FOUNDATIONS & PRE-CALCULUS 10

Seminar Notes Learning Guides 3 & 4



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Topic 1

What is Trigonometry?

The relationship between the side lengths and angle measurements of a triangle

Trigonometry TERMS

- applying the Pythagorean Theorem
- solving problems using properties of similar polygons
- solving problems involving ratios

NEW VOCABULARY

angle of inclination tangent ratio indirect measurement sine ratio cosine ratio angle of elevation angle of depression





The **angle of elevation** of an object above the horizontal is the angle between the horizontal and the line of sight from an observer.



You'll need to know how to correctly label the sides...OPPOSITE, ADJACENT, HYPOTENUSE







Try:

Example 1 Determining the Sine and Cosine of an Angle

- a) In △DEF, identify the side opposite ∠D and the side adjacent to ∠D.
- b) Determine sin D and cos D to the nearest hundredth.



Example 2 Using Sine or Cosine to Determine the Measure of an Angle

Determine the measures of $\angle G$ and $\angle H$ to the nearest tenth of a degree.



Example 3

Using Sine or Cosine to Solve a Problem

A water bomber is flying at an altitude of 5000 ft. The plane's radar shows that it is 8000 ft. from the target site. What is the **angle of elevation** of the plane measured from the target site, to the nearest degree?

CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

3. An observer is sitting on a dock watching a float plane in Vancouver harbour. At a certain time, the plane is 300 m above the water and 430 m from the observer. Determine the angle of elevation of the plane measured from the observer, to the nearest degree.

[Answer: approximately 44°]

Using the Tangent Ratio to Solve a Problem Example 4

A 10-ft. ladder leans against the side of a building with its base 4 ft. from the wall.

What angle, to the nearest degree, does the ladder make with the ground?









Try:

Example 2

Solving a Problem with Triangles in the Same Plane

From the top of a 20-m high building, a surveyor measured the angle of elevation of the top of another building and the **angle of depression** of the base of that building.



The surveyor sketched this plan of her measurements. Determine the height of the taller building to the nearest tenth of a metre.

CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

 A surveyor stands at a window on the 9th floor of an office tower. He uses a clinometer to measure the angles of elevation and depression of the top and the base of a taller building. The surveyor sketches this plan of his measurements. Determine the height of the taller building to the nearest tenth of a metre.

