Advanced Trigonometry - Lesson 4

## Sine Rule (Angle)

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- Use the Sine Rule to find a missing angle in any triangle. SC
- Use a calculator properly.

Sine Rule


For finding angles, better to use Sine Rule with Sines on top:


## Strategy for Finding Missing Angle

- Sketch triangle and label all sides and angles
- Write down Sine Rule (with Sines on top)
- Tick the things you know
- Solve for missing angle


## Example 1

Calculate $R^{\circ}$ to 1 dip. .


$$
\frac{\sin R^{\circ}}{r}=\frac{\sin S^{\circ}}{s}=\frac{\sin T^{\circ}}{t}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R^{\circ}=, r=5.4 \\
& S^{\circ}=, \quad S= \\
& T^{\circ}=110^{\circ}, \quad t=8.5
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\frac{\sin R^{\circ}}{r}=\frac{\sin T^{\circ}}{t}
$$

$$
\frac{\sin R^{\circ}}{5.4}=\frac{\sin 110^{\circ}}{8.5}
$$

$$
\sin R^{\circ}=\frac{\left(5.4 \times \sin 110^{\circ}\right)}{8.5}
$$

$$
\sin R^{\circ}=0.596 \ldots
$$

$$
R^{\circ}=\sin ^{-1}(0.596 \ldots)
$$

$$
R^{\circ}=36.7^{\circ}
$$

## Example 2

Calculate $\mathrm{N}^{\circ}$ to 1 d.p. .

$$
\frac{\sin X^{\circ}}{x}=\frac{\sin N^{\circ}}{n}=\frac{\sin F^{\circ}}{f}
$$

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\begin{array}{ll}
x^{\circ}= & , x= \\
N^{\circ}= & , n=425 \mathrm{~m} \\
F^{\circ}=32^{\circ}, & f=350 \mathrm{~m} \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

$$
\frac{\sin N^{\circ}}{n}=\frac{\sin F^{\circ}}{f}
$$

$$
\frac{\sin N^{\circ}}{425}=\frac{\sin 32^{\circ}}{350}
$$

$$
\sin N^{\circ}=\frac{\left(425 \times \sin 32^{\circ}\right)}{350}
$$

$$
\sin N^{\circ}=0.643 \ldots
$$

$$
N^{0}=\sin ^{-1}(0.643 \ldots)
$$

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N^{\circ}=40.1^{\circ}
$$

But $N^{\circ}$ is obtuse, so

$$
\begin{aligned}
& N^{\circ}=180^{\circ}-40.1^{\circ} \\
& N^{\circ}=139.9^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Questions

2 Find the size of the missing angles in each example. Give your answers to 1 decimal place.
a

b

C

d

e

f


3 Find the obtuse angles in each of the triangles. Give your answers to 1 decimal place.
a

b

C


5 Calculate the size of the missing angle $x$ in the diagram. Give your answer to 1 decimal place.


9 The cross-section of a roof truss is shown.
a Calculate the size of the missing angles. Give your answers to 1 decimal place.
b Calculate the vertical height of the roof. Give your answer to 1 decimal place.


## Answers

| $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ | $81.9^{\circ}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ | 110.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\mathbf{b}$ | $47.3^{\circ}$ |  | $\mathbf{b}$ | 122.4 |
|  | $\mathbf{c}$ | $50.8^{\circ}$ |  | $\mathbf{c}$ | 110.4 |
|  | $\mathbf{d}$ | $77.2^{\circ}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $20.5^{\circ}$ |  |
|  | $\mathbf{e}$ | $102.6^{\circ}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{a}$ | $48.5^{\circ}, 44.5^{\circ}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{f}$ | $87.3^{\circ}$ |  | $\mathbf{b}$ | 3.2 m |

