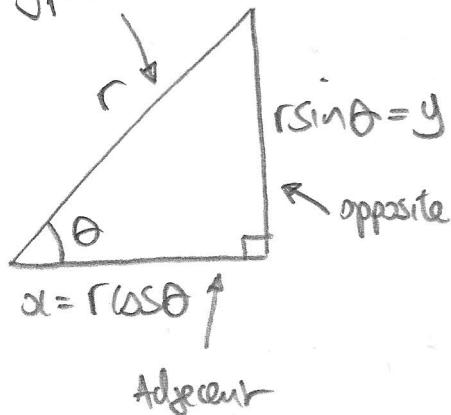


GCSE Trigonometry results

Hypotenuse



Sine and cosine are what you multiply the hypotenuse by to obtain the opposite or adjacent sides of a right angled triangle

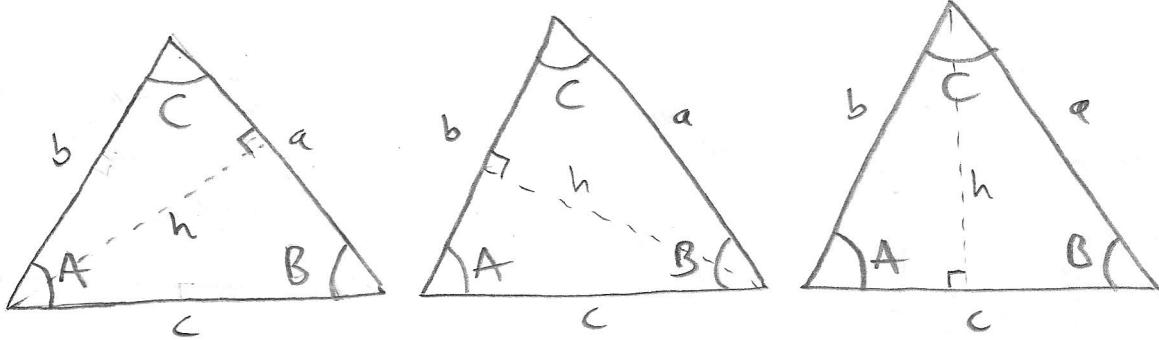
$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{r \sin \theta}{r \cos \theta} \quad \text{so} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

Pythagoras' Theorem

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } r^2 &= r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \\ \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Sine rule



$$h = b \sin C = c \sin B$$

$$h = c \sin A = a \sin C$$

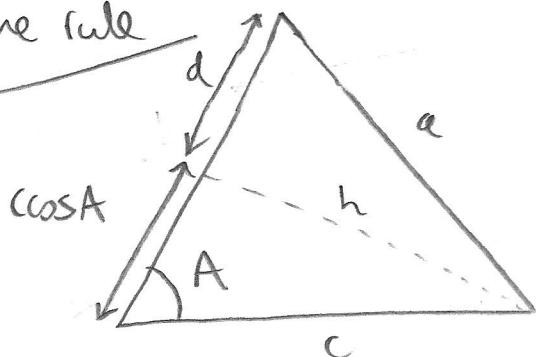
$$h = b \sin A = a \sin B$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{c}{\sin C} = \frac{a}{\sin A} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{a}{\sin A}$$

Hence

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

Cosine rule



$$\text{so } d = b - c \cos A$$

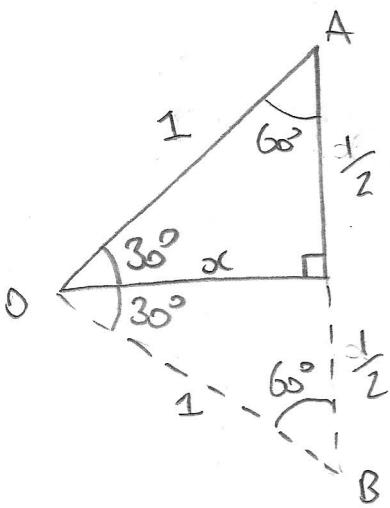
$$\text{Pythagoras: } c^2 = c^2 \cos^2 A + h^2 \quad (1)$$

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

$$(2) - (1): a^2 - c^2 = b^2 - 2bc \cos A + c^2 \cos^2 A - c^2 \cos^2 A$$

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

Special triangles and trig results you need to know



OAB is an equilateral triangle so all internal angles are 60°

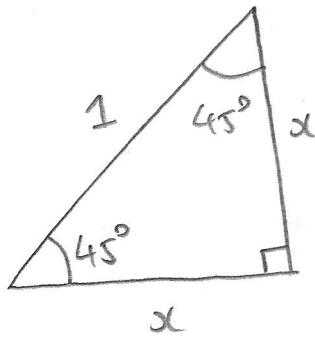
$$\therefore \begin{aligned} \sin 30^\circ &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \cos 60^\circ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Pythagoras: } 1^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{aligned} \cos 30^\circ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \sin 60^\circ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \tan 30^\circ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \tan 60^\circ &= \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}/x \\ x/\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{Pythagoras: } 1^2 = 2x^2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Hence

$$\sin 45^\circ = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\tan 45^\circ = 1$$