

O Level E Maths Tutorial 13: Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry

Syllabus :

- use of Pythagoras' theorem
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1. Find the values of x and y in these figures.

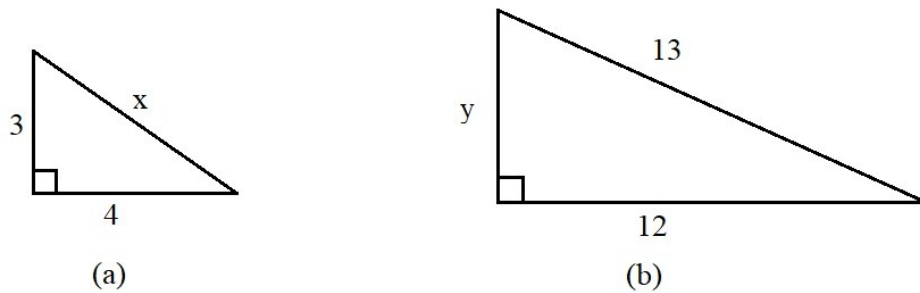


Figure 13-1

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- determining whether a triangle is right-angled given the lengths of three sides
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2. Determine whether these triangles are right-angled.

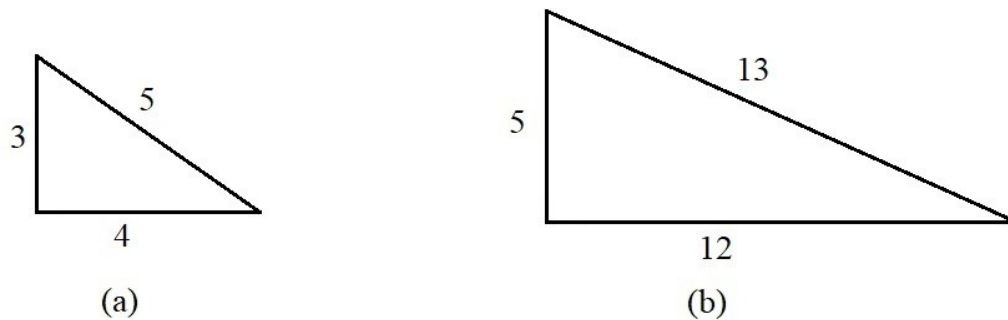
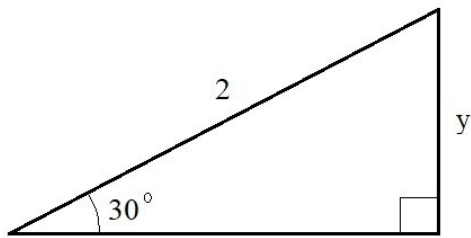


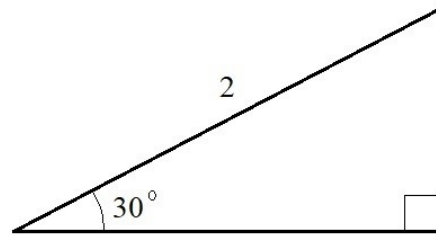
Figure 13-2

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- use of trigonometric ratios (sine, cosine and tangent) of acute angles to calculate unknown sides and angles in right-angled triangles
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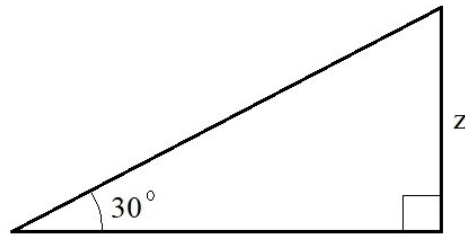
3. Find the sides x , y and z .



(a)



(b)



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(c)

Figure 13-3

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- extending sine and cosine to obtuse angles
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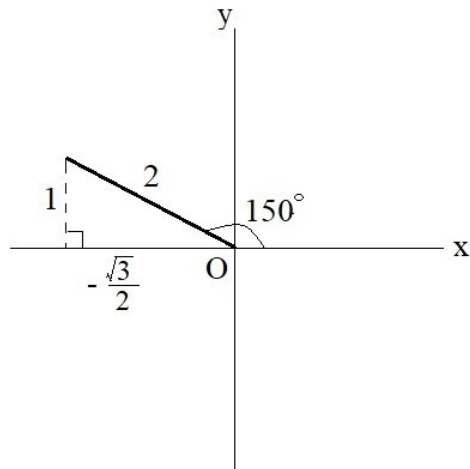


Figure 13-4

Find the values of

- (i) $\sin 150^\circ$
- (ii) $\cos 150^\circ$
- (iii) $\tan 150^\circ$

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- use of the formula $\frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$ for the area of a triangle
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5. Find the area of this triangle.

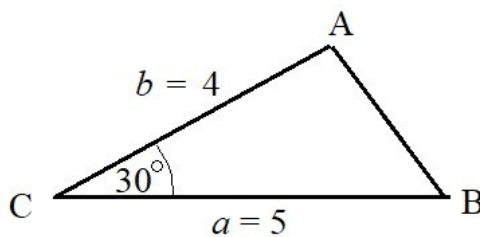


Figure 13-5

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- use of sine rule and cosine rule for any triangle
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6. Given that a is 10 cm. Use the sine rule to find b .

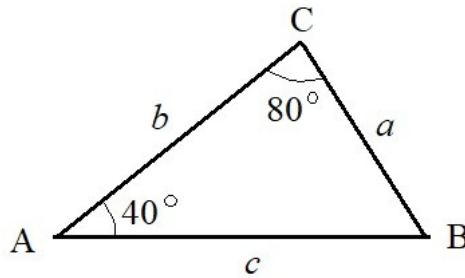


Figure 13-6

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

7. Use the cosine rule to find the length a .

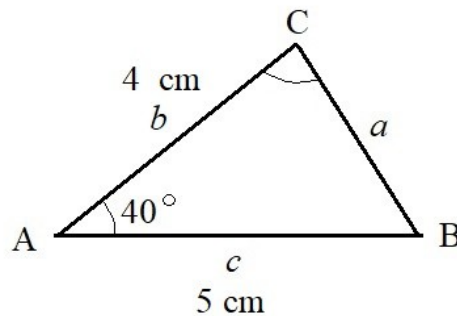


Figure 13-7

Cosine rule: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$

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- problems in two and three dimensions including those involving angles of elevation and depression and bearings
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8. This figure shows a solid sitting on a table.

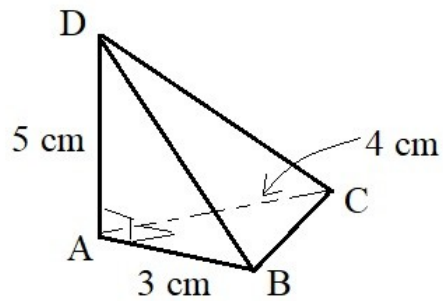


Figure 13-8

- Find the angle of elevation of D from B.
- Find the angle of depression of C from D.
- The direction from B to C points north. Find the bearing of the direction from B to A.