

$$4. \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{\sin \theta \tan \frac{\theta}{2}}{2}$$

$$5. \tan \theta \cdot \tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \sec \theta - 1$$

$$6. \cos 4\theta = 1 - 8 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta$$

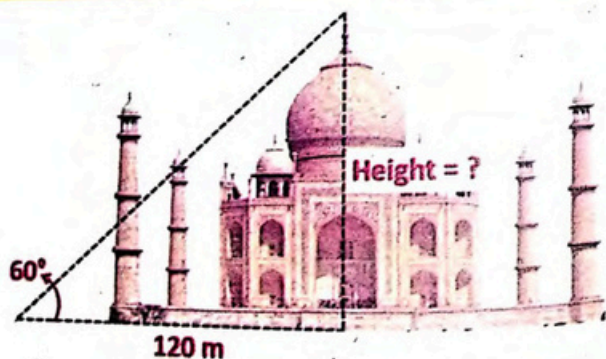
$$7. \sin 6x \sin x + \cos 4x \cos 3x = \cos 3x \cos 2x$$

$$8. \text{ Prove that } \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \theta\right) = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta$$

$$9. \text{ Prove that } i) \frac{\sin^2(\pi + \theta) \tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} + \theta\right)}{\cot^2\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} - \theta\right) \cos^2(\pi - \theta) \operatorname{cosec}(2\pi - \theta)} = \cos \theta$$

$$ii) \frac{\cos(90^\circ + \theta) \sec(-\theta) \tan(180^\circ - \theta)}{\sec(360^\circ - \theta) \sin(180^\circ + \theta) \cot(90^\circ - \theta)} = -1$$

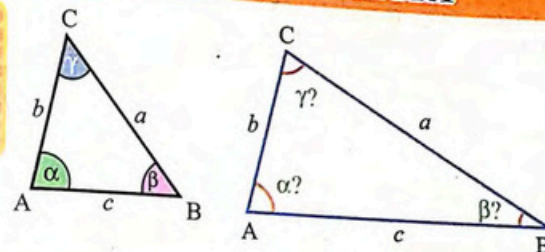
### Real Life Applications of Trigonometry



## UNIT

# 11

### APPLICATION OF TRIGONOMETRY



After reading this unit, the students will be able to:

- Solve right angled triangle when measures of
  - two sides are given,
  - one side and one angle are given.
- Define an oblique triangle and prove
  - the law of cosines,
  - the law of sines,
  - the law of tangents, and deduce respective half angle formulae.
- Apply above laws to solve oblique triangles.
- Derive the formulae to find the area of a triangle in terms of the measures of
  - two sides and their included angle,
  - one side and two angles,
  - three sides (Hero's formula)
- Define circum-circle, in-circle and escribed-circle.
- Derive the formulae to find
  - circum-radius,
  - in-radius,
  - escribed-radii, and apply them to deduce different identities.



### 11.1 Introduction

Trigonometry has an enormous variety of application. It is used extensively in a number of academic fields, primarily mathematics, science and engineering.

Trigonometry, in ancient times, was often used in the measurement of heights and distances of objects which could not be otherwise measured. For example, trigonometry was used to find the distance of stars from the earth. Even today, in spite of more accurate methods being available, trigonometry is often used for making quick and simple calculations regarding heights and distance of far-off objects.

One of the important uses of trigonometry is solving triangles. Every triangle has three sides and three angles, which are called the elements (or parts) of the triangle. We say that a triangle is solved when all six elements are known and listed. Typically three elements, in which one is side, will be given and it will be our task to find the other three elements using trigonometric laws and definitions.

As shown in figure 11.1 we use standard lettering for naming the sides and angles of a right triangle, side  $a$  is opposite to angle  $A$ ; side  $b$  is opposite to angle  $B$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are the legs, and side  $c$ , the hypotenuse, is opposite to angle  $C$ , the right angle.

A triangle is usually labeled as shown in figure 11.1

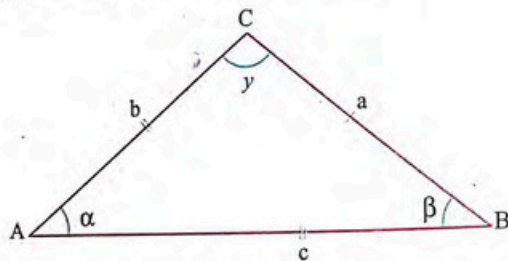


Figure 11.1

The vertices are labeled  $A, B, C$  with sides opposite to these vertices are denoted by  $a, b, c$  respectively and the measure of three angles are usually denoted by  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  respectively.

We begin with, using the trigonometric functions to solve right angled triangles. Later we will learn how to solve triangles that are not necessarily right angled triangles. We will also derive formulae for finding the areas of such triangles.

### 11.1.1 Solution of Right Angled Triangles

We can solve a right angled triangle provided that either measure of (i) two sides are given or (ii) one acute angle and one side are given. We consider the cases as follows:

**Case-I:** When measure of two sides are given

**Example 1:** Solve the right angled triangle  $ABC$ , in which  $a = 15$ ,  $c = 17$  and  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ .

**Solution:** From figure 11.2, we have

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{a}{c} = \frac{15}{17} = 0.882$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \sin^{-1}(0.882) = 61.89^\circ$$

$$\text{since } \alpha + \beta = 90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = 90^\circ - \alpha = 90^\circ - 61.89^\circ = 28.11^\circ$$

$$\text{Now } \cos \alpha = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = c \cos \alpha = 17 \cos(61.89^\circ) = 17(0.471) = 8$$

**Case-II:** When measure of one angle and one side are given

**Example 2:** Solve the right angled triangle  $ABC$ ,

in which  $b = 12$ ,  $\alpha = 70^\circ$  and  $\gamma = 90^\circ$

**Solution:** From figure 11.3, we have

$$\tan 70^\circ = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\text{or } a = 12 \tan 70^\circ = 12(2.747) = 32.97 \text{ ft.}$$

To find the length  $c$  of the ladder we have

$$\cos 70^\circ = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\text{or } c = 12 \sec 70^\circ = 12(2.92) = 35.088 \text{ ft.}$$

**Example 3:** The angle of elevation of a tree from a point on the ground 42m from its base is  $33^\circ$ . Find the height of the tree?

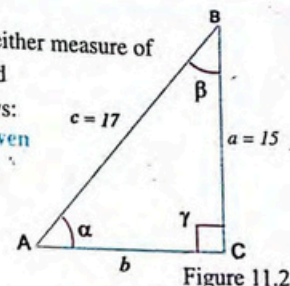


Figure 11.2

#### Note

The side  $b$  can also be found by using Pythagorean Theorem  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$  or  $b^2 = c^2 - a^2 = \sqrt{(17)^2 - (15)^2}$  so that  $b = 8$ .

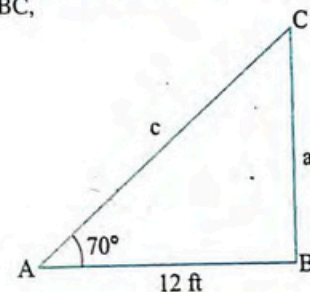


Figure 11.3



**Solution:** Let the angle of elevation =  $\theta$   
and height of the tree =  $h$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \tan \theta &= \frac{h}{42} \Rightarrow \tan 33^\circ = \frac{h}{42} \\ &\Rightarrow h = 42 \tan 33^\circ \\ &\approx 27.28 \end{aligned}$$

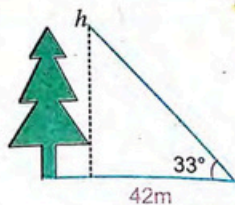


Figure 11.4

The tree is 27m tall.

