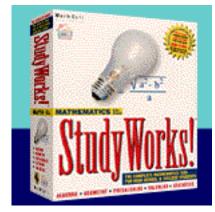
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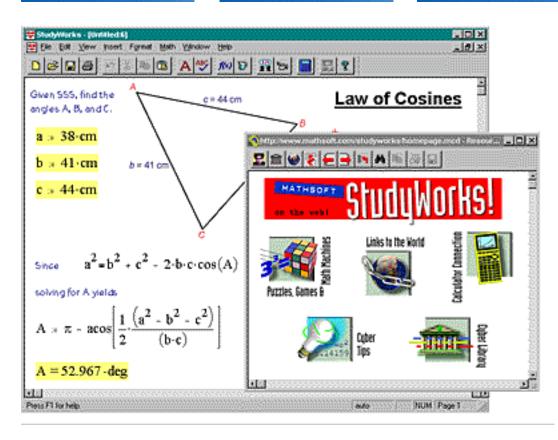
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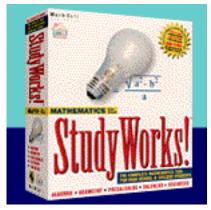
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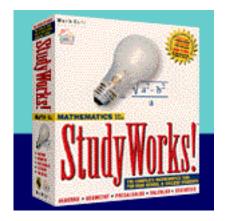
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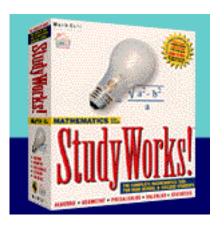
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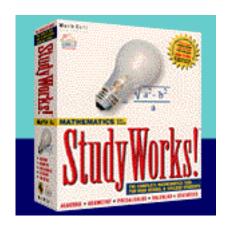


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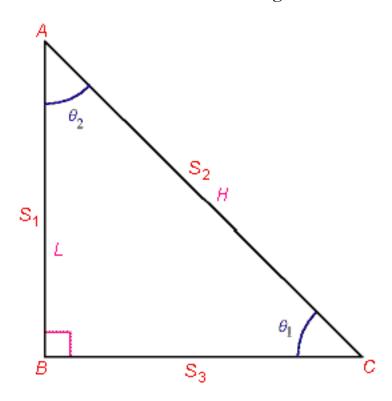
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# Trigonometry: Law of Sines and Law of Cosines



If you've already taken a geometry course you know that in order to construct a triangle there is a minimum amount of information that you need to know about the triangle. You must know one of the following:



SSS three sides

ASA two angles and the included side SAS two sides and the included angle AAS two angles and a non-included side

HL the hypotenuse and one leg of a right triangle

If you are given two sides and a non-included angle (SSA), this information is *not sufficient* to define a unique triangle.

The Law of Cosines is a formula that you can use to determine the remaining legs or angles of a triangle if you are given SSS, SAS, or HL. Similarly, the Law of Sines can be used if you are given ASA, AAS or HL. See **Tips and Techniques** for more on working with trigonometric laws in StudyWorks.

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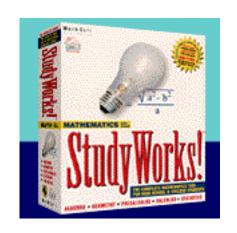
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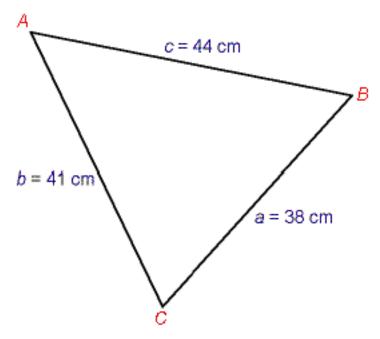
Law of Cosines: 
$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2 \cdot b \cdot c \cdot \cos(A)$$

Law of Sines: 
$$\frac{\sin(A)}{a} = \frac{\sin(B)}{b} = \frac{\sin(C)}{c}$$



### Example 1

Given SSS, find the angles A, B, and C.



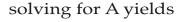
Since

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2 \cdot b \cdot c \cdot \cos(A)$$

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$$A := \pi - a\cos\left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\left\langle a^2 - b^2 - c^2\right\rangle}{\left\langle b \cdot c\right\rangle}\right]$$



$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2 \cdot a \cdot c \cdot \cos(B)$$

solving for B yields

$$B := \pi - a\cos\left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\left\langle b^2 - a^2 - c^2\right\rangle}{\left\langle a \cdot c\right\rangle}\right]$$

$$B = 59.464 \cdot \deg$$

Therefore

$$C = 67.568 \cdot deg$$

Where does the p come from in the results above for A and B? If we check by solving for the cosine of A instead of A, we get

