

**Section 7.6: Apply the Sine and Cosine Ratios**

**Essential Question:**

How can you find the lengths of the legs of a right triangle when you are given the length of the hypotenuse and one acute angle?

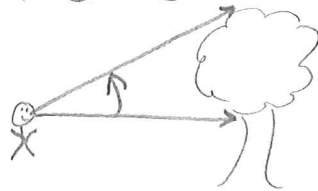
**VOCABULARY:**

**Sine** The ratio of the opposite side of an acute angle to the hypotenuse in a right triangle

**Cosine** The ratio of the adjacent side of an acute angle to the hypotenuse in a right triangle

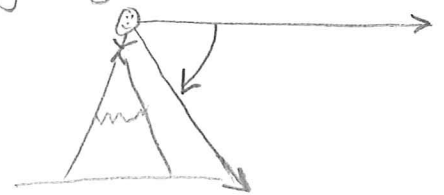
**Angle of Elevation**

When you look up at an object it is the angle your line of sight makes with a horizontal line



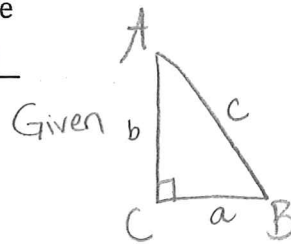
**Angle of Depression**

When you look down at an object it is the angle your line of sight makes with a horizontal line



**Key Concept: Sine Ratio**

In a right triangle, the **sine (sin)** of an acute angle is equal to the ratio of the length of the opposite side to the length of the hypotenuse.

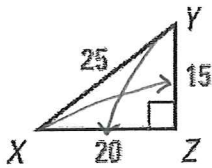


in general

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sin A &= \frac{a}{c} \\ \sin B &= \frac{b}{a} \end{aligned} \right\} \sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

A1. Find **sin X** and **sin Y**.

Write each answer as a simplified fraction and as a decimal rounded to four places



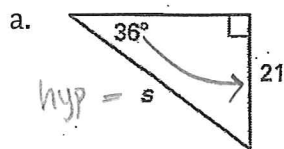
$$\sin X = \frac{15}{25} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\sin X = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$$

$$\sin Y = \frac{20}{25} = \frac{4}{5}$$

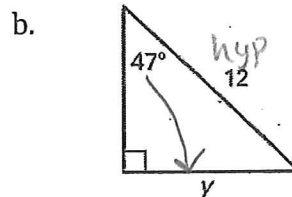
$$\sin Y = \frac{4}{5} = 0.8$$

A2. Find the variable value using the **sine ratio**. Round to the tenth.



$$\frac{\sin 36^\circ}{1} = \frac{21}{s}$$

$$s = \frac{1(21)}{\sin 36^\circ} = 35.7 \text{ un}$$



$$\frac{\sin 47^\circ}{1} = \frac{y}{12}$$

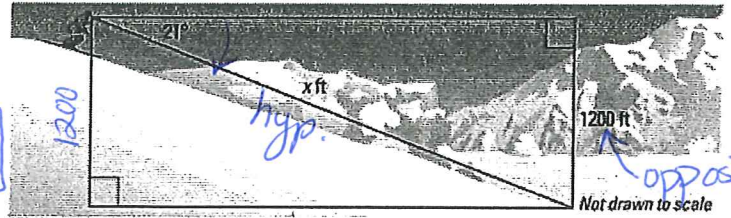
$$y = \frac{12(\sin 47^\circ)}{1}$$

$$y = 8.8 \text{ un}$$

- A3. You are skiing on a mountain with an altitude of 1200 meters. The angle of depression is  $21^\circ$ . About how far do you ski down the mountain?

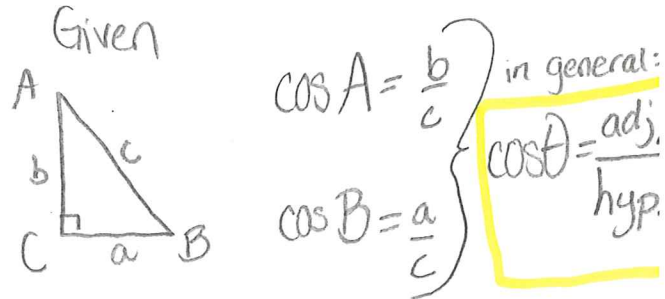
$$\frac{\sin 21^\circ}{1} = \frac{1200}{x}$$

$$x = \frac{1(1200)}{\sin 21^\circ} \approx 3348.51 \text{ ft}$$



**Key Concept: Cosine Ratio**

In a right triangle, the cosine (cos) of an acute angle is equal to the ratio of the length of the adjacent side to the length of the hypotenuse.

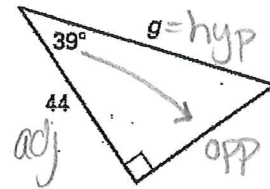


- A4. Find the value of  $g$ .

$$\frac{\cos 39^\circ}{1} = \frac{44}{g}$$

$$g = \frac{1(44)}{\cos 39^\circ}$$

$$g \approx 56.62 \text{ m}$$



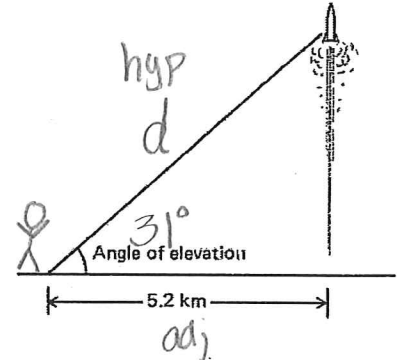
- A5. Find the distance from the observer to the rocket using an angle of elevation of  $31^\circ$  and the observation platform 5.2 km away from the launching pad.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\frac{\cos 31^\circ}{1} = \frac{5.2}{d}$$

$$d = \frac{1(5.2)}{\cos 31^\circ}$$

$$d \approx 6.07 \text{ km}$$



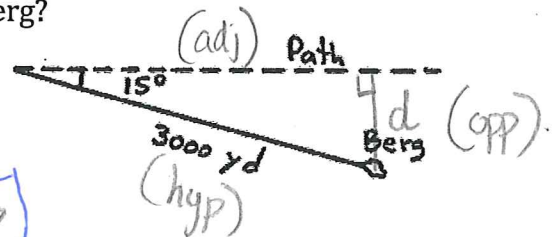
- A6. A navigator sees an iceberg 3000 yds away at an angle of  $15^\circ$  starboard of the ship's intended path. What is the closest the ship will come to the iceberg?

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\frac{\sin 15^\circ}{1} = \frac{d}{3000}$$

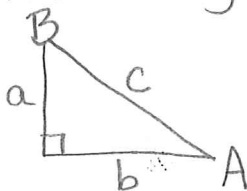
$$d = \frac{3000(\sin 15^\circ)}{1}$$

$$d \approx 776.46 \text{ yds}$$



**Section 7.6 Summary:**

If given the length of the hypotenuse and one acute angle you can find a leg length by using the sine or cosine ratio.



$$\cos A = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\sin A = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\cos B = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\sin B = \frac{b}{c}$$