**Example 4:** From point B, the top of a light house 120 ft above the sea, the angle of depression of a boat at point A is  $5^\circ$ . How far is it from the light house to the boat?

**Solution:** Since the angle of depression is the acute angle formed by the line of sight and the horizontal line passing through the position of sighting. Figure 11.5 indicates the situation. The angle A must also be  $5^\circ$  in measure. We have

$$\cot A = \frac{b}{120} \text{ or } \cot 5^\circ = \frac{b}{120}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 120 (11.43) = 1372 \text{ ft, approx.}$$

**Example 5:** From the two successive positions on a straight road 1000 meter apart, a man observes that the angle of elevation of the top of a building directly ahead of him is  $12^\circ 10'$  and  $42^\circ 35'$ . How high is the building?

**Solution:** Let A and B be the two successive positions of a man on the road such that  $|AB| = 1000\text{m}$ . CD denote the height  $h$  of the building and let  $BC = x$

$$\text{In } \triangle ACD \text{ we have } \tan 12^\circ 10' = \frac{CD}{AC} = \frac{h}{AB + BC} = \frac{h}{x + 1000}$$

$$\text{or } x + 1000 = h \cot 12^\circ 10' = 4.6382 h \quad (1)$$

$$\text{In } \triangle BCD \text{ we have } \tan 42^\circ 35' = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = h \cot 42^\circ 35' = 1.088 h \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1), (2) } 1.088h + 1000 = 4.6382 h$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 281.67\text{m} \approx 282 \text{ m}$$

$$x = 306.8 \approx 307\text{m}$$

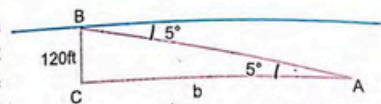


Figure 11.5

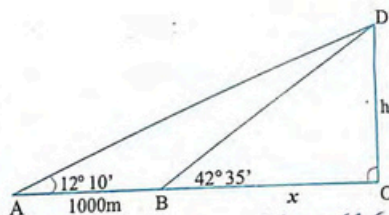
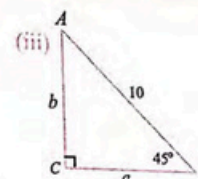
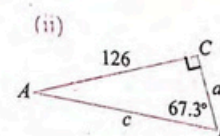
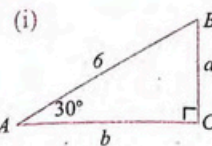


Figure 11.6

# EXERCISE 11.1

1. Solve the following right triangles.



2. Solve right triangles ABC in which  $\gamma = 90^\circ$  and

(i)  $a = 14$ ,  $\beta = 28^\circ$

(ii)  $b = 8.9$ ,  $\beta = 21.5^\circ$

(iii)  $b = 14$ ,  $c = 450$

3. The angle of elevation of the top of a post from a point on level ground 38m away is  $33.23^\circ$ . Find the height of the post.

4. A masjid minar 82 meters high casts a shadow 62 meters long. Find the angle of elevation of the sun at that moment.

5. The angle of depression of a boat 65.7m from the base of a cliff is  $28.9^\circ$ . How high is the cliff?

6. From the top of a cliff 52m high the angles of depression of two ships due east of it are  $36^\circ$  and  $24^\circ$  respectively. Find the distance between the ships.

7. Two masts are 20m and 12m high. If the line joining their tops makes an angle of  $35^\circ$  with the horizontal; find their distance apart.

8. The measure of the angle of elevation of a kite is  $35^\circ$ . The string of the kite is 340 meters long. If the sag in the string is 10 meters, find the height of the kite.

9. A parachutist is descending vertically. How far does the parachutist fall as the angle of elevation changes from  $50^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  which is observed from a point 100m away from the feet of a parachutist where he touches the ground.

10. An isosceles triangle has a vertical angle of  $108^\circ$  and a base 20 cm long. Calculate its altitude.



### 11.1.2 Oblique Triangles

If none of the angle of a triangle is right angle, the triangle is called oblique triangle. In Figure 11.7 both triangles are oblique triangles.

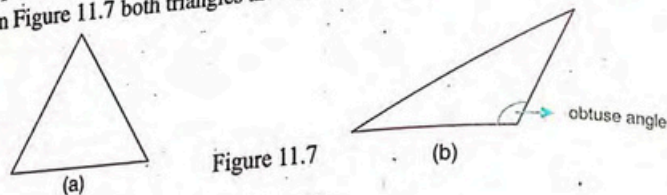


Figure 11.7

We see that an oblique triangle has either

- three acute angles (figure 11.7(a)) or
- two acute angles and one obtuse angle (figure 11.7(b))

In the last section we solved right angled triangles, however, in this section we will solve oblique triangles. Given three elements of a triangle we will be asked to find the remaining three elements. Thus, we have the following five possibilities:

When three parts of a triangle including at least one side are known, the triangle is uniquely determined. The five cases of oblique triangles are

1. A.A.S: Given two angles and the side opposite to one of them
2. A.S.A: Given two angles and the included side
3. S.S.A: Given two sides and the angle opposite to one of them
4. S.A.S: Given two sides and the included angle
5. S.S.S: Given the three sides

In case of (S.S.A) there is not always a unique solution. It is possible to have no solution for the angle, one solution for the angle, or two solutions—an angle and its supplement.

In order to solve the above cases of oblique triangles, we develop special mathematical tools called the law of cosines, the law of sines the law of tangents.

#### (a) The Law of Cosines

In this section, we will derive the law of cosines and we use it to solve the case 5 of oblique triangles.

**Theorem (Law of Cosines)** In any triangle with usual labelling

$$(i) \quad a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \alpha$$

$$(ii) \quad b^2 = c^2 + a^2 - 2ca \cos \beta$$

$$(iii) \quad c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \gamma$$

**Proof: Case 1:** All the angles are acute,  $\alpha$  is an acute angle in figure 11.8. If  $h$  is the altitude of vertex B, then in  $\triangle BCD$ , we have,

$$a^2 = h^2 + (b-x)^2 \quad (1)$$

In  $\triangle BAD$  we have

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{x}{c}$$

$$\therefore x = c \cos \alpha \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } c^2 = x^2 + h^2 \quad (3)$$

Put (2) and (3) in (1)

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= (c^2 - x^2) + (b^2 - 2bx + x^2) \\ &= b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \alpha \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:** One angle is obtuse.  $\alpha$  is obtuse here

$$\text{In } \triangle BCD \quad a^2 = h^2 + (b+x)^2$$

$$\text{giving } a^2 = h^2 + b^2 + x^2 + 2bx$$

$$\text{In } \triangle BAD, \quad \cos (180^\circ - \alpha) = \frac{x}{c}$$

$$\therefore x = c \cos (180^\circ - \alpha) = -c \cos \alpha \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } c^2 = h^2 + x^2 \quad (3)$$

Put (2) and (3) into (1)

$$a^2 = (c^2 - x^2) + b^2 + x^2 + 2b(x) = b^2 + c^2 + 2b(-c \cos \alpha) = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \alpha$$

In both the triangles, we obtained  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \alpha$ .

By considering angles B and C in a similar manner, we can prove that

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos \beta$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \gamma$$

By rearranging the formula we can express the cosine of the angles in terms of three lengths sides of the triangle.

