

Applications of Trigonometric Functions

9.4 The Area of a Triangle

1. $a = 2, c = 4, \beta = 45^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}(2)(4)\sin(45^\circ) = 2.83$$

2. $b = 3, c = 4, \alpha = 30^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2}(3)(4)\sin(30^\circ) = 3$$

3. $a = 2, b = 3, \gamma = 95^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin \gamma = \frac{1}{2}(2)(3)\sin(95^\circ) = 2.99$$

4. $a = 2, c = 5, \beta = 20^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}(2)(5)\sin(20^\circ) = 1.71$$

5. $a = 6, b = 5, c = 8$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(6 + 5 + 8) = \frac{19}{2}$$

$$A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{\frac{19}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{9}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3591}{16}} = 14.98$$

6. $a = 8, b = 5, c = 4$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(8 + 5 + 4) = \frac{17}{2}$$

$$A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{\frac{17}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{9}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1071}{16}} = 8.18$$

7. $a = 9, b = 6, c = 4$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(9 + 6 + 4) = \frac{19}{2}$$

$$A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{\frac{19}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{11}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1463}{16}} = 9.56$$

8. $a = 4, b = 3, c = 4$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(4 + 3 + 4) = \frac{11}{2}$$

$$A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{\frac{11}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{495}{16}} \quad 5.56$$

9. $a = 3, b = 4, \gamma = 40^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin \gamma = \frac{1}{2}(3)(4)\sin(40^\circ) \quad 3.86$$

10. $a = 2, c = 1, \beta = 10^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}(2)(1)\sin(10^\circ) \quad 0.17$$

11. $b = 1, c = 3, \alpha = 80^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2}(1)(3)\sin(80^\circ) \quad 1.48$$

12. $a = 6, b = 4, \gamma = 60^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin \gamma = \frac{1}{2}(6)(4)\sin(60^\circ) \quad 10.39$$

13. $a = 3, c = 2, \beta = 110^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}(3)(2)\sin(110^\circ) \quad 2.82$$

14. $b = 4, c = 1, \alpha = 120^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2}(4)(1)\sin(120^\circ) \quad 1.73$$

15. $a = 2, b = 2, \gamma = 50^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin \gamma = \frac{1}{2}(2)(2)\sin(50^\circ) \quad 1.53$$

16. $a = 3, c = 2, \beta = 90^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}(3)(2)\sin(90^\circ) = 3$$

17. $a = 12, b = 13, c = 5$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(12 + 13 + 5) = 15$$

$$A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{15(3)(2)(10)} = \sqrt{900} \quad 30$$

18. $a = 4, b = 5, c = 3$
 $s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(4 + 5 + 3) = 6$
 $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{6(2)(1)(3)} = \sqrt{36} = 6$
19. $a = 2, b = 2, c = 2$
 $s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(2 + 2 + 2) = 3$
 $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{3(1)(1)(1)} = \sqrt{3} \quad 1.73$
20. $a = 3, b = 3, c = 2$
 $s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(3 + 3 + 2) = 4$
 $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{4(1)(1)(2)} = \sqrt{8} \quad 2.83$
21. $a = 5, b = 8, c = 9$
 $s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(5 + 8 + 9) = 11$
 $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{11(6)(3)(2)} = \sqrt{396} \quad 19.90$
22. $a = 4, b = 3, c = 6$
 $s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(4 + 3 + 6) = \frac{13}{2}$
 $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{455}{16}} \quad 5.33$
23. $a = 10, b = 8, c = 5$
 $s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(10 + 8 + 5) = \frac{23}{2}$
 $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{\frac{23}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{13}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{6279}{16}} \quad 19.81$
24. $a = 9, b = 7, c = 10$
 $s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(9 + 7 + 10) = 13$
 $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{13(4)(6)(3)} = \sqrt{936} \quad 30.59$
25. Area of a sector $= \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$ where θ is in radians.
 $\theta = 70^\circ \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{7\pi}{18}$
 Area of the sector $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 8^2 \cdot \frac{7\pi}{18} = \frac{112\pi}{9} \quad 39.10$ square feet
 Area of the triangle $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 8 \cdot 8 \sin(70^\circ) = 32 \sin(70^\circ) \quad 30.07$ square feet
 Area of the segment $= 39.10 - 30.07 = 9.03$ square feet

26. Area of a sector = $\frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$ where θ is in radians.

$$\theta = 40^\circ \frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$\text{Area of the sector} = \frac{1}{2} 5^2 \frac{2}{9} = \frac{25}{9} \quad 8.73 \text{ square inches}$$

$$\text{Area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2} 5 \cdot 5 \sin(40^\circ) = \frac{25}{2} \sin(40^\circ) \quad 8.03 \text{ square inches}$$

$$\text{Area of the segment} = 8.73 - 8.03 = 0.70 \text{ square inches}$$

27. Find the area of the lot using Heron's Formula:

$$a = 100, \quad b = 50, \quad c = 75$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2}(100 + 50 + 75) = \frac{225}{2}$$

$$A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{\frac{225}{2} \frac{25}{2} \frac{125}{2} \frac{75}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{52,734,375}{16}} \approx 1815.46$$

