$$

$$\sin A = (30 \sin 25)/(26) \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$A = \arcsin [(30 \sin 25)/(26)] \quad \text{take arcsin of each side}$$

$$A = 29 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$A + B + C = 180$$

$$29 + B + 25 = 180 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$B + 54 = 180 \quad ; \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -54 \quad -54 \\ B + 54 = 180 \\ \hline B = 126 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract from each side}$$

$$B = 126 \quad ; \quad \text{subtract}$$

results:

$$A = 29 ; B = 126 ; C = 25$$

$$a = 30 ; b = 50 ; c = 26$$

(3.)  $a = 17 ; b = 23 ; c = 32$  here is the problem

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \quad \text{use the law of cosines}$$

$$32^2 = (17)^2 + (23)^2 - 2(17)(23)\cos C \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$1024 = 818 - 782 \cos C \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$-1024 = -818 + 782 \cos C \quad \text{multiply thru by -1}$$

$$+818 \quad +818 \quad \text{add 818 to each side}$$

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$$-206 = \quad 782 \cos C \quad \text{add}$$

$$\frac{782}{782} \quad \frac{782}{782} \quad \text{divide each side by 782}$$

$$\cos C = -206/782 \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$C = \arccos (-206/782) \quad \text{take the arccos of each side}$$

$$C = 105 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$\frac{\sin C}{c} = \frac{\sin A}{a} \quad \text{use the law of sines}$$

$$\frac{\sin 105}{32} = \frac{\sin A}{17} \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$32 \sin A = 17 \sin 105 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

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$$\frac{32}{32} \quad \frac{32}{32} \quad \text{divide each side by 32}$$

$$\sin A = (17 \sin 105)/(32) \quad \text{cancel}$$

$A = \arcsin [(17 \sin 105)/(32)]$  take arcsin of ea side

$A = 31$  use calculator

$A + B + C = 180$  use the triangle sum theorem

$31 + B + 105 = 180$  make substitutions

$B + 136 = 180$  combine like terms

$-136 \quad -136$  subtract 136 from each side

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$B = 44$  subtract

results:

$A = 31; \quad B = 44 \quad ; \quad C = 105$

$a = 17; \quad b = 23 \quad ; \quad c = 32$

(4.)  $A = 52; \quad B = 28; \quad c = 87$  here is the problem

$A + B + C = 180$  use the triangle sum theorem

$52 + 28 + C = 180$  make substitutions

$C + 80 = 180$  combine like terms

$- 80 \quad -80$  subtract 80 from each side

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$C = 100$  subtract

$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$  use the law of sines

$\frac{\sin 52}{a} = \frac{\sin 100}{87}$  make substitutions

$$a \sin 100 = 87 \sin 52 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{\sin 100} \quad \frac{\quad}{\sin 100} \quad \text{divide each side by } \sin 100$$

$$a = (87 \sin 52) / (\sin 100) \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$a = 70 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \quad \text{use the law of cosines}$$

$$b^2 = (70)^2 + (87)^2 - 2(70)(87)\cos 28 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$b = 41.4 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$\text{results: } A = 52 ; \quad B = 28 ; \quad C = 100$$

$$a = 70 ; \quad b = 41.4 ; \quad c = 87$$

$$(5.) \quad a = 9 ; \quad b = 6 ; \quad c = 5$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \quad \text{use the law of cosines}$$

$$5^2 = 9^2 + 6^2 - 2(9)(6)\cos C \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$25 = 117 - 108\cos C \quad \text{multiply and ad}$$

$$-25 = -117 + 108\cos C \quad \text{multiply thru by } -1$$

$$+ 117 \quad +117 \quad \text{add } 117 \text{ to each side}$$

$$\frac{92 = \quad}{108} \quad \frac{108\cos C}{108} \quad \text{add}$$

$$\frac{92}{108} = \frac{108\cos C}{108} \quad \text{divide each side by } 108$$

$$\cos C = (92/108) \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$C = \arccos (92/108) \quad \text{take arccos of each side}$$

$$C = 31.5 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c} \quad \text{use the law of sines}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{9} = \frac{\sin 31.5}{5} \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$5 \sin A = 9 \sin 31.5 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

$$\frac{5 \sin A}{5} = \frac{9 \sin 31.5}{5} \quad \text{divide each side by 5}$$

$$\sin A = (9/5) \sin 31.5 \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$A = \arcsin [(9/5) \sin 31.5] \quad \text{take the arcsin of each side}$$

$$A = 70 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$A + B + C = 180 \quad \text{use the triangle sum theorem}$$

$$70 + B + 31.5 = 180 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$B + 101.5 = 180 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$-101.5 \quad -101.5 \quad \text{subtract 101.5 from each side}$$

$$\frac{B}{B} = \frac{78.5}{78.5} \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$\text{results: } A = 70; \quad B = 78.5; \quad C = 31.5$$

$$a = 9; \quad b = 6; \quad c = 5$$

$$(6.) \quad a = 3; \quad b = 4; \quad C = 90 \quad \text{here is the problem}$$

$$a = 3; \quad b = 4; \quad c = 5 \quad [3,4,5 \text{ pythagorean triple}]$$

$$\tan A = a/b \quad \text{use this equation to find A}$$

$$\tan A = 3/4 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$A = \arctan(3/4)$  take the arctan of each side

$A = 37$  use calculator

$A + B + C = 180$  use the triangle sum theorem

$37 + B + 90 = 180$  make substitutions

$B + 127 = 180$  combine like terms

$\begin{array}{r} -127 \quad -127 \\ B + 127 = 180 \end{array}$  subtract 127 from each side