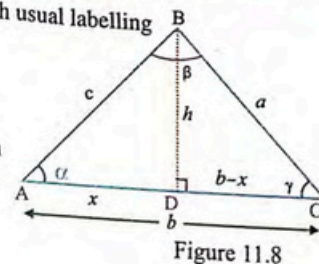


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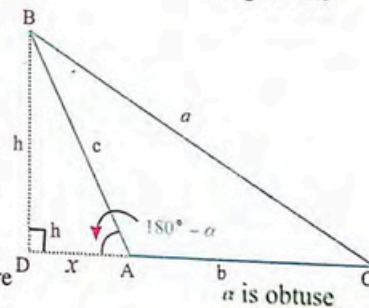


Figure 11.9



## Did You Know



$$\begin{aligned}\cos \alpha &= \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} \\ \cos \beta &= \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac} \\ \cos \gamma &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}\end{aligned}$$

S.S.S. and S.A.S. possibilities could be tackled by using cosine law. However in S.A.S., where two sides and included angle is given, it is necessary that the given angle must be less than  $180^\circ$ .

**Example 6: (SSS):** What is the smallest angle of a triangle whose sides measure 25, 18 and 21ft?

**Solution:** If  $\gamma$  represent the smallest angle, then  $c$  (the side opposite)  $\gamma$  must be the smallest side, so  $c = 18$ . Then  $\cos \gamma = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} = \frac{(25)^2 + (21)^2 - (18)^2}{2(25)(21)} = 0.707$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \cos^{-1}(0.707) = 45^\circ$$

**Example 7: (S.A.S.):** Find  $c$  where  $a = 52$ ,  $b = 28.3$ ,  $\gamma = 38.5^\circ$

**Solution:**  $\gamma$  is the angle included between  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned}c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \gamma \\ &= (52)^2 + (28.3)^2 - 2(52)(28.3) \cos 38.5^\circ \\ \Rightarrow c^2 &\approx 918.355 \\ \Rightarrow c &\approx 30.30 \text{ unit}\end{aligned}$$

**Example 8:** A body is acted upon by the forces 10N and 20N making an angle  $25^\circ 35'$  with each other. Find the magnitude of the resultant of the forces.

**Solution:**

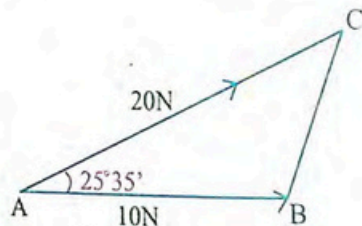


Figure 11.10 (a)

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The forces of 10N and 20N are represented by sides of parallelogram.

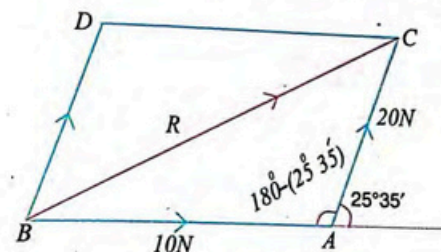


Figure 11.10 (b)

The resultant  $R$  is the diagonal of parallelogram  $ABCD$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}R^2 &= (10)^2 + (20)^2 - 2 \times 10 \times 20 \cos(180^\circ - 25^\circ 35') \\ &= 860.78 \text{ N}^2 \Rightarrow R = 29.3 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

**Example 9:** An equilateral triangle is inscribed in a circle of radius 5cm. Find the perimeter of the triangle.

**Solution:** Let  $O$  be the centre of the circle. Join  $O$  with vertices  $B$  and  $C$ .

In the equilateral triangle  $ABC$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\angle BOC &= \angle AOC = \angle AOB = \frac{1}{3}(360^\circ) = 120^\circ \\ |\overline{OB}| &= |\overline{OC}| = |\overline{OA}| = 5 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

Using cosine law

$$\begin{aligned}|\overline{BC}|^2 &= |\overline{OB}|^2 + |\overline{OC}|^2 - 2 \times |\overline{OB}| |\overline{OC}| \cos \angle BOC \\ &= 5^2 + 5^2 - 2 \times 5 \times 5 \cos 120^\circ \\ &= \sqrt{75} \text{ .Each side is } \sqrt{75} \text{ cm.}\end{aligned}$$

Hence perimeter of  $\triangle ABC = \sqrt{75} + \sqrt{75} + \sqrt{75} = 3\sqrt{75} = 15\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}$

## (b) The Law of sines

In the last section we discussed the two possibilities of solving oblique triangles SSS, SAS.

In this section we will consider the fourth case ASA or AAS which is one case because knowing any two angles and one side means knowing all the three angles and one side. The law of cosine does not work where at least two sides are needed. We state and prove the law of sines for this purpose.

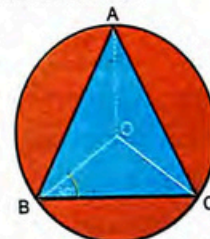


Figure 11.11

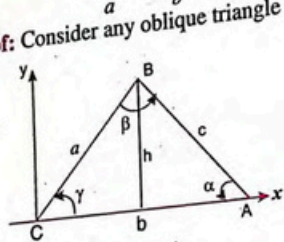


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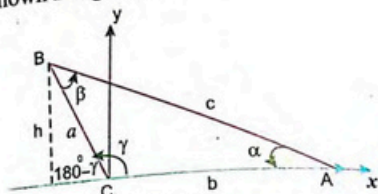
**Theorem:** In any  $\triangle ABC$  with usual labelling

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin \beta}{b} = \frac{\sin \gamma}{c}$$

**Proof:** Consider any oblique triangle as shown in figure 11.12



(i)  $\gamma$  is acute  
Figure 11.12(a)



(ii)  $\gamma$  is obtuse  
Figure 11.12(b)

Let  $h$  = height of the triangle with base  $\overline{CA}$ . Then in figure 11.12 (a)

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{h}{c} \text{ and } \sin \gamma = \frac{h}{a} \quad (\text{Solving for } h)$$

$$h = c \sin \alpha \text{ and } h = a \sin \gamma$$

$$\text{Thus } c \sin \alpha = a \sin \gamma \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin \gamma}{c} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{In figure 11.12 (b)} \quad h = a \sin (180^\circ - \gamma) = a \sin \gamma \quad \text{and} \quad h = c \sin \alpha$$

$$\text{Hence } c \sin \alpha = a \sin \gamma$$

Similarly if we draw perpendiculars from the other two vertices on opposite sides of  $\triangle ABC$  we get

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin \beta}{b} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\sin \beta}{b} = \frac{\sin \gamma}{c} \quad (3)$$

Combining (1), (2) and (3) we have

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin \beta}{b} = \frac{\sin \gamma}{c}$$

or equivalently,

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma}$$

These equations give the law of sines.

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**Example 10:** For a triangle ABC, given  $a = 30$ ,  $b = 70$ ,  $\beta = 85^\circ$ . Find  $\alpha$ .

**Solution:** Using law of sine

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin \beta}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \alpha = 30 \times \frac{\sin 85^\circ}{70} = 0.4269 \Rightarrow \alpha = 25^\circ 16' 25''$$

**Example 11:** From a point A the angle of elevation of the top C of a tower is  $28^\circ$ . From a second point B, which is 2200 ft closer to the base of the tower, the angle of elevation of the top is  $66^\circ$ . What is the height  $h$  of the tower?