The cost is \$3 times the area:

$$\text{Cost} = \$3(1815.46) = \$5446.38$$

28. Diameter of canvas is 24 feet; radius of canvas is 12 feet; angle is 260° .

$$\text{Area of a sector} = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta \text{ where } \theta \text{ is in radians.}$$

$$\theta = 260^\circ \frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{13}{9}$$

$$\text{Area of the sector} = \frac{1}{2} 12^2 \frac{13}{9} = \frac{936}{9} = 104 \quad 326.73 \text{ square feet}$$

29. The area of the shaded region = the area of the semicircle – the area of the triangle.

$$\text{Area of the semicircle} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 = \frac{1}{2} (4)^2 = 8 \text{ square centimeters}$$

The triangle is a right triangle. Find the other leg:

$$6^2 + b^2 = 8^2 \quad b^2 = 64 - 36 = 28 \quad b = \sqrt{28} = 2\sqrt{7}$$

$$\text{Area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2} 6 \cdot 2\sqrt{7} = 6\sqrt{7} \text{ square centimeters}$$

$$\text{Area of the shaded region} = 8 - 6\sqrt{7} \quad 9.26 \text{ square centimeters}$$

30. The area of the shaded region = the area of the semicircle – the area of the triangle.

$$\text{Area of the semicircle} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 = \frac{1}{2} (5)^2 = \frac{25}{2} \text{ square inches}$$

The triangle is a right triangle. Find the other leg:

$$8^2 + b^2 = 10^2 \quad b^2 = 100 - 64 = 36 \quad b = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

$$\text{Area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2} 8 \cdot 6 = 24 \text{ square inches}$$

$$\text{Area of the shaded region} = 12.5 - 24 = 15.27 \text{ square inches}$$

31. Use the Law of Sines in the area of the triangle formula:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin \gamma = \frac{1}{2} a \sin \gamma \frac{a \sin \beta}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{a^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \alpha}$$

$$32. \quad A = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2}b \sin \alpha \frac{b \sin \gamma}{\sin \beta} = \frac{b^2 \sin \alpha \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \beta}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}c \sin \beta \frac{c \sin \alpha}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{c^2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{2 \sin \gamma}$$

$$33. \quad \alpha = 40^\circ, \beta = 20^\circ, a = 2 \quad \gamma = 180^\circ - \alpha - \beta = 180^\circ - 40^\circ - 20^\circ = 120^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{a^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \alpha} = \frac{2^2 \sin(20^\circ) \sin(120^\circ)}{2 \sin(40^\circ)} = \frac{4(0.3420)(0.8660)}{2(0.6428)} \quad 0.92$$

$$34. \quad \alpha = 50^\circ, \gamma = 20^\circ, a = 3 \quad \beta = 180^\circ - \alpha - \gamma = 180^\circ - 50^\circ - 20^\circ = 110^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{a^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \alpha} = \frac{3^2 \sin(110^\circ) \sin(20^\circ)}{2 \sin(50^\circ)} = \frac{9(0.9397)(0.3420)}{2(0.7660)} \quad 1.89$$

$$35. \quad \beta = 70^\circ, \gamma = 10^\circ, b = 5 \quad \alpha = 180^\circ - \beta - \gamma = 180^\circ - 70^\circ - 10^\circ = 100^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{b^2 \sin \alpha \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \beta} = \frac{5^2 \sin(100^\circ) \sin(10^\circ)}{2 \sin(70^\circ)} = \frac{25(0.9848)(0.1736)}{2(0.9397)} \quad 2.27$$

$$36. \quad \alpha = 70^\circ, \beta = 60^\circ, c = 4 \quad \gamma = 180^\circ - \alpha - \beta = 180^\circ - 70^\circ - 60^\circ = 50^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{c^2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{2 \sin \gamma} = \frac{4^2 \sin(70^\circ) \sin(60^\circ)}{2 \sin(50^\circ)} = \frac{16(0.9397)(0.8660)}{2(0.7660)} \quad 8.50$$

$$37. \quad \alpha = 110^\circ, \gamma = 30^\circ, c = 3 \quad \beta = 180^\circ - \alpha - \gamma = 180^\circ - 110^\circ - 30^\circ = 40^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{c^2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{2 \sin \gamma} = \frac{3^2 \sin(110^\circ) \sin(40^\circ)}{2 \sin(30^\circ)} = \frac{9(0.9397)(0.6428)}{2(0.5000)} \quad 5.44$$

$$38. \quad \beta = 10^\circ, \gamma = 100^\circ, b = 2 \quad \alpha = 180^\circ - \beta - \gamma = 180^\circ - 10^\circ - 100^\circ = 70^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{b^2 \sin \alpha \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \beta} = \frac{2^2 \sin(70^\circ) \sin(100^\circ)}{2 \sin(10^\circ)} = \frac{4(0.9397)(0.9848)}{2(0.1736)} \quad 10.66$$

