

# Unit 7

## Lesson 4

### Solving for an Angle in a Right $\triangle$

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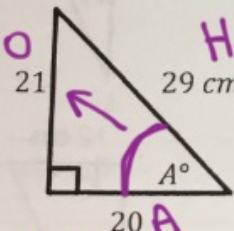
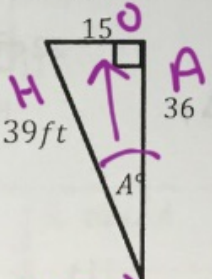
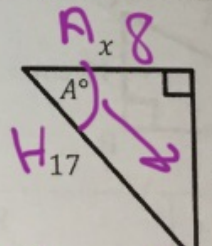
❖ Recall: **SOH CAH TOA** will help to find the missing sides of a right triangle.

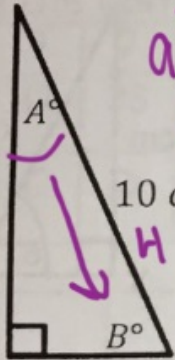
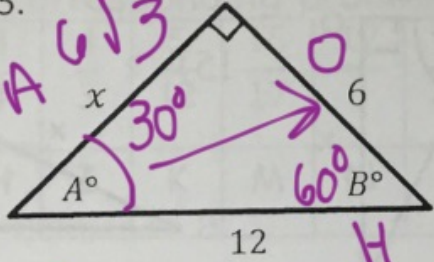
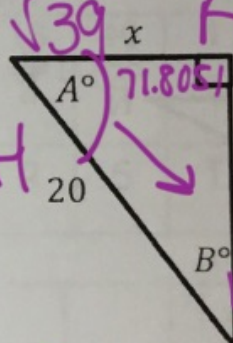
**SOH** →  $\text{Sine } \angle = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$     **CAH** →  $\text{Cosine } \angle = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$     **TOA** →  $\text{Tangent } \angle = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$


❖ We can also use **SOH CAH TOA** to help us find the missing angles of a right triangle.

❖ We will need to use **INVERSES**: ( $\sin^{-1}$ ,  $\cos^{-1}$  and  $\tan^{-1}$ ) since we are looking for an angle measure.

➤ Examples: Use **SOH CAH TOA** to solve for *Angle A* in the following right triangles.

<p>1.</p>  <p><math>\tan^{-1}(\frac{21}{20}) = 46.3972^\circ</math>  <math>\sin^{-1}(21/29) = 46.3972^\circ</math>  <math>\cos^{-1}(20/29) = 46.3972^\circ</math>  <math>m\angle A = 46.3972^\circ</math></p>	<p>2.</p>  <p><math>\sin^{-1}(15/39) = 22.6199^\circ</math>  <math>m\angle A = 22.6199^\circ</math></p>	<p>3.</p>  <p><math>17^2 - 15^2 = \sqrt{64} = 8</math>  <math>\sin^{-1}(15/17) = 61.9215^\circ</math>  <math>m\angle A = 61.9215^\circ</math></p>
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<p>4.</p>  <p> <math>a^2 + b^2 = c^2</math>  <math>4^2 + b^2 = 10^2</math>  <math>16 + b^2 = 100</math>  <math>-16</math>  <math>b^2 = \sqrt{84}</math>  <math>b = \sqrt{84}</math> </p> <p> <math>\cos^{-1}(4/10)</math>  <math>m\angle A = 66.4218^\circ</math>  <math>m\angle B = 23.5782^\circ</math>  <math>x = \sqrt{84} = 2\sqrt{21}</math> </p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <math display="block">\begin{array}{r} 2\sqrt{84} \\ 2\sqrt{42} \\ 3\sqrt{21} \\ \hline \end{array}</math> </div>	<p>5.</p>  <p> <math>12^2 - 6^2 = 108</math>  <math>\sqrt{108} = x</math>  <math>6\sqrt{3} = x</math>  <math>\sin^{-1}(6/12)</math>  <math>m\angle A = 30^\circ</math>  <math>m\angle B = 60^\circ</math>  <math>x = \sqrt{108} = 6\sqrt{3}</math> </p>	<p>6.</p>  <p> <math>20^2 - 19^2 = \sqrt{39}</math>  <math>\sin^{-1}(19/20) \approx 71.8051</math>  <math>m\angle A = 71.8051^\circ</math>  <math>m\angle B = 18.1949^\circ</math>  <math>x = \sqrt{39} \approx 6.245</math> </p>
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In each triangle ABC,  $\angle C$  is the right angle. Round sides and angles to the nearest tenth.