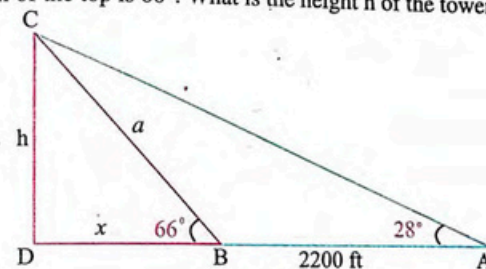


Figure 11.13

**Solution:** For  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $AB = 2200$ ,  $\angle ABC = 180^\circ - 66^\circ = 114^\circ$  and  $\angle BCA = 38^\circ$ . Applying the law of sines to  $\triangle ABC$ , we have

$$\frac{\sin 38^\circ}{2200} = \frac{\sin 28^\circ}{a}$$

Thus  $a = 1678$  ft, approximately.

Now for  $\triangle BDC$ , we have

$$\sin 66^\circ = \frac{h}{a} = \frac{h}{1678}$$

Thus  $h = 1678 \sin 66^\circ = 1533$  ft, approximately.

### Using The Law of Sines for SAA Triangles

$A = 180 - (85 + 50)$   
 $A = 45$

$$\frac{a}{\sin 45^\circ} = \frac{7}{\sin 50^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 85^\circ}$$



**Example 12:** Solve the triangle in which  $\alpha = 38^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 121^\circ$  and  $a = 20$

**Solution:** Since  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$   
 $\gamma = 180^\circ - 121^\circ - 38^\circ = 21^\circ$  Use the law of sines to get b

$$\frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{a}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$b = \frac{a \cdot \sin \beta}{\sin \alpha} \Rightarrow b = 20 \times \frac{\sin 121^\circ}{\sin 38^\circ} = 28 \text{ approximately.}$$

Use the law of sines again but this time using  $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$  to get

$$\frac{c}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{a}{\sin \alpha} \Rightarrow c = \frac{a}{\sin \alpha} \times \sin \gamma = 20 \times \frac{\sin 21^\circ}{\sin 38^\circ} = 11.6 \approx 12 \text{ approximately.}$$

### (c) The Law of Tangents

**Theorem:** In any triangle ABC, show that

$$(i) \quad \frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\beta)}{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-\beta)} \quad (ii) \quad \frac{b+c}{b-c} = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\beta+\gamma)}{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\beta-\gamma)}$$

$$(iii) \quad \frac{c+a}{c-a} = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\gamma+\alpha)}{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\gamma-\alpha)}$$

**Proof:** By the law of sines in any triangle ABC

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma} = D \text{ (say)}$$

We have

$$a = D \sin \alpha \text{ and } b = D \sin \beta$$

$$a + b = D(\sin \alpha + \sin \beta) \quad (1)$$

$$a - b = D(\sin \alpha - \sin \beta) \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\sin \alpha - \sin \beta}$$

Using the formulae

$$\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}$$

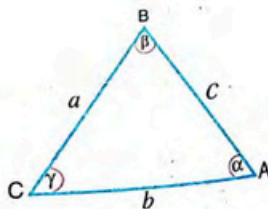


Figure 11.14

$$\text{and } \sin \alpha - \sin \beta = 2 \cos \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}$$

we get

$$\frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}}{2 \cos \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\beta)}{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-\beta)}$$

Similarly

$$\frac{b+c}{b-c} = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\beta+\gamma)}{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\beta-\gamma)}$$

and

$$\frac{c+a}{c-a} = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\gamma+\alpha)}{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\gamma-\alpha)}$$

These three relations are known as the law of tangents. Note that the interchange of lengths  $a$ ,  $b$  result in the interchange of angles  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ . Hence if  $b > a$  then it is better to use the tangent formula in the form.

$$\frac{b+a}{b-a} = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\beta+\alpha)}{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\beta-\alpha)}$$

**Example 13:** Use the law of tangents to solve the triangle ABC in which  $a = 925$ ,  $c = 432$  and  $\beta = 42^\circ 30'$ .

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{a-c}{a+c} = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-\gamma)}{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\gamma)}$$

$$\text{But } \alpha + \gamma = 180^\circ - \beta = 137^\circ 30' \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \gamma) = 68^\circ 45'$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{925-432}{925+432} = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-\gamma)}{\tan(68^\circ 45')}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \tan \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-\gamma) = \frac{493}{1357} \times 2.5715 = 0.93 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-\gamma) = 43^\circ 3' \Rightarrow \alpha-\gamma = 86^\circ 6'$$

$$\text{Now } \alpha + \gamma = 137^\circ 30'$$

$$\alpha - \gamma = 86^\circ 6'$$

$$\text{By addition } 2\alpha = 223^\circ 36'$$

$$\alpha = 111^\circ 48'$$

$$\text{By subtraction } 2\gamma = 51^\circ 24'$$

$$\gamma = 25^\circ 42'$$



To find  $b$ , we use the law of sines

$$\frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma}$$

$$b = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma} \sin \beta = \frac{432}{\sin 25^\circ 42'} \sin 42^\circ 30' = 673$$

### (d) Half Angle Formulae

The half angle formulae are very useful to solve a triangle when the measures of three sides of a triangle are given and no angle is known. These formulae could be derived using the law of cosines.

#### (i) The cosine of Half the Angle in Terms of Sides

**Theorem:** In any triangle ABC, show that

$$\cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{S(S-a)}{bc}} \quad \cos \frac{\beta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{S(S-b)}{ac}}$$

$$\cos \frac{\gamma}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{S(S-c)}{ab}} \quad \text{where } S = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$$

**Proof:** Let  $S = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$

Using the law of cosines

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

$$\text{But } \cos \alpha = 2 \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} - 1$$

$$\text{Hence } 2 \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} - 1 = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} + 1 = \frac{(b+c)^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

The numerator being difference of two squares, can be written as

$$2 \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{[(b+c)+a][(b+c)-a]}{2bc}$$

Since  $a+b+c=2S$

and  $b+c-a=2S-2a=2(S-a)$ .

$$\text{Hence } 2 \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{(2S) \times 2(S-a)}{2bc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{S(S-a)}{bc} \quad \text{or} \quad \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{S(S-a)}{bc}}$$

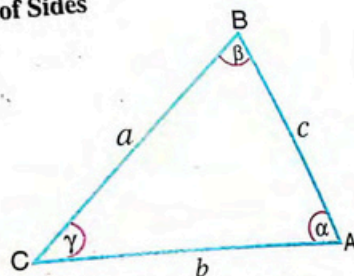


Figure 11.15

As  $\alpha < 180^\circ$ ,  $\frac{\alpha}{2}$  is a measure of acute angle, the value of  $\cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$  will be positive.

$$\text{Hence } \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{S(S-a)}{bc}} \quad (1)$$

Similarly we can prove

$$\cos \frac{\beta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{S(S-b)}{ac}}$$

$$\cos \frac{\gamma}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{S(S-c)}{ab}}$$

#### (ii) The sines of Half the Angle in Terms of Sides

**Theorem:** In any triangle ABC, show that

$$\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-b)(S-c)}{bc}}$$

$$\sin \frac{\beta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-c)(S-a)}{ac}}$$

$$\sin \frac{\gamma}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-b)}{ab}}, \quad \text{where } S = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$$

**Proof:**  $\cos \alpha = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}$

$$\text{Hence } 2 \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = 1 - \cos \alpha$$

$$= 1 - \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} = \frac{a^2 - (b-c)^2}{2bc}$$

$$= \frac{(a-b+c)(a+b-c)}{2bc}$$

Since  $a+b+c=2S$

so  $a-b+c=2S-2b=2(S-b)$

and  $a+b-c=2S-2c=2(S-c)$ .

