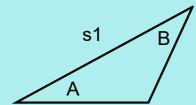
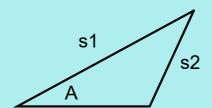
Recall: The Sine Law

The sine law is generally used when we have an oblique (non-right) triangle and:

- (a) two angles and the enclosed side (ASA)
- (b) two sides and a non-enclosed angle (SSA)





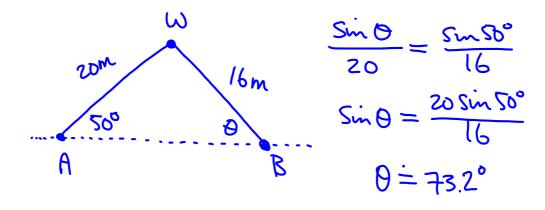
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## Sine Law & Ambiguous Case

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Ex.1 Albert and Belle are launching a weather balloon into a cloud. Albert's rope is 20 m long and makes an angle of 50° with the ground. Belle's rope is 16 m.

(a) Draw a labelled sketch and solve for the angle Belle's rope makes with the ground.

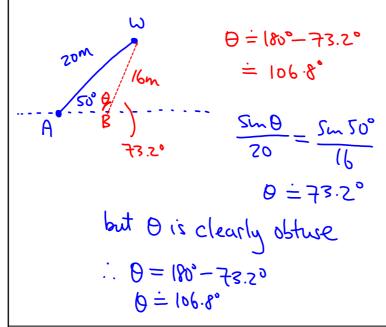


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## Sine Law & Ambiguous Case

Ex.1 Albert and Belle are launching a weather balloon into a cloud. Albert's rope is 20 m long and makes an angle of 50° with the ground. Belle's rope is 16 m.

(a) Draw a second valid sketch and solve.



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When we solve for <u>any angle</u> using the sine law, we must consider two possible solutions, one acute and one obtuse.

Common sense will often allow us to determine which answer is appropriate. For example:

- interior angles must add to 180°
- longer sides correspond to larger angles
- geometry of situation

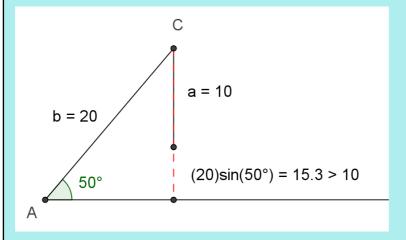
With SSA, it is possible to encounter three situations:

- (a) no solution a triangle cannot be formed from the data
- (b) one solution a single triangle is possible
- (c) two solutions two valid triangles can be formed

For two solutions, must consider  $\, heta\,$  and  $\,180^{\circ}\!-\! heta\,$ 

For acute angles (A < 90°):

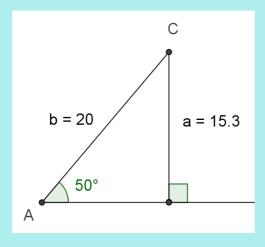
Case 1: a < b sin A too short, no triangle



