

## UNIT 7

# Trigonometry

### Students' Learning Outcomes

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

- ▶ Extend sine and cosine functions to angles between  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ .
- ▶ Solve problems using the laws of sine, cosine and the area formulas for any triangle.
- ▶ Solve simple trigonometric problems in three dimensions.
- ▶ Apply concepts of trigonometry to real life world problems (such as video games, flight engineering, navigation and sound waves).
- ▶ Interpret and use three figure bearings.
- ▶ Solve real life problems involving bearing.
- ▶ Apply the concepts of bearing to real world problems.

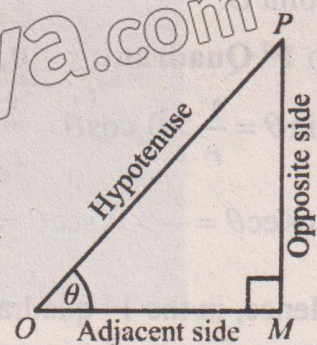


## INTRODUCTION

This unit explores the extended applications of trigonometry beyond right-angled triangles by developing an understanding of sine and cosine functions for angles between  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ . Students will learn to apply the laws of sine and cosine, as well as area formulas, to solve problems involving any type of triangle. The unit further introduces the use of trigonometric problems in three-dimensional contexts and emphasizes concept of trigonometry in real-world scenarios such as navigation, flight engineering, video game design and sound wave analysis. Students will also gain proficiency in interpreting and using three-figure bearings and applying this knowledge to solve practical bearing-related problems, enhancing spatial reasoning and problem-solving skills.

### 7.1 Trigonometric Ratios or Functions

Consider an angle  $\theta$  of right angled triangle  $POM$ , with right angle at  $M$ , where  $OM$  is called adjacent side,  $PM$  is called opposite side and  $PO$  is called hypotenuse. Then,



- (i) sine  $\theta$  ( $\sin \theta$ ) =  $\frac{\text{opp.}}{\text{hyp.}}$       (ii) cosine  $\theta$  ( $\cos \theta$ ) =  $\frac{\text{adj.}}{\text{hyp.}}$
- (iii) cosecant  $\theta$  ( $\text{cosec } \theta$ ) =  $\frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\text{hyp.}}{\text{opp.}}$       (iv) secant  $\theta$  ( $\sec \theta$ ) =  $\frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\text{hyp.}}{\text{adj.}}$
- (v) tangent  $\theta$  ( $\tan \theta$ ) =  $\frac{\text{opp.}}{\text{adj.}}$       (vi) cotangent  $\theta$  ( $\cot \theta$ ) =  $\frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{\text{adj.}}{\text{opp.}}$

The above six trigonometric ratios are also called trigonometric functions.

**Remember!**

$\sin \theta$  does not mean the product of  $\sin$  and  $\theta$ .  
The  $\sin \theta$  is correctly read as  $\sin$  of angle  $\theta$ .

**Note**

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}, \quad \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

### 7.1.1 Trigonometric Values for Special Angles

Trigonometric values for  $0^\circ$ ,  $30^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  are given in the following table:

Ratios \ Angle $\theta$	$0^\circ$	$30^\circ$	$45^\circ$	$60^\circ$	$90^\circ$	$180^\circ$
$\sin \theta$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1	0
$\cos \theta$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-1
$\tan \theta$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	undefined	0

### 7.1.2 Signs of Trigonometric Functions

The signs depend on the quadrant in which terminal side of the angle lies.

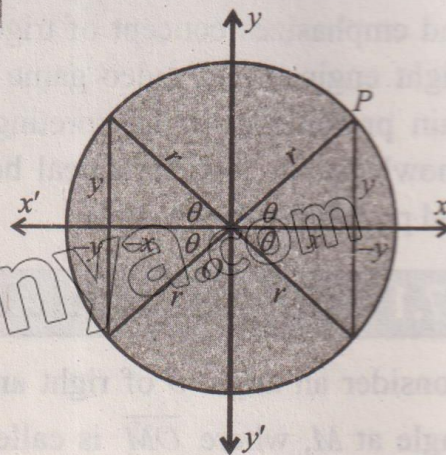
Consider a circle having radius  $r$  and centre at point  $O$ .

In 1<sup>st</sup> Quadrant:  $x > 0, y > 0$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} > 0, \cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} > 0, \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} > 0,$$

$$\text{cosec } \theta = \frac{r}{y} > 0, \sec \theta = \frac{r}{x} > 0, \cot \theta = \frac{x}{y} > 0$$

Hence, in the 1<sup>st</sup> quadrant all trigonometric functions are positive.



In 2<sup>nd</sup> Quadrant:  $x < 0, y > 0$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r} > 0, \cos \theta = \frac{-x}{r} < 0, \tan \theta = \frac{-y}{-x} < 0, \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{r}{y} > 0, \sec \theta = \frac{r}{-x} < 0, \cot \theta = \frac{-x}{y} < 0$$

Hence, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quadrant sin and cosec functions are positive and all other trigonometric functions are negative.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> Quadrant:  $x < 0, y < 0$

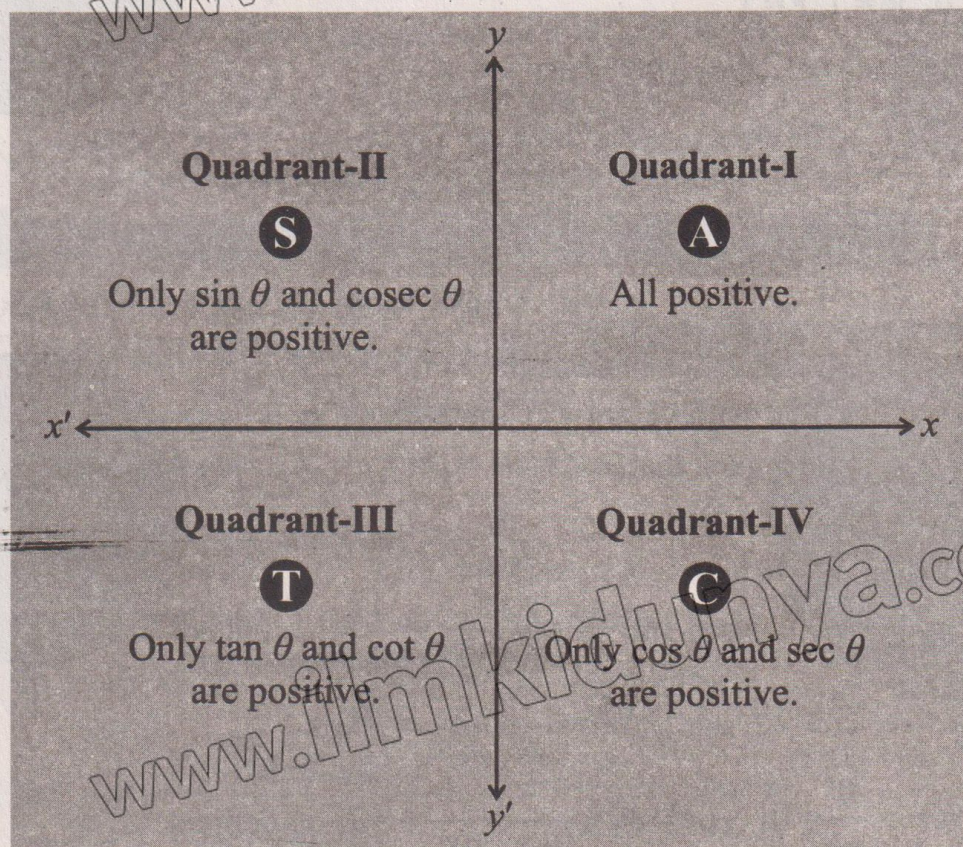
$$\sin \theta = \frac{-y}{r} < 0, \cos \theta = \frac{-x}{r} < 0, \tan \theta = \frac{-y}{-x} > 0, \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{r}{-y} < 0, \sec \theta = \frac{r}{-x} < 0, \cot \theta = \frac{-x}{-y} > 0$$