Substituting these values in the above equation

$$2 \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{2(S-b) \times 2(S-c)}{2bc} \Rightarrow \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{(S-b)(S-c)}{bc}}$$

Again  $\sin \frac{\alpha}{2}$  is measure of an acute angle  $\sin \frac{\alpha}{2}$  is always positive.

$$\text{Hence } \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-b)(S-c)}{bc}} \quad (2)$$

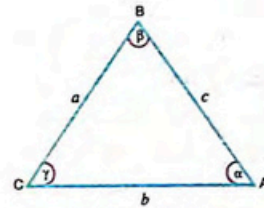


Figure 11.16



Similarly

$$\sin \frac{\beta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-c)(S-a)}{ac}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin \frac{\gamma}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-b)}{ab}}$$

### (iii) The Tangent of Half the Angle in Terms of the Sides

**Theorem:** In any triangle ABC, show that

$$\tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-b)(S-c)}{S(S-a)}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\beta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-c)(S-a)}{S(S-b)}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\gamma}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-b)}{S(S-c)}}$$

$$\text{where } S = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$$

**Proof:**  $\tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2}}{\cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{(S-c)(S-b)/bc}}{\sqrt{S(S-a)/bc}}$$

(by (1) and (2))

$$\Rightarrow \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-b)(S-c)}{S(S-a)}}$$

(3)

Similarly

$$\tan \frac{\beta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-c)(S-a)}{S(S-b)}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\gamma}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-b)}{S(S-c)}}$$

Now if we multiply and divide the right hand side of (3) by  $\sqrt{(S-a)}$  we get

$$\tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{1}{(S-a)} \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}{S}}$$

Denoting  $\sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}{S}}$  by  $r$ , we get

$$\tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{r}{S-a}$$

(4)

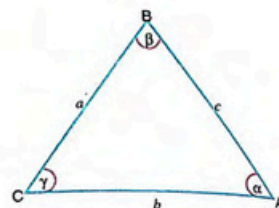


Figure 11.17

Similarly

$$\tan \frac{\beta}{2} = \frac{r}{S-b} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \frac{\gamma}{2} = \frac{r}{S-c}$$

where  $S = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$  and  $r = \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}{S}}$

**Example 14:** Solve the triangle ABC with usual notation for its sides given that  $a = 75$ ,  $b = 55$  and  $c = 50$

**Solution:**  $S = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) = \frac{1}{2}(75+55+50)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } S-a &= 90-75=15 \\ S-b &= 90-55=35 \\ S-c &= 90-50=40 \end{aligned}$$

Using half angle formula

$$\cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{S(S-a)}{bc}} = \sqrt{\frac{90(15)}{(55)(50)}} = 0.700649$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{2} = 45^\circ 31' \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha = 91^\circ 2'$$

$$\text{Also } \cos \frac{\beta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{S(S-b)}{ac}} = \sqrt{\frac{90 \times 35}{75 \times 50}} = 0.9165$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\beta}{2} = 23^\circ 35', \quad \beta = 47^\circ 10'$$

$$\text{Hence } \gamma = 180^\circ - (\alpha + \beta) = 180^\circ - 138^\circ 12' = 41^\circ 48'$$

### EXERCISE 11.2

1. Solve the triangles with dimensions.

- (i)  $a = 209$ ,  $b = 120$ ,  $c = 241$       (ii)  $a = 120$ ,  $b = 240$ ,  $\gamma = 32^\circ$
- (iii)  $\alpha = 100^\circ$ ,  $c = 345$ ,  $\gamma = 56.4^\circ$       (iv)  $a = 24.5$ ,  $c = 43.8$ ,  $\beta = 112^\circ$
- (v)  $b = 1.6$ ,  $c = 3.2$ ,  $\alpha = 100^\circ 24'$       (vi)  $\beta = 39^\circ 30'$ ,  $\gamma = 34^\circ 10'$ ,  $a = 240$
- (vii)  $\alpha = 35^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 70^\circ$ ,  $c = 115$       (viii)  $a = 37.5$ ,  $b = 12.4$ ,  $\beta = 72^\circ$
- (ix)  $b = 12.5$ ,  $c = 23$ ,  $\alpha = 38^\circ 20'$       (x)  $a = 168$ ,  $c = 319$ ,  $\beta = 110^\circ 22'$

2. Find the angle of largest measure (Using half sine law).

- (i)  $a = 74$ ,  $b = 52$  and  $c = 47$



- (ii)  $a = 7$ ,  $b = 9$  and  $c = 7$   
 (iii)  $a = 2.3$ ,  $b = 1.5$  and  $c = 2.7$
3. Solve the triangle for which length of three sides are given. (Using half cosine law)
- (i)  $a = 9$ ,  $b = 7$  and  $c = 5$   
 (ii)  $a = 1.2$ ,  $b = 9$  and  $c = 10$   
 (iii)  $a = 6$ ,  $b = 8$  and  $c = 12$
4. One diagonal of a parallelogram is 20cm long and at one end forms angles  $20^\circ$  and  $40^\circ$  with the sides of the parallelogram. Find the length of the sides.
5. Two planes start from Karachi International Airport at the same time and fly in directions that make an angle of  $127^\circ$  with each other. Their speeds are 525km/h. How far apart they are at the end of 2 hours of flying time?
6. A city block is bounded by three streets. If the measure of the sides of the block are 285, 375 and 396 meters, find the measure of the angles of the street make with each other.
7. The diagonal of a parallelogram meets the sides at angle of  $30^\circ$  and  $40^\circ$ . If the length of the diagonal is 30.0cm, then find the perimeter of the parallelogram.
8. Use the law of cosines to prove

$$(i) \quad 1 + \cos \alpha = \frac{(b+c+a)(b+c-a)}{2bc}$$

$$(ii) \quad 1 - \cos \alpha = \frac{(a-b+c)(a+b-c)}{2bc}$$

### 11.2 Areas of Triangular Regions

To find the area of a triangle ABC we discuss three cases SAS, SAA and SSS separately as follow

(a) Area of a triangle when two sides and their included angle is given. From elementary geometry we know that the area of a triangle is equal to

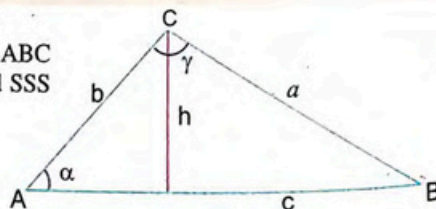


Figure 11.18

one half the product of measure of the base and measure of altitude. In figure 11.18 for the triangle ABC. Let  $h$  be the measure of altitude.

Then area  $\Delta$  is given by  $\Delta = \frac{1}{2} (AB)(h)$

But since  $AB = c$  and  $\frac{h}{b} = \sin \alpha$  or  $h = b \sin \alpha$

$$\therefore \Delta = \frac{1}{2} c (b \sin \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin \alpha \quad (1)$$

Also  $h$  can be written as  $\frac{h}{a} = \sin \beta$  or  $h = a \sin \beta$

So that  $\Delta$  becomes,  $\Delta = \frac{1}{2} (c) (a \sin \beta) = \frac{1}{2} ac \sin \beta$

Similarly by taking other sides of the triangle ABC as base

We have  $\Delta = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin \gamma$

Hence the area  $\Delta$  can be found by either formula

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin \gamma = \frac{1}{2} ac \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin \alpha$$

This shows that the area of a triangle is

“One half the product of the measure of two sides and the sine of the measure of the angle included between them.”

(b) Area of a triangle when the measure of one side and measure of two angles is given (SAA).

If in the formula  $\frac{1}{2} ac \sin \beta$  of the area of a triangle one of the sides say  $c$  is not known we can replace it from the law of sines.