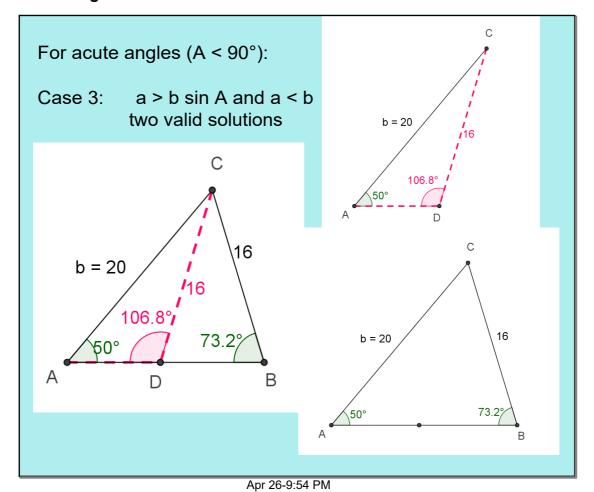
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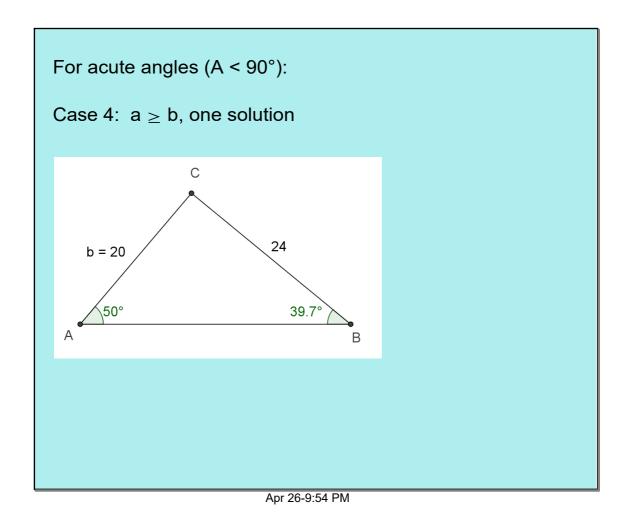
For acute angles (A < 90°):

Case 2: a = b sin A right angle, one solution



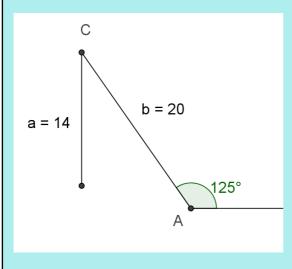
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For obtuse angles (A >  $90^{\circ}$ ):

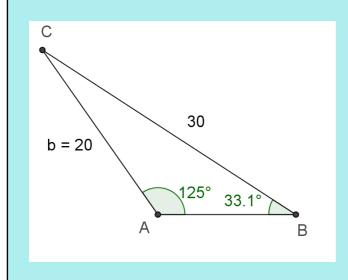
Case 1:  $a \le b$ , too short, no triangle



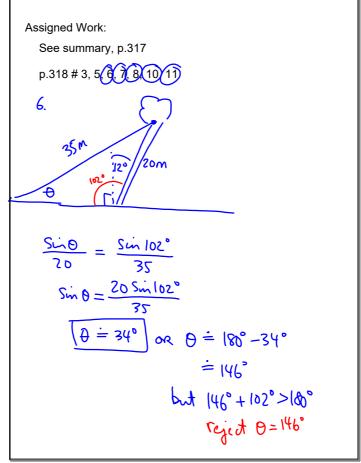
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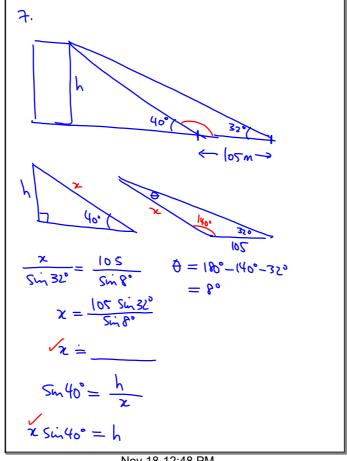
Case 2: a > b, one solution



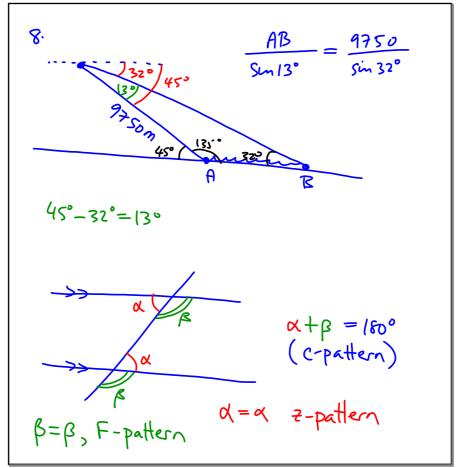
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