

## NOTES: Section 13.5 – Apply the Law of Sines

Goals: #1 - I can solve a triangle using the Law of Sines (need to know at least one angle and the opposite side).

#2 - I can find the area of a triangle when given two sides and that included angle.



*Homework: Lesson 13.5 Worksheet*

### Warm Up:

1. Evaluate the expression. Give your answer in both radians and degrees. NO CALCULATOR.

$-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$  a.  $\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$\theta = 45^\circ, \frac{\pi}{4}$

$0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$  b.  $\cos^{-1} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$\theta = 150^\circ, \frac{5\pi}{6}$

$-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$  c.  $\tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \quad x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \frac{y}{x} = \frac{1/2}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$\theta = 30^\circ, \frac{\pi}{6}$

2. Solve the equation  $\tan \theta = -2.5$ ;  $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$

$$\tan^{-1}(\tan \theta) = \tan^{-1}(-2.5)$$

$$\theta = -68.2^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 68.2^\circ$$

$\theta = 111.8^\circ$



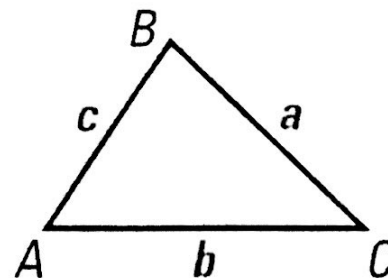
Notes:

How do we solve triangles with NO right angles?

• LAW of Sines:

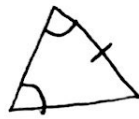
$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$


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




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This can be used to solve triangles when two angles and the length of any side are known.

• AAS: 

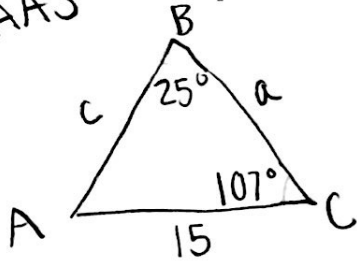
• ASA: 

• SSA: 

- could have NO SOLUTION  
- could have 2 SOLUTIONS

Example #1: Solve  $\triangle ABC$  with  $C = 107^\circ$ ,  $B = 25^\circ$ , and  $b = 15$

AAS



$$\angle A = 180^\circ - 107^\circ - 25^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\angle A = 48^\circ}$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin 48^\circ} = \frac{15}{\sin 25^\circ}$$

$$a \cdot \sin 25^\circ = 15 \cdot \sin 48^\circ$$

$$\boxed{a \approx 26.4}$$

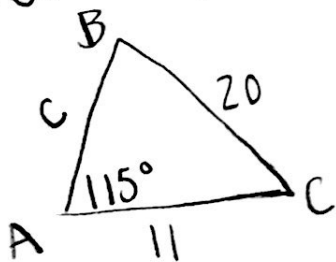
$$\frac{c}{\sin 107^\circ} = \frac{15}{\sin 25^\circ}$$

$$c \cdot \sin 25^\circ = 15 \cdot \sin 107^\circ$$

$$\boxed{c = 33.9}$$

Example #2: Solve  $\triangle ABC$  with  $\angle A = 115^\circ$ ,  $a = 20$ , and  $b = 11$

SSA



$$\frac{20}{\sin 115^\circ} = \frac{11}{\sin B}$$

$$20 \cdot \sin B = 11 \cdot \sin 115^\circ$$

$$\sin B = 0.498$$

$$\angle B = \sin^{-1}(0.498)$$

$$\boxed{\angle B \approx 29.9^\circ}$$

$$\angle C = 180^\circ - 115^\circ - 29.9^\circ$$

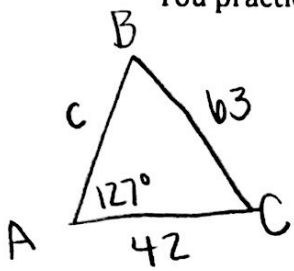
$$\boxed{\angle C = 35.1^\circ}$$

$$\frac{20}{\sin 115^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 35.1^\circ}$$

$$c \cdot \sin 115^\circ = 20 \cdot \sin 35.1^\circ$$

$$\boxed{c \approx 12.7}$$

You practice: Solve  $\triangle ABC$  with  $A = 127^\circ$ ,  $a = 63$ , and  $b = 42$



$$\frac{63}{\sin 127^\circ} = \frac{42}{\sin B}$$

$$63 \cdot \sin B = 42 \cdot \sin 127^\circ$$

$$\sin B = 0.532$$

$$\angle B = \sin^{-1}(0.532)$$

$$\boxed{\angle B = 32.2^\circ}$$

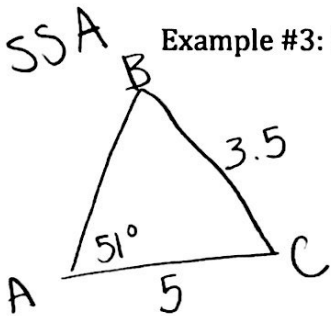
$$\angle C = 180^\circ - 127^\circ - 32.2^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\angle C = 20.8^\circ}$$

$$\frac{63}{\sin 127^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 20.8^\circ}$$

$$c \cdot \sin 127^\circ = 63 \cdot \sin 20.8^\circ$$

$$\boxed{c \approx 28}$$



Example #3: Solve  $\triangle ABC$  with  $A = 51^\circ$ ,  $a = 3.5$ , and  $b = 5$

