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## QUIZ

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### The Law of Cosines (SAS)

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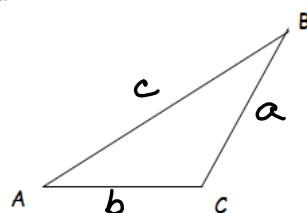
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The Law of Cosines is commonly used to solve oblique triangles and forms the basis for important trigonometric applications. When two sides of a triangle and the included angle are known, the law of cosines can be used to find the third side.

$$\text{Law of Cosines: } a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

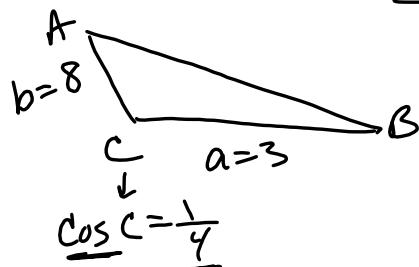
$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

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



For each problem, draw a diagram and solve:

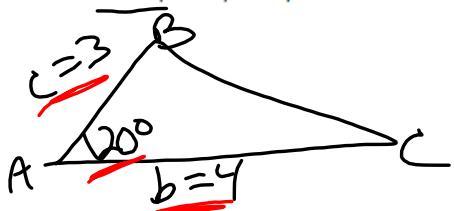
1. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 8$ , and  $\cos C = \frac{1}{4}$ . Find  $c$  to the nearest integer.



$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \\ c^2 &= 3^2 + 8^2 - 2(3)(8)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \\ c^2 &= 61 \\ c &= \sqrt{61} = 7.8 \approx 8 \end{aligned}$$

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2. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $c = 3$ ,  $\angle A = 120^\circ$ . Find  $a$  to the nearest integer.



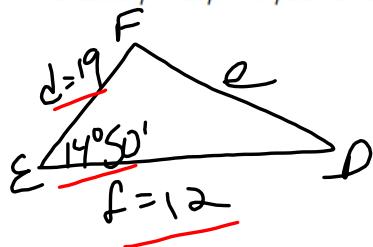
$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$a^2 = 4^2 + 3^2 - 2(4)(3) \cos(120^\circ)$$

$$\sqrt{a^2} = \sqrt{37}$$

$$a \approx 6.08 \approx 6$$

3. In  $\triangle DEF$ ,  $f = 12$ ,  $d = 19$ ,  $\angle E = 14^\circ 50'$ . Find  $e$  to the nearest integer.



$$e^2 = d^2 + f^2 - 2df \cos E$$

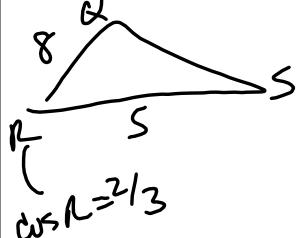
$$e^2 = 19^2 + 12^2 - 2(19)(12) \cos 14^\circ 50'$$

$$\sqrt{e^2} = \sqrt{64.19} \dots$$

$$e \approx 8.012 \approx 8$$

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4. In  $\triangle QRS$ ,  $q = 5$ ,  $s = 8$ , and  $\cos R = \frac{2}{3}$ . Find  $r$  to the nearest integer.

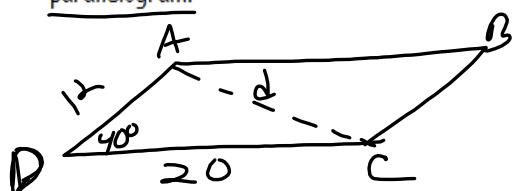


$$r^2 = s^2 + q^2 - 2(s)(q) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$r^2 = 35.6$$

$$r = 5.96 \approx 6$$

5. In a parallelogram, two sides that are 20 cm and 12 cm long include an angle of 40°. Find the length (to the nearest centimeter) of the shorter diagonal of the parallelogram.



$$d^2 = 12^2 + 20^2 - 2(12)(20) \cos 40^\circ$$

$$\sqrt{d^2} = \sqrt{176.2986}$$

$$d \approx 13.27 \approx 13 \text{ cm}$$

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The Law of Cosines (SSS)  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$

To find an angle of a triangle that does not contain a right angle where  $C$  is the angle opposite the side that you're looking for.

Draw a diagram and solve.  $\text{SSS}$

1. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $a = 10$ ,  $b = 13$ , and  $c = 12$ . Find  $m\angle C$  to the nearest minute.

