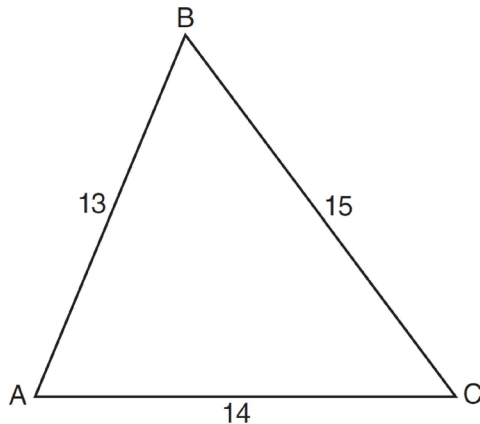


A2.A.73: Law of Cosines 5: Solve for an unknown side or angle, using the Law of Sines or the Law of Cosines

- 1 In $\triangle ABC$, $a = 15$, $b = 14$, and $c = 13$, as shown in the diagram below. What is the $m\angle C$, to the nearest degree?



- 1) 53
2) 59
3) 67
4) 127
- 2 To the nearest degree, what is the measure of the largest angle in a triangle with sides measuring 10, 12, and 18 centimeters?
1) 109
2) 81
3) 71
4) 32
- 3 In $\triangle ABC$, $a = 24$, $b = 36$, and $c = 30$. Find $m\angle A$ to the nearest tenth of a degree.

- 4 In $\triangle DEF$, if side $d = 14$, side $e = 10$, and side $f = 12$, find $m\angle F$ to the nearest degree.
- 5 Peter (P) and Jamie (J) have computer factories that are 132 miles apart. They both ship their completed computer parts to Diane (D). Diane is 72 miles from Peter and 84 miles from Jamie. Using points D , J , and P to form a triangle, find $m\angle PDJ$ to the nearest ten minutes or nearest tenth of a degree.
- 6 The beam of a searchlight situated at an offshore point W sweeps back and forth between shore points A and B . Point W is located 12 kilometers from A and 25 kilometers from B . The distance between A and B is 29 kilometers. Find the measure of $\angle AWB$ to the nearest ten minutes.
- 7 During a training exercise in the Mojave Desert, two military vehicles left the base camp at the same time, one traveling at an average speed of 25 miles per hour and the other at an average speed of 50 miles per hour. Each vehicle traveled along a level, straight route. If the exercise requires the two vehicles to be 65 miles apart after traveling for 1 hour, what must the angle between the two routes be, to the nearest degree?
- 8 In $\triangle ABC$, the lengths of sides a , b , and c are in the ratio 4:6:8. Find the ratio of the cosine of $\angle C$ to the cosine of $\angle A$.

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Answer Section

1 ANS: 1

$$13^2 = 15^2 + 14^2 - 2(15)(14)\cos C$$

$$169 = 421 - 420\cos C$$

$$-252 = -420\cos C$$

$$\frac{252}{420} = \cos C$$

$$53 \approx C$$

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2 ANS: 1

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3 ANS:

41.4

REF: 010929b

4 ANS:

57

REF: 060316siii

5 ANS:

115.4° or 115°20'

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6 ANS:

96°50'

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7 ANS:

116

REF: 080828b

8 ANS:

$-\frac{2}{7}$

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