# **Chapter 2 Trigonometry**

#### 2.1 Angles in Standard Position

# **KEY IDEAS** • An angle $\theta$ is in standard position when - the vertex of the angle is located at the origin (0, 0) on a Cartesian plane terminal - the initial arm of the angle lies along the positive x-axis arm initial arm • Measure the angle $\theta$ in a counterclockwise direction from the initial arm to the terminal arm. The quadrants $90^{\circ} < \theta < 180^{\circ}$ $0^{\circ} < \theta < 90^{\circ}$ of the Cartesian plane are labelled with Roman Ш н numerals, also in a counterclockwise direction beginning from the positive x-axis. ш $180^{\circ} < \theta < 270^{\circ}$ $270^{\circ} < \theta < 360^{\circ}$ • Angles in standard position have a corresponding acute **Quadrant III** angle called the reference angle, $\theta_{R}$ . The reference angle is the acute angle formed between the terminal arm and the x-axis. ≽ • There are two special right triangles for which you can determine the exact values of the primary trigonometric ratios. Hint: The smallest angle is always opposite the shortest side. <sup>1</sup> $\sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\tan 45^\circ = 1$ $\sin 30^{\circ} = \frac{1}{2} \qquad \cos 30^{\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \qquad \tan 30^{\circ} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\sin 60^{\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \qquad \cos 60^{\circ} = \frac{1}{2} \qquad \tan 60^{\circ} = \sqrt{3}$

# Working Example 1: Sketch an Angle in Standard Position, $0^\circ \le \theta < 360^\circ$

Sketch each angle in standard position. State the quadrant in which the terminal arm lies.

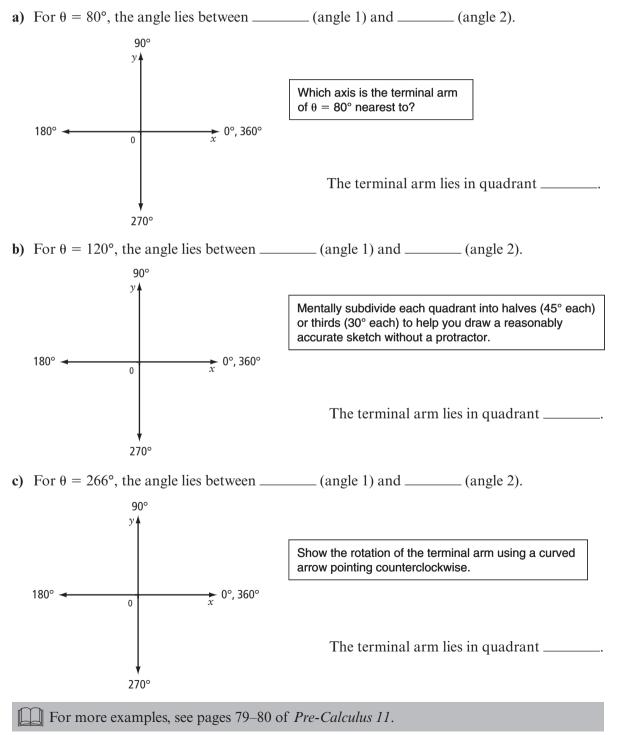
**a)** 80°

**b)** 120°

c) 266°

Solution

Consider the angle values for the axes: 0°, 90°, 180°, 270°, and 360°. Determine which region of the graph will contain the terminal arm of the angle.



#### Working Example 2: Determine a Reference Angle

Determine the reference angle,  $\theta_R$ , for each angle  $\theta$ . Sketch  $\theta$  in standard position and label the reference angle  $\theta_R$ .

a)  $\theta = 315^{\circ}$ 

**b)**  $\theta = 201^{\circ}$ 

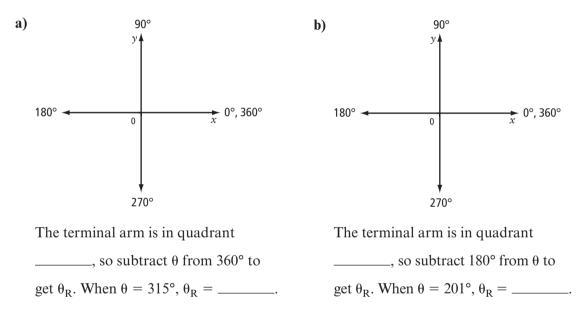
## Solution

Sketch the angle  $\theta$  in standard position.

Next, draw a vertical line from the terminal arm to the nearest part of the *x*-axis to make the reference triangle.

Label the acute angle between the *x*-axis and the terminal arm as  $\theta_{R}$ .

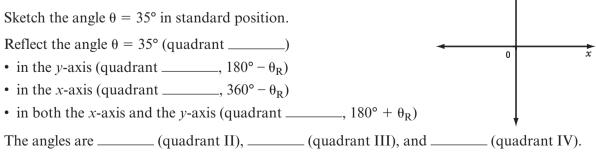
In quadrants I and IV, the reference angle will be formed with the positive x-axis (0° or 360°). In quadrants II and III, the reference angle will be formed with the negative x-axis (180°).



### Working Example 3: Determine the Angle in Standard Position

Determine the measure of all angles in standard position,  $0^{\circ} < \theta < 360^{\circ}$ , that have a reference angle of 35°.

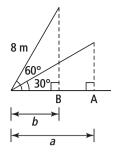
### Solution



The example on page 81 of *Pre-Calculus 11* asks the same question in a different way.

# Working Example 4: Find an Exact Distance

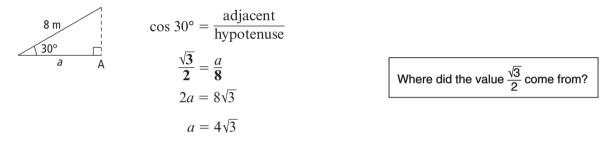
An 8-m boom is used to move a bundle of piping from point A to point B. Determine the exact horizontal displacement of the end of the boom when the operator raises it from  $30^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}$ .



# Solution

Use your knowledge of the exact trigonometric ratios in  $30^{\circ}-60^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$  triangles to calculate the exact distances *a* and *b*.

For distance *a*:



For distance *b*:

Label the diagram with the given information.

Write the appropriate primary trigonometric ratio to solve for *b*.

Now solve for b, using exact values.

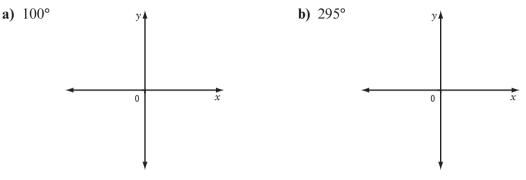
The total horizontal displacement is a - b or exactly \_\_\_\_\_ m. (If you use your calculator to evaluate this exact value, you will find an approximate value of 2.93 m).

A different situation using exact values can be found on page 82 of *Pre-Calculus 11*.

# **Check Your Understanding**

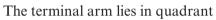
### Practise

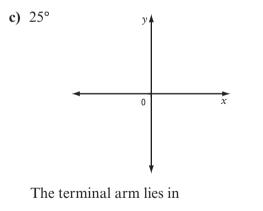
1. Sketch each angle in standard position. State the quadrant in which the terminal arm lies.



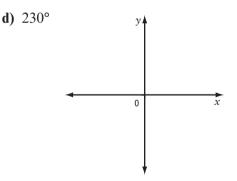
The terminal arm lies in

quadrant \_\_\_\_\_.



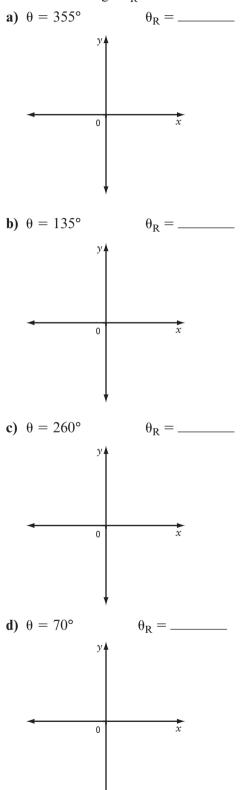


quadrant \_\_\_\_\_.