Hence, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quadrant tan and cot functions are positive and all other trigonometric functions are negative.

In 4<sup>th</sup> Quadrant:  $x > 0, y < 0$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{-y}{r} < 0, \cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} > 0, \tan \theta = \frac{-y}{x} < 0, \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{r}{-y} < 0, \sec \theta = \frac{r}{x} > 0, \cot \theta = \frac{x}{-y} < 0$$

Hence, in the 4<sup>th</sup> quadrant cos and sec functions are positive and all other trigonometric functions are negative.



### 7.1.3 Trigonometric Ratios of $0^\circ$ , $90^\circ$ and $180^\circ$

#### i Trigonometric Ratios of $0^\circ$

Consider a unit circle with centre at  $O$  and take any point  $P(x, y)$  on it such that  $m\angle AOP = 0^\circ$ .

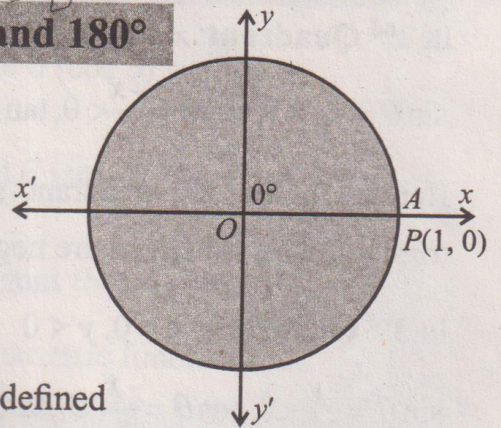
As  $P(x, y)$  lies on  $x$ -axis,

So,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $r = 1$

$$\sin 0^\circ = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{0}{1} = 0, \quad \operatorname{cosec} 0^\circ = \frac{1}{\sin 0^\circ} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{undefined}$$

$$\cos 0^\circ = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{1}{1} = 1, \quad \sec 0^\circ = \frac{1}{\cos 0^\circ} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$\tan 0^\circ = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{0}{1} = 0, \quad \cot 0^\circ = \frac{1}{\tan 0^\circ} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{undefined}$$



#### ii Trigonometric Ratios of $90^\circ$

Consider a unit circle with centre at  $O$  and take any point  $P(x, y)$  on it such that  $m\angle AOP = 90^\circ$ .

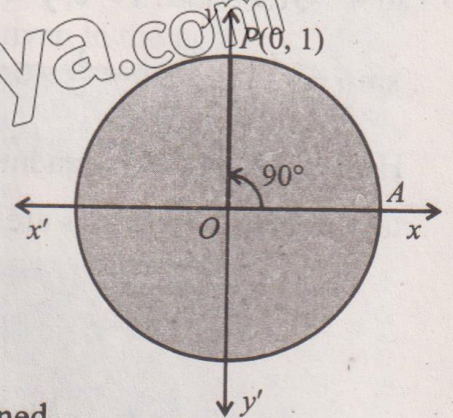
As  $P(x, y)$  lies on  $y$ -axis,

So,  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ ,  $r = 1$

$$\sin 90^\circ = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{1}{1} = 1, \quad \operatorname{cosec} 90^\circ = \frac{1}{\sin 90^\circ} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$\cos 90^\circ = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{0}{1} = 0, \quad \sec 90^\circ = \frac{1}{\cos 90^\circ} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{undefined}$$

$$\tan 90^\circ = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{undefined}, \quad \cot 90^\circ = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$



#### iii Trigonometric Ratios of $180^\circ$

Consider a unit circle with centre at  $O$  and take any point  $P(x, y)$  on it such that  $m\angle AOP = 180^\circ$ .

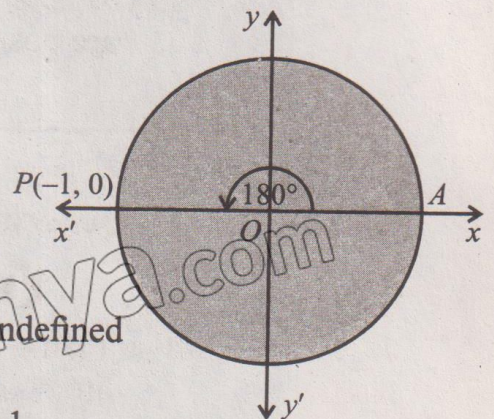
As  $P(x, y)$  lies on  $x'$ -axis.

so,  $x = -1$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $r = 1$

$$\sin 180^\circ = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{0}{1} = 0, \quad \operatorname{cosec} 180^\circ = \frac{1}{\sin 180^\circ} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{undefined}$$

$$\cos 180^\circ = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1, \quad \sec 180^\circ = \frac{1}{\cos 180^\circ} = \frac{1}{-1} = -1$$

$$\tan 180^\circ = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{0}{-1} = 0, \quad \cot 180^\circ = \frac{1}{\tan 180^\circ} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{undefined}$$