We have

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma} \Rightarrow c = \frac{a \sin \gamma}{\sin \alpha}$$

So that the area is now given by

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} ac \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2} a \left( \frac{a \sin \gamma}{\sin \alpha} \right) \times \sin \beta$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \frac{\sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\sin \alpha} \quad (2)$$



Similarly we have

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\sin \alpha \sin \gamma}{\sin \beta} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{c^2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\sin \gamma}$$

(c) Area of a triangle when measures of all the sides of a triangle are given.  
We know that the area  $\Delta$  is given by

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2} bc \times 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = bc \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

Using half angle formulae

$$\Delta = bc \sqrt{\frac{(S-b)(S-c)}{bc}} \times \sqrt{\frac{S(S-a)}{bc}} = \sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)} \quad (3)$$

This formula is known as **Hero's formula** (alternatively known as Heron's formula).

We now find the area of a triangle by using the above mentioned formula.  
**Example 15:** Find the area of the  $\Delta ABC$  where  $\alpha = 18.4^\circ$ ,  $b = 154$  ft and  $c = 211$  ft.

$$\text{Solution: } \Delta = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2} (154)(211)(\sin 18.4^\circ) = 5128.349$$

To two decimal places the area is 5128.35 square feet.

**Example 16:** Find the area of a triangle with angles  $20^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$  and  $110^\circ$  if the side opposite the  $50^\circ$  angle is 24 inches long.

**Solution:** Let  $\alpha = 20^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 50^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 110^\circ$

Now  $b$  is given which is 24 inches

Hence the area  $\Delta$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\sin \alpha \sin \gamma}{\sin \beta} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (24)^2 \frac{\sin 20^\circ \sin 110^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ} = 120.83 \text{ square inches.} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 17:** Find the area of a triangle having sides of 43 ft, 89 ft and 120 ft.

**Solution:** Since three sides (but none of the angles) are known, we need Hero's formula to find area.

Let  $a = 43$ ,  $b = 89$  and  $c = 120$ , then

$$S = \frac{1}{2} (43 + 89 + 120) = 126$$

$$\Delta = \sqrt{126(126-43)(126-89)(126-120)} \approx 1523.70$$

To two decimal places the area is 1523 square ft.

**Example 18:** What is the vertex angle of an isosceles triangle whose equal sides are 13 ft long if the area is  $50 \text{ ft}^2$ .

**Solution:** Area  $\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin c$

$$50 = \frac{1}{2} (13)(13)(\sin c)$$

$$\sin c = \frac{100}{169} = 0.5917$$

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \sin^{-1}(0.5917) = 36.3^\circ \\ &= 36^\circ 18' \end{aligned}$$

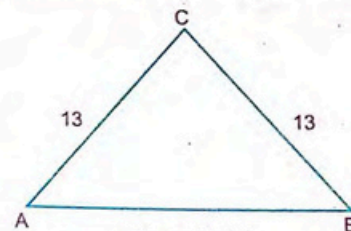


Figure 11.19

### EXERCISE 11.3

1. Find the area of the triangle ABC in each case

- |        |           |                         |                         |
|--------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| (i)    | $a = 15$  | $b = 80$                | $\gamma = 38^\circ$     |
| (ii)   | $b = 14$  | $c = 12$                | $\alpha = 82^\circ$     |
| (iii)  | $a = 30$  | $\beta = 50^\circ$      | $\gamma = 100^\circ$    |
| (iv)   | $b = 40$  | $\alpha = 50^\circ$     | $\gamma = 60^\circ$     |
| (v)    | $a = 7.0$ | $b = 8.0$               | $c = 2.0$               |
| (vi)   | $a = 11$  | $b = 9.0$               | $c = 8.0$               |
| (vii)  | $b = 414$ | $c = 485$               | $\alpha = 49^\circ 47'$ |
| (viii) | $a = 32$  | $\beta = 47^\circ 24'$  | $\gamma = 70^\circ 16'$ |
| (ix)   | $b = 47$  | $\alpha = 60^\circ 25'$ | $\gamma = 41^\circ 35'$ |
| (x)    | $c = 57$  | $\alpha = 23^\circ 24'$ | $\beta = 71^\circ 36'$  |
| (xi)   | $a = 925$ | $c = 433$               | $\beta = 42^\circ 17'$  |
| (xii)  | $a = 92$  | $b = 71$                | $\gamma = 56^\circ 44'$ |

2. The area of a triangle is 121.34. If  $\alpha = 32^\circ 25'$ ,  $\beta = 65^\circ 65'$  then find  $c$  and angle  $\gamma$ .

3. One side of a triangular garden is 30 m. If its two corner angles are  $22\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  and  $112\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ , find the cost of planting the grass at the rate of Rs. 5 per square meter.

4. A new home owner has a triangular-shaped back yard. Two of the three sides measure 53 ft and 42 ft and form an included angle of  $135^\circ$ . To determine the



amount of fertilizer and grass seed to be purchased, the owner has to know the area of the yard. Find the area of the yard to the nearest square foot.



### 11.3 Circles Connected with Triangles

**11.3.1 (a) Circumcircle:** A circle passing through the vertices of any triangle is called the circumcircle. The measure of radius of this circle called **circumradius** and is denoted by  $R$ . The center of this circle is called **circumcenter**.

The circumcenter is the point where the right bisectors of its sides meet each other.

**(b) Incircle:** A circle drawn inside a triangle and touching its sides is called the incircle associated with the triangle. Its radius is called **inradius** and its center is called **incenter**.

The student knows from elementary geometry that incenter is the point at which internal bisectors of the angles of a triangle meet each other.

**(c) Escribed Circles:** A circle, which touches one side of a triangle externally, and the other two sides internally when produced is called **escribed circle** or **ex-circle** or **e-circle**.

There are three such circles, touching the sides  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  externally. Each circle is associated with the side of the triangle it touches externally. The measure of the radius of the circle opposite to the vertex (touching side externally) is denoted by  $r_1$  and measures of the radius of the circles opposite to the vertices  $B$  and  $C$  are denoted by  $r_2$  and  $r_3$  respectively. The centres of these circles called **ex-centres** are similarly denoted by  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  and  $I_3$ .

The ex-centre  $I_1$  with respect to the vertex  $A$  is the point of intersection of the external bisectors of angles  $B$  and  $C$  and internal bisector of angle  $A$ .

### 11.3.2 (a) To find circumradius for any triangle ABC

**(i) To find  $R$ , the circumradius of a triangle  $ABC$  in terms of measure of a side and its opposite angle.**

Let  $O$  be the circumcenter of the triangle  $ABC$ . Join  $B$  and  $O$  and produce it to meet the circle at  $D$ . Join  $C$  and  $D$ .

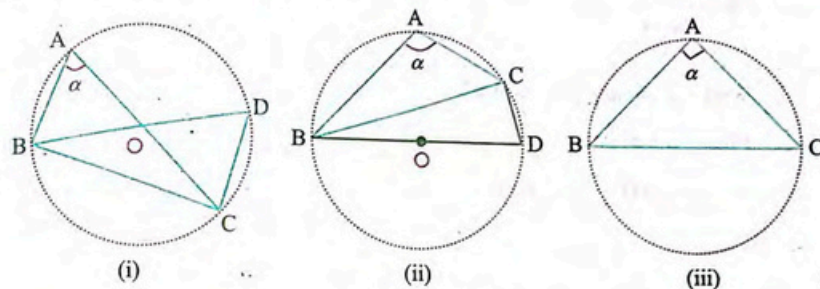


Figure 11.20

Figure 11.20 (i), (ii) and (iii) depicts the cases where measure of angle  $\alpha$  is acute, obtuse and right angle respectively.