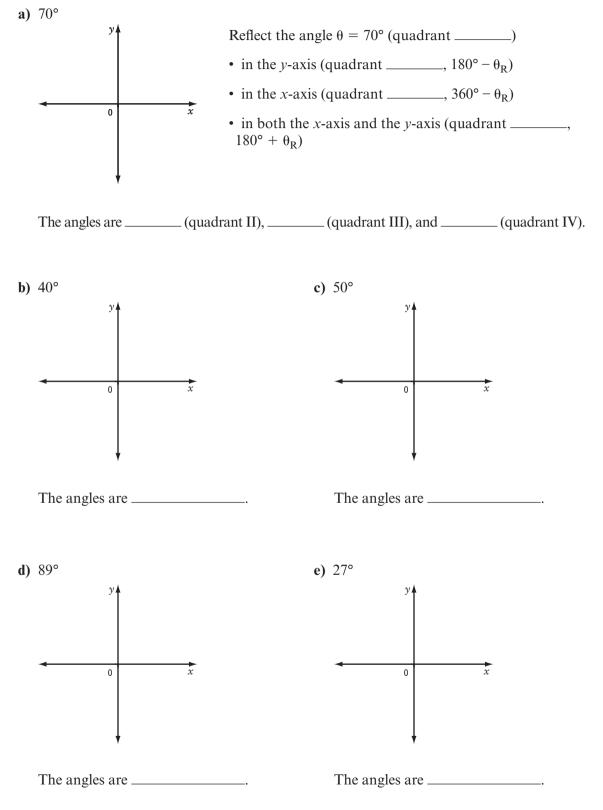


The terminal arm lies in quadrant

2. Determine the reference angle,  $\theta_R$ , for each angle  $\theta$ . Sketch  $\theta$  in standard position and label the reference angle  $\theta_R$ .

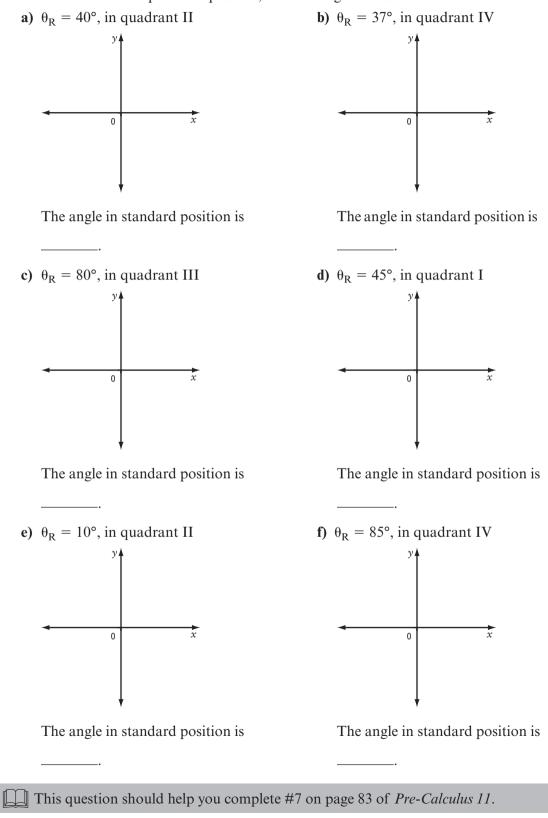


3. Determine the measures of the three other angles in standard position,  $0^{\circ} < \theta < 360^{\circ}$ , that have the given reference angle.



4. Determine the measure of each angle  $\theta$  in standard position,  $0^{\circ} \le \theta < 360^{\circ}$ , given its reference angle and the quadrant in which the terminal arm lies.

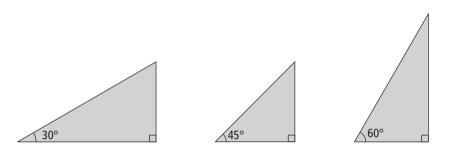
Hint: This is like the previous question, but working backward.



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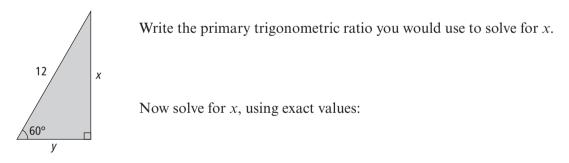
**5.** Label the sides of the right triangles shown with their exact lengths. The shortest side of each triangle should be 1 unit. Complete the table with the exact values of sine, cosine, and tangent for each angle.

The phrases "exact value" and "exact length" are clues that you should be thinking in terms of special triangles and square roots, rather than using your calculator.



	$\theta = 30^{\circ}$	$\theta = 45^{\circ}$	$\theta = 60^{\circ}$
sin θ			
<b>cos</b> θ			
tan θ			

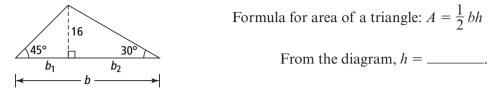
6. Find the exact values of the missing side lengths.



To find *y*, you could use the values *y* and 12 with the trigonometric ratio \_\_\_\_\_\_. Or, you could use the values of *x* and *y* with the trigonometric ratio \_\_\_\_\_\_. Or, you could use the Pythagorean Theorem. Solve for *y*:

# Apply

7. Find the exact area of the triangle shown.



Calculate b. One strategy is to divide the big triangle into two parts, each consisting of a right triangle. Which primary trigonometric ratio (sine, cosine, tangent) is used?

In the 45°-45°-90° triangle, solve for  $b_1$ : In the 30°-60°-90° triangle, solve for  $b_2$ :

The total base of the triangle is  $b = b_1 + b_2$  or \_\_\_\_\_. Now, find the area. 1 h

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

The exact area of the triangle is \_\_\_\_\_ units.

8. Find the exact area of an equilateral triangle with a height of 9 units.

Diagram:

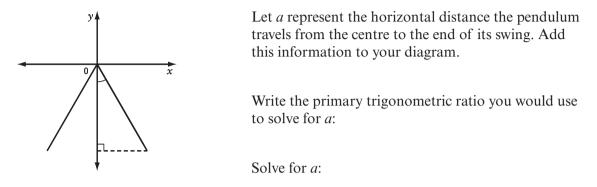
What information is known? What is unknown? Which primary trigonometric ratio will you use?

The total base of the triangle is:

The area of the triangle is:

9. A grandfather clock has a pendulum that is 1.40 m long and swings  $\pm 30^{\circ}$  from centre. What are the minimum inner dimensions of the cabinet inside the clock that will accommodate the pendulum? Give exact values.

Label the diagram to model the information.



The total horizontal distance the pendulum travels is \_\_\_\_\_\_m.

The pendulum is \_\_\_\_\_ m long, so the vertical dimension must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ m.

The cabinet must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ m wide and \_\_\_\_\_ m high.

This question is similar to Example 4 on page 82 of *Pre-Calculus 11*.

10. An 8-m boom is used to move a bundle of piping from point A to point B. Determine the exact vertical displacement of the end of the boom when the operator raises it from 30° to 60°. Hint: Use two triangles.

# Connect

**11.** Complete the table for angles in standard position,  $0^{\circ} < \theta < 360^{\circ}$ .

Quadrant	Value of Angle $\theta$	How to Calculate $\theta_R$	Sketch
Ι	$0^{\circ} < \theta < 90^{\circ}$		
II	< θ <		
	< θ <		
	< θ <	$\theta_{\rm R} = 360^{\circ} - \theta$	

# 2.2 Trigonometric Ratios of Any Angle

# **KEY IDEAS**

- Recall that you measure an angle  $\theta$  in a counterclockwise direction from the initial arm (on the positive *x*-axis) to the terminal arm. The quadrants of the Cartesian plane are labelled with Roman numerals, also in a counterclockwise direction.
- If the terminal arm lies on an axis, the angle is called a quadrantal angle (it separates the quadrants). For example, 0°, 90°, 180°, 270°, and 360°.
- If point P(x, y) lies on the terminal arm of an angle  $\theta$  in standard position, the primary trigonometric ratios are

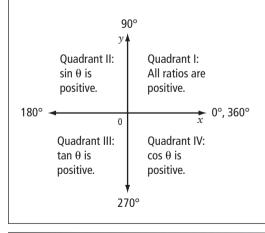
$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$
  $\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$   $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$ 

where the distance from point P(x, y) to the origin (0, 0) is represented by the variable *r*. Then, by the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

P(x, y)

- Since *r* is a distance, it is always a positive number.
- $\sin \theta$  is positive in quadrants I and II.  $\sin \theta = 0$  on the *x*-axis and  $\pm 1$  on the *y*-axis.
- $\cos \theta$  is positive in quadrants I and IV.  $\cos \theta = \pm 1$  on the *x*-axis and 0 on the *y*-axis.
- tan θ is positive in quadrants I and III.
   tan θ = 0 on the x-axis and is undefined on the y-axis.