### 7.1.4 Extending sine and cosine Functions to Angles Between $90^\circ$ and $180^\circ$

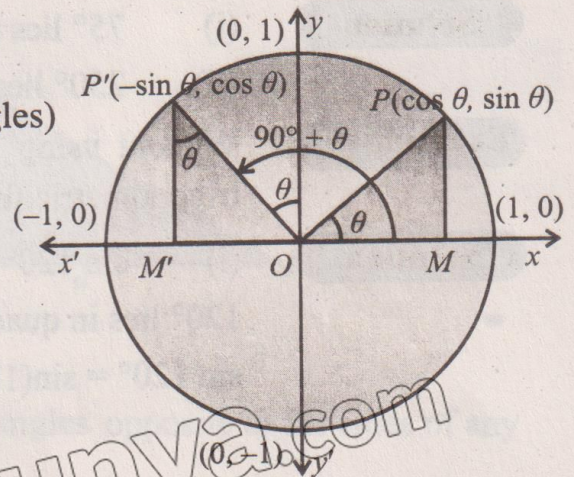
#### a Trigonometric Ratios of an Angle of the Form $(90^\circ + \theta)$

Consider a unit circle having radius 1 with centre at  $O(0, 0)$  in the Cartesian coordinate system.  $P(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$  be any point in quadrant I on the circumference of the circle, where  $m\angle MOP = \theta = m\angle YOP'$

$$m\angle MOP' = (90^\circ + \theta) \text{ and } m\angle POP' = 90^\circ$$

so, we have  $m\angle OP'M' = m\angle YOP'$  (Alternate angles)

That is, the angle  $(90^\circ + \theta)$  is obtained by rotating the angle  $\theta$  counterclockwise by  $90^\circ$ . The coordinates of  $P'$  will be  $(-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$ , i.e. the new  $x$ -coordinate of  $P'$  becomes the negative of the  $y$ -coordinate of the  $P$  and new  $y$ -coordinate of  $P'$  becomes the  $x$ -coordinate of the  $P$ .



As we know that in unit circle, cosine and sine of any angle are represented by  $x$ -coordinate and  $y$ -coordinate respectively. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(90^\circ + \theta) &= x\text{-coordinate of } (90^\circ + \theta) = -\sin \theta \\ \sin(90^\circ + \theta) &= y\text{-coordinate of } (90^\circ + \theta) = \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } \sin(90^\circ + \theta) &= \cos \theta, \quad \operatorname{cosec}(90^\circ + \theta) = \sec \theta \\ \cos(90^\circ + \theta) &= -\sin \theta, \quad \sec(90^\circ + \theta) = -\operatorname{cosec} \theta \\ \tan(90^\circ + \theta) &= -\cot \theta, \quad \cot(90^\circ + \theta) = -\tan \theta \end{aligned}$$

#### Note

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(-\theta) &= -\sin \theta \\ \cos(-\theta) &= \cos \theta \\ \tan(-\theta) &= -\tan \theta \end{aligned}$$

#### b Trigonometric Ratios of an Angle of the Form $(180^\circ - \theta)$

Let  $m\angle MOP = \theta$  and  $m\angle MOP' = (180^\circ - \theta)$

Here  $\triangle POM$  and  $\triangle P'OM'$  are congruent, such that  $\overline{mOP'} = \overline{mOP}$ ,  $\overline{mOM'} = \overline{mOM}$  and  $\overline{mP'M'} = \overline{mPM}$

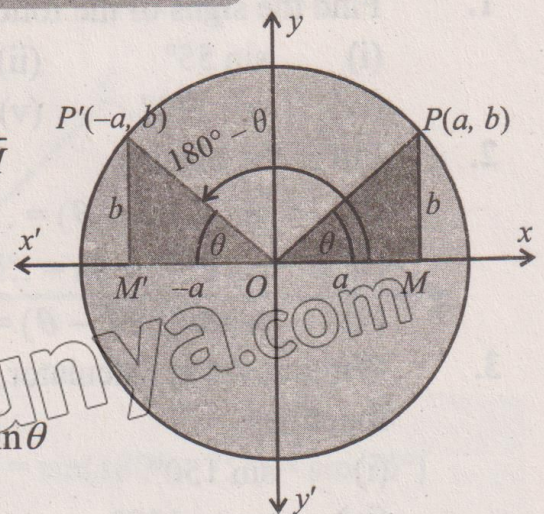
In  $\triangle POM$ , we have

$$\sin \theta = \frac{b}{mOP} \text{ and } \cos \theta = \frac{a}{mOP}$$

In  $\triangle P'OM'$ , we have

$$\sin(180^\circ - \theta) = \frac{y\text{-coordinate of } P'}{\overline{mOP'}} = \frac{b}{mOP} = \sin \theta$$

$$\cos(180^\circ - \theta) = \frac{x\text{-coordinate of } P'}{\overline{mOP'}} = \frac{-a}{mOP} = -\cos \theta$$



$$\text{Hence, } \sin(180^\circ - \theta) = \sin \theta$$

$$\cos(180^\circ - \theta) = -\cos \theta$$

$$\tan(180^\circ - \theta) = -\tan \theta$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}(180^\circ - \theta) = \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

$$\sec(180^\circ - \theta) = -\sec \theta$$

$$\cot(180^\circ - \theta) = -\cot \theta$$

**Example 1** Find the signs of the following:

- (i)  $\cos 75^\circ$                       (ii)  $\cot 250^\circ$

**Solution**

- (i)  $75^\circ$  lies in first quadrant, where  $\cos$  is positive.  
 (ii)  $250^\circ$  lies in third quadrant, where  $\cot$  is positive.

**Example 2** Without using calculator, find the exact values of the following trigonometric functions: (i)  $\sin 120^\circ$       (ii)  $\cot 150^\circ$

**Solution**

- (i)  $\sin 120^\circ$

$120^\circ$  lies in quadrant II, where  $\sin$  is positive.

$$\therefore \sin 120^\circ = \sin(180^\circ - 60^\circ) = \sin 60^\circ \quad \because \sin(180^\circ - \theta) = \sin \theta$$

- (ii)  $\cot 150^\circ$

$150^\circ$  lies in quadrant II, where  $\cot$  is negative.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \cot 150^\circ &= \cot(180^\circ - 30^\circ) = -\cot 30^\circ \quad \because \cot(180^\circ - \theta) = -\cot \theta \\ &= -\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

## EXERCISE 7.1

1. Find the signs of the following:

- (i)  $\sin 55^\circ$                       (ii)  $\cos 145^\circ$                       (iii)  $\tan 111^\circ$   
 (iv)  $\sec 179^\circ$                       (v)  $\operatorname{cosec} 88^\circ$                       (vi)  $\cot 14^\circ$

