

Geometry 8.4

Use right triangles to find trigonometric ratios

Use trig ratios to find angle measures in right triangles

opposite

adjacent

trigonometry

ratio

trig ratio

sine $\frac{o}{h}$

cosine $\frac{a}{h}$

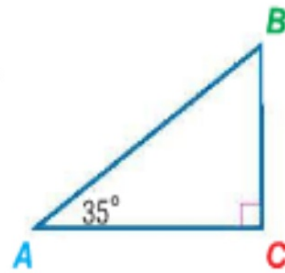
tangent $\frac{o}{a}$

inverse function (algebra 1)

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$$\tan(47)$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sin^{-1} \\ \cos^{-1} \\ \tan^{-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{What is angle?}$



KeyConcept Trigonometric Ratios		
Words	Symbols	
If $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle with acute $\angle A$, then the sine of $\angle A$ (written $\sin A$) is the ratio of the length of the leg opposite $\angle A$ (opp) to the length of the hypotenuse (hyp).	$\sin A = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$ or $\frac{a}{c}$ $\sin B = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$ or $\frac{b}{c}$	
If $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle with acute $\angle A$, then the cosine of $\angle A$ (written $\cos A$) is the ratio of the length of the leg adjacent $\angle A$ (adj) to the length of the hypotenuse (hyp).	$\cos A = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$ or $\frac{b}{c}$ $\cos B = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$ or $\frac{a}{c}$	
If $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle with acute $\angle A$, then the tangent of $\angle A$ (written $\tan A$) is the ratio of the length of the leg opposite $\angle A$ (opp) to the length of the leg adjacent $\angle A$ (adj).	$\tan A = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$ or $\frac{a}{b}$ $\tan B = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$ or $\frac{b}{a}$	

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Make sure your calculator is set to DEGREES

GuidedPractice

Find x to the nearest hundredth.

3A.



3B.



Reading Math

Inverse Trigonometric Ratios

The expression $\sin^{-1} x$ is read *the inverse sine of x* and is interpreted as the angle with sine x . Be careful not to confuse this notation with the notation for negative exponents—

$$\sin^{-1} x \neq \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

Instead, this notation is similar to the notation for an inverse function, $f^{-1}(x)$.

$$\sin^{-1}(0.5) = 30^\circ$$

$$\sin^{-1}(0.73) \approx 47^\circ$$

$$\cos^{-1}(0.16) \approx 81^\circ$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sin \\ \cos \\ \tan \end{array} \right\} \text{ratio}$

2nd (inverse...)

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sin^{-1} \\ \cos^{-1} \\ \tan^{-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{angle}$

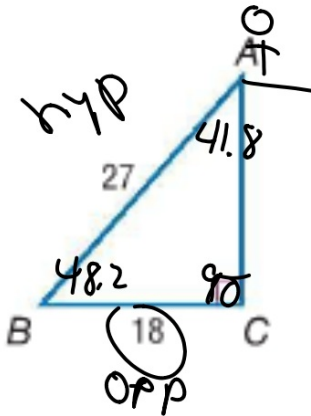
sine=ratio
inverse sine=angle

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KeyConcept Inverse Trigonometric Ratios	
Words	If $\angle A$ is an acute angle and the sine of A is x , then the inverse sine of x is the measure of $\angle A$.
Symbols	If $\sin A = x$, then $\sin^{-1} x = m\angle A$.
Words	If $\angle A$ is an acute angle and the cosine of A is x , then the inverse cosine of x is the measure of $\angle A$.
Symbols	If $\cos A = x$, then $\cos^{-1} x = m\angle A$.
Words	If $\angle A$ is an acute angle and the tangent of A is x , then the inverse tangent of x is the measure of $\angle A$.
Symbols	If $\tan A = x$, then $\tan^{-1} x = m\angle A$.

Example 4 Find Angle Measures Using Inverse Trigonometric Ratios

Use a calculator to find the measure of $\angle A$ to the nearest tenth.



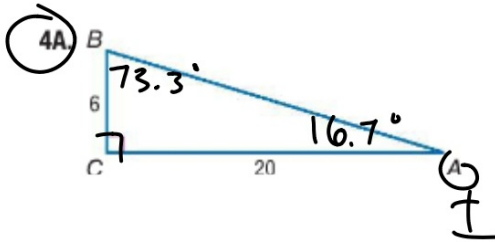
- = Where are you?
- = What trig function applies?
- = Use inverse to find angles.

$$\sin ? = \frac{18}{27}$$

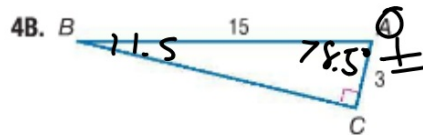
$$\sin^{-1}(0.6667) = 41.8^\circ$$

Guided Practice

Use a calculator to find the measure of $\angle A$ to the nearest tenth.



$$\tan ? = \frac{6}{20}$$
$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{20}\right) =$$



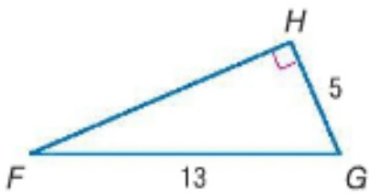
$$\cos ? = \frac{3}{15}$$
$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{15}\right)$$

Solve the triangle: find all parts (6)

Guided Practice

Solve each right triangle. Round side measures to the nearest tenth and angle measures to the nearest degree.

5A.

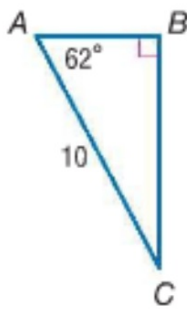


$$FH =$$

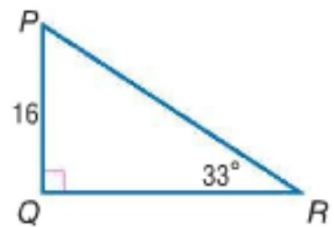
$$\angle F =$$

$$\angle G =$$

5B.



5C.



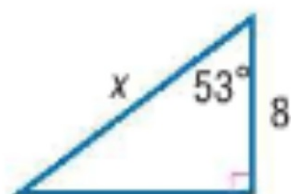
Find x . Round to the nearest tenth, if necessary.

(Lesson 8-4)

13.



14.



15. **SKATEBOARDING** Lindsey is building a skateboard ramp. She wants the ramp to be 1 foot tall at the end and she wants it to make a 15° angle with the ground. What length of board should she buy for the ramp itself? Round to the nearest foot. (Lesson 8-4)