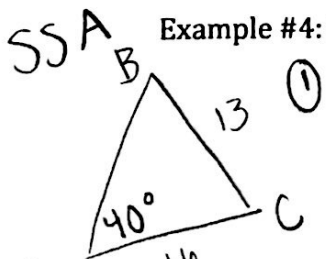
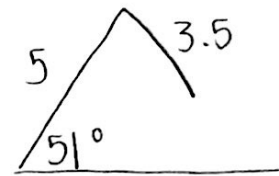
$$\frac{3.5}{\sin 51^\circ} = \frac{5}{\sin B}$$

$$3.5 \cdot \sin B = 5 \cdot \sin 51^\circ$$

$$\sin B = 1.11$$

$$\angle B = \sin^{-1}(1.11)$$

$$\boxed{\text{NO SOLUTION}}$$



Example #4: Solve  $\triangle ABC$  with  $A = 40^\circ$ ,  $a = 13$ , and  $b = 16$

$$\frac{13}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{16}{\sin B}$$

$$13 \cdot \sin B = 16 \cdot \sin 40^\circ$$

$$\sin B = 0.791$$

$$\angle B = \sin^{-1}(0.791)$$

$$\boxed{\angle B = 52.3^\circ}$$

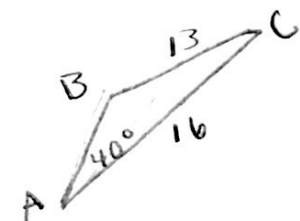
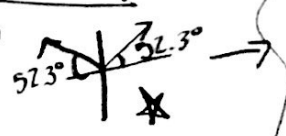
$$\angle C = 180^\circ - 40^\circ - 52.3^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\angle C = 87.7^\circ}$$

$$\frac{13}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 87.7^\circ}$$

$$c \cdot \sin 40^\circ = 13 \cdot \sin 87.7^\circ$$

$$\boxed{c \approx 20.2}$$



$$\angle B = 180^\circ - 52.3^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\angle B = 127.7^\circ}$$

$$\angle C = 180^\circ - 40^\circ - 127.7^\circ$$

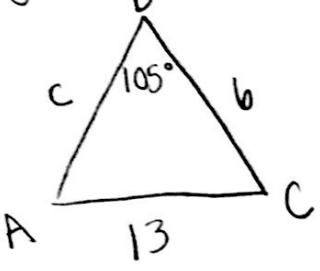
$$\boxed{\angle C = 12.3^\circ}$$

$$\frac{13}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 12.3^\circ}$$

$$b \cdot \sin 40^\circ = 13 \cdot \sin 12.3^\circ$$

$$\boxed{b \approx 4.3}$$

SSA You practice: Solve  $\triangle ABC$  with  $B = 105^\circ$ ,  $b = 13$ , and  $a = 6$



$$\frac{13}{\sin 105^\circ} = \frac{6}{\sin A}$$

$$13 \cdot \sin A = 6 \cdot \sin 105^\circ$$

$$\sin A = 0.446$$

$$\angle A = \sin^{-1}(0.446)$$

$\angle A = 26.5^\circ$

$$\angle C = 180^\circ - 105^\circ - 26.5^\circ$$

$\angle C = 48.5^\circ$

$$\frac{13}{\sin 105^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 48.5^\circ}$$

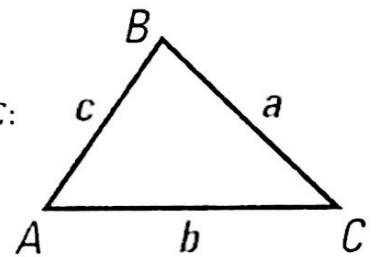
$$c \cdot \sin 105^\circ = 13 \cdot \sin 48.5^\circ$$

$c \approx 10.1$

Notes:

Area of a Triangle:

There are three ways we can find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ :



- Area =  $\frac{1}{2} bc \sin A$
- Area =  $\frac{1}{2} ac \sin B$
- Area =  $\frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$

Example #5: A piece of land is bordered by three roads as shown. Find the area of the land.

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1.4)(2.3) \sin 78.1^\circ$$

$\approx 1.58 \text{ mi}^2$

