

Geometry 8.5

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Solve problems using angle of elevation

Solve problems using angle of depression

Use angles of elevation & depression to find distance between 2 objects

parallel lines

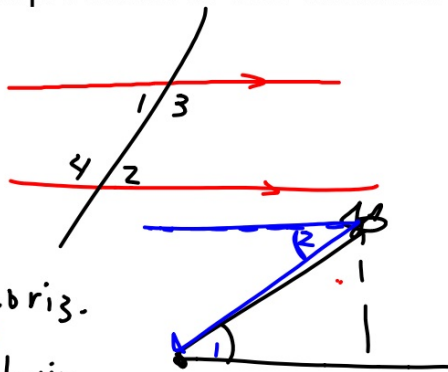
transversal

alternate interior angles

horizontal

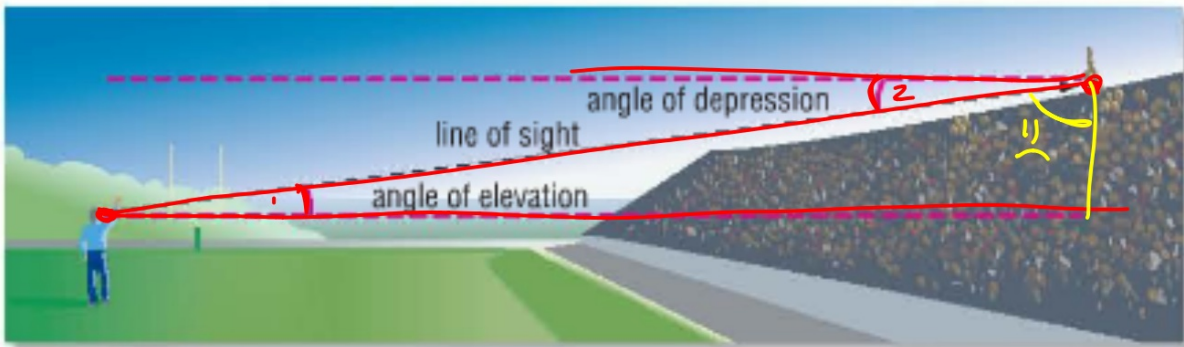
vertical

- <1 angle of elevation <sup>up from horiz.</sup> =  $AIA$
- <2 angle of depression <sub>down from horiz.</sub>
- line of sight

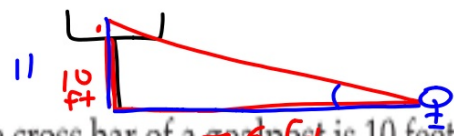


Quiz 8.3-8.4

Always measure from horizontal  
Where are you?

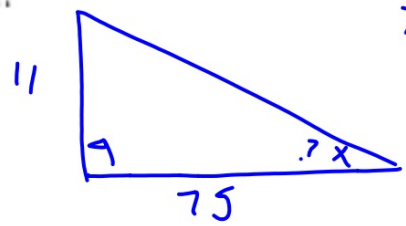


Guided Practice



1. **FOOTBALL** The cross bar of a goalpost is 10 feet high. If a field goal attempt is made 25 yards from the base of the goalpost that clears the goal by 1 foot, what is the smallest angle of elevation at which the ball could have been kicked to the nearest degree?

$$\tan x = \frac{11}{25}$$
$$\tan^{-1} x =$$



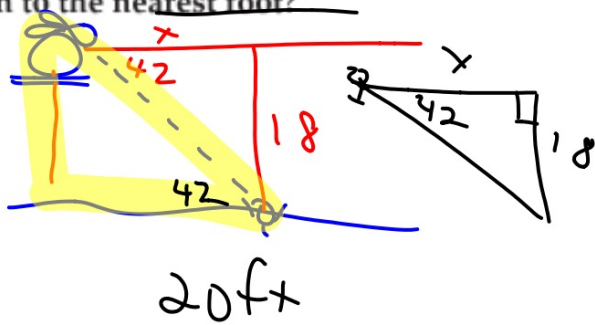
$$x = 8^\circ$$

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### Example 2 Angle of Depression

**EMERGENCY** A search and rescue team is airlifting people from the scene of a boating accident when they observe another person in need of help. If the angle of depression to this other person is  $42^\circ$  and the helicopter is 18 feet above the water, what is the horizontal distance from the rescuers to this person to the nearest foot?



$$\tan 42 = \frac{18}{x}$$
$$x(0.9004) = 18$$

AIA

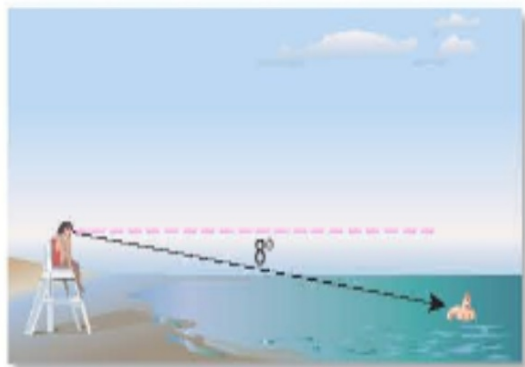
**Watch Out!**

**Angles of Elevation and Depression**

To avoid mislabeling, remember that angles of elevation and depression are always formed with a **horizontal line** and never with a vertical line.

### Guided Practice

2. **LIFEGUARDING** A lifeguard is watching a beach from a line of sight 6 feet above the ground. She sees a swimmer at an angle of depression of  $8^\circ$ . How far away from the tower is the swimmer?



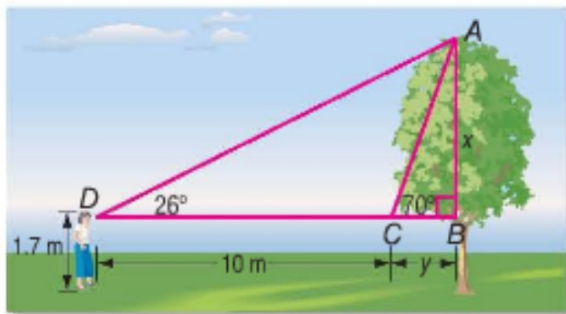
2. **BASEBALL** A fan is seated in the upper deck of a stadium 200 feet away from home plate. If the angle of depression to the field is  $62^\circ$ , at what height is the fan sitting?

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**Example 3** Use Two Angles of Elevation or Depression

**TREE REMOVAL** To estimate the height of a tree she wants removed, Mrs. Long sights the tree's top at a  $70^\circ$  angle of elevation. She then steps back 10 meters and sights the top at a  $26^\circ$  angle. If Mrs. Long's line of sight is 1.7 meters above the ground, how tall is the tree to the nearest meter?



Eyeball height:



### Guided Practice

3. **SKYSCRAPERS** Two buildings are sited from atop a 200-meter skyscraper. Building A is sited at a  $35^\circ$  angle of depression, while Building B is sighted at a  $36^\circ$  angle of depression. How far apart are the two buildings to the nearest meter?

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Assume same line of sight

3. **CCSS MODELING** Annabelle and Rich are setting up decorations for their school dance. Rich is standing 5 feet directly in front of Annabelle under a disco ball. If the angle of elevation from Annabelle to the ball is  $40^\circ$  and Rich to the ball is  $50^\circ$ , how high is the disco ball?