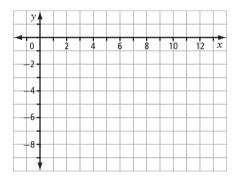
# Working Example 1: Write Trigonometric Ratios for Angles in Any Quadrant

The point P(12, -9) lies on the terminal arm of an angle  $\theta$  in standard position. Determine the exact trigonometric ratios for sin  $\theta$ , cos  $\theta$ , and tan  $\theta$ .

# Solution

Sketch the point P(12, -9) on the Cartesian plane.

Draw a line segment from the origin to P to represent the terminal arm of the angle. Label the angle  $\theta$  and the reference angle  $\theta_R$ .



To draw the right triangle containing  $\theta_{\text{R}}$ , make a vertical line from P to the nearest part of the *x*-axis.

From the coordinates of point P, you know that x =\_\_\_\_\_ and y =\_\_\_\_\_.

Calculate *r* using the Pythagorean Theorem.

 $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ 

Substitute the values of x, y, and r into the formulas to calculate the three ratios.  $\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$   $\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$   $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$  $\sin \theta = \underline{\qquad} \cos \theta = \underline{\qquad} \tan \theta = \underline{\qquad}$ 

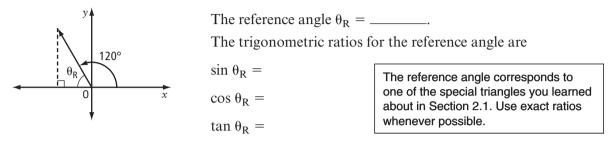
For another example, see page 91 of *Pre-Calculus 11*.

# Working Example 2: Determine the Exact Value of Trigonometric Ratios

Determine the exact values of the sine, cosine, and tangent ratios for  $\theta = 120^{\circ}$ .

#### Solution

Sketch the angle in standard position. Draw the reference angle,  $\theta_R$ , and determine its measure.



In quadrant II, x is negative and y is positive (r is always positive). Determine the sign of each ratio.

$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$	$\cos \theta = \frac{\chi}{r}$	$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$
$\sin \theta = \frac{+}{+}$	$\cos \theta = \frac{-}{+}$	$\tan \theta =$
$\sin \theta = +$	$\cos \theta = -$	$\tan \theta =$
Therefore, is p	ositive, and $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$	are negative for angles in quadrant II.
$\sin 120^\circ = +\sin 60^\circ$	$\cos 120^\circ = -\cos 60^\circ$	tan 120° =
sin 120° =	cos 120° =	$_{-}$ tan 120° =

#### **Working Example 3: Determine Trigonometric Ratios**

Suppose  $\theta$  is an angle in standard position with terminal arm in quadrant IV and  $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{33}}{7}$ . Determine the exact values of the other two trigonometric ratios.

### Solution

Since  $\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$ , x =\_\_\_\_\_ and r =\_\_\_\_\_. In quadrant IV, is *x* positive or negative? Solve for *y* using the Pythagorean Theorem.

 $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ 

In quadrant IV, is *y* positive or negative? Select the positive or negative root accordingly.

The other two trigonometric ratios are  $\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{y}{r}$  and  $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{y}{r}$ .

#### Working Example 4: Solve for an Angle Given Its Sine, Cosine, or **Tangent Value**

Solve for  $\theta$ .

**a)**  $\tan \theta = -0.9004, \ 0^{\circ} \le \theta < 360^{\circ}$  **b)**  $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \ 0^{\circ} \le \theta < 360^{\circ}$ 

The reference angle is in quadrant I, where all

three trigonometric ratios are positive.

### Solution

a) Step 1: Determine which quadrants the solutions will be in by looking at the sign (+ or -) of the given ratio.

 $\tan \theta$  is positive in quadrants \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.

 $\tan \theta$  is negative in quadrants \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

So, the solutions are in quadrants \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

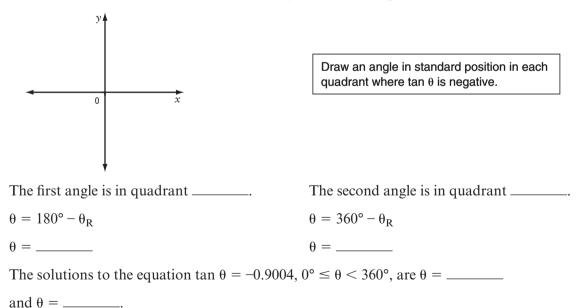
Step 2: Solve for the reference angle.

 $\tan \theta_{\rm R} = +0.9004$ 

 $\theta_{\rm R} = \tan^{-1}(0.9004)$ 

 $\theta_R \approx$  \_\_\_\_\_ to the nearest tenth of a degree

Step 3: Sketch the reference angle in the appropriate quadrants. Use the diagram to determine the measures of the two related angles in standard position.



**b)**  $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0^{\circ} \le \theta < 360^{\circ}$ 

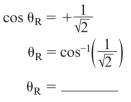
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 $\cos \theta$  is positive in quadrants \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.

 $\cos \theta$  is negative in quadrants \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

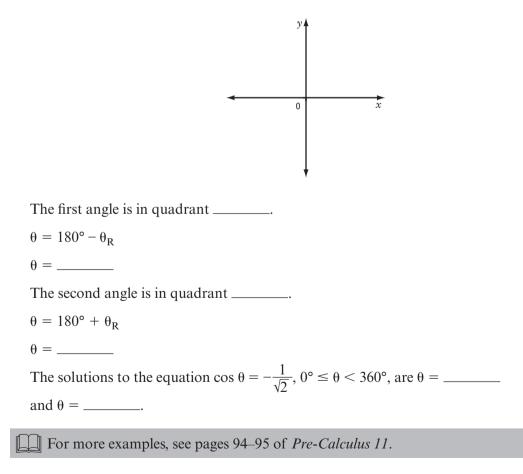
So, the solutions are in quadrants \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Step 2: Solve for the reference angle.



The values 1 and  $\sqrt{2}$  correspond to the 45°-45°-90° special triangle. You can find this answer without using a calculator.

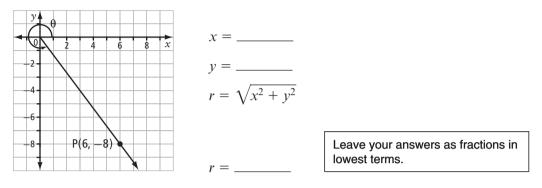
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#### **Check Your Understanding**

#### Practise

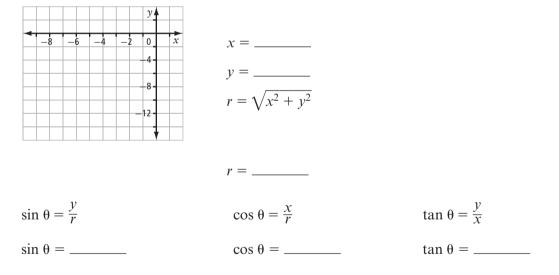
- 1. The coordinates of a point P on the terminal arm of an angle  $\theta$  are shown.
  - a) Determine the values of *x*, *y*, and *r*.



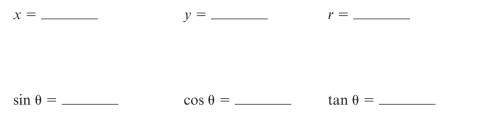
**b)** Write the exact trigonometric ratios  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$ , and  $\tan \theta$  for the angle.

$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$	$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$	$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$
$\sin \theta = $	$\cos \theta = $	$\tan \theta =$

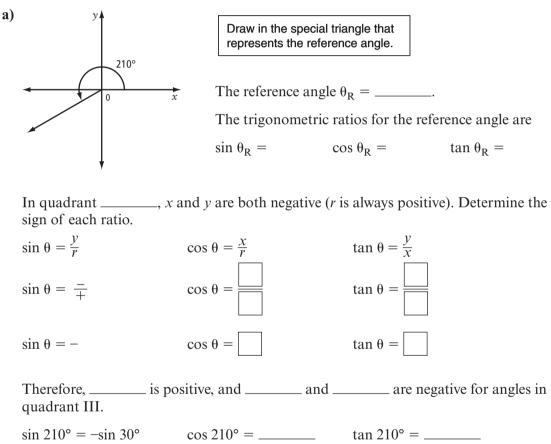
2. Sketch an angle  $\theta$  in standard position so that the terminal arm passes through P(-8, -15). Then, find the exact values of sin  $\theta$ , cos  $\theta$ , and tan  $\theta$  for the angle.



3. Determine the exact values of  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$ , and  $\tan \theta$  if the terminal arm of an angle in standard position passes through the point P(1, 0).