Now measure of  $\overline{BD}$  is the diameter of circumcircle. Hence

$$\overline{BD} = 2R$$

$$m \overline{BC} = a$$

In figure (i)  $m \angle BDC = \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Because  $\alpha$  and  $\angle BDC$  are angles in the same arc of circle made by chord  $\overline{BC}$ .

$$\text{Hence } \frac{m \overline{BC}}{m \overline{BD}} = \sin \angle BDC = \sin \alpha$$

$$\text{So } \frac{a}{2R} = \sin \alpha \quad (1)$$

In figure (ii)  $\angle BDC$  and  $\angle \alpha$  are supplementary angles because they are made by the same chord  $\overline{BC}$  in two opposite arcs  $\widehat{BAC}$  and  $\widehat{BDC}$ .

Hence

$$\frac{m \overline{BC}}{m \overline{BD}} = \sin \angle BDC = \sin (\pi - \alpha)$$

$$= \sin \alpha \quad (2)$$

$$\text{In figure (iii) } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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Hence in this case

$$\frac{m\overline{BC}}{m\overline{BD}} = 1 = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = \sin \alpha \text{ i.e. } \frac{a}{2R} = \sin \alpha \quad (3)$$

Hence all the three situations lead to the conclusion that

$$2R = \frac{a}{\sin \alpha} \quad \text{or} \quad R = \frac{a}{2\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{2\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{2\sin \gamma}$$

(ii) **Circumradius in terms of the measurements of sides of a triangle**  
We have already proved that

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \alpha &= 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{(S-b)(S-c)}{bc}} \times \sqrt{\frac{S(S-a)}{bc}} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}}{bc} = \frac{2\Delta}{bc} \end{aligned}$$

$$R = \frac{a}{2\sin \alpha} = \frac{abc}{4\Delta}$$

where  $\Delta = \sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}$

**Example 19:** Find the circumscribing radius for a triangle whose sides are 3, 5 and 6.

**Solution:**  $S = \frac{a+b+c}{2} = \frac{3+5+6}{2} = 7$

$$R = \frac{abc}{4\sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}} = \frac{3 \times 5 \times 6}{4\sqrt{7(4)(2)(1)}} = \frac{90}{4\sqrt{56}} = \frac{45}{2\sqrt{56}} = 3 \text{ (approx.)}$$

(b) **To find inradius  $r$  for any triangle ABC**

We shall prove  $r = \frac{(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}{S}$

where  $S = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$  is the half perimeter.

Let the internal bisectors of a triangle ABC meet at the point O which is the incenter. Join O with vertices A, B and C. We obtain three triangles OAB, OBC and OCA. The altitude OF, OD and OE respectively of these triangles is a radius of the inscribed circle. The bases of these triangles are sides of the original triangle. Then from figure 11.21

$$\text{Area } \Delta ABC = \text{Area } \Delta AOB + \text{Area } \Delta BOC + \text{Area } \Delta AOC$$

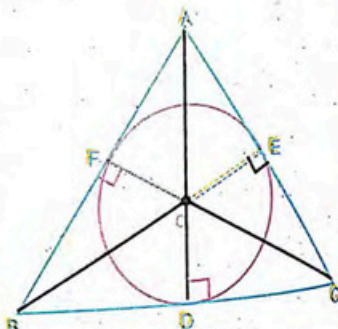


Figure 11.21

$$= \frac{1}{2}ar + \frac{1}{2}br + \frac{1}{2}cr = r \frac{(a+b+c)}{2} = rS$$

To obtain  $r$  the radius of inscribed circle, we divide both sides by  $S$

$$\text{Hence } r = \frac{\text{Area } \Delta ABC}{S}$$

If we write  $\Delta$  for the area of triangle ABC then

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{\Delta}{S} = \frac{\sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}}{S} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}{S}} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 20:** Find the radius of the circle inscribed in a triangle whose sides are 7, 24 and 25.

**Solution:** We must first calculate the half perimeter  $S$ .

$$S = \frac{a+b+c}{2} = \frac{7+24+25}{2} = \frac{56}{2} = 28$$

$$\text{Then } r = \sqrt{\frac{(28-7)(28-24)(28-25)}{28}} = \sqrt{\frac{21 \times 4 \times 3}{28}} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

**Example 21:** Prove that in any triangle ABC  $r = 4R \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2}$

**Solution:** R.H.S.  $= 4R \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{4(abc)}{4\Delta} \sqrt{\frac{(S-b)(S-c)}{bc}} \times \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-c)}{ac}} \times \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)(S-b)}{ab}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta} (abc) \sqrt{\frac{(S-a)^2(S-b)^2(S-c)^2}{a^2b^2c^2}} = \frac{1}{\Delta} (abc) \times \frac{(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}{abc} \\ &= \frac{1}{S\Delta} \times S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c) = \frac{1}{S\Delta} \times \Delta^2 = \frac{\Delta}{S} = r \end{aligned}$$

as  $\Delta^2 = S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)$ .

(c) **To find the Radius of e-circle of a triangle**

Let O be the e-center opposite to the vertex A as shown in Figure 11.22

Let L, M and N be the points at which the e-circle touches the side  $\overline{BC}$  externally and touches the sides AB, AC when produced respectively.

Then from elementary geometry OL, OM and ON are perpendiculars to the side  $\overline{BC}$  and sides AB, AC

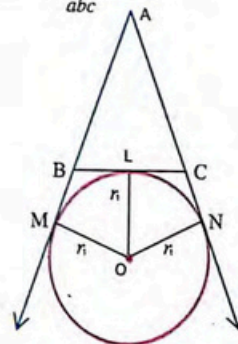


Figure 11.22



(when produced) respectively. Join the e-center O with A, B and C.

Clearly  $m\overline{OL} = m\overline{OM} = m\overline{ON} = r_1$

Area  $\Delta ABC = \text{Area } \Delta AOB + \text{Area } \Delta AOC - \text{Area } \Delta BOC$

$$= \frac{1}{2}c r_1 + \frac{1}{2}b r_1 - \frac{1}{2}a r_1 = \frac{1}{2}r_1(c + b - a)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}r_1(2S - 2a) \text{ where } S = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$$

Thus the area  $\Delta$  of triangle ABC is

$$\Delta = r_1(S - a) \text{ or } r_1 = \frac{\Delta}{S - a}$$

Similarly  $r_2 = \frac{\Delta}{S - b}$  if the e-circle touches side b directly but sides a, c when produced.

The e-radius  $r_3$  of escribed circle associated with vertex C is given by  $r_3 = \frac{\Delta}{S - c}$ .

**Example 22:** Find R, r,  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$  and  $r_3$  for the triangle with measures of the sides 5, 12 and 13.

