Right Angle Trigonometry Guided Notes

Right Triangle Trigonometry

Right angle trigonometry is the trigonometry of a right-angled triangle.

A right-angled triangle is a triangle in which one angle is 90 degrees.



Properties of a Right Angled Triangle

- A hypotenuse is the line segment opposite to the right-angle.
- An opposite is the line segment opposite to the angle Θ . ٠
- An adjacent is the line segment next to the angle Θ . ٠



Trigonometric Ratios

There are total 6 trigonometric ratios for a right angled triangle.

1. Sine



2. Cosine

$$cos(\theta) = \frac{adjacent}{hypotenuse}$$







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3. Tangent

 $tan(\theta) = \frac{opposite}{adjacent}$

4. Cosecant



5. Secant

$$sec(\theta) = \frac{hypotenuse}{adjacent} = \frac{1}{cos(\theta)}$$

6. Cotangent

$$cot(\theta) = \frac{adjacent}{opposite} = \frac{1}{cot(\theta)}$$

Problem 1: Write the trigonometric ratios for the angle *C* in the triangle shown.





Opposite

90°

Adjacent

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Problem 2: Find the value of *x*. Round to the nearest tenth.



Pythagorean Theorem

In a right-triangle, the sum of the squares of the lengths of adjacent and opposite is equal to the square of the length of hypotenuse.

Where,

c = Hypotenuse

a = Opposite

b = Adjacent

Problem 3: Find the unknown length *x* in the right triangle shown.

 $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$







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