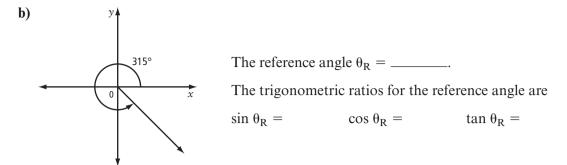


4. Determine the exact values of the sine, cosine, and tangent ratios for each angle.

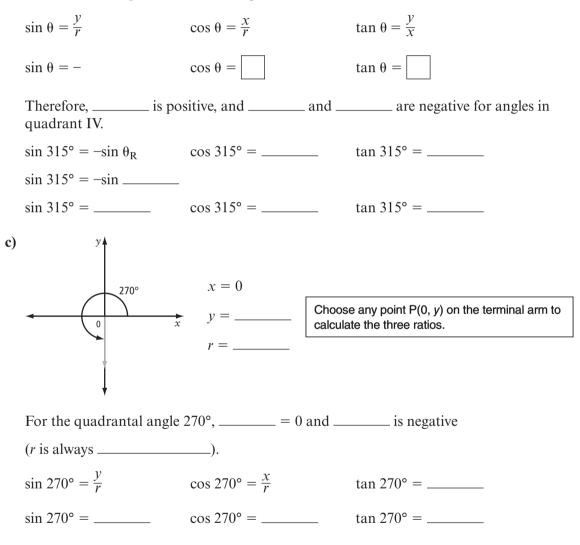


 $\sin 210^\circ = \_$   $\cos 210^\circ = \_$   $\tan 210^\circ = \_$ 

Exact values for the trigonometric ratios in special right triangles can be found on page 79 of *Pre-Calculus 11*.



Determine the sign of each ratio in quadrant IV.



5. Suppose  $\theta$  is an angle in standard position with terminal arm in quadrant III and  $\tan \theta = \frac{6}{5}$ . Determine the exact values of the other two primary trigonometric ratios.

In quadrant III, x is \_\_\_\_\_ and y is \_\_\_\_\_ (r is always positive). Since  $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$ , the known information is  $x = \_____ and y = \_____.$ Solve for the unknown value using the Pythagorean Theorem.

 $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ 

The other two trigonometric ratios are  $\sin \theta =$ \_\_\_\_\_ and  $\cos \theta =$ \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Suppose  $\theta$  is an angle in standard position with terminal arm in quadrant II and  $\cos \theta = -\frac{7}{12}$ . Determine the exact values of the other two primary trigonometric ratios.

In quadrant II, x is \_\_\_\_\_ and y is \_\_\_\_\_ (r is always \_\_\_\_\_). Since  $\cos \theta = \boxed{}$ , the known information is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.

Solve for the unknown value using the Pythagorean Theorem.

The other two trigonometric ratios are  $\sin \theta =$ \_\_\_\_\_ and  $\tan \theta =$ \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Suppose  $\theta$  is an angle in standard position with terminal arm in quadrant IV and  $\cos \theta = \frac{40}{41}$ . Determine the exact values of the other two primary trigonometric ratios.

In quadrant IV, x is \_\_\_\_\_ and y is \_\_\_\_\_ (r is always \_\_\_\_\_). Since  $\cos \theta =$ \_\_\_\_\_, the known information is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.

Solve for the unknown value using the Pythagorean Theorem.

The other two trigonometric ratios are  $\sin \theta =$ \_\_\_\_\_ and  $\tan \theta =$ \_\_\_\_\_.

These questions should help you complete #8 on page 96 of *Pre-Calculus 11*.

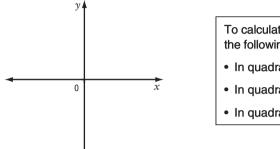
## Apply

- 8. Solve for  $\theta$ . Round your answer to the nearest degree.
  - a)  $\cos \theta = 0.8829, 0^{\circ} \le \theta < 360^{\circ}$

 $\cos \theta$  is positive in quadrants \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The reference angle is  $\theta_{\rm R} = \cos^{-1}(0.8829)$  or \_\_\_\_\_.

Sketch the reference angle in the appropriate quadrants.



To calculate the values of the two angles, recall the following:

The reference angle is in

quadrant I, where sine, cosine, and tangent are all positive.

• In quadrant II,  $\theta=$  180° –  $\theta_R.$ 

- In quadrant III,  $\theta = 180^{\circ} + \theta_{R}$ .
- In quadrant IV,  $\theta = 360^{\circ} \theta_{R}$ .

The solutions to the equation  $\cos \theta = 0.8829$ ,  $0^{\circ} \le \theta < 360^{\circ}$ , are  $\theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_ and  $\theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

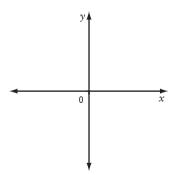
**b)** 
$$\tan \theta = -1.9626, 0^{\circ} \le \theta < 360^{\circ}$$

 $\tan \theta$  is negative in quadrants \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The reference angle is  $\theta_{\rm R} = \tan^{-1}(1.9626)$ 

or \_\_\_\_\_.

Sketch the reference angle in the appropriate quadrants. Then, calculate the values of the two angles.

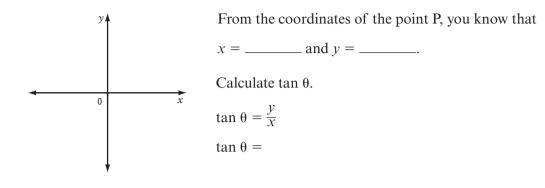


The solutions to the equation  $\tan \theta = -1.9626$ ,  $0^{\circ} \le \theta < 360^{\circ}$ , are  $\theta =$ \_\_\_\_\_

and  $\theta =$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Question 9 on page 97 of *Pre-Calculus 11* is similar but involves special triangles.

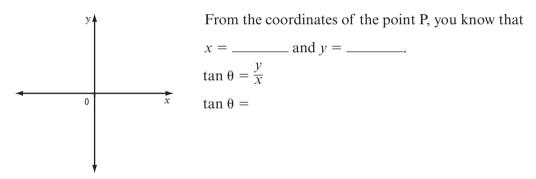
9. Point P(-4, -5) is on the terminal arm of an angle θ in standard position.
a) Sketch the angle.



**b)** What is the measure of the reference angle, to the nearest degree?

The reference angle is  $\theta_R = \tan^{-1}($ \_\_\_\_) or \_\_\_\_\_.

- c) What is the measure of  $\theta$ , to the nearest degree?
- **10.** Point P(12, -3) is on the terminal arm of an angle  $\theta$  in standard position.
  - a) Sketch the angle.



**b)** What is the measure of the reference angle, to the nearest degree?

The reference angle is  $\theta_R = \tan^{-1}(\_\_\_)$  or  $\_\_\_$ .

c) What is the measure of  $\theta$ , to the nearest degree?

Question 27 on page 99 of *Pre-Calculus 11* asks you to explain the process used above.

# Connect

**11.** Complete the table, using the following symbols where appropriate.

+ (positive) - (negative) 0 1 -1 undefined

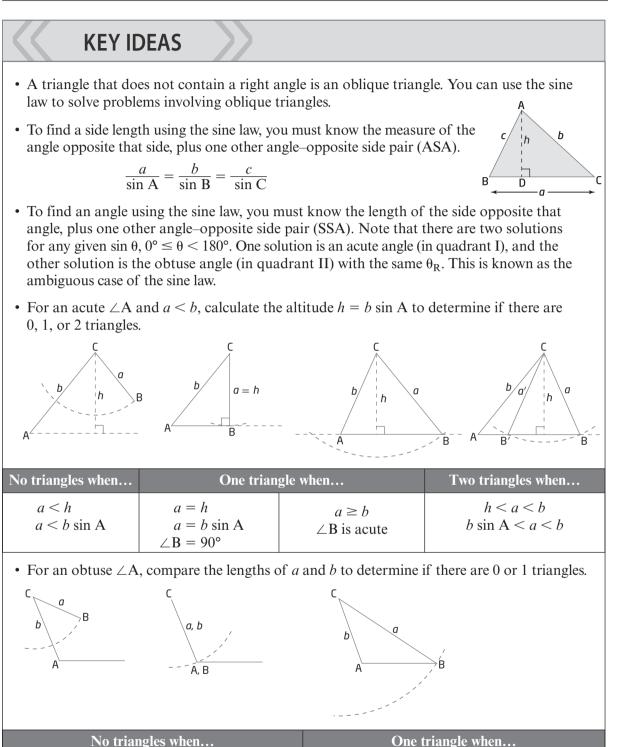
Trigonometric Ratio	$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$	$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$	$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$
0°	0		
Quadrant I	+		
90°	1		undefined
Quadrant II			
180°			
Quadrant III			
270°			
Quadrant IV			
360°	0		

# Chapter 2 Skills Organizer A

Complete the table for each point P on the terminal arm of an angle  $\theta$  in standard position.