7.  $m\angle B = 28.2^\circ$   
 $c = 60$  cm

$180 - 90 - 28.2$   
 $m\angle A = 61.8$

$$\sin(28.2) = \frac{b}{60}$$

$$60 \sin(28.2) = b \approx 28.3530$$

$$\cos(28.2) = \frac{a}{60}$$

$$60 \cos(28.2) = a \approx 52.8782$$

8.  $m\angle A = 56.1^\circ$   
 $a = 48.1$  m

$180 - 90 - 56.1$   
 $m\angle B = 33.9$

$$\tan(56.1) = \frac{48.1}{b}$$

$$b = \frac{48.1}{\tan(56.1)} \approx 32.3219$$

$$\sin(56.1) = \frac{48.1}{c}$$

$$c = \frac{48.1}{\sin(56.1)} \approx 57.9509$$

9.  $a = 19.5$  ft  
 $c = 41.3$  ft

$\sin^{-1}(19.5/41.3) m\angle A = 28.17$

$$\angle B = 180 - 90 - 28.17 = 61.83$$

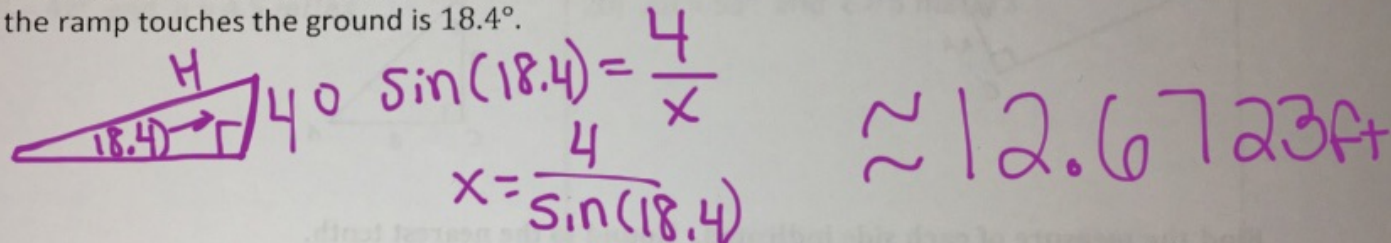
$$19.5^2 + b^2 = 41.3^2$$

$$b^2 = 1325.44$$

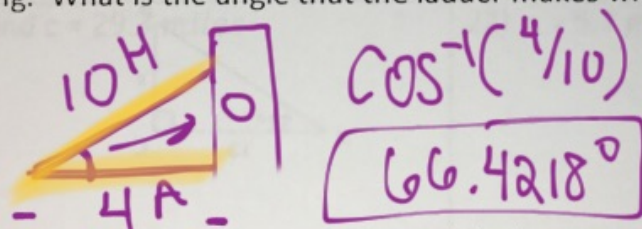
$$b = \sqrt{1325.44} \approx 36.4066$$

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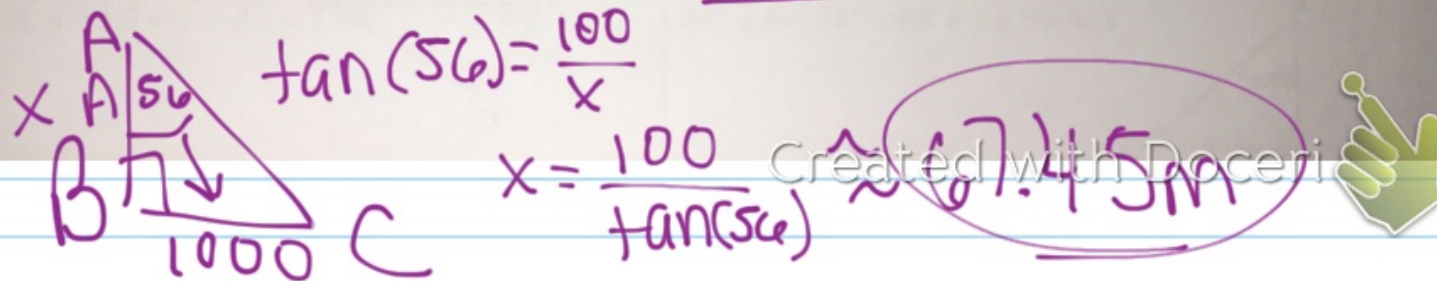
10. Find the length of a skateboard ramp when the height of the ramp is 4 feet and the angle formed where the ramp touches the ground is  $18.4^\circ$ .



11. A ladder is leaning against a building. The ladder is 10m long and it is sitting on the ground 4m out from the building. What is the angle that the ladder makes with the ground?



12. Surveyors wished to know the distance across a lake between A and B. They measured the distance from B to C as 100m and the measure of angle A is  $56^\circ$ . Knowing that the angle between  $\overline{CB}$  and  $\overline{BA}$  is  $90^\circ$ , what is the distance between A and B?



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