

Geometry
Solving Right Triangles (Angles)

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When using trig functions, the goal is to find either a length or an angle measure (side)

$$\sin 47^\circ \approx 0.73$$

angle measure \uparrow ratio of 2 lengths

To find a length

sin
cos
tan

To find an angle

\sin^{-1}
 \cos^{-1}
 \tan^{-1}

How do you use the calculator to find a ratio of two lengths?

$$\sin(59) \text{ Enter}$$

$$\sin 59^\circ \approx .86$$

How do you use the calculator to find an angle?

$$\cos^{-1}(.33) \text{ Enter}$$

$$\cos 71^\circ \approx 0.33$$

Calculator Practice

Round all lengths to the nearest hundredth (5.23 feet) and all angles to the nearest degree (47°).

$$\sin 16^\circ \approx 0.2835$$

$$\tan 43^\circ \approx .93$$

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{13}{15}$$

$$\tan 24^\circ \approx 0.4526$$

Show work here $\sin^{-1}(0.2835)$

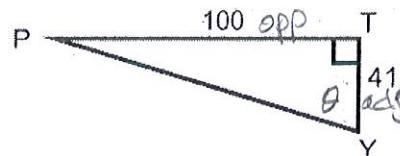
$$\tan(43)$$

$$\cos^{-1}(\frac{13}{15})$$

$$\tan^{-1}(0.4526)$$

What is the measure of $\angle Y$?

$$\angle Y \approx 68^\circ$$



*use tan

$$\tan \theta = \frac{100}{41}$$

calculator

$$\tan^{-1}(\frac{100}{41}) = \theta$$

Use trig functions to find the missing angle measures. Use inverse function!

$$1. \begin{array}{l} \text{opp} \\ \text{adj} \\ 11 \\ \tan x = \frac{7}{11} \\ \tan^{-1}(\frac{7}{11}) = x \\ \angle x \approx 32^\circ \end{array}$$

$$2. \begin{array}{l} \text{adj} \\ \text{opp} \\ 3.0 \\ 5.8 \text{ hyp} \\ \cos x = \frac{3}{5.8} \\ \cos^{-1}(\frac{3}{5.8}) = x \\ \angle x \approx 59^\circ \end{array}$$

$$3. \begin{array}{l} \text{opp} \\ 3 \\ 3\sqrt{5} \text{ hyp} \\ \sin x = \frac{3}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ \sin^{-1}(\frac{3}{3\sqrt{5}}) = x \\ \angle x \approx 27^\circ \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3}{3\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3}{5}$$