2. Fill in the blanks:

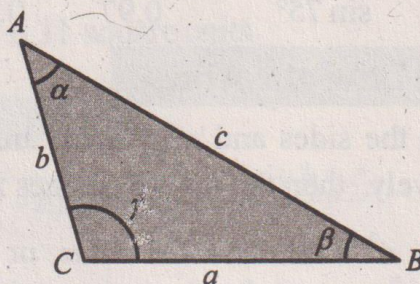
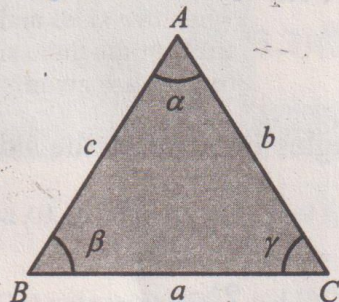
- (i)  $\tan(180^\circ - \theta) = \dots \tan \theta$                       (ii)  $\sin(180^\circ - \theta) = \dots \sin \theta$   
 (iii)  $\tan(90^\circ + \theta) = \dots \cot \theta$                       (iv)  $\cos(90^\circ + \theta) = \dots \sin \theta$   
 (v)  $\operatorname{cosec}(180^\circ - \theta) = \dots \operatorname{cosec} \theta$                       (vi)  $\sec(90^\circ - \theta) = \dots \operatorname{cosec} \theta$

3. Without using calculator, find the exact values of the following trigonometric functions:

- (i)  $\sin 150^\circ$                       (ii)  $\tan 150^\circ$                       (iii)  $\sec 150^\circ$   
 (iv)  $\operatorname{cosec} 120^\circ$                       (v)  $\cos 120^\circ$                       (vi)  $\cot 120^\circ$   
 (vii)  $\sin 135^\circ$                       (viii)  $\sec 135^\circ$                       (ix)  $\cot 135^\circ$

## 7.2 Oblique Triangles

An oblique triangle is any triangle that does not contain a right angle. It can be either acute triangle (all angles less than  $90^\circ$ ) or obtuse triangle (one angle greater than  $90^\circ$ ). Following triangles are oblique triangles:



### 7.2.1 The Law of sines

If  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are the sides and  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the angles opposite to the sides of any triangle respectively, then the law of sines is:

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

The law of sines is a relationship between the angles and the sides of a triangle. While solving a triangle, the law of sines can be used to solve a triangle, if two angles and one side which is opposite to one of given angles, are given.

**Example 3** In a triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\beta = 45^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 30^\circ$ ,  $a = 6$  cm, calculate  $b$  and  $c$ .

**Solution** As we know that

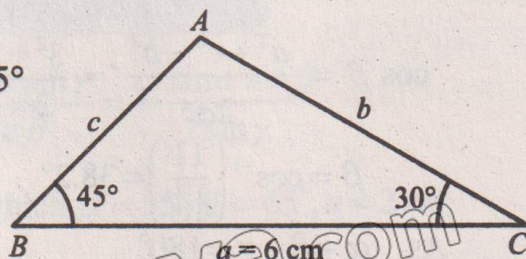
$$\begin{aligned} \alpha + \beta + \gamma &= 180^\circ \\ \alpha &= 180^\circ - \beta - \gamma \\ &= 180^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 105^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Now, by the law of sines

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{\sin \alpha} &= \frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma} \\ \frac{a}{\sin 105^\circ} &= \frac{b}{\sin 45^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 30^\circ} \\ \frac{a}{\sin 75^\circ} &= \frac{b}{\sin 45^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 30^\circ} \end{aligned}$$

Taking

$$\frac{a}{\sin 75^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 45^\circ}$$



$$[\sin 105^\circ = \sin(180^\circ - 75^\circ) = \sin 75^\circ]$$

$$b = \frac{a \sin 45^\circ}{\sin 75^\circ} = \frac{6 \times (0.71)}{0.97} = \frac{4.26}{0.97} = 4.4 \text{ cm}$$

Now,  $\frac{a}{\sin 75^\circ} = \frac{c}{\sin 30^\circ}$

$$c = \frac{a \times \sin 30^\circ}{\sin 75^\circ} = \frac{6 \times (0.5)}{0.97} = \frac{3.0}{0.97} = 3.1 \text{ cm}$$

**Skilled Practice!**

Solve  $\triangle ABC$ , in which  
 $\alpha = 77^\circ, \beta = 66^\circ, a = 2 \text{ cm}$

**Challenge!**

Can we use law of sines, when two sides and included angle or the three sides of a triangle are given?

**7.2.2 The Law of cosines**

If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are the sides and  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the angles opposite to the sides of any triangle respectively, then the law of cosines is:

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

$$b^2 = c^2 + a^2 - 2ca \cos \beta \quad \text{or} \quad \cos \beta = \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ca}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \gamma \quad \text{or} \quad \cos \gamma = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$$

**Example 4** In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $a = 3, b = 5, c = 7$ . Find the values of  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

**Solution** Given that  $a = 3, b = 5, c = 7$

By using the law of cosines, we have

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} = \frac{5^2 + 7^2 - 3^2}{2 \times 5 \times 7} = \frac{25 + 49 - 9}{70} = \frac{13}{14}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{13}{14} \right) = 21.8^\circ$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac} = \frac{3^2 + 7^2 - 5^2}{2 \times 3 \times 7} = \frac{9 + 49 - 25}{42} = \frac{11}{14}$$

$$\beta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{11}{14} \right) = 38.2^\circ$$

As  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$

$$\gamma = 180^\circ - \alpha - \beta = 180^\circ - 21.8^\circ - 38.2^\circ = 120^\circ$$

**7.2.3 Area of a Triangle**

**a** When two sides and their included angle of a triangle are given, then

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2} ac \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin \gamma$$

**Example 5** Calculate area of the triangle  $ABC$  in which  $a = 4.2$ ,  $b = 3.2$  and  $\gamma = 70^\circ$ .

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 4.2, b = 3.2, \gamma = 70^\circ \\ \text{Area of } \triangle ABC &= \frac{1}{2} ab \sin \gamma = \frac{1}{2} (4.2)(3.2) \sin 70^\circ \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (4.2)(3.2)(0.94) = 6.31 \text{ square units} \end{aligned}$$

**b** When three sides of a triangle are given, then

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}, \text{ where } s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$$

**Example 6** Calculate area of  $\triangle ABC$  in which  $a = 4$  cm,  $b = 3$  cm,  $c = 5$  cm.

**Solution**

$$a = 4 \text{ cm}, b = 3 \text{ cm}, c = 5 \text{ cm}$$

$$s = \frac{a+b+c}{2} = \frac{4+3+5}{2} = \frac{12}{2} = 6$$

$$s - a = 6 - 4 = 2$$

$$s - b = 6 - 3 = 3$$

$$s - c = 6 - 5 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \triangle ABC &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \\ &= \sqrt{6(2)(3)(1)} \\ &= \sqrt{36} \\ &= 6 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Skilled Practice!**

Find area of  $\triangle ABC$ , in which

(i)  $a = 8$  cm,  $b = 9$  cm,  $c = 10$  cm

(ii)  $a = 6.1$  cm,  $b = 2.3$  cm,  $\gamma = 80^\circ$

**c** When two angles and one side of a triangle are given, then

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{a^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \alpha} = \frac{b^2 \sin \alpha \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \beta} = \frac{c^2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{2 \sin \gamma}$$

**Example 7** Calculate area of triangle  $ABC$  in which  $\alpha = 35^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 65^\circ$ ,  $a = 2$  cm.