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2 \cdot b \cdot c \cdot \text{Cosine A}$$

has solution(s)

$$\frac{-1}{2} \cdot \frac{\left(a^2 - b^2 - c^2\right)}{\left(b \cdot c\right)}$$

O.K. so far. The difference comes in applying the acos function to each side. The symbolic processor uses the identity  $a\cos(-x) = p - a\cos(x)$  and returns its preferred representation of the solution.

$$a\cos(\cos(A)) = a\cos\left[\frac{-1}{2}\cdot\frac{(a^2-b^2-c^2)}{(b\cdot c)}\right]$$

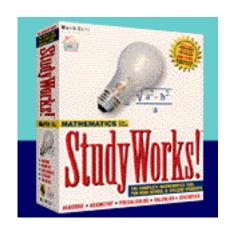
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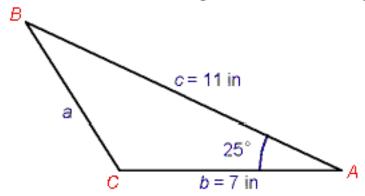


simplifies to

$$A = \pi - a\cos\left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\left(a^2 - b^2 - c^2\right)}{\left(b \cdot c\right)}\right]$$

### Example 2

Given SAS, find the length of the remaining side and angles.



$$b := 7 \cdot in$$

$$c := 11 \cdot ir$$

Since

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2 \cdot b \cdot c \cdot \cos(A)$$

solving for a yields

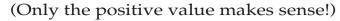
$$a := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{4 \cdot b^2 + 4 \cdot c^2 - 8 \cdot b \cdot c \cdot \cos(A)} \\ \frac{-1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{4 \cdot b^2 + 4 \cdot c^2 - 8 \cdot b \cdot c \cdot \cos(A)} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 5.516 \\ -5.516 \end{bmatrix}$$
 in  $a := a_1$   $a = 5.516$  in

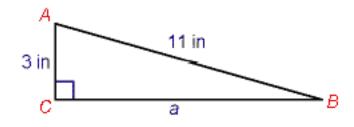
$$a = 5.516 \cdot in$$

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2 \cdot a \cdot c \cdot \cos(B)$$

B := 
$$\pi - a\cos\left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\left(b^2 - a^2 - c^2\right)}{\left(a \cdot c\right)}\right]$$
 B = 32.432 ·deg

$$C = 122.568 \cdot deg$$

#### Example 3

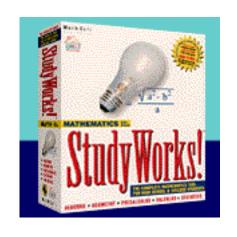


$$b := 3 \cdot in$$

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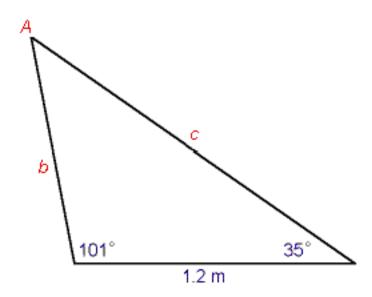
Once you find side a (using the **Pythagorean Theorem**) you then have SAS. From there you can proceed with the Law of Cosines.

$$a := \sqrt{c^2 - b^2}$$

$$a = 10.583 - in$$

$$B := \pi - a\cos\left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\left(b^2 - a^2 - c^2\right)}{\left(a \cdot c\right)}\right]$$

### Example 4



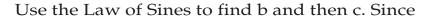
$$a := 1.2 \cdot m$$

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

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

Solving for b and c yields

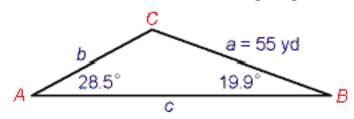
$$b := \sin(B) \cdot \frac{a}{\sin(A)}$$

$$c := \sin(C) \cdot \frac{a}{\sin(A)}$$

$$c = 1.7 \cdot m$$

### Example 5

Given AAS, find the remaining angle and sides.

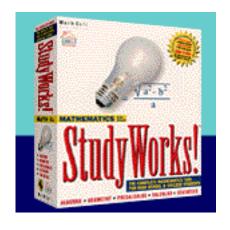


The third angle is 
$$C := 180 \cdot \text{deg} - A - B$$

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Since

$$\frac{\sin(A)}{a} = \frac{\sin(B)}{b} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\sin(A)}{a} = \frac{\sin(C)}{c}$$

solving for b and c yields

$$b := \sin(B) \cdot \frac{a}{\sin(A)}$$

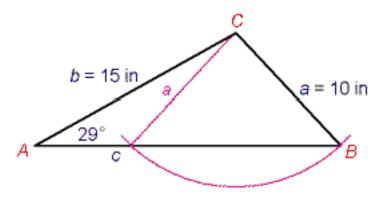
$$b = 39.234 \cdot yd$$

$$c := \sin(C) \cdot \frac{a}{\sin(A)}$$

$$c = 86.195 \cdot yd$$

It is important that you understand why SSA is insufficient to determine a unique triangle. To gain a better understanding of this, read the following carefully.

