

MATH 1080 TRIGONOMETRY

7.2 Worksheet – Right Triangle Trig

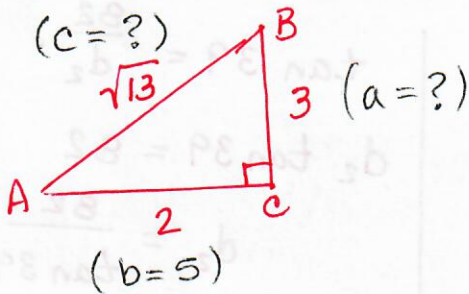
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1. Use cofunctions to determine the missing value.

a. $\tan(36^\circ) = \cot(90 - 36)$
 $= \cot(54)$

b. $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
 $= \cos(0)$

2. Given right $\triangle ABC$, if $\tan A = \frac{3}{2}$ and $b = 5$, determine the lengths of sides a and c .



$2^2 + 3^2 = c^2$
 $4 + 9 = c^2$
 $13 = c^2$
 $\sqrt{13} = c$

$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{5}$

$\frac{3}{2} = \frac{a}{5}$

$15 = 2a$

$7.5 = a$

exact

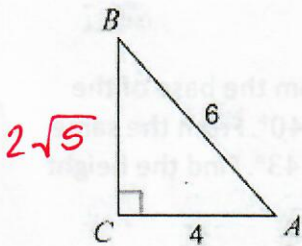
$\frac{c}{b} = \frac{c}{5}$

$\frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} = \frac{c}{5}$

$5\sqrt{13} = 2c$

$\frac{5\sqrt{13}}{2} = c$

3. Given right $\triangle ABC$, determine the exact value of the six trigonometric functions.



$4^2 + a^2 = 6^2$

$16 + a^2 = 36$

$a^2 = 20$

$a = \sqrt{4 \cdot 5}$

$a = 2\sqrt{5}$

$\sin A = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$

$\csc A = \frac{3}{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$

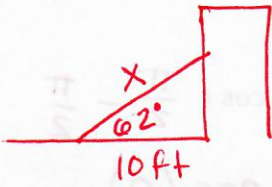
$\cos A = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$

$\sec A = \frac{3}{2}$

$\tan A = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$

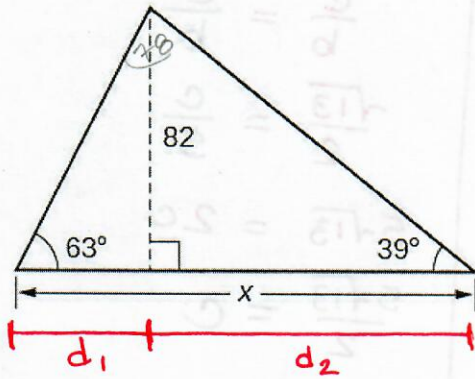
$\cot A = \frac{2}{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$

4. A ladder leans against a building so that the angle with the ground and the ladder is 62° . If the base of the ladder is about 10 feet from the base of the building, approximate the length of ladder to the nearest tenth of a foot.



$$\begin{aligned}\cos 62 &= \frac{10}{x} \\ x \cos 62 &= 10 \\ x &= \frac{10}{\cos 62} \\ x &\approx 21.3 \text{ ft}\end{aligned}$$

5. Determine the length of x to the nearest tenth. (Open Stax #42)

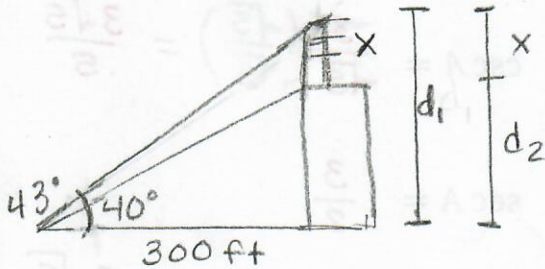


$$\begin{aligned}\tan 63 &= \frac{82}{d_1} \\ d_1 \tan 63 &= 82 \\ d_1 &= \frac{82}{\tan 63} \\ d_1 &\approx 41.8\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan 39 &= \frac{82}{d_2} \\ d_2 \tan 39 &= 82 \\ d_2 &= \frac{82}{\tan 39} \\ d_2 &\approx 101.3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= d_1 + d_2 \\ x &\approx 41.8 + 101.3 \\ x &\approx 143.1\end{aligned}$$

6. There is an antenna on the top of a building. From a location 300 feet from the base of the building, the angle of elevation to the top of the building is measured to be 40° . From the same location, the angle of elevation to the top of the antenna is measured to be 43° . Find the height of the antenna to the nearest hundredth. (Open Stax #50)



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Find } d_1 \\ \tan 43 &= \frac{d_1}{300} \\ 300 \tan 43 &= d_1 \\ 279.75 \text{ ft} &\approx d_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Find } d_2 \\ \tan 40 &= \frac{d_2}{300} \\ 300 \tan 40 &= d_2 \\ 251.73 \text{ ft} &\approx d_2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Height of antenna: } x &= d_1 - d_2 \\ x &\approx 279.75 - 251.73 \\ x &\approx 28.02 \text{ ft}\end{aligned}$$