

Be prepared to work out a Sine Law Question tomorrow!

Sec. 2.4 : The Cosine Law

Given: $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$

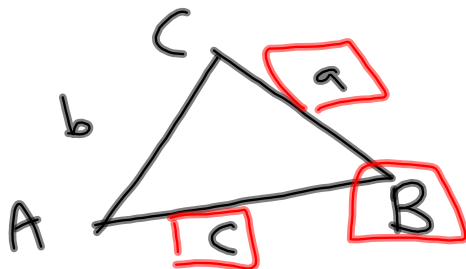
or

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

or

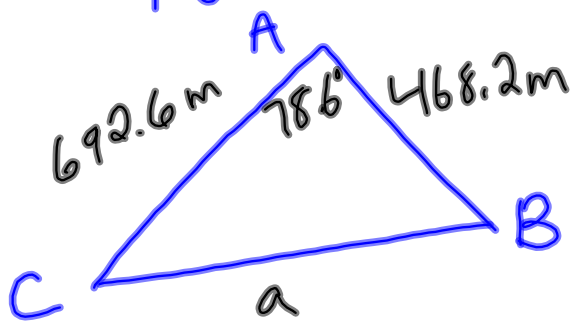
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With cosine law, we have two sides and the angle between.



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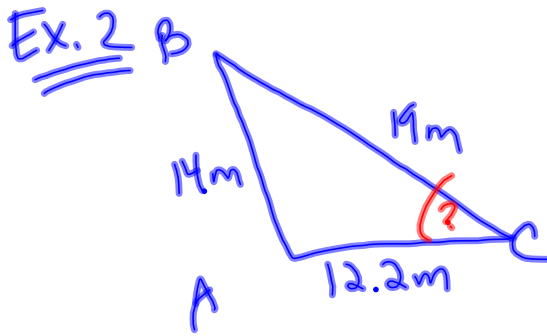
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$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$
$$a^2 = (692.6)^2 + (468.2)^2 - 2(692.6)(468.2) \cos 78.6^\circ$$

$$a^2 = 570715.21$$

$$a = \sqrt{570715.21} \approx 755.5 \text{ m}$$



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

$$(14)^2 = (19)^2 + (12.2)^2 - 2(19)(12.2) \cos C$$

$$196 = 361 + 148.84 - 463.6 \cos C$$

$$196 = 509.84 - 463.6 \cos C$$

→ * Do not subtract 463.6!

$$196 - 509.84 = -463.6 \cos C$$

$$-313.84 = -463.6 \cos C$$

$$\frac{-313.84}{-463.6} = \frac{-463.6 \cos C}{-463.6}$$

$$0.6770 = \cos C$$

$$\cos^{-1}(0.6770) \approx 47^\circ$$

Option 2: Formulas will be given for the rearranged law for angles.

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

Worksheet 2.4

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