**Solution** As we know that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$$

$$35^\circ + 65^\circ + \gamma = 180^\circ$$

$$\gamma = 180^\circ - 100^\circ$$

$$= 80^\circ$$

**Skilled Practice!**

Calculate area of  $\triangle ABC$ , in which

$\beta = 50^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 40^\circ$ ,  $c = 10$  cm

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area of } \triangle ABC &= \frac{a^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \alpha} \\
 &= \frac{(2)^2 \sin 65^\circ \sin 80^\circ}{2 \sin 35^\circ} \\
 &= \frac{4(0.91)(0.98)}{2(0.57)} = 3.13 \text{ cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

## EXERCISE 7.2

1. Solve the triangle  $ABC$ , in which

(i)  $a = 6.1 \text{ cm}, b = 8.4 \text{ cm}, \alpha = 42^\circ$

(ii)  $a = 12.2 \text{ cm}, c = 15.8 \text{ cm}, \gamma = 50^\circ$

(iii)  $b = 5.2 \text{ cm}, c = 5 \text{ cm}, \gamma = 48^\circ$

(iv)  $b = 4.8 \text{ cm}, a = 4 \text{ cm}, \beta = 71^\circ$

(v)  $\beta = 70^\circ, b = 8 \text{ cm}, \alpha = 100^\circ$

(vi)  $a = 6 \text{ cm}, \alpha = 55^\circ, \gamma = 60^\circ$

(vii)  $c = 7 \text{ cm}, \beta = 34^\circ, \gamma = 64^\circ$

(viii)  $b = 12 \text{ cm}, \alpha = 92^\circ, \beta = 77^\circ$

2. Calculate area of each triangle  $ABC$ .

(i)  $a = 7 \text{ cm}, b = 8 \text{ cm}, \gamma = 38^\circ$

(ii)  $a = 11 \text{ cm}, c = 14 \text{ cm}, \beta = 51^\circ$

(iii)  $b = 3 \text{ cm}, c = 9 \text{ cm}, \alpha = 78^\circ$

(iv)  $a = 10 \text{ cm}, \alpha = 62^\circ, \beta = 69^\circ$

(v)  $c = 4 \text{ cm}, \beta = 36^\circ, \gamma = 80^\circ$

(vi)  $c = 6.6 \text{ cm}, \alpha = 23^\circ, \gamma = 89^\circ$

(vii)  $a = 5.3 \text{ cm}, b = 4.7 \text{ cm}, c = 8.2 \text{ cm}$

(viii)  $a = 6.12 \text{ cm}, b = 8.34 \text{ cm}, c = 7.12 \text{ cm}$

## 7.3 Solve Simple Trigonometric Problems in Three Dimensions

**Example 8** The diagram shows a prism. Triangle  $PQR$  is a cross section of the prism, where

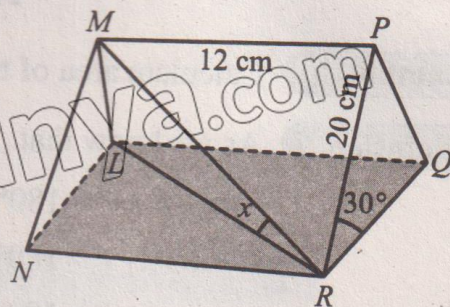
$$m\overline{PR} = 20 \text{ cm}, m\overline{MP} = 12 \text{ cm},$$

$$m\angle PRQ = 30^\circ \text{ and } m\angle PQR = 90^\circ.$$

Calculate the size of the angle that the line  $MR$  makes with the plane  $RQLN$ .

**Solution** In right angled triangle  $PQR$ , we have

$$\frac{m\overline{PQ}}{20} = \sin 30^\circ$$



$$\begin{aligned} m\overline{PQ} &= 20 \times \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 10 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

In right angled triangle  $MPR$ , we have

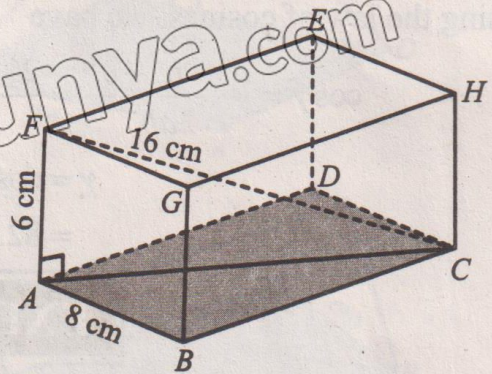
$$\begin{aligned} m\overline{MR} &= \sqrt{(m\overline{PR})^2 + (m\overline{MP})^2} = \sqrt{(20)^2 + (12)^2} = \sqrt{400 + 144} = \sqrt{544} \\ &= 23.3238 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

In right angled triangle  $MLR$ , we have

$$\sin x = \frac{\text{opp.}}{\text{hyp.}} = \frac{10}{23.3238} = 0.4287$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x &= \sin^{-1}(0.4287) \\ &= 25.4^\circ \end{aligned}$$

**Example 9** The diagram shows a cuboid  $ABCDEFGH$  in which  $m\overline{AB} = 8 \text{ cm}$ ,  $m\overline{AF} = 6 \text{ cm}$  and  $m\overline{FC} = 16 \text{ cm}$ . Find the length of  $\overline{BC}$ .



**Solution** In right angled triangle  $AFC$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} m\overline{AC} &= \sqrt{(m\overline{FC})^2 - (m\overline{AF})^2} = \sqrt{(16)^2 - (6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{256 - 36} = \sqrt{220} = 14.83 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

In right angled triangle  $ABC$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} m\overline{BC} &= \sqrt{(m\overline{AC})^2 - (m\overline{AB})^2} = \sqrt{(14.83)^2 - (8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{220 - 64} \\ &= \sqrt{156} = 12.5 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

## 7.4 Concept of Trigonometry in Real Life

**Example 10** A plane takes off at an angle of elevation of  $12^\circ$  and travels 2000 metres along this path. How high is the plane after traveling this distance?

