

TRIGONOMETRY

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Lesson Description

In this lesson we:

• Solve 2-D Trigonometry problems



Summary

Trigonometry is commonly used to find the height of towers and mountains by land surveyors and is used in navigation to find the distance to a point at sea.



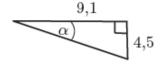
Test Yourself

Question 1

A boy flying a kite is standing 30 m from a point directly under the kite. If the kite's string is 50 m long, the angle of elevation of the kite is:

- A) 53.13°
- B) 27.3°
- C) 62.87°
- D) 36.87°

Question 2



The angle α is equal to:

- A) 63.7°
- B) 60.4°
- C) 26.3°
- D) 29.36°

Question 3

From a distance of 300 m, Susan looks up at the top of a lighthouse. The angle of elevation is 5° . Determine the height of the lighthouse to the nearest metre.

- A) 35m
- B) 42m
- C) 26m
- D) 23m





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Question 4

A ladder of length 25 m is resting against a wall, the ladder makes an angle 37° with the wall. Find the distance between the wall and the base of the ladder.

- A) 15.05m
- B) 12.53m
- C) 14.04m
- D) 30m



Improve your Skills

Question 1

Captain Jack is sailing towards a cliff with a height of 10 m. The distance from the boat to the bottom of the cliff is 30 m.

- a) Calculate the angle of elevation from the boat to the top of the cliff (correct to the nearest integer).
- b) If the boat sails 7 m closer to the cliff, what is the new angle of elevation from the boat to the top of the cliff?

Question 2

In the diagram AB represents a building that is 145m high. The angles of depression to the cars at C and D are 57 and 42 degrees respectively. Calculate the distance between the two cars.

Question 3

The width of a rectangular hall floor is 30m and makes an angle of 58 degrees with the diagonal across the floor.

- a) Calculate the length of the diagonal across the floor
- b) Calculate the length of the hall