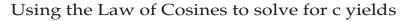
Given SSA, use the Law of Cosines to find the possible lengths of c.



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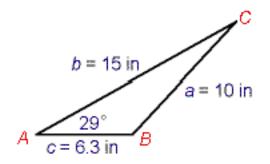


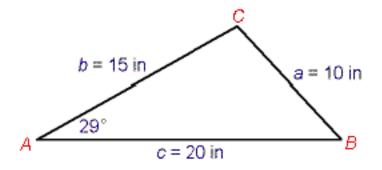
$$c := \begin{bmatrix} b \cdot \cos(A) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{4 \cdot b^{2} \cdot \cos(A)^{2} + 4 \cdot a^{2} - 4 \cdot b^{2}} \\ b \cdot \cos(A) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{4 \cdot b^{2} \cdot \cos(A)^{2} + 4 \cdot a^{2} - 4 \cdot b^{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

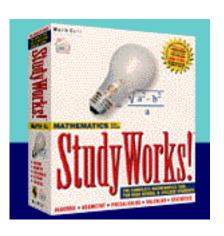
Therefore, there are two different solutions for c!

$$c = \begin{bmatrix} 6.3 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} - in$$

And the triangle could have two different shapes:



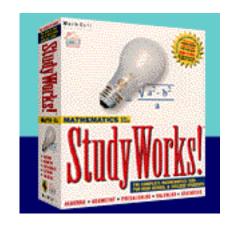




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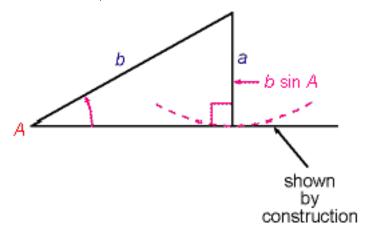
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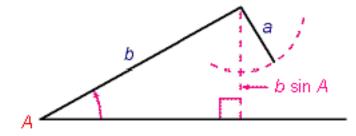
There is a way of determining how many solutions there will be for SSA. There are several cases:

Case 1:  $A < 90^{\circ}$ 

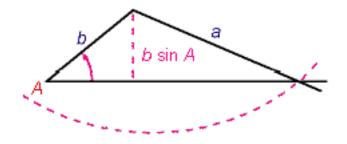
If  $a=b \sin(A)$ , one solution exists, a right triangle:



If  $a \le b \sin(A)$ , there is no solution:



When a > b and  $a > b \sin(A)$ , there is one solution:

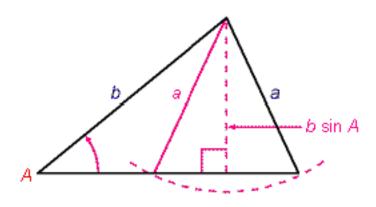


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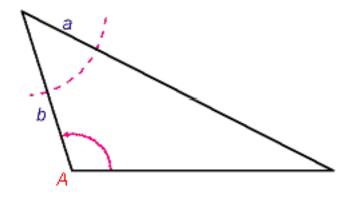
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If  $b \sin(A) \le a \le b$ , there are two solutions:

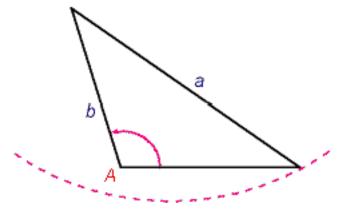


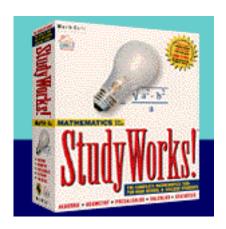
Case 2: A  $<= 90^{\circ}$ 

When  $a \le b$ , there is no solution:



When a>b, one solution exists:

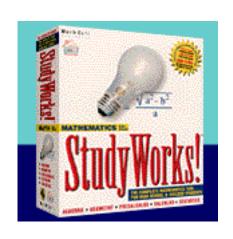


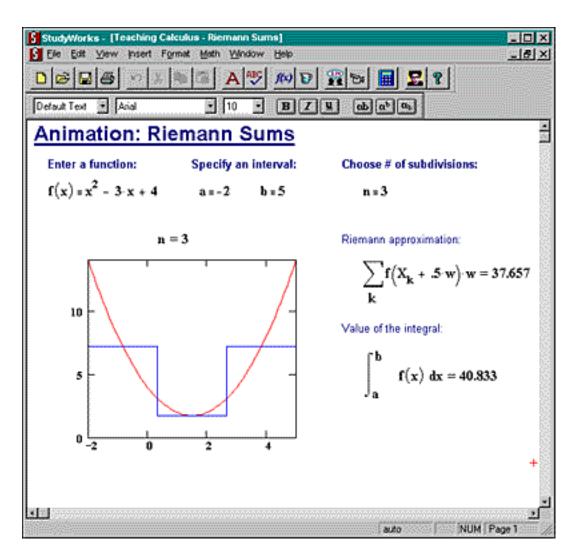


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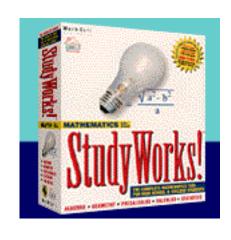