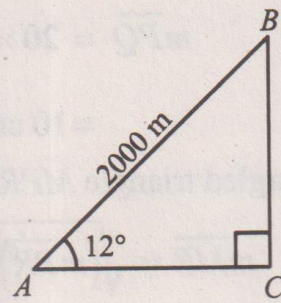
**Solution**In triangle  $ABC$ ,

$$\sin 12^\circ = \frac{m\overline{BC}}{2000}$$

$$(0.2079)2000 = m\overline{BC}$$

$$m\overline{BC} = 415.8 \text{ m}$$

The plane is approximately 415.8 m above the ground.

**Example 11**

In a sound lab, two microphones are placed  $c = 3$  m apart and a sound source is  $a = 2$  m from one and  $b = 2.5$  m from the other. Find the angle between the sound paths  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Solution**Here  $a = 2$  m,  $b = 2.5$  m,  $c = 3$  m

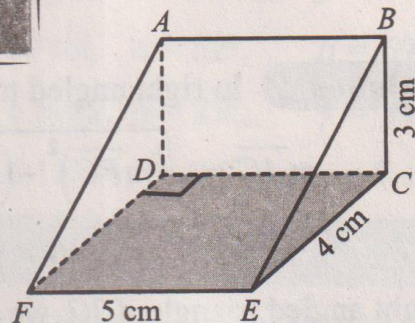
Using the law of cosines, we have

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} = \frac{2^2 + (2.5)^2 - 3^2}{2 \times 2 \times 2.5} = \frac{4 + 6.25 - 9}{10} = 0.125$$

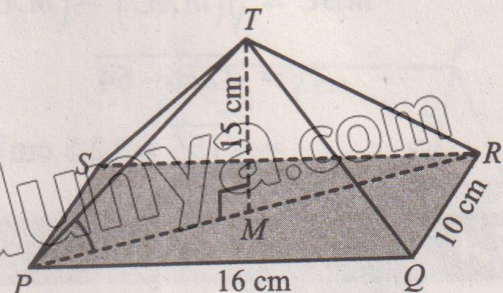
$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \cos^{-1}(0.125) \\ &= 82.8^\circ \end{aligned}$$

**EXERCISE 7.3**

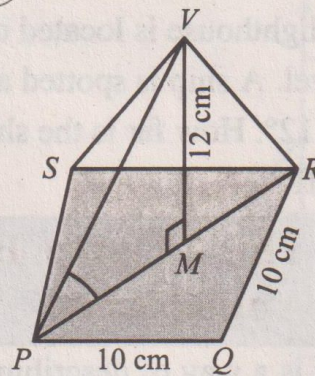
- In the triangular prism, find
  - the length  $\overline{CF}$ .
  - the length  $\overline{BF}$ .
  - the angle  $BFC$ , correct to one decimal place.



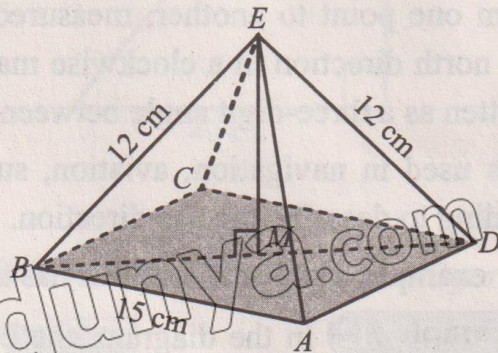
- The diagram shows a triangular pyramid with a horizontal rectangular base  $PQRS$ , in which  $m\overline{PQ} = 16$  cm,  $m\overline{QR} = 10$  cm.  $M$  is the midpoint of the line  $PR$ . The vertex,  $T$ , is vertically above  $M$  and  $m\overline{MT} = 15$  cm. Calculate the size of the angle between  $\overline{TP}$  and the base  $PQRS$ . Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.



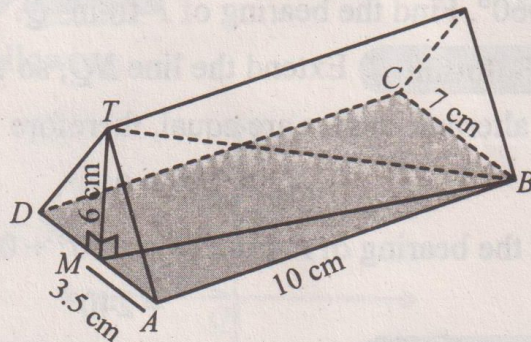
3. The diagram shows a pyramid. The base,  $PQRS$ , is a horizontal square of side 10 cm. The vertex,  $V$ , is vertically above the midpoint,  $M$  and  $m\overline{VM} = 12$  cm. Calculate the size of angle  $VPM$ .



4.  $ABCDE$  is a square based pyramid, in which  $m\overline{AE} = m\overline{BE} = m\overline{CE} = m\overline{DE} = 12$  cm and  $m\overline{AB} = 15$  cm. Calculate the size of angle  $DEB$ . Give your answer in degree (whole numbers).



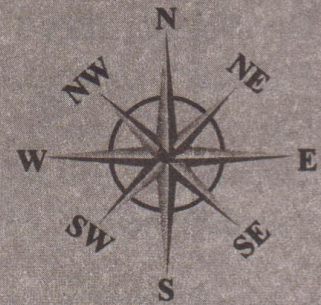
5. The diagram shows a triangular prism with a horizontal rectangular base  $ABCD$ .  $m\overline{AB} = 10$  cm,  $m\overline{BC} = 7$  cm,  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AD$ . The vertex  $T$  is vertically above  $M$  and  $m\overline{MT} = 6$  cm. Calculate the size of the angle between  $\overline{TB}$  and the base.



6. In an isometric game, the camera is placed at a  $45^\circ$  angle from the ground. If the player is 10 units in front and 10 units above, what is the direct line of sight distance?
7. A surveyor spots the top of a tower at an elevation angle of  $28^\circ$ . He is standing 60 metres from the base. Find the height of the tower.
8. A boat crosses a river 80 m wide, at a  $60^\circ$  angle to the current. What distance does the boat actually travel?
9. A listener hears a sound from two speakers. One is 6 m directly ahead and the other is at  $30^\circ$  to the side, 6 m away. Find the distance between the speakers.
10. A 10 m ladder leans against a wall making an angle of  $75^\circ$  with the ground. How high does it reach up the wall?

11. A lighthouse is located on a cliff 80 m above sea level. A ship is spotted at an angle of depression of  $12^\circ$ . How far is the ship from the base of the cliff?