	Quadrant	Sketch	sin θ	cos θ	tan θ
P( <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> )	I	$\begin{array}{c} y \\ P(x, y) \\ r \\ y \\ \theta \\ x \\ x \end{array}$			
P(0, 1)	N/A		$\sin \theta = 1$		
P(- <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> )			$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r},$ $\sin \theta > 0$	$\cos \theta = \frac{-\chi}{r},$ $\cos \theta < 0$	$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{-x},$ $\tan \theta < 0$
P(-1, 0)	N/A				
P(- <i>x</i> , - <i>y</i> )					
P(0, -1)			$\sin \theta = -1$		
P(x, -y)					
P(1, 0)					

#### 2.3 The Sine Law



 $a > b \angle B$  is acute

a < b or a = b

# Working Example 1: Determine an Unknown Side Length

Determine the length of side b, to the nearest millimetre.

# Solution

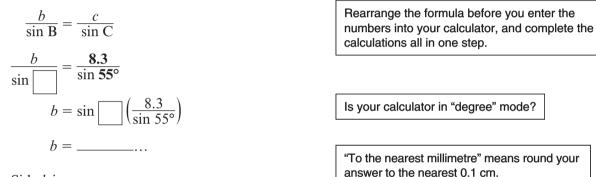
This is an oblique triangle, so you can use the sine law. To solve for side *b*, you need to know its opposite angle,  $\angle B$ .

The angles in a triangle sum to \_\_\_\_\_°, so

 $\angle \mathbf{B} = 180^{\circ} - (42^{\circ} + 55^{\circ})$  $\angle \mathbf{B} = \underline{\qquad}$ 

A 42° 55° C 8.3 cm B

You also know one other angle–opposite side pair:  $\angle C = \_\_\_$  and side  $c = \_\_\_$  cm. According to the sine law,



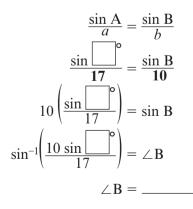
Side *b* is \_\_\_\_\_ cm.

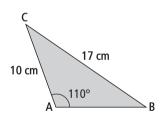
# Working Example 2: Determine an Unknown Angle

Determine the measure of  $\angle B$ , to the nearest degree.

### Solution

Use the sine law.





Since  $\angle A$  is obtuse and a > b, there is one triangle with an acute  $\angle B$ .

Do the calculations all in one step on your calculator. Do not round off until the final answer.

#### Working Example 3: Determine the Number of Triangles

Determine the number of triangles that will satisfy the following conditions.

a) In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle A = 60^{\circ}$ , a = 14 units, and b = 15 units.

**b)** In  $\triangle$ JKL,  $\angle$ J = 42°, *j* = 6.9 cm, and *k* = 10.3 cm.

#### **Solution**

a) Sketch a possible diagram.

Hint: Place the known angle at the lower left corner of your diagram and the angle to be calculated at the lower right. Then, your altitude, h, will always be a vertical line.

In the diagram, label sides *a* (opposite  $\angle A$ ) and *b* (opposite  $\angle B$ ) with their lengths.

Since  $\angle A$  is acute and a < b, calculate the altitude.

$$h = b \sin A$$

h =

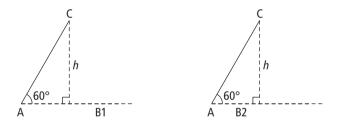
Make your sketch as close to scale as possible, especially in the measure of  $\angle A$ .

A∕\_60°

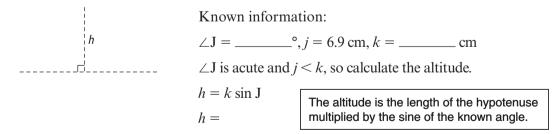
h

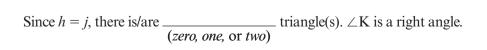
In order from smallest to largest, (h) < (a) < (b).

Therefore, two triangles exist that satisfy the given conditions: one with acute  $\angle B$  and one with obtuse  $\angle B$ . Sketch the two possible triangles.



**b)** Sketch a possible diagram. Place the known  $\angle J$  at the lower left corner of your diagram.



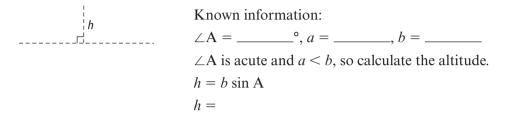


### Working Example 4: Use the Sine Law in an Ambiguous Case

In  $\triangle$ ABC, a = 3, b = 6, and  $\angle$ A = 70°. Determine the measure of  $\angle$ B, to the nearest degree.

#### Solution

Sketch a possible diagram. Place the known  $\angle A$  at the lower left corner of your diagram.



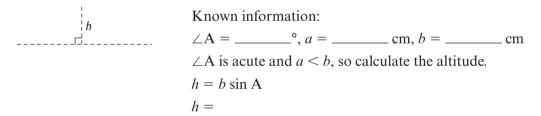
Since a < h, there is/are <u>(zero, one, or two)</u> triangle(s). You cannot calculate angle  $\angle B$ .

#### Working Example 5: Solve a Triangle

In  $\triangle ABC$ , a = 4.8 cm, b = 6.4 cm, and  $\angle A = 18^{\circ}$ . Solve the triangle. Round angles to the nearest degree and sides to the nearest tenth of a centimetre.

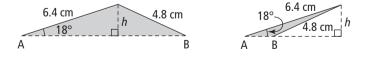
#### Solution

Sketch a possible diagram. Place the known  $\angle A$  at the lower left corner of your diagram.



Since h < a < b, there is/are \_\_\_\_\_\_ triangle(s). \_\_\_\_\_\_ triangle(s).

Solving a triangle means to find the measures of all angles and all sides. Since there are two triangles that match the situation given, you will complete two full sets of calculations.



#### **Triangle 1:** $\angle$ B is acute

Calculate  $\angle B$  using the sine law:

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$$
$$\frac{\sin 18^{\circ}}{4.8} = \frac{\sin B}{6.4}$$
$$6.4\left(\frac{\sin 18^{\circ}}{4.8}\right) = \sin B$$
$$\angle B = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6.4\sin 18^{\circ}}{4.8}\right)$$
$$\angle B = \underline{----}^{\circ}$$

Find  $\angle C$ :  $\angle C = 180^\circ - (18^\circ + 24^\circ)$  $\angle C = \_\_\_\circ$ 

Calculate side *c* using the sine law:

**Triangle 2:**  $\angle B$  is obtuse

To calculate  $\angle B$ , find the angle in quadrant II with  $\theta_R = 24^\circ$ :

$$\angle \mathbf{B} = 180^{\circ} - 24^{\circ}$$

Find  $\angle C$ :

Calculate side *c* using the sine law:

The two possible triangles are as follows:

acute △ABC: ∠A = \_\_\_\_°, ∠B = \_\_\_\_°, ∠C = \_\_\_\_°, a = \_\_\_\_cm, b = \_\_\_\_cm, and c = \_\_\_\_cm
obtuse △ABC: ∠A = \_\_\_\_°, ∠B = \_\_\_\_°, ∠C = \_\_\_\_°, a = \_\_\_cm, b = \_\_\_\_cm, and c = \_\_\_\_cm
See a similar example on page 106–107 of *Pre-Calculus 11*.

