

Law of Sines: Start with $\sin(A)$ and $\sin(C)$.

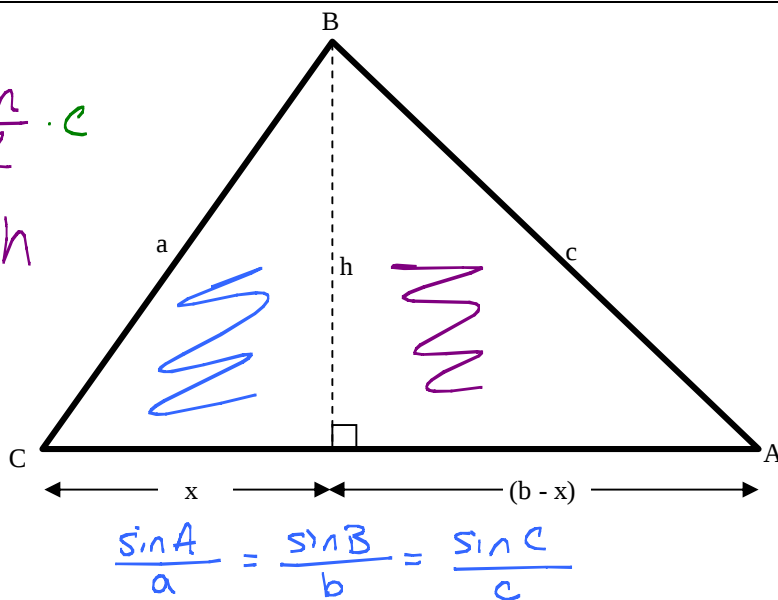
PROOF:

$$a \cdot \sin C = \frac{h}{a} \cdot a \quad \bigg| \quad c \cdot \sin A = \frac{h}{c} \cdot c$$

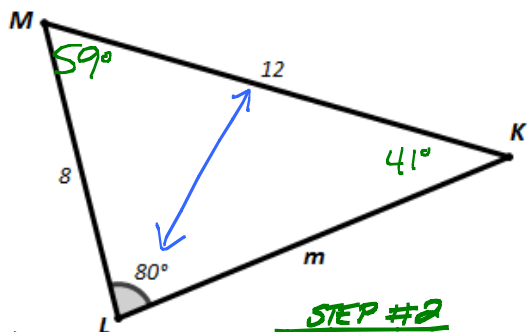
$$a \cdot \sin C = h \quad c \cdot \sin A = h$$

$$\frac{a \cdot \sin C}{a c} = \frac{c \sin A}{a c}$$

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



1. Find the unknown sides and angles of each triangle using the **Law of Sines**.



STEP #1

(LAW OF SINES)

$$\frac{\sin 80}{12} \times \frac{\sin(K)}{8}$$

$$\frac{12 \cdot \sin(K)}{12} = \frac{8 \sin 80}{12}$$

$$\sin(K) \approx 0.6565$$

$$\sin^{-1}(\sin(K)) \approx \sin^{-1}(0.6565)$$

$$K \approx 41^\circ$$

$$8 \cdot \sin(80) / 12 = 0.656538502$$

$$\sin^{-1}(0.656538502) = 41.03641053$$

m	10.44
m∠M	59°
m∠K	41

STEP #2

(INTERIOR ANGLES OF A TRIANGLE SUM TO 180°)

$$M = 180^\circ - 80^\circ - 41^\circ$$

$$M = 59^\circ$$

STEP #3

(LAW OF SINES)

$$\frac{\sin 80}{12} \times \frac{\sin 59}{m}$$

$$\frac{12 \sin 59}{\sin 80} = \frac{m \cdot \sin 80}{\sin 80}$$

$$10.44 \approx m$$

$$12 \cdot \sin(59) / \sin(80) = 10.44468586$$

STEP #1

(INTERIOR ANGLES OF A TRIANGLE SUM TO 180°)

$$m\angle A = 180 - 105 - 35$$

$$m\angle A = 40^\circ$$

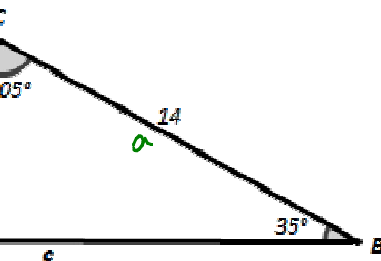
STEP #2

(LAW OF SINES)

$$\frac{\sin 40}{14} \times \frac{\sin 35}{b}$$

$$\frac{14 \cdot \sin 35}{\sin 40} = \frac{b \cdot \sin 40}{\sin 40}$$

$$12.49 \approx b$$



STEP #3

(LAW OF SINES)

$$\frac{\sin 40}{14} \times \frac{\sin 105}{c}$$

$$\frac{14 \sin 105}{\sin 40} = \frac{c \cdot \sin 40}{\sin 40}$$

$$21.04 \approx c$$

c	21.04
b	12.49
m∠A	40

2. A student was trying to determine the height of the Washington monument from a distance. So, he measured two angles of elevation 44 meters apart. The angle of elevation the furthest away from the monument measured to be 25° and the closest angle of elevation measured 28° . The student determining the angles is 1.6 Meters tall from his feet to his eyeballs. Find the Height =