Do you know?



**Cardinal directions** are the four main points on a compass: North, South, East and West.

**Ordinal directions** are the four inter-cardinal points of a compass: NE, SE, SW, NW

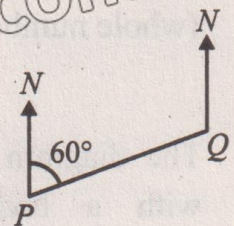
### 7.5 Three Figure Bearing and its Applications

A bearing is a way of describing the direction or angle from one point to another, measured in degrees from the north direction in a clockwise manner. It is always written as a three-digit angle between  $000^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ .

It is used in navigation, aviation, surveying and map reading to describe precise direction.

For example, a plane flying east has a bearing of  $090^\circ$ .

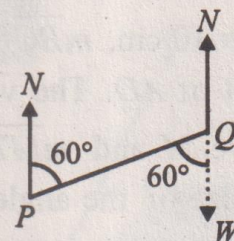
**Example 12** In the diagram, the bearing of  $Q$  from  $P$  is  $060^\circ$ . Find the bearing of  $P$  from  $Q$ .



**Solution** Extend the line  $NQ$ , so that angle  $NQW = 180^\circ$   
As alternate angles are equal, therefore

$$m\angle PQW = 060^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, the bearing of } P \text{ from } Q &= 180^\circ + 060^\circ \\ &= 240^\circ \end{aligned}$$



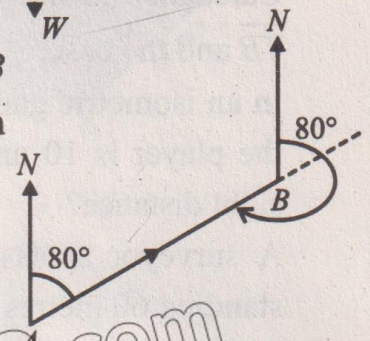
**Example 13** Abdullah sails a ship from point  $A$  to point  $B$  on a bearing of  $080^\circ$ . What bearing should he follow to return from point  $B$  back to point  $A$ ?

**Solution**

The diagram shows the journey from  $A$  to  $B$ .

Extend the line of the journey and we get an angle of  $80^\circ$  at  $B$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bearing of } A \text{ from } B &= 080^\circ + 180^\circ \\ &= 260^\circ \end{aligned}$$



**Example 14** An aeroplane departs from an airport and travels 40 km due east, followed by 50 km due north. The pilot then returns to the airport along the shortest possible route. What is the bearing and the distance of the shortest route?

**Solution**To find  $\theta$ 

$$\tan \theta = \frac{40}{50} = 0.8$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(0.8)$$

$$= 38.66^\circ$$

$$\text{Bearing} = 180^\circ + 38.66^\circ = 218.66^\circ$$

Suppose  $x$  is the shortest route

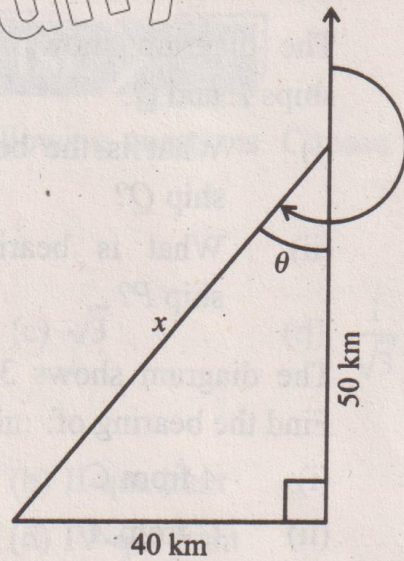
$$x^2 = 40^2 + 50^2$$

$$= 1600 + 2500$$

$$= 4100$$

$$x = \sqrt{4100}$$

$$= 64.03 \text{ km}$$

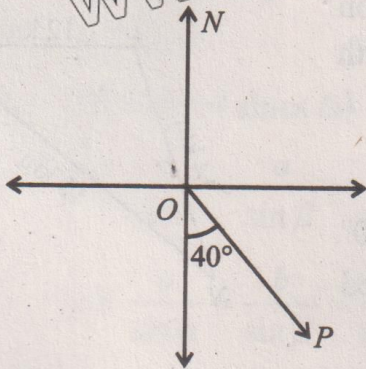


The pilot will fly on a bearing of  $218.66^\circ$  for 64.03 km to return to the airport.

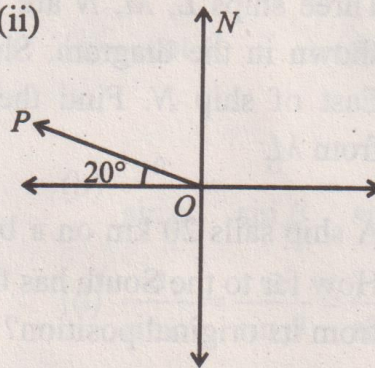
**EXERCISE**

1. Find bearing of point  $P$  in each of the following:

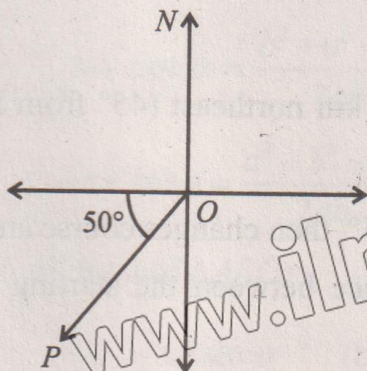
(i)



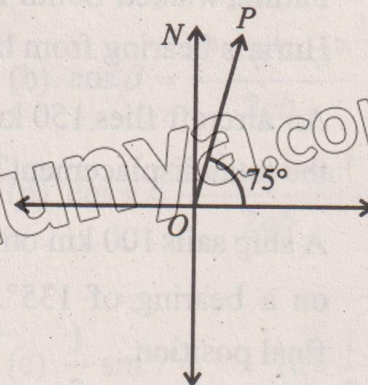
(ii)



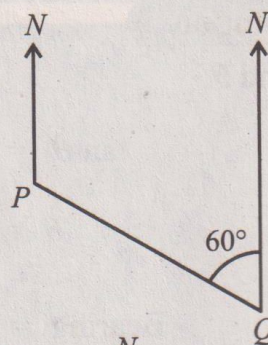
(iii)



(iv)

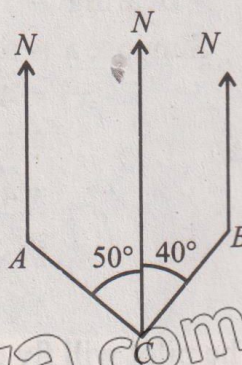


2. The diagram shows the positions of two ships  $P$  and  $Q$ .
- What is the bearing of ship  $P$  from ship  $Q$ ?
  - What is bearing of ship  $Q$  from ship  $P$ ?



