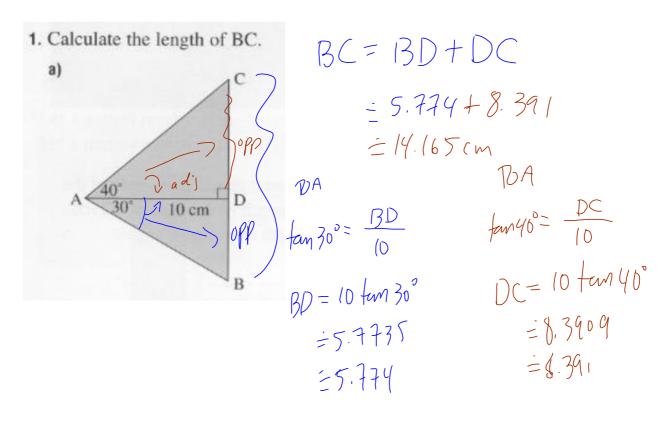
MCT 4CI Homework for 5.3.1



Before we begin, are there any questions from last day's work 5.3.1

(Tuesday's quiz will be based on the first three lessons...not today's)

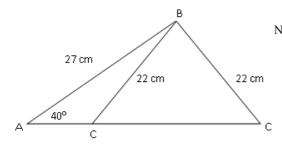
Today's Learning Goal(s):

By the end of the class, I will:

- a) understand, that when the diagram is not included, the information may lead towo different drawings of the triangle, and is thereforeambiguous
- b) be able to create the diagram and solve for both possible triangles.

5.4.1: The **Ambiguous** Case of the Sine Law

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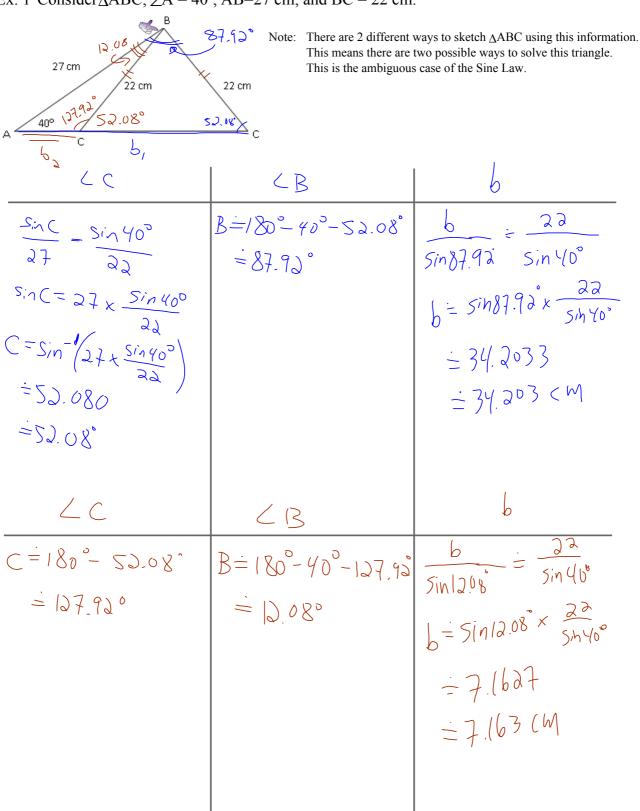


Note: There are 2 different ways to sketch ΔABC using this information. This means there are two possible ways to solve this triangle. This is the ambiguous case of the Sine Law.