39. The area is the sum of the area of a triangle and a sector.

$$\text{Area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2}r \cdot r \sin(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}r^2 \sin(\theta)$$

$$\text{Area of the sector} = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}r^2 \sin(\theta) + \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta = \frac{1}{2}r^2(\sin(\theta) + \theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}r^2(\sin \theta + \theta) = \frac{1}{2}r^2(\theta + \sin \theta)$$

40. Find the lengths of the diagonals of the polygon. Use the Law of Cosines:

$$x^2 = 35^2 + 80^2 - 2 \cdot 35 \cdot 80 \cos(15^\circ) \quad 2215.82 \quad x = 47.1 \text{ feet}$$

$$\text{The interior angle of the third triangle is: } 180^\circ - 100^\circ = 80^\circ.$$

$$y^2 = 45^2 + 20^2 - 2 \cdot 45 \cdot 20 \cos(80^\circ) \quad 2112.43 \quad y = 46.0 \text{ feet}$$

Find the area of the three triangles.

$$s_1 = \frac{1}{2}(35 + 80 + 47.1) = 81.05$$

$$A_1 = \sqrt{81.05(81.05 - 35)(81.05 - 80)(81.05 - 47.1)} \quad 364.8 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$s_2 = \frac{1}{2}(40 + 46 + 47.1) = 66.55$$

$$A_2 = \sqrt{66.55(66.55 - 40)(66.55 - 46)(66.55 - 47.1)} \quad 840.4 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$s_3 = \frac{1}{2}(45 + 20 + 46) = 55.5$$

$$A_3 = \sqrt{55.5(55.5 - 45)(55.5 - 20)(55.5 - 46)} \quad 443.3 \text{ ft}^2$$

The approximate area of the lake is $364.8 + 840.4 + 443.3 = 1648.5 \text{ ft}^2$

41. The grazing area must be considered in sections. A_1 represents $\frac{3}{4}$ of a circle:

$$A_1 = \frac{3}{4} (100)^2 = 7500 \quad 23,562 \text{ square feet}$$

Angles are needed to find A_2 and A_3 : (see the figure)

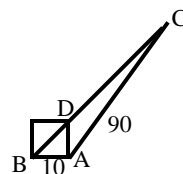
In ABC , $CBA = 45^\circ$, $AB = 10$, $AC = 90$

Find BCA :

$$\frac{\sin CBA}{90} = \frac{\sin BCA}{10} \quad \frac{\sin(45^\circ)}{90} = \frac{\sin BCA}{10}$$

$$\sin BCA = \frac{10 \sin(45^\circ)}{90} \quad 0.0786$$

$$BCA = 4.5^\circ$$



$$m \ BAC = 180^\circ - 45^\circ - 4.5^\circ = 130.5^\circ$$

$$m \ DAC = 130.5^\circ - 90^\circ = 40.5^\circ$$

$$\text{Area of } A_3 = \frac{1}{2} (10)(90) \sin(40.5^\circ) \quad 292 \text{ square feet}$$

$$\text{Area of sector } A_2 = \frac{1}{2} (90)^2 \cdot 49.5^\circ \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \quad 3499 \text{ square feet}$$

Since the cow can go in either direction around the barn, A_2 and A_3 must be doubled. Total grazing area is: $23,562 + 2(3499) + 2(292) = 31,144$ square feet

42. The grazing area must be considered in sections. A_1 represents $\frac{3}{4}$ of a circle

$$A_1 = \frac{3}{4} (100)^2 = 7500 \quad 23,562 \text{ square feet}$$

Angles are needed to find A_2 and A_3 : (see the figure)

$$\text{In } \triangle ABC, \tan CBA = \frac{10}{20} \quad CBA = 26.6^\circ,$$

$$AB = 20, AC = 80$$

Find $\angle BCA$:

$$\frac{\sin CBA}{80} = \frac{\sin BCA}{20} \quad \frac{\sin(26.6^\circ)}{80} = \frac{\sin BCA}{20}$$

$$\sin BCA = \frac{20 \sin(26.6^\circ)}{80} \quad 0.1119$$

$$\angle BCA = 6.4^\circ$$

$$m \angle BAC = 180^\circ - 26.6^\circ - 6.4^\circ = 147^\circ$$

$$m \angle DAC = 147^\circ - 90^\circ = 57^\circ$$

$$\text{Area of } A_3 = \frac{1}{2}(10)(80)\sin(57^\circ) \quad 335.5 \text{ square feet}$$

$$\text{Area of sector } A_2 = \frac{1}{2}(80)^2 \cdot 33^\circ \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \quad 1843.1 \text{ square feet}$$

There are similar areas on the opposite side of the barn. Calculate their areas.