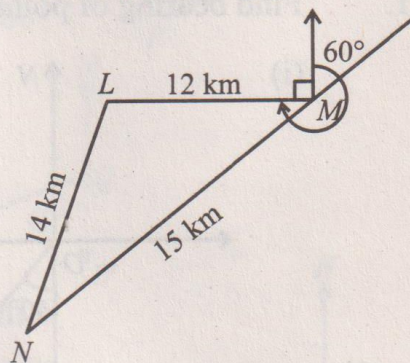
3. The diagram shows 3 places  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . Find the bearing of:

- $A$  from  $C$
- $C$  from  $A$
- $C$  from  $B$
- $B$  from  $C$



4. Abdul Hadi walks 100 m North and then 300 m East.
- How far is he from his starting position?
  - On what bearing should he walk to get back to his starting position?

5. Three ships  $L$ ,  $M$ ,  $N$  are in the position shown in the diagram. Ship  $M$  is North East of ship  $N$ . Find the bearing of  $L$  from  $M$ .



6. A ship sails 20 km on a bearing of  $120^\circ$ . How far to the South has the ship moved from its original position?
7. Fatima walked South for 5.5 km and then turned West for 1.3 km. Calculate Huria's bearing from her starting point.
8. An aircraft flies 150 km east, then 100 km northeast ( $45^\circ$  from East). What is the total displacement?
9. A ship sails 100 km on a bearing of  $045^\circ$ , then changes course and sails 120 km on a bearing of  $135^\circ$ . Find the distance between the starting point and the final position.

## REVIEW EXERCISE

7

1. Four possible answers are given for the following questions. Choose the correct answer.

(i) What is the value of  $\cot 60^\circ$ ?

- (a) 0                      (b) 1                      (c)  $\sqrt{3}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

(ii) All trigonometric ratios are positive in:

- (a) I-quadrant                      (b) II-quadrant  
(c) III-quadrant                      (d) IV-quadrant

(iii)  $\operatorname{cosec} \theta$  is positive in:

- (a) I & III-quadrants                      (b) II & IV-quadrants  
(c) I & II-quadrants                      (d) I & IV-quadrants

(iv)  $\sin(90^\circ + \theta) =$

- (a)  $\sin \theta$                       (b)  $-\sin \theta$                       (c)  $\cos \theta$                       (d)  $-\cos \theta$

(v)  $\tan(180^\circ - \theta) =$

- (a)  $\tan \theta$                       (b)  $\cot \theta$                       (c)  $-\cot \theta$                       (d)  $-\tan \theta$

(vi) The law of sines is:

- (a)  $\frac{b}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{a}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma}$                       (b)  $\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{c}{\sin \beta} = \frac{b}{\sin \gamma}$   
(c)  $\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma}$                       (d)  $\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{a}{\sin \beta} = \frac{a}{\sin \gamma}$

(vii) The law of cosines is:

- (a)  $\cos \alpha = \frac{b^2 + a^2 - c^2}{2ab}$                       (b)  $\cos \beta = \frac{c^2 + b^2 - a^2}{2cb}$   
(c)  $\cos \gamma = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$                       (d)  $\cos \gamma = \frac{ca^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$

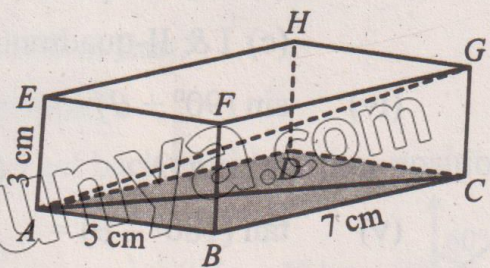
(viii) Area of  $\triangle ABC =$

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2} ab \sin \alpha$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{2} bc \sin \beta$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{2} \sin \gamma$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{2} ac \sin \beta$

- (ix) Bearing is measured from:  
 (a) East (b) West (c) North (d) South
- (x) Bearing is written as a:  
 (a) 1 figure (b) 2 figures (c) 3 figures (d) 4 figures

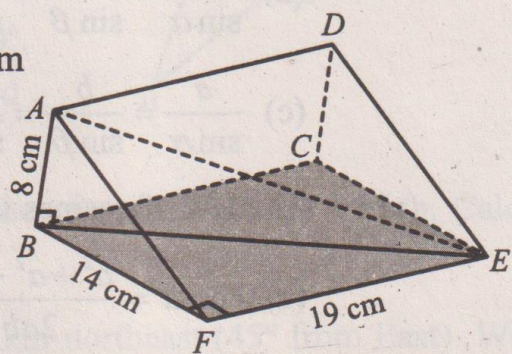
2. Calculate the area of  $\triangle ABC$ , in which  
 (i)  $a = 4 \text{ cm}, b = 6 \text{ cm}, c = 8 \text{ cm}$  (ii)  $b = 2.1 \text{ cm}, c = 5 \text{ cm}, \gamma = 45^\circ$   
 (iii)  $c = 3.1 \text{ cm}, \gamma = 44^\circ, \alpha = 36^\circ$
3. Solve the triangle  $ABC$ , in which  
 (i)  $a = 5.4 \text{ cm}, b = 3.4 \text{ cm}, \alpha = 49^\circ$  (ii)  $\alpha = 32^\circ, \gamma = 48^\circ, c = 81 \text{ cm}$
4. The diagram shows a cuboid  $ABCDEFGH$  in which  
 $m\overline{AB} = 5 \text{ cm}, m\overline{BC} = 7 \text{ cm}$  and  $m\overline{AE} = 3 \text{ cm}$ .

- (i) Calculate the length of  $\overline{AG}$ .  
 Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.
- (ii) Calculate the size of the angle between  $\overline{AG}$  and the plane  $ABCD$ .  
 Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.



5. The diagram shows a triangular prism  $ABCDEF$  in which  $m\overline{AB} = 8 \text{ cm}, m\overline{BF} = 14 \text{ cm}$  and  $m\overline{EF} = 19 \text{ cm}$ .

- (i) Calculate the distance between  $A$  and  $F$ .
- (ii) Calculate the angle between  $\overline{AF}$  and the plane  $BCEF$ .



6. Hashim walks 4 km due North, then turns and walks 3 km due East. What is the bearing from the starting point to his final position?
7. A pilot flies 200 km on a bearing of  $045^\circ$ , then turns and flies 150 km on a bearing of  $135^\circ$ . How far is the plane from its original position?