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

$12^2 = 10^2 + 13^2 - 2(10)(13) \cos C$

$144 = 100 + 169 - 260 \cos C$

$144 = 269 - 260 \cos C$

$260 \cos C = 269 - 144$

$\cos C = \frac{125}{260}$

$\cos C = \frac{25}{52}$  (use  $\cos^{-1}$ )

$m\angle C = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{25}{52}\right) = 61.26^\circ$

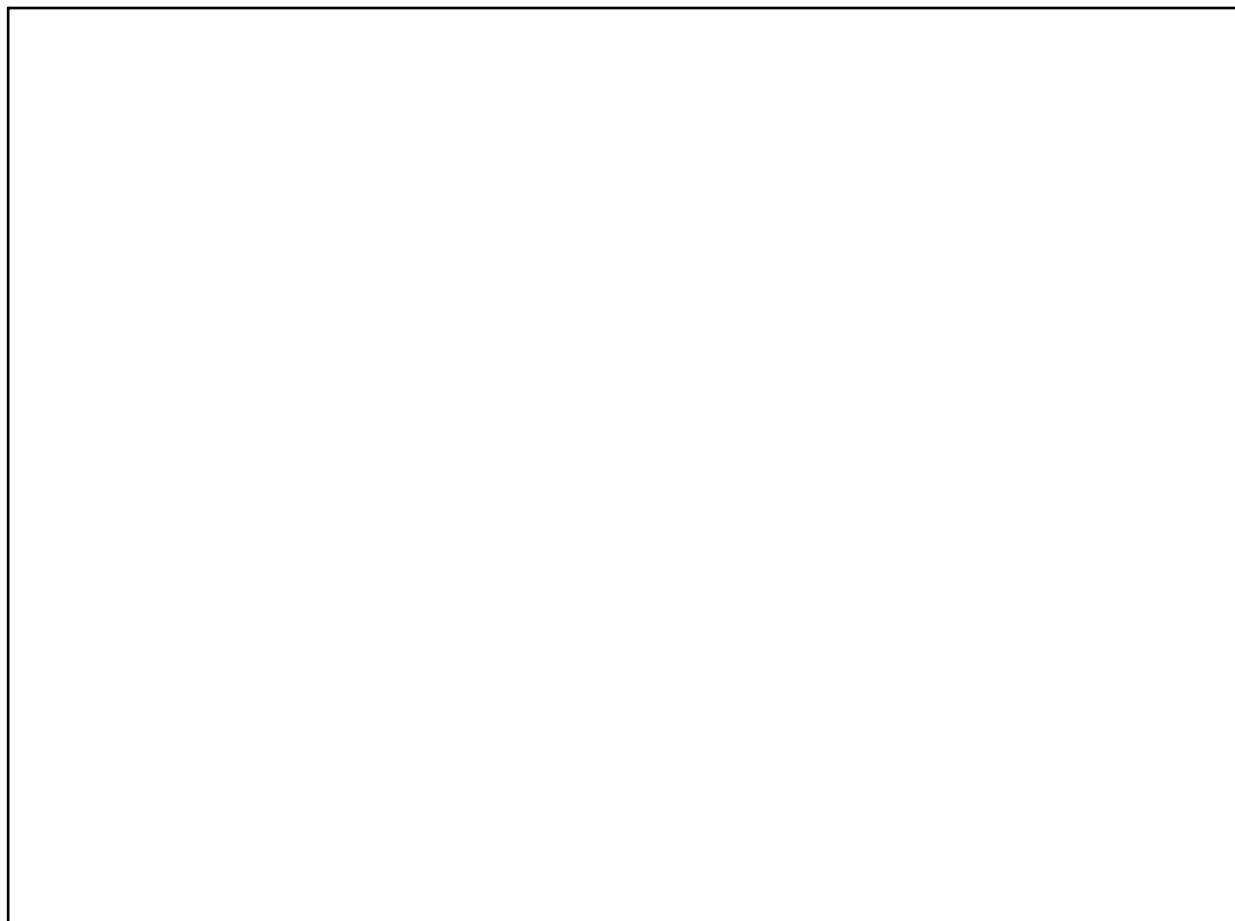
$61^\circ 15' 51.647''$

Degrees  $\leftarrow$  minutes  $\downarrow$  seconds

$51''$  (seconds is more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  a min)

$m\angle C \approx 61^\circ 16'$

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