Angles are needed to find A_4 and A_5 : (see the figure)

$$\text{In } \triangle EBC, \angle CBE = 90^\circ - 26.6^\circ = 63.4^\circ, EB = 10, EC = 90$$

Find $\angle BCE$:

$$\frac{\sin CBE}{90} = \frac{\sin BCE}{10} \quad \frac{\sin(63.4^\circ)}{90} = \frac{\sin BCE}{10}$$

$$\sin BCE = \frac{10 \sin(63.4^\circ)}{90} \quad 0.0994$$

$$\angle BCE = 5.7^\circ$$

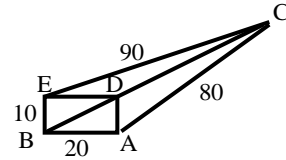
$$m \angle BEC = 180^\circ - 63.4^\circ - 5.7^\circ = 110.9^\circ$$

$$m \angle DEC = 110.9^\circ - 90^\circ = 20.9^\circ$$

$$\text{Area of } A_5 = \frac{1}{2}(20)(90)\sin 20.9^\circ \quad 321.1 \text{ square feet}$$

$$\text{Area of sector } A_4 = \frac{1}{2}(90)^2 \cdot 69.1^\circ \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \quad 4884.4 \text{ square feet}$$

$$\text{Total grazing area is: } 23,562 + 1843.1 + 335.5 + 4884.4 + 321.1 = 30,946.1 \text{ ft}^2$$



$$43. \quad h_1 = \frac{2K}{a}, \quad h_2 = \frac{2K}{b}, \quad h_3 = \frac{2K}{c} \quad \text{where } K \text{ is the area of the triangle.}$$

$$\frac{1}{h_1} + \frac{1}{h_2} + \frac{1}{h_3} = \frac{a}{2K} + \frac{b}{2K} + \frac{c}{2K} = \frac{a+b+c}{2K} = \frac{2s}{2K} = \frac{s}{K}$$

$$44. \quad \text{From Problem 31, we have } A = \frac{a^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \alpha}.$$

From Problem 43, we have $h = \frac{2K}{a}$ where K is the area of the triangle

$$\frac{a^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{2 \sin \alpha} = K \quad \frac{a \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{2K}{a} = h$$

45. $h = \frac{a \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\sin \alpha}$ where h is the altitude to side a .

In $\triangle OAB$, c is opposite angle AOB . The two adjacent angles are $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ and $\frac{\beta}{2}$.

$$\text{Then } r = \frac{c \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}{\sin(\angle AOB)}$$

$$\angle AOB = \pi - \frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{\beta}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\angle AOB) &= \sin \left(\pi - \frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right) = \sin \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{\beta}{2} \right) = \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} = \cos \frac{\gamma}{2} \\ &= \cos \frac{-(\alpha + \beta)}{2} = \cos \frac{\gamma}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } r = \frac{c \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\gamma}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 46. \quad \cot \frac{\gamma}{2} &= \frac{\cos \frac{\gamma}{2}}{\sin \frac{\gamma}{2}} = \frac{c \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}{r \sin \frac{\gamma}{2}} = \frac{c \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc}} \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-c)}{ac}}}{r \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{ab}}} \\ &= \frac{c \sqrt{s-b} \sqrt{s-c} \sqrt{s-a} \sqrt{s-c} \sqrt{a} \sqrt{b}}{r \sqrt{s-a} \sqrt{s-b} \sqrt{b} \sqrt{c} \sqrt{a} \sqrt{c}} = \frac{c(s-c)}{r c} = \frac{s-c}{r} \end{aligned}$$

47. Use the result of Problem 46:

$$\begin{aligned} \cot \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cot \frac{\beta}{2} + \cot \frac{\gamma}{2} &= \frac{s-a}{r} + \frac{s-b}{r} + \frac{s-c}{r} = \frac{s-a+s-b+s-c}{r} \\ &= \frac{3s-(a+b+c)}{r} = \frac{3s-2s}{r} = \frac{s}{r} \end{aligned}$$

48. The area of a triangle is $\frac{1}{2}bh$. Find the area of $\triangle ABC$ by adding the areas of three triangles.

$$K = \text{Area } \triangle AOB + \text{Area } \triangle AOC + \text{Area } \triangle BOC$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}rc + \frac{1}{2}rb + \frac{1}{2}ra = \frac{1}{2}r(a+b+c) = rs$$

$$rs = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}{s} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{s}}$$