

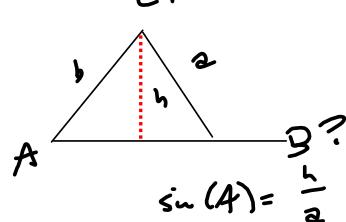
$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} \therefore \sin A = \frac{h}{b} \text{ and } \sin B = \frac{h}{a} .$$

$$\Rightarrow b \sin A = h = a \sin B \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$$

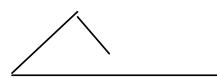
The only thing to worry about is being an ASS.

$C?$



$$\sin(A) = \frac{h}{a}$$

zero solutions



$a$  is too  
short  
to form  
a triangle.

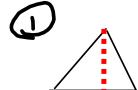
Ambiguous Case

$a < b$  &  $a > h$

Not too  
long

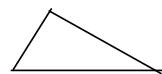
Long  
enough

IF  $a > h$ : ①  $a < b$  ②  $a > b$



2 solutions

②



one solution

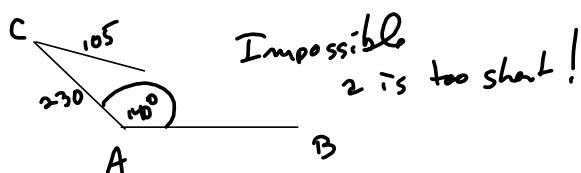
$a = h$  (rare)

You have a right  
triangle!



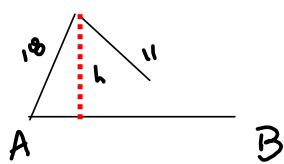
Use the Law of Sines to solve (if possible) the triangle. If two solutions exist, find both. Round your answers to two decimal places. (If a triangle is not possible, enter IMPOSSIBLE in each corresponding answer blank.)

$$A = 140^\circ, a = 105, b = 230$$



Use the Law of Sines to solve (if possible) the triangle. If two solutions exist, find both. Round your answers to two decimal places. (If a triangle is not possible, enter IMPOSSIBLE in each corresponding answer blank.)

$$A = 75^\circ, a = 11, b = 18$$



$$\begin{aligned} 18 \sin(75^\circ) \\ 17.38666487 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{h}{18} = \sin A$$

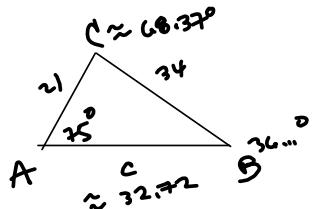
$$h = 18 \sin A = 18 \sin 75^\circ \approx 17.38666487 > 11 = a ?!$$

*a's too short to form a triangle!  
No Solution!*

Use the Law of Sines to solve (if possible) the triangle. If two solutions exist, find both. Round your answers to two decimal places. (If not possible, enter IMPOSSIBLE.)

$$A = 75^\circ, a = 34, b = 21$$

**a is long enough, but too long for there to be 2 solutions.**



Exactly one solution.

B is acute

$18\sin(75)$
17.38666487
$21\sin(75)/34$
.5966012456
$\sin^{-1}(\text{Ans})$
36.62686564
■

$$\frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin A}{a} =$$

$$\sin B = \frac{b \sin A}{a} = \frac{21 \sin 75^\circ}{34} \approx .5966012456$$

$$\rightarrow B = \sin^{-1}(.596...) \approx 36.62686564^\circ$$

B ≈ 36.63°

We get C by subtraction:  $180^\circ - 75^\circ - 36.6...^\circ \approx 68.37 \approx C$

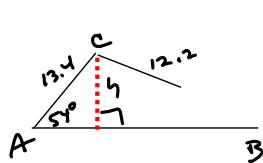
$\text{Ans} + 75 - 180$
-68.37313436
-Ans
68.37313436
$34\sin(\text{Ans})/\sin(75)$
32.72148585
■

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

$$c = \frac{a \sin C}{\sin A} \approx \frac{34 \sin(68...^\circ)}{\sin(75^\circ)} \approx 32.72 \approx c$$

Use the Law of Sines to solve (if possible) the triangle. If two solutions exist, find both. Round your answers to two decimal places. (If a triangle is not possible, enter IMPOSSIBLE in each corresponding answer blank.)

$$A = 54^\circ, a = 12.2, b = 13.4$$



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

$$\frac{13.4}{\sin(54)} = \frac{12.2}{\sin B}$$

$$b = 13.4 \sin 54^\circ \approx 10.8$$

$a > b$   $\checkmark$  has sol'n

$a < b$  2 sol'n's

$$C \approx 63.3^\circ$$

$$B \approx 62.7^\circ$$

$$B \text{ acute } 62.7^\circ$$

$$B \text{ obtuse } 180 - 62.7^\circ$$

$$B \text{ obtuse } 117.3^\circ$$

$$\frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin A}{a}$$

$$\sin B = \frac{b \sin A}{a} = \frac{13.4 \sin(54^\circ)}{12.2} \approx .888$$

$$B \approx \arcsin(.888) \approx 62.69670255^\circ \approx B$$

$$C = 180^\circ - A - B \approx 63.30309745^\circ$$

$$\approx C \approx 63.30^\circ$$

$$13.4 \sin(54) / 12.2$$

$$.8885924364$$

$$\sin^{-1}(\text{Ans})$$

$$62.69690255$$

$$\text{Ans} + 54 - 180$$

$$-63.30309745$$

$$\text{Ans} + 54 - 180$$

$$\text{Ans} + 54 - 180$$

$$-63.30309745$$

$$-\text{Ans}$$

$$63.30309745$$

$$12.2 \sin(\text{Ans}) / \sin(54)$$

$$13.47243302$$

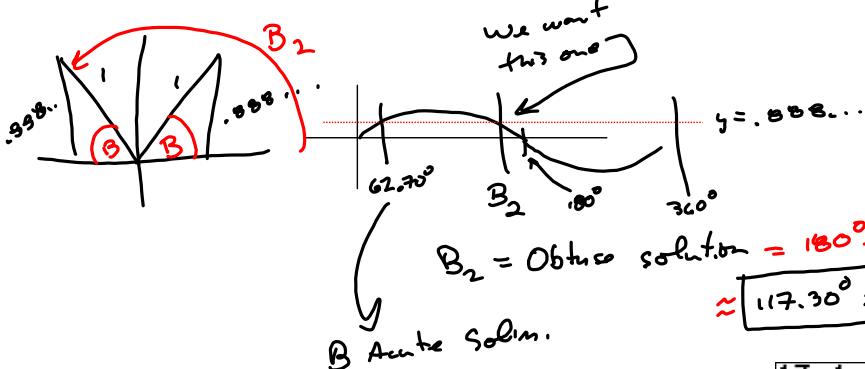
$$\frac{c}{\sin C} = \frac{a}{\sin A}$$

$$c = \frac{a \sin C}{\sin A} \approx 13.47243302$$

$$c \approx 13.47$$

Now find other triangle,  
where  $B$  is obtuse.

$$\sin B \approx .8885924364$$



$B$  Acute Sol'n.

Still have  $C = 180^\circ - A - B$

$c = \frac{a \sin C}{\sin A}$  to do.

$$13.4 \sin(54) / 12.2$$

$$.8885924364$$

$$180 - 62.69690255$$

$$117.3030975$$

**Area of an Oblique Triangle**

The area of any triangle is one-half the product of the lengths of two sides times the sine of their included angle. That is,

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin B.$$