$$\approx 168.4 \text{ METERS}$$

Distance away =

$$\approx 313.7 \text{ METERS}$$

STEP #1

(LINEAR PAIRS SUM TO 180°)

$$m\angle ACB = 180 - 28 = 152^\circ$$

STEP #2

(INTERIOR ANGLES OF A TRIANGLE SUM TO 180°)

$$m\angle ABC = 180 - 25 - 152 = 3^\circ$$

STEP #3

(LAW OF SINES)

$$\frac{\sin 3}{44} = \frac{\sin 25}{a}$$

$$44 \sin 25 = a \sin 3$$

$$355.3 \approx a$$

$$44 \sin(25) / \sin(3) = 355.3045526$$

STEP #4

(BASIC TRIG)

$$\frac{\sin 28}{1} = \frac{x}{355.3}$$

$$x = 355.3 \sin 28$$

$$x \approx 166.8 \text{ m}$$

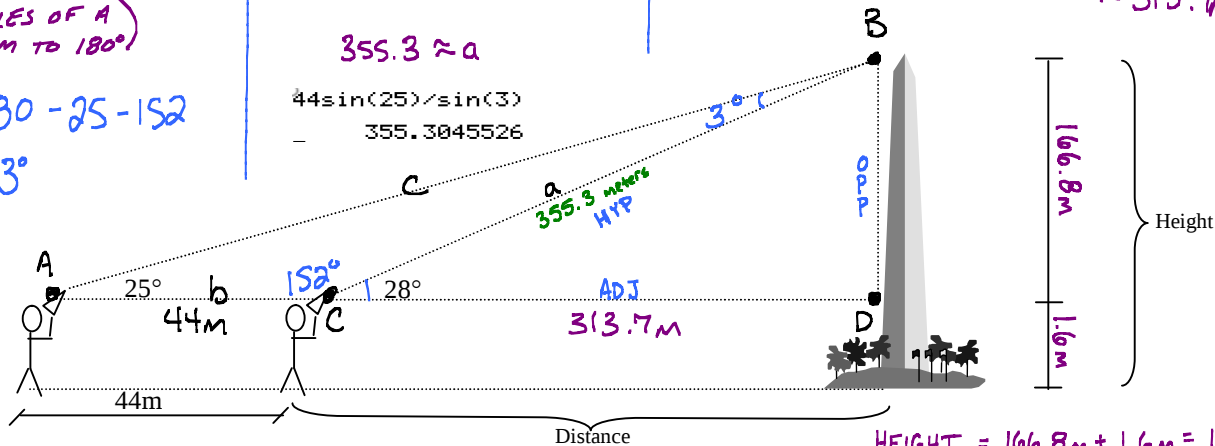
STEP #5

(BASIC TRIG)

$$\frac{\cos 28}{1} = \frac{A}{355.3}$$

$$A = 355.3 \cos 28$$

$$\approx 313.7 \text{ m}$$



8. Two students that are on the same longitudinal line are approximately 5400 miles apart. They used an inclinometer, a little geometry, and a tangent line to determine that $m\angle ABM = 86.17^\circ$ and $m\angle BAM = 92.54^\circ$. The two students form a central angle of 85.9° with the center of the earth. Given this information determine how far each student is away from the moon.

DISTANCE TO THE MOON

STEP #1

(TRIANGLE'S INTERIOR ANGLES SUM TO 180°)

$$m\angle M = 180 - 92.54 - 86.17 = 1.29^\circ$$

STEP #2

$$\frac{\sin 1.29}{5400} = \frac{\sin 92.54}{a}$$

$$5400 \sin 92.54 = a \sin 1.29$$

$$239627.4 \text{ m} \approx a$$

$$5400 \sin(92.54) / \sin(1.29) = 239627.4032$$

$$a: MB \approx 239627 \text{ miles}$$

$$b: MA \approx 239327 \text{ miles}$$

STEP #3

$$\frac{\sin 1.29}{5400} = \frac{\sin 86.17}{b}$$

$$5400 \sin 86.17 = b \sin 1.29$$

$$239327 \text{ miles} \approx b$$

$$5400 \sin(86.17) / \sin(1.29) = 239327.3596$$

EARTH'S CIRCUMFERENCE:

STEP #1

$$m\angle BAE = 180 - 85.9 = 94.1^\circ$$

$$m\angle BAE = 47.05^\circ$$

STEP #2

$$\frac{\sin 85.9}{5400} = \frac{\sin 47.05}{a}$$

$$5400 \sin 47.05 = a \sin 85.9$$

$$3963 \text{ miles} \approx a = \text{RADIUS}$$

STEP #3

$$C = 2\pi r$$

$$C = 2\pi(3963)$$

$$C \approx 24,900 \text{ miles}$$

Use this information to find the radius of the Earth and then the circumference ($C = 2\pi r$). $\approx 24,900 \text{ MILES}$