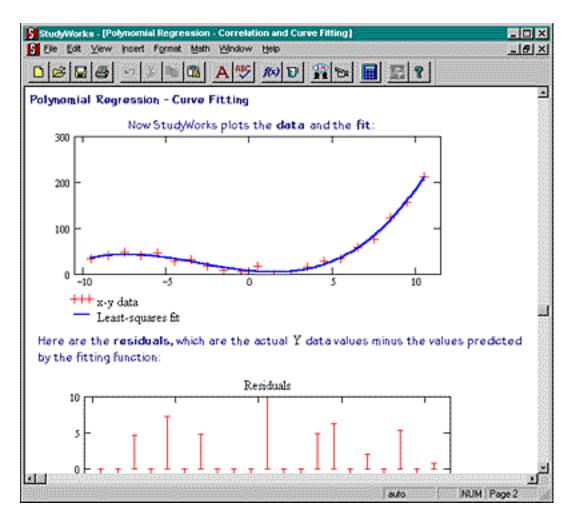


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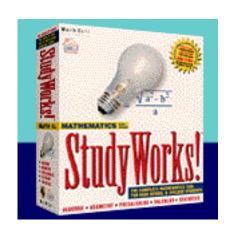


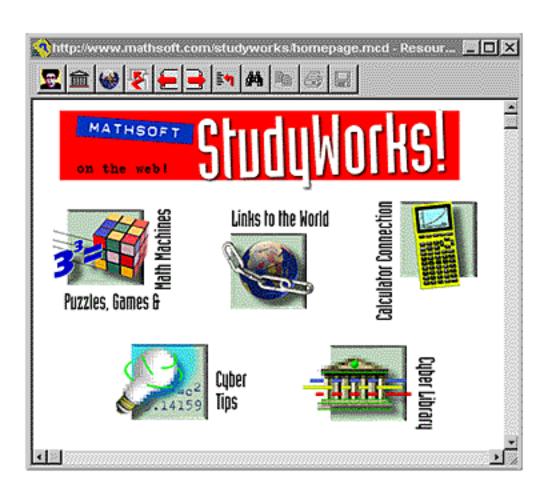


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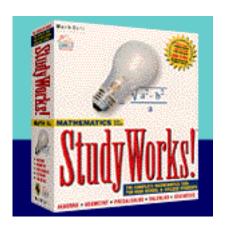




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Predalculus Assignment 3

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I'm going to use the formulas from the section on hyperbolas to set up these homework graphing problems. I'll need both sets because some of these hyperbolas go vertically.

Problem 1.

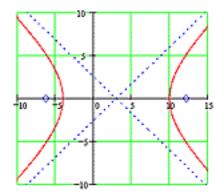
a and b:

$$hy(x) := a \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + b^2}}{b}$$

$$F := \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$yl(x) := \frac{b}{a} \cdot x + \left(k - \frac{b}{a} \cdot h\right)$$

$$hy(x):=a\cdot\frac{\sqrt{x^2+b^2}}{b} \qquad \qquad F:=\sqrt{a^2+b^2} \qquad \qquad y1(x):=\frac{b}{a}\cdot x+\left(k-\frac{b}{a}\cdot h\right) \qquad y2(x):=-\frac{b}{a}\cdot x+\left(k+\frac{b}{a}\cdot h\right)$$



$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{7^2} - \frac{y^2}{6^2} = 1$$

This is a "horizontal" hyperbola.

Problem 2. This one is vertical, so I'll use the other formula.

Center:

a and b:

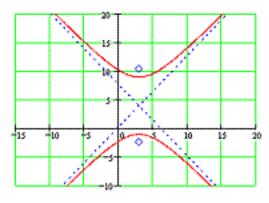
a:=5 b:=4

$$hy(x) := a \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + b^2}}{b}$$

$$F:=\sqrt{a^2+b^2}$$

$$yl(x) := \frac{a}{b} \cdot x + \left(k - \frac{a}{b} \cdot h\right)$$

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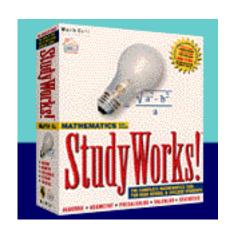


$$\frac{(y-4)^2}{5^2} - \frac{(z-3)^2}{4^2} = 1$$

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