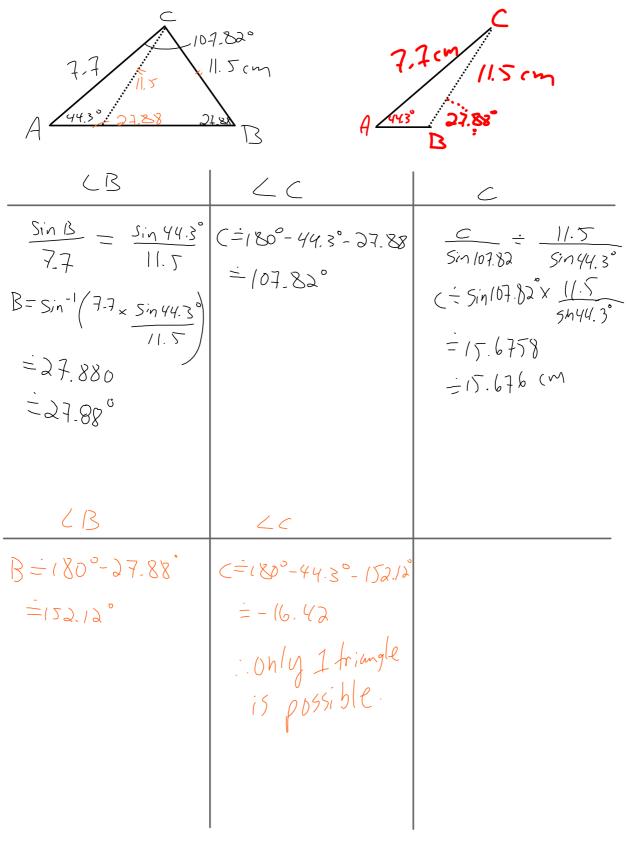
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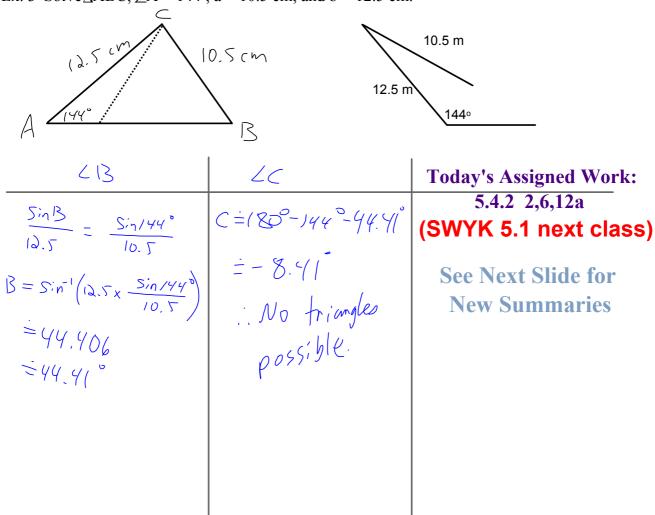
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Ex. 2 Solve \triangle ABC, \angle A = 44.3°, a = 11.5 cm, and b = 7.7 cm.



Ex. 3 Solve \triangle ABC, \angle A = 144°, a = 10.5 cm, and b = 12.5 cm.

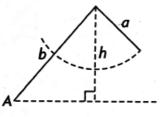


The ambiguous case arises in a SSA (side, side, angle) triangle. In this situation, depending on the size of the given angle and the lengths of the given sides, the sine law calculation may lead to 0, 1, or 2 solutions.

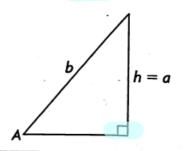
Need to Know

• In the ambiguous case, if $\angle A$, a, and b are given and $\angle A$ is acute, there are four cases to consider. In each case, the height of the triangle is $b = b \sin A$.

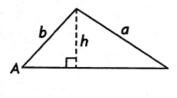
If $\angle A$ is acute and a < h, no triangle exists.



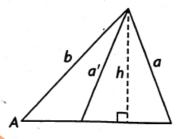
If $\angle A$ is acute and a = h, one right triangle exists.



If $\angle A$ is acute and a > b, one triangle exists.

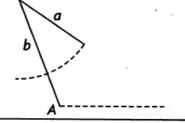


If $\angle A$ is acute and h < a < b, two triangles exist.



If $\angle A$, a, and b are given and $\angle A$ is obtuse, there are two cases to consider

If $\angle A$ is obtuse and a < b or a = b, no triangle exists.



If $\angle A$ is obtuse and a > b, one triangle exists.

