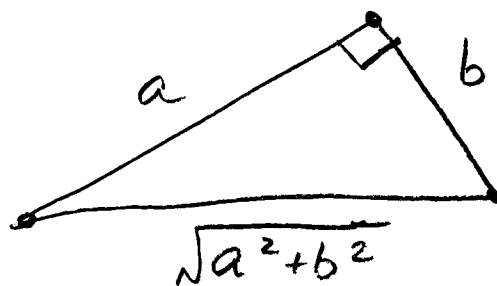


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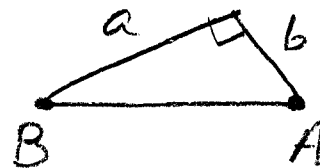
ACT  
PRACTICE

① In the right  $\Delta$  below  $0 < b < a$ .  
One of the angle measures in the  $\Delta$   
is  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ . What is  $\cos\left[\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)\right]$ ?

- Ⓐ  $\frac{a}{b}$
- Ⓑ  $\frac{b}{a}$
- Ⓒ  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$
- Ⓓ  $\frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$
- Ⓔ  $\frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{a}$



$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$  means the angle whose  
 $\tan$  is  $\frac{a}{b}$  which is Angle A.



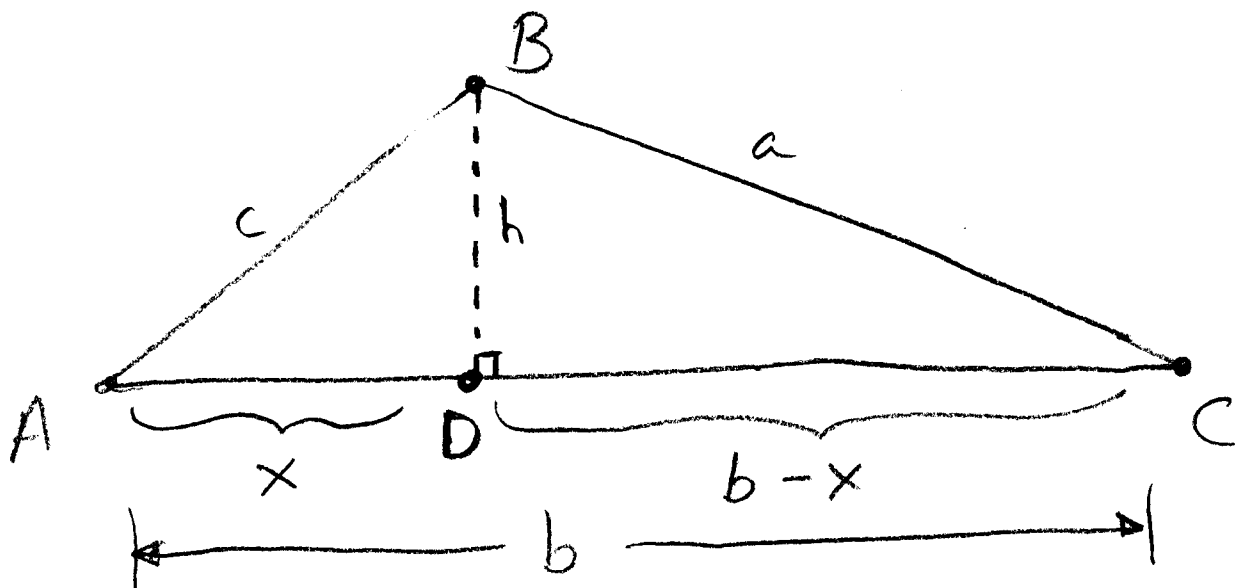
$$\text{The } \cos A = \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

Answer d

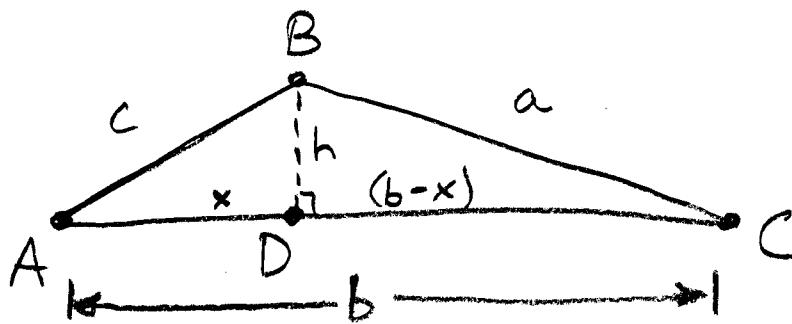
There is another important triangle relationship - let's find it.