$\begin{array}{r} B + 127 = 180 \\ \hline B = 53 \end{array}$  subtract

results:  $A = 37$ ;  $B = 53$ ;  $C = 90$

$a = 3$ ;  $b = 4$ ;  $c = 5$

(7.)  $a = 675$ ;  $A = 48$ ;  $C = 90$

$A + B + C = 180$  use the triangle sum theorem

$48 + B + 90 = 180$  make substitutions

$B + 138 = 180$  combine like terms

$\begin{array}{r} -138 \quad -138 \\ B + 138 = 180 \end{array}$  subtract 138 from each side

$\begin{array}{r} B + 138 = 180 \\ \hline B = 42 \end{array}$  subtract

$\tan B = b/a$  use this equation to find b

$\tan 42 = b/675$  make substitutions

$675 \tan 42 = b$  multiply each side by 675

$b = 608$  use calculator

$\sin A = a/c$  use this equation to find c

$\sin 48 = 675/c$  make substitutions

$$c \sin 48 = 675 \quad \text{multiply each side by } c \text{ and cancel}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{\sin 48} \quad \frac{\quad}{\sin 48} \quad \text{divide each side by this}$$

$$c = (675)/(\sin 48) \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$c = 908 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

results:  $A = 48$ ;  $B = 42$ ;  $C = 90$

$$a = 675; \quad b = 608; \quad c = 908$$

(8.)  $a = 137$ ;  $c = 78$ ;  $C = 23$

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c} \quad \text{use the law of sines}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{137} = \frac{\sin 23}{78} \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$78 \sin A = 137 \sin 23 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{78} \quad \frac{\quad}{78} \quad \text{divide each side by } 78$$

$$\sin A = (137 \sin 23)/(78) \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$A = \arcsin [(137 \sin 23)/(78)] \quad \text{take arcsin of each side}$$

$$A = 43.33 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$A = 180 - 43.33 \quad \text{subtract from } 180$$

$$A = 136.66 \quad \text{subtract}$$

case 1:



$$A + B + C = 180 \quad \text{use the triangle sum theorem}$$

$$43.33 + B + 23 = 180 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$B + 66.333 = 180 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} - 66.333 \\ - 66.333 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract 66.333 from each side}$$

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$$B = 113.66666 \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \quad \text{use the law of cosines to find b}$$

$$b^2 = 137^2 + 78^2 - 2(137)(78)\cos 133.66666 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$b = 199 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$\text{results: } A = 43.33 \quad ; \quad B = 133.66 \quad ; \quad C = 23$$

$$a = 137; \quad b = 199; \quad c = 78$$

case 2:

$$A + B + C = 180 \quad \text{use the triangle sum theorem}$$

$$136.66 + B + 23 = 180 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$B + 159.66 = 180 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -159.66 \\ -159.66 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract this from each side}$$

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$$B = 20.33 \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \quad \text{use the law of cosines}$$

$$b^2 = (137)^2 + (78)^2 - 2(137)(78)\cos 20.33 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$b = 69 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$\text{results: } A = 136.66 \quad ; \quad B = 20.33 \quad ; \quad C = 23$$

$$a = 137; \quad b = 69; \quad c = 78$$

(9.)  $a = 43$ ;  $b = 32$ ;  $B = 67$  here is the problem

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} \quad \text{use the law of sines}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{43} = \frac{\sin 67}{32} \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$32 \sin A = 43 \sin 67 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{32} = \frac{43 \sin 67}{32} \quad \text{divide each side by 32}$$

$$\sin A = (43/32) \sin 67 \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$A = \arcsin [(43/32) \sin 67] \quad \text{take arcsin of each side}$$

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(10.)  $b = 16$ ;  $c = 11$ ;  $A = 42$  here is the problem

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \quad \text{use the law of cosines}$$

$$a^2 = 16^2 + 11^2 - 2(16)(11) \cos 42 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$a = 10.7 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} \quad \text{use the law of sines}$$

$$\frac{\sin 42}{10.7} = \frac{\sin B}{16} \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$10.7 \sin B = 16 \sin 42 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

$$\frac{10.7 \sin B}{10.7} = \frac{16 \sin 42}{10.7} \quad \text{divide each side by 10.7}$$

$$\sin B = (16/10.7)\sin 42 \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$B = \arcsin [(16/10.7)\sin 42] \quad \text{take arcsin of each side}$$

$$B = 90 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$\text{results: } A = 42; \quad B = 90; \quad C = 48$$

$$a = 10.7 \quad ; \quad b = 16; \quad c = 11$$

$$(11.) \quad b = 47; \quad A = 20; \quad C = 153$$

$$A + B + C = 180 \quad \text{use the triangle sum theorem}$$

$$20 + B + 153 = 180 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$B + 173 = 180 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -173 \quad -173 \\ \hline B \quad \quad = 7 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract 173 from each side}$$

$$\text{subtract}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} \quad \text{use the law of sines}$$

$$\frac{\sin 20}{a} = \frac{\sin 7}{47} \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$a \sin 7 = 47 \sin 20 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

$$\frac{a \sin 7}{\sin 7} = \frac{47 \sin 20}{\sin 7} \quad \text{divide each side by } \sin 7$$

$$a = (47 \sin 20)/(\sin 7) \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$a = 132 \quad \text{use calculator}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \quad \text{use the law of cosines to find } c$$

$$c^2 = 132^2 + 47^2 - 2(132)(47)\cos 153 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

c = 175      use calculator

results: A = 20; B = 7 ; C = 153

a = 132; b = 47; c = 175