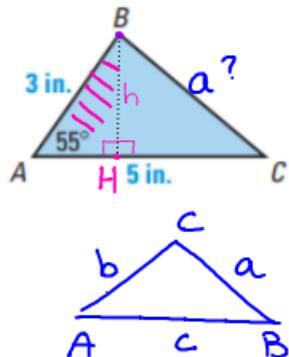


**Find the height of the following triangle**

**Then find the length of side a**



In triangle ABH:

$$\sin 55^\circ = \frac{h}{3}$$

$$h = 3 \sin 55^\circ = 2.5$$

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

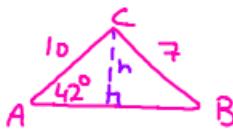
$$a \approx 4.1$$

## Section 5.5: The ambiguous case Day 2 SSA

Law of cos: SSS SAS

Law of sin: AAS ASA SSA ?

$$\#13 \quad A = 42^\circ \quad a = 7 \quad b = 10$$



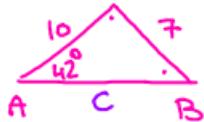
**SSA** : 2 given sides  
and 1 given Not  
included angle.

- if  $h > a$  then No triangle exists.
  - if  $h = a$  then 1 triangle exists  $\triangle^a=a$
  - if  $h < a$  then 2 triangles exist

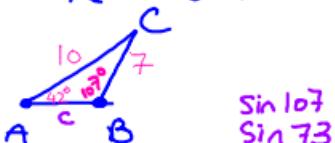
$$\sin 42^\circ = \frac{h}{10} \rightarrow h = 10 \sin 42^\circ = 6.69$$

$6.69 < 7$     2 triangles exist.

1st triangle



2<sup>nd</sup> triangle



$$\frac{\sin 107}{\sin 73}$$

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

$$\frac{\sin 42^\circ}{7} = \frac{\sin B}{10}$$

$$B \approx 72.9^\circ$$

$$B \approx 73^\circ$$

$$C \approx 180 - 42 - 73^\circ$$

$$C \approx 65^\circ$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

$$c^2 = 7^2 + 10^2 - 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 10 \cos 65^\circ$$

$$c = 9.5$$

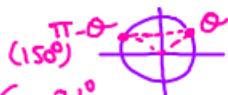
obtuse angle B:

$180^\circ - \text{acute } B$

$$B \approx 180 - 73^\circ$$

$$B \approx 107^\circ$$

The sin of an obtuse angle is the sin of its supplement.



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{For } \theta \text{ in the second quadrant:} \\ & \sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin \theta \\ & \text{For } \theta \text{ in the third quadrant:} \\ & \sin(180 - \theta) = \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

$$c^2 = 7^2 + 10^2 - 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 10 \cos 31^\circ$$

$$c \approx 5.4$$

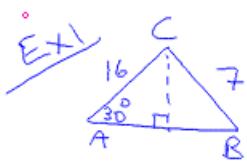
How many distinct triangles  
can be drawn with the  
following measurement?

Ex 1:  $\angle A = 30^\circ$     $a = 7$     $b = 16$ .

Ex 2:  $\angle A = 30^\circ$     $a = 10$     $b = 16$ .

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(5.4)  
(5.5, 5.6)  
(law of sin/cos)



SSA

$$h = 16 \sin 30^\circ = 8$$

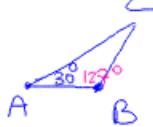
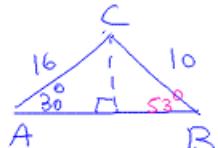
$h > a$  No triangle

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

$$\frac{\sin 30^\circ}{7} = \frac{\sin B}{16} \quad \Delta$$

Ex 2

Scenario 1



$$h = 8 \quad 53^\circ + 30^\circ = 83^\circ \quad 97^\circ$$

$h < a$  2 triangle

$$\frac{\sin 30^\circ}{10} = \frac{\sin B}{16}$$

$$B \approx 53^\circ$$

$$180 - 53^\circ = 127^\circ \quad C \approx 23^\circ$$

$$B = 127^\circ$$