

Lesson 13-5: The Law of Sines.....page #

Objectives:

- Determine the area of a triangle given side-angle-side information.
- Use the Law of Sines to find the side lengths and angle measures of a triangle.

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

$\frac{1}{2} b \cdot h$

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A sailmaker is designing a sail that will have the dimensions shown in the diagram. Based on these dimensions, the sailmaker can determine the amount of fabric needed.

The sailmaker would determine the amount of fabric needed by finding the area of the triangle.

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

$\sin 73 = \frac{h}{2.96}$

However, the value of h is unknown. The sailmaker could use trig to find the value of h.

$\sin A = \frac{h}{c}$

$c \cdot \sin A = h$

$h = c \cdot \sin A$

Area = $\frac{1}{2}bh$ Write the area formula.

Area = $\frac{1}{2}bc \sin A$ Substitute c sin A for h.

**This formula allows you to determine the area of a triangle if you know the lengths of two sides and the measure of the angle between them.

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Area of a Triangle

For $\triangle ABC$,

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

Area = $\frac{1}{2}ac \sin B$

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

SAS → Area = $\frac{1}{2} \text{side} \cdot \text{side} \cdot \sin(\text{angle between})$

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Find the area of the triangle. Round to the nearest tenth.

$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot \sin 40$

$A = 4.8 \text{ m}^2$

$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot \sin 85 = 20.9$

$A = 20.9 \text{ in}^2$

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The area of $\triangle ABC$ is equal to $\frac{1}{2}bc \sin A$ or $\frac{1}{2}ac \sin B$ or $\frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$. By setting these expressions equal to each other, you can derive the Law of Sines.

$2 \left[\frac{1}{2}bc \sin A = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin B = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C \right]$

$bc \sin A = ac \sin B = ab \sin C$ Multiply each expression by 2.

$\frac{bc \sin A}{abc} = \frac{ac \sin B}{abc} = \frac{ab \sin C}{abc}$ Divide each expression by abc.

$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$ Divide out common factors.

Law of Sines

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

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Law of Sines

For $\triangle ABC$, the Law of Sines states that

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

The Law of Sines allows you to solve a triangle as long as you know the following:

- Angle-Angle-Side (AAS)
- Angle-Side-Angle (ASA)
- Side-Side-Angle (SSA)

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Solve each triangle. Round to the nearest tenth.

What pieces of the triangle do you know?

$\angle E = 119^\circ$
 $d = 17.4$
 $e = 27.9$

$\frac{\sin 28}{15} = \frac{\sin 33}{d}$
 $d \cdot \sin 28 = 15 \cdot \sin 33$
 $\frac{d \cdot \sin 28}{\sin 28} = \frac{15 \cdot \sin 33}{\sin 28}$
 $d = 17.4$

$\frac{\sin 28}{15} = \frac{\sin 119}{e}$
 $e \cdot \sin 28 = 15 \cdot \sin 119$
 $\frac{e \cdot \sin 28}{\sin 28} = \frac{15 \cdot \sin 119}{\sin 28}$
 $e = 27.9$

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Solve each triangle. Round to the nearest tenth.

Do you have any angle-side pairs?

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Solve each triangle. Round to the nearest tenth.

What will we need to solve for first?

$\angle Y = 61.8^\circ$
 $\angle X = 79.2^\circ$
 $x = 15.6$
 18.0
 100.8

$\frac{\sin 39}{10} = \frac{\sin 79.2}{x}$
 $\frac{\sin 39}{\sin 79.2} = \frac{10 \cdot \sin 79.2}{x}$
 $x = \frac{10 \cdot \sin 79.2}{\sin 39}$
 $x = 15.6$

$\frac{\sin 39}{10} = \frac{\sin y}{14}$
 $\frac{\sin 39}{\sin y} = \frac{10 \cdot \sin y}{14}$
 $10 \cdot \sin y = 14 \cdot \sin 39$
 $\frac{10 \cdot \sin y}{10} = \frac{14 \cdot \sin 39}{10}$
 $\sin y = 0.88$
 $y = \sin^{-1}(0.88)$
 $\angle Y = 61.8^\circ$

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