# Check Your Understanding

#### Practise

1. Solve for the unknown side (to one decimal place) or angle (to the nearest degree) in each.

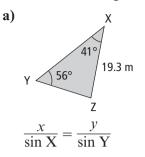
a) 
$$\frac{a}{\sin 48^{\circ}} = \frac{20}{\sin 75^{\circ}}$$
$$a = \sin 48^{\circ} \left(\frac{20}{\sin 75^{\circ}}\right)$$
$$a =$$

**b)** 
$$\frac{x}{\sin 125^\circ} = \frac{15}{\sin 30^\circ}$$

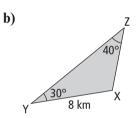
c) 
$$\frac{\sin B}{10} = \frac{\sin 45^{\circ}}{16}$$
  
 $\sin B = 10 \left( \frac{\sin 45^{\circ}}{16} \right)$   
 $\angle B = \sin^{-1} \left( \square \right)$   
 $\angle B =$ 

$$d) \ \frac{\sin \theta}{5} = \frac{\sin 110^{\circ}}{25}$$

**2.** Determine the length of side *x*, to one decimal place, in each  $\triangle$ XYZ.



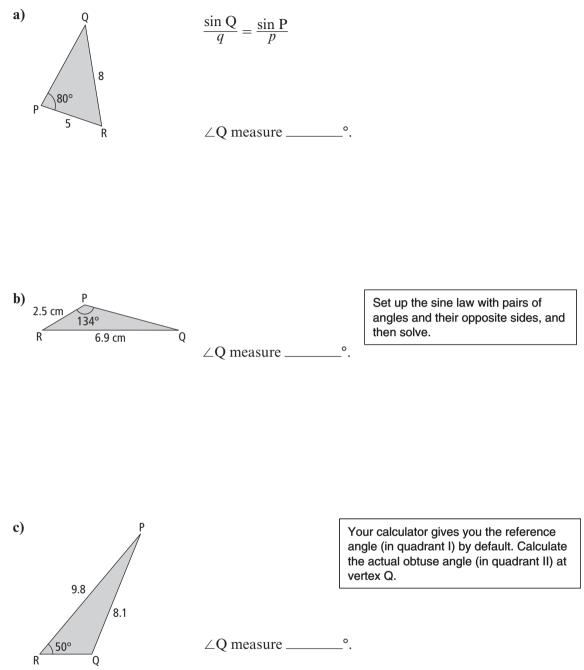
The length of side *x* is \_\_\_\_\_ m.



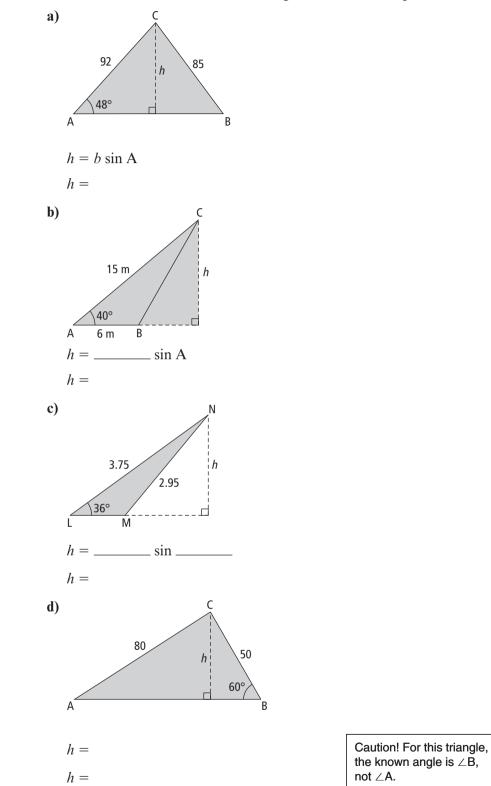
Find  $\angle X$ . Then, set up the sine law with pairs of angles and their opposite sides, and then solve.

The length of side *x* is \_\_\_\_\_ km.

3. Determine the measure of  $\angle Q$ , to the nearest degree, in each  $\triangle PQR$ .



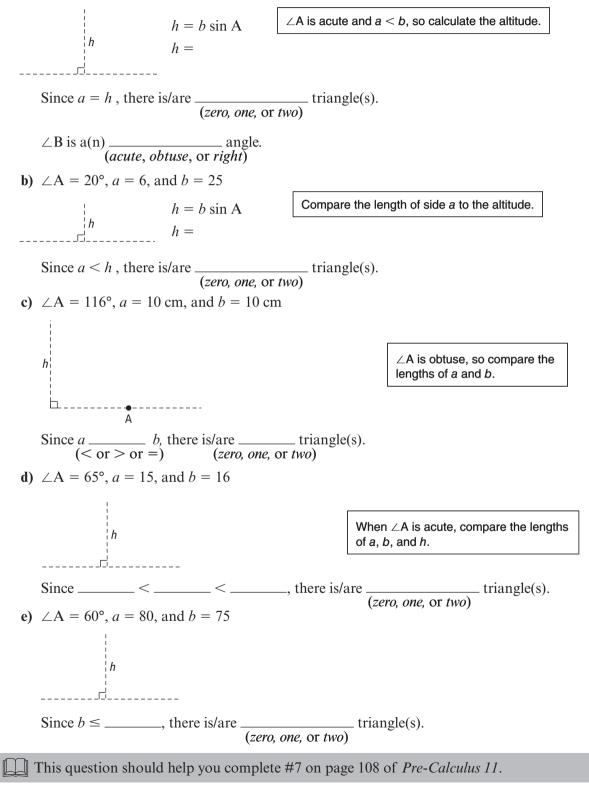
4. Calculate the altitude, *h*, for each triangle, to two decimal places.



5. Determine how many triangles satisfy the following conditions.

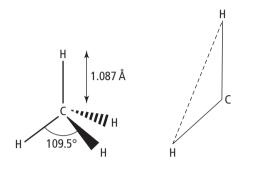
a)  $\angle A = 65^{\circ}$ , a = 4.0 cm, and b = 4.4 cm

Sketch a possible diagram. Place the known  $\angle A$  at the lower left corner of your diagram.



#### Apply

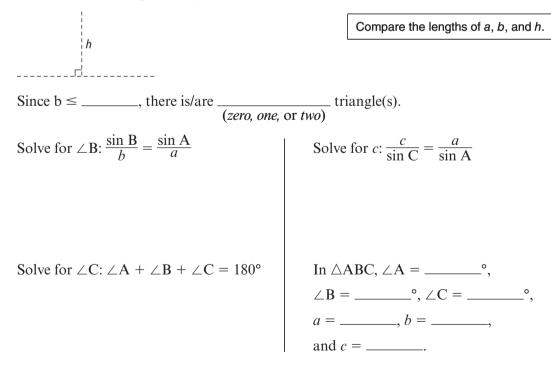
6. Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) is the major component of natural gas. It can be found in underground gas reservoirs, oil wells, coal mines, marshland, agricultural sites, sewage sludge, and landfills. The molecule is highly symmetrical, with each C-H bond 1.087 Å (angstroms) long, and each H-C-H angle 109.5°. Calculate the distance, in angstroms, between H atoms.

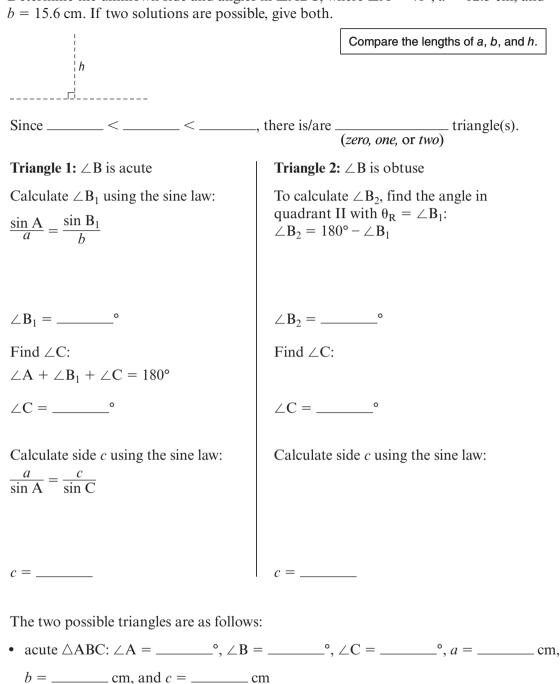


Fill in the triangle with the known information. Which form of the sine law is best when solving for a distance?

This question should help you complete #15 on page 110 of *Pre-Calculus 11*.

7. Determine the unknown side and angles in  $\triangle ABC$ , where  $\angle A = 35^\circ$ , a = 120, and b = 100. If two solutions are possible, give both.





8. Determine the unknown side and angles in  $\triangle ABC$ , where  $\angle A = 41^\circ$ , a = 12.3 cm, and

• obtuse  $\triangle ABC$ :  $\angle A = \underline{\qquad}^{\circ}, \angle B = \underline{\qquad}^{\circ}, \angle C = \underline{\qquad}^{\circ}, a = \underline{\qquad} cm,$ b =\_\_\_\_\_ cm, and c =\_\_\_\_\_ cm

For more practice, try #8 on page 109 of *Pre-Calculus 11*.