**Solution:**

Let  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 12$  and  $c = 13$

$$S = \frac{1}{2}(5 + 12 + 13) = 15$$

$$\Delta = \sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)} = \sqrt{15 \times 10 \times 3 \times 2} = 30$$

$$R = \frac{abc}{4\Delta} = \frac{5 \times 12 \times 13}{4 \times 30} = 6.5$$

$$r = \frac{\Delta}{S} = \frac{30}{15} = 2$$

$$r_1 = \frac{\Delta}{S - a} = \frac{30}{15 - 5} = 3$$

$$r_2 = \frac{\Delta}{S - b} = \frac{30}{15 - 12} = 10$$

$$r_3 = \frac{\Delta}{S - c} = \frac{30}{15 - 13} = 15$$

**Example 23:** Prove that for any equilateral triangle  $r : R : r_1 = 1 : 2 : 3$

**Solution:** Let the measure of each side of the triangle be denoted by c.

$$\therefore S = \frac{c + c + c}{2} = \frac{3c}{2}$$

Area of the triangle is given by

$$\Delta = \sqrt{S(S-c)^3} = \sqrt{\frac{3c}{2} \left( \frac{3c}{2} - c \right)^3} = \sqrt{\frac{3c}{2} \times \frac{c^3}{8}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}c^2}{4}$$

$$R = \frac{a \cdot b \cdot c}{4\Delta} = \frac{c^3}{4 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} c^2} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$r = \frac{\Delta}{S} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}c^2}{4}}{\frac{3c}{2}} \times \frac{2}{3c} = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Now } r_1 = \frac{\Delta}{S - a} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}c^2}{\frac{3c}{2} - c} = \frac{\sqrt{3}c^2}{4} \times \frac{2}{c} = \frac{\sqrt{3}c}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } r : R : r_1 &= \frac{c}{2\sqrt{3}} : \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}} : \frac{\sqrt{3}c}{2} \\ &= \frac{c}{2\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{c} : \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{c} : \frac{\sqrt{3}c}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{c} = \frac{1}{2} : 1 : \frac{3}{2} = 1 : 2 : 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 24:** Find the area of the inscribed circle of the triangle whose sides measure 7, 8 and 9 unit.

**Solution:** Here  $S = \frac{7+8+9}{2} = 12$

Area of triangle with sides 7, 8 and 9.

$$\Delta = \sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)} = \sqrt{12 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3} = 26.83 \text{ unit}^2$$

$$r = \frac{\Delta}{S} = \frac{26.83}{12} = 2.24 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{Area of inscribed circle} = \pi r^2 = (3.1416)(2.24)^2 = 15.76 \text{ unit}^2$$

### EXERCISE 11.4

- Compute the in-radius (r) and circum-radius (R) of the triangles whose sides are given;
  - 3, 5, 6
  - 21, 20, 29
- Find the area of the inscribed circle of the triangle with measures of the sides 55m, 25m and 70m.
- The measures of the sides of a triangle are 20, 25 and 30 decimeter. Find the radius of the described circles
  - Opposite to larger side
  - Opposite to smaller side



4. Show that (i)  $\sqrt{r_1 r_2 r_3} = \Delta$   
(iii)  $r_1 r_2 r_3 = r S^2$

5. Prove that for any triangle ABC  
(i)  $r_1 + r_2 + r_3 - r = 4R$

(iii)  $\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3} = \frac{1}{r}$

6. Show that (i)  $r_1 = S \tan \frac{\alpha}{2}$  (ii)  $r_2 = S \tan \frac{\beta}{2}$

(iii)  $r_3 = S \tan \frac{\gamma}{2}$

7. The sides of a triangle are in the ratio 3:7:8. The radius of the inscribed circle is 2m. Find the sides of the triangle.

### REVIEW EXERCISE 11

1. Choose the correct option.

(i) In right triangle ABC, find b if  $a = 2$ ,  $c = 5$ , and  $r = 90^\circ$

(a) 7 (b) 3 (c)  $\sqrt{21}$  (d)  $\sqrt{29}$

(ii) An escalator in a department store makes an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the ground. How long is the escalator if it carries people a vertical distance of 24 feet?

(a)  $12\sqrt{2}$  ft (b)  $24\sqrt{2}$  ft (c)  $8\sqrt{3}$  ft (d) 48 ft

(iii) If in an isosceles triangle, 'a' is the length of the base and 'b' the length of one of the equal sides, then its area is

(a)  $\frac{a}{4} \sqrt{4b^2 - a^2}$  (b)  $\frac{b}{4} \sqrt{4b^2 - a^2}$  (c)  $\frac{a+b}{4} \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$  (d)  $\frac{a-b}{4} \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}$

(iv) If Heron's formula is used to find the area of triangle ABC having  $a=3$  meters,  $b=5$  meters, and  $c=6$  meters, which of the following shows the correct way to set up the formula?

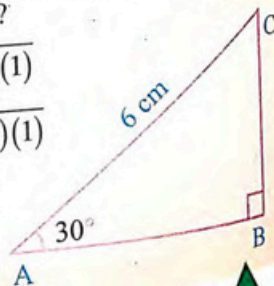
(a)  $\Delta = 7\sqrt{(10)(12)(13)}$  (b)  $\Delta = \sqrt{(4)(2)(1)}$

(c)  $\Delta = \sqrt{7(3)(5)(6)}$  (d)  $\Delta = \sqrt{7(4)(2)(1)}$

(v) In the adjoining figure, the length of  $\overline{BC}$  is

(a)  $2\sqrt{3}$  cm (b)  $3\sqrt{3}$  cm

(c)  $4\sqrt{3}$  cm (d) 3 cm



(ii)  $abc(\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma) = 4\Delta_s$

(ii)  $r_1 r_2 + r_2 r_3 + r_3 r_1 = S^2$

(vi) If the angle of depression of an object from a 75 m high tower is  $30^\circ$ , then the distance of the object from the tower is

(a)  $25\sqrt{3}$  m (b)  $50\sqrt{3}$  m (c)  $75\sqrt{3}$  m (d) 150 m

(vii) The point of Concurrence of the right bisectors of the sides of a triangle is called

(a) In-Centre (b) Orthocenter (c) Circumcentre (d) Centroid

(viii) With usual notations  $r_1 r_2 r_3 =$

(a)  $\Delta$  (b)  $\Delta^2$  (c)  $\frac{abc}{\Delta}$  (d)  $\frac{\Delta}{abc}$

2. Solve the triangles.

(i)  $a = 0.7$ ,  $c = 0.8$ ,  $\beta = 141^\circ 30'$

(ii)  $a = 34$ ,  $b = 23$ ,  $c = 58$

(iii)  $a = 15.6$ ,  $b = 18$ ,  $\gamma = 35^\circ 10'$

(iv)  $a = 48$ ,  $b = 32$ ,  $\gamma = 57^\circ$

(v)  $b = 35$ ,  $c = 37$ ,  $\alpha = 23^\circ 25'$

(vi)  $a = 58.4$ ,  $\beta = 37.2^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 100^\circ$

(vii)  $c = 13.6$ ,  $\alpha = 30^\circ 24'$ ,  $\beta = 72^\circ 6'$

3. Find the measure of the smallest angle of the triangle whose sides have lengths

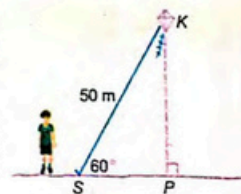
(i) 4.3, 5.1 and 6.3 (ii) 3, 4.2 and 3.8

4. Find the measure of the largest angle of the triangle whose sides have lengths

(i) 2.9, 3.3 and 4.1 (ii) 6.0, 8 and 9.4

5. The sides of a parallelogram are 25cm and 35cm long and one of its angles is  $36^\circ$ . Find the lengths of its diagonals.

6. A man is flying a kite. He has let out 50 m of string, and he notices that the string makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the ground. How high is the kite?



7. A robin on a branch 40ft up in a tree spots a worm at an angle of depression of  $14^\circ$ . From a branch 15ft above the robin, a crow spots the same worm at an angle of depression of  $19^\circ$ . How far is each bird from the worm?

8. The angle of elevation of a building is  $48^\circ$  from A and  $61^\circ$  from B. If AB is 20 m, find the height of the building.