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Take any  $\triangle$  with standard labels and drop an altitude of length  $h$ . Let the 2 segments formed of  $B$  be  $x$ ,  $b-x$



Look at  $\triangle BAD$  and  $\triangle BCD$



$$a^2 = (b-x)^2 + h^2 \quad \text{P.T. in } \triangle BDC$$

$$a^2 = b^2 - 2bx + x^2 + h^2$$

$$x^2 + h^2 = c^2 \quad \text{P.T. in } \triangle BAD$$

$$\therefore a^2 = b^2 - 2bx + c^2 \quad \text{SUBSTITUTE}$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bx$$

$$\cos A = \frac{x}{c} \therefore c \cos A = x$$

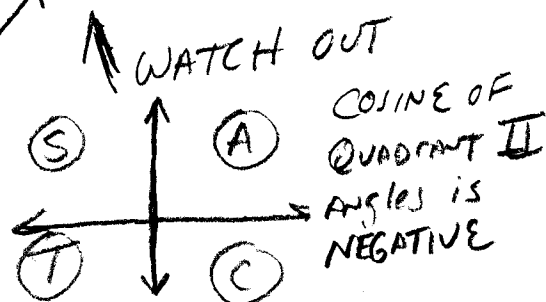
$$\therefore a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \quad \text{LAW OF COSINES!}$$

$$\text{or } b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

$$\text{or } c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

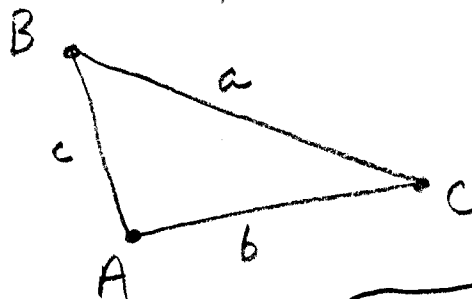
SIDE AND OPPOSITE ANGLE

P.T.  
if  $C = 90^\circ$ ,  $\cos 90^\circ = 0$



## LAW OF SINES

## LAW OF COSINES



opposites  
↕

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

\* USE: 2 ANGLES

ASA

AAS

opposites  
↔

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \\ b^2 &= a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \\ c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \end{aligned}$$

\* USE: 2 SIDES

SAS

SSS

\* SSA

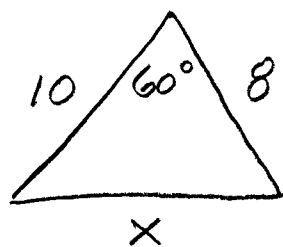
\* SOLVE QUADRATIC  
Eg  $\Rightarrow$  0, 1, or 2  $\oplus$   
Solutions.

\* The LOS AND LOC ARE USED  
WHEN YOU DO NOT HAVE A RIGHT  $\Delta$ .

\* If you DO HAVE A RIGHT  $\Delta$ , use

- SIN, COS, TAN
- PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM  $\Rightarrow c^2 = a^2 + b^2$

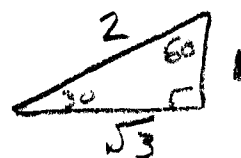
EX 1 Find X  
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\* SAS, NOT RIGHT  $\Delta$ , use LoT C. \* WHICH Form?

$$X^2 = 10^2 + 8^2 - 2(10)(8)\cos 60^\circ$$

$$X^2 = 164 - 160\cos 60^\circ$$



$$X^2 = 164 - 160\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$X^2 = 164 - 80$$

$$X = \sqrt{84}$$

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$$\therefore X = 2\sqrt{21}$$