## Connect

- **9.** Solving a triangle means finding the measure of all unknown sides and angles. Create a flowchart or other graphic organizer describing how to use the sine law to solve triangles in the following situations. Include formulas and diagrams.
  - a) You are given two angles and one side (ASA).

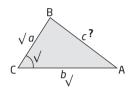
**b)** You are given two sides and an angle opposite one of those sides (SSA). Be sure to include information on the ambiguous case.

The Key Ideas on page 107 of *Pre-Calculus 11* may give you some helpful ideas.

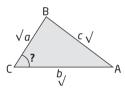
#### 2.4 The Cosine Law

# **KEY IDEAS**

- A triangle that does not contain a right angle is called an oblique triangle. You can also use the cosine law to solve problems involving oblique triangles.
- To find a side length using the cosine law, you must know the measure of the angle opposite that side, plus the lengths of the other two sides (SAS). If the unknown side in  $\triangle ABC$  is *c*, the cosine law is written as  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 2ab \cos C$



• To find an angle using the cosine law, you must know the length of all three sides in the triangle (SSS). If you are solving for the angle at vertex C in  $\triangle$ ABC, the cosine law is written as  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$ 



• You can choose to rearrange the formula before or after substituting the known values.

$$c^2 - a^2 - b^2 = -2ab\cos C$$

$$\frac{c^2 - a^2 - b^2}{-2ab} = \cos \mathcal{C}$$

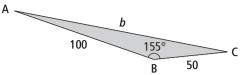
$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{c^2 - a^2 - b^2}{-2ab}\right) = \angle C$$

- There is no ambiguous case for the cosine law because acute angles (in quadrant I) have positive values of  $\cos \theta$  and obtuse angles (in quadrant II) have negative values of  $\cos \theta$ .
- You can use cosine law in combination with the sine law to solve oblique triangles.

# Working Example 1: Determine an Unknown Side Length

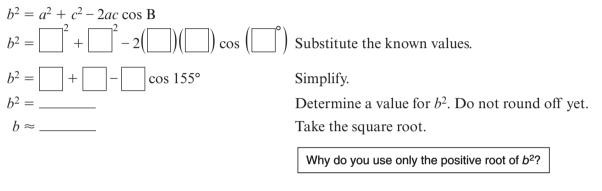
Determine the length of side *b*, to one decimal place.

# Solution



This is an oblique triangle. You know two sides and the angle at the vertex that joins them (SAS), so use the cosine law.

First, write the cosine law in terms of the unknown side, *b*. The known sides are *a* and *c*. The angle opposite the unknown side is  $\angle B$ .



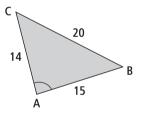
See the example on pages 116–117 of *Pre-Calculus 11*, which is a word problem.

# Working Example 2: Determine an Unknown Angle

Determine the measure of  $\angle A$ , to the nearest degree.

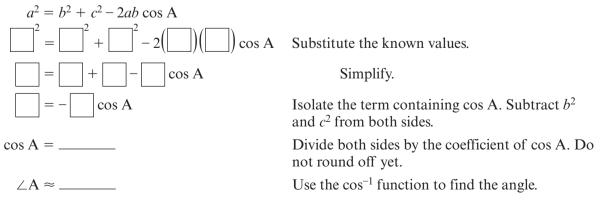
# Solution

This is an oblique triangle. You know three sides and want to find an angle (SSS), so use the cosine law.



First, write the cosine law in terms of the unknown  $\angle A$ .

The side opposite the known angle, a, is isolated on the left side of the equation. The two known sides are b and c, and they appear on the same side of the equation as the unknown angle.



## Working Example 3: Choose Your Method

Determine the appropriate method to solve for the requested information.

- a) In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle A = 60^{\circ}$ , a = 15 units, and b = 14 units. Find the measure of  $\angle B$ .
- **b)** In  $\triangle$ JKL,  $\angle$ L = 46°, j = 6.9 cm, and k = 10.3 cm. Find the length of side l.
- c) In  $\triangle$ LMN,  $\angle$ L = 75°,  $\angle$ M = 28°, and m = 100. Find the length of side l.
- d) In  $\triangle XYZ$ ,  $\angle X = 90^{\circ}$ , x = 5 cm, and z = 3 cm. Find the measure of  $\angle Z$ .

#### Solution

a) What kind of triangle is  $\triangle ABC?$ 

(*oblique* or *right*)

Sketch a diagram and label the known information.



You are given information that deals with two pairs of angles and their opposite sides:  $\angle A$  and a,  $\angle B$  and b. So, use the sine law. Alternatively, you are given side a, side b, and  $\angle A$ , or SSA. Therefore, use the sine law.

**b)** What kind of triangle is  $\triangle$ JKL?

(*oblique* or *right*)

Sketch a diagram and label the known information.

You are given two sides (*j* and *k*) and the angle at the vertex that joins these sides,  $\angle L$ . So, use the cosine law to find the length of the third side.

Alternatively, you are given side j,  $\angle L$ , and side k, or SAS. Therefore, use the cosine law.

c) What kind of triangle is  $\triangle$ LMN?

(*oblique* or *right*)

Sketch a diagram and label the known information.

You know: \_\_\_\_\_

You want to find: \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, use the \_\_\_\_\_.

Alternatively, you are given side m,  $\angle L$ , and  $\angle M$ , or \_\_\_\_\_.

So, use the \_\_\_\_\_.

d) What kind of triangle is  $\triangle XYZ?$  \_\_\_\_\_

(*oblique* or *right*)

Sketch a diagram and label the known information.

You know the opposite side and the hypotenuse, and you want to find: \_\_\_\_\_\_

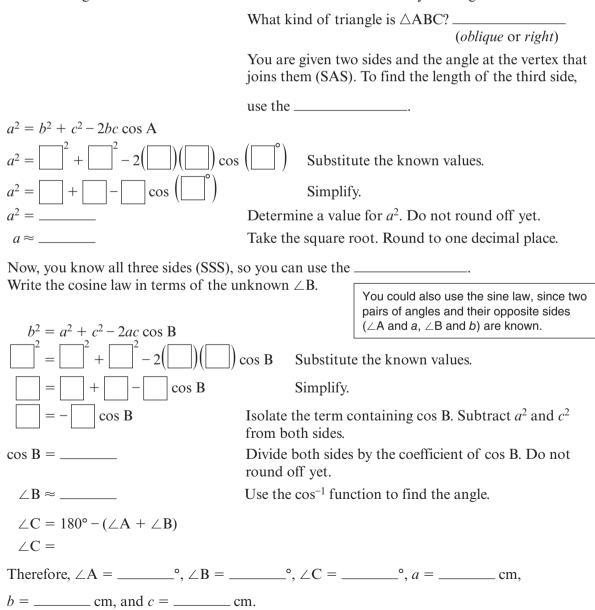
Therefore, use the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Working Example 4: Solve a Triangle

In  $\triangle$ ABC, b = 14 cm, c = 15 cm, and  $\angle A = 110^{\circ}$ . Solve the triangle.

#### Solution

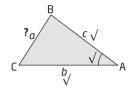
Sketch a diagram. Place the known  $\angle A$  at the lower left corner of your diagram.



## **Check Your Understanding**

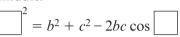
#### **Practise**

- 1. Write the cosine law in terms of the appropriate variables to solve for the unknown side.
  - a) In  $\triangle$ ABC, sides *b* and *c* and  $\angle$ A are known.

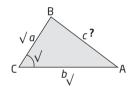


The side opposite the known angle is \_\_\_\_\_.

Use the form of the cosine law that starts and ends with that letter. The letters representing the other two sides go in the middle.

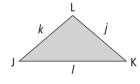


**b)** In  $\triangle$ ABC, sides *a* and *b* and  $\angle$ C are known.



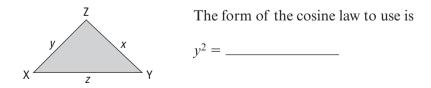
The side opposite the known angle is \_\_\_\_\_. The form of the cosine law to use is  $c^{2} = \left[ -\frac{2}{2} + \left[ -\frac{2}{2} - 2(\left[ -\frac{2}{2} \right])(\left[ -\frac{2}{2} \right]) \cos C \right]$ 

c) In  $\triangle$ JKL, sides *j* and *k* and  $\angle$ L are known.