EXACT

$$X \approx 9.17$$

Approximate

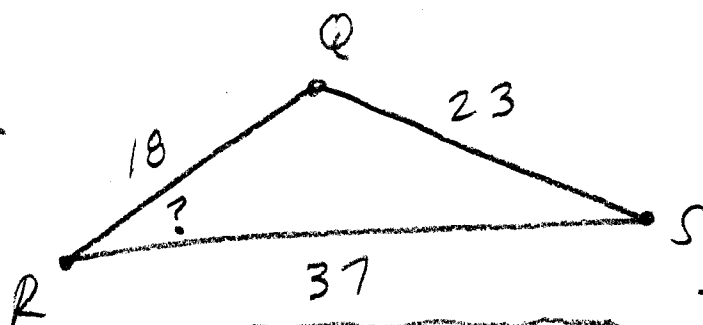
\* MUST use Form WITH  $\cos$  (KNOWN ANGLE)

$$X^2 = \sim \sim \sim \cos 60^\circ$$

← OPPOSITE SIDE ↑

EX2  
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Find  $m \angle R$



\* SSS, NOT RIGHT  $\Delta$ , use Law of Cosines

\* WHICH FORM?

$$23^2 = 18^2 + 37^2 - 2(18)(37)\cos R$$

$$\text{||} \quad 529 = 324 + 1369 - 1332\cos R$$

$$\frac{-1164}{-1332} = \frac{-1332\cos R}{-1332}$$

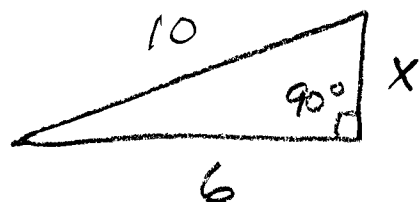
$$.8739 = \cos R$$

$$\boxed{\cos^{-1}(.8739) = 29.09^\circ}$$

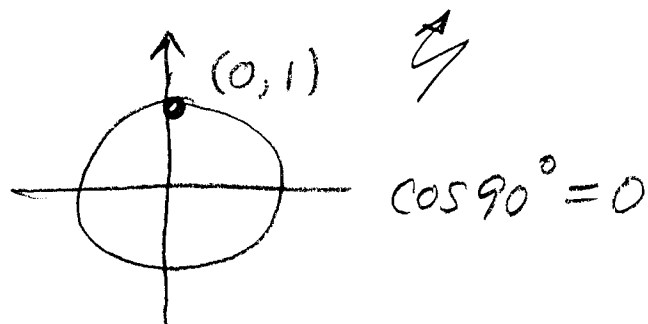
\* CAN use ANY OF THE 3 LOC forms, starting with largest angle/side may be a good idea but I did not do that in this example.

What happens if you accidentally use LOC in a right  $\Delta$ .

(EX)



$$10^2 = 6^2 + x^2 - 2(6)(x)\cos 90^\circ$$



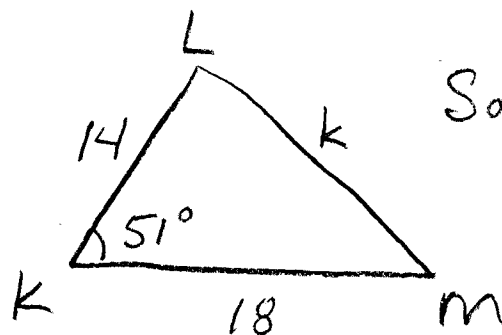
$$\therefore 10^2 = 6^2 + x^2 \quad \text{Pythagorean Theorem}$$

$$x^2 = 100 - 36$$

$$x = 64$$

$$\boxed{x = 8}$$

Ex 3  
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Solve the  $\Delta$

$\angle$ s to nearest  $^{\circ}$   
k to tenths

Find  $m\angle L$ ,  $m\angle M$ , k

SAS  $\Rightarrow$  LOC

$$k^2 = 14^2 + 18^2 - 2(14)(18)\cos 51^{\circ}$$

$$k^2 = 196 + 324 - 504(.6293)$$

$$k^2 = 520 - 317.1774 = 202.8226$$

$$k = \sqrt{202.8226} \approx 14.24 \approx \boxed{14.2 = k}$$

\* To find  $m\angle L$  or  $m\angle M$  you could use LOC,  
BUT THE LOS is much easier!

$$\frac{\sin 51}{14.2} = \frac{\sin L}{18} \quad \therefore \sin L = \frac{18 \sin 51}{14.2}$$

$$\boxed{\sin^{-1}(.9851) = 80^{\circ} = m\angle L}$$

$$\therefore m\angle M = 180 - (51 + 80) = \boxed{49^{\circ} = m\angle M}$$

Homework: Pg 388 # 20, 21