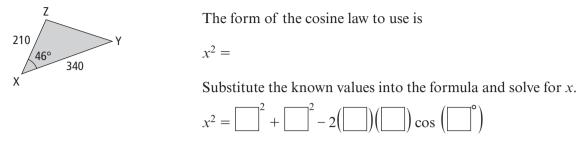


k j The form of the cosine law to use is l  $l^2 =$ 

**d)** In  $\triangle$ XYZ, sides *x* and *z* and  $\angle$ Y are known.



**2.** Determine the length of side *x*, to the nearest unit, in  $\triangle$ XYZ.



3. In  $\triangle ABC$ , a = 10 cm, b = 8 cm, and  $\angle C = 25^{\circ}$ . Determine the length of side c, to the nearest millimetre.

Sketch:	The form of the cosine law to use is	

 $c^{2} =$ 

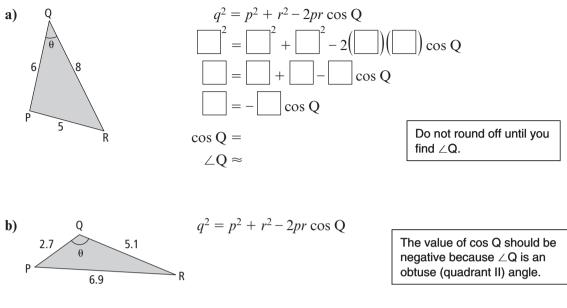
Substitute the known values into the formula and solve for c.

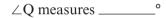
**4.** In  $\triangle$ XYZ, x = 15 cm, z = 14 cm, and  $\angle$ Y = 60°. Determine the length of side y, to the nearest millimetre.

 $y^2 =$ 

Substitute the known values into the formula and solve for *y*.

5. Determine the measure of  $\angle Q$ , to the nearest degree, in each triangle.





c) In  $\triangle$ PQR, p = 30, q = 20, and r = 15.

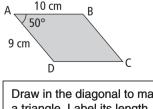
Sketch:

Set up the cosine law for this triangle.

∠Q measures \_\_\_\_\_°

## Apply

6. In parallelogram ABCD, the measure of the acute angle is 50°. If the sides are 10 cm and 9 cm, what is the measure of the shortest diagonal, to one decimal place?

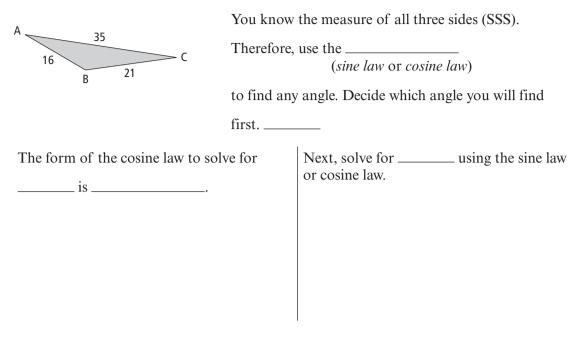


The form of the cosine law to solve for the diagonal is

Draw in the diagonal to make a triangle. Label its length with a variable.

The measure of the shortest diagonal is \_\_\_\_\_ cm.

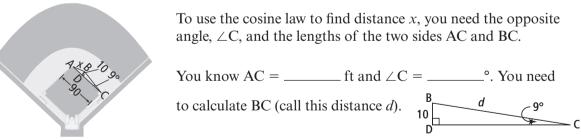
**7.** Solve  $\triangle ABC$ . Round angles to the nearest degree.



Solve for the remaining angle using the fact that the sum of the angles in a triangle is 180°.

In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle A = \____°$ ,  $\angle B = \____°$ ,  $\angle C = \____°$ ,  $a = \____, b = \____, and c = \____.$ 

8. In a baseball diamond, the bases are 90 ft apart. The second baseman stands back from the base line, AC, to cover the territory between first base, C, and second base, A. If the second baseman is standing at point B, which is 10 ft from the baseline at an angle of 9° to first base, how far is the player from second base?



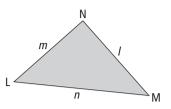
The form of the cosine law to solve for *x* is

Therefore, the distance from the player to second base is \_\_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Use a similar multiple-step approach in #10 to #23 on pages 121–123 of *Pre-Calculus 11*.

# Connect

9. Write the form of the cosine law required to solve for each of the angles and sides of  $\triangle$ LMN.

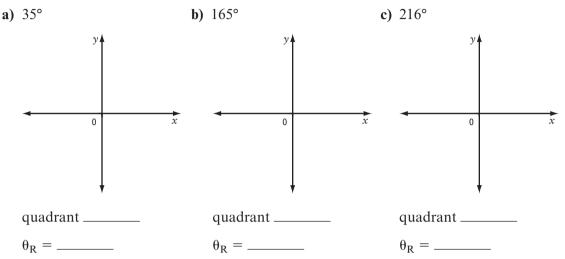


Given Information	Solve For	Formula
$m, \angle L, n$ (SAS)		
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	п	
<i>l, m, n</i> (SAS)	∠L	$\cos L =$
	∠M	
	∠N	

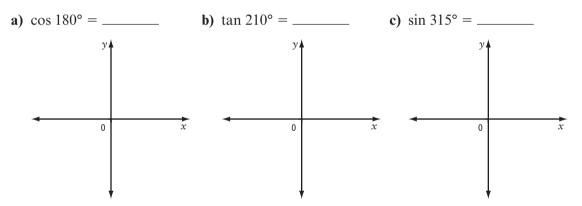
## **Chapter 2 Review**

## 2.1 Angles in Standard Position, pages 56–67

1. Sketch each angle in standard position. State which quadrant the angle terminates in and the measure of the reference angle.

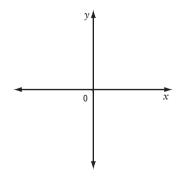


2. Determine the exact value of the following ratios without using technology.

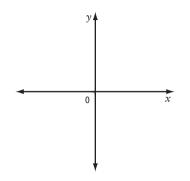


## 2.2 Trigonometric Ratios of Any Angle, pages 68–79

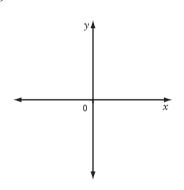
**3.** A point P(-4, 5) lies on the terminal arm of an angle  $\theta$  in standard position. Determine the exact trigonometric ratios for sin  $\theta$ , cos  $\theta$ , and tan  $\theta$ .

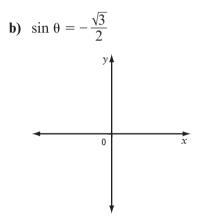


4. Suppose  $\theta$  is an angle in standard position with terminal arm in quadrant II and  $\sin \theta = \frac{15}{17}$ . Determine the exact values of the other two primary trigonometric ratios.



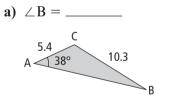
5. Solve for θ, 0° ≤ θ < 360°.</li>
a) cos θ = 0.5877

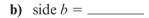


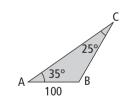


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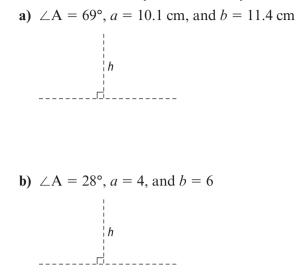
**6.** Find the indicated side or angle.





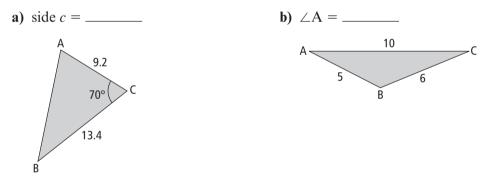


7. Determine how many  $\triangle ABCs$  satisfy the following conditions.



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**8.** Find the indicated side or angle.



# Chapter 2 Skills Organizer B

Solving a triangle means finding the measure of all unknown sides and angles. Complete the chart with all relevant formulas to solve any triangle.

Triangle	Known Info	How to Calculate Side	How to Calculate Angle		
A b C	∠C = 90°	$a^2 =$	$\sin \mathbf{A} = \frac{a}{c} \qquad \sin \mathbf{B} = \frac{b}{c}$		
		$b^2 =$	$\cos A = \cos B =$		
right triangle		$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$	tan A = tan B =		
$A \xrightarrow{C} B$ oblique triangle		$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \mathbf{A}$	$\cos \mathbf{A} = \frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{-2bc}$		
	SSS or SAS	$b^2 =$	cos B =		
		$c^2 =$	cos C =		
	ASA or SSA*	$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \underline{\qquad} = \underline{\qquad}$	$\frac{\frac{\sin A}{a}}{\frac{\cos a}{2}} = \underline{\qquad} =$		
	* Notes about the ambiguous case:				
	0 triangles	Acute Angle Ob	tuse Angle		
	1 triangle 2 triangles				