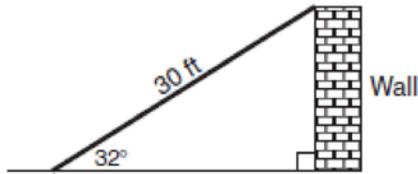


**G.SRT.C.8: Using Trigonometry to Find a Side 4**

- 1 The accompanying diagram shows a ramp 30 feet long leaning against a wall at a construction site.



If the ramp forms an angle of  $32^\circ$  with the ground, how high above the ground, to the nearest tenth, is the top of the ramp?

- 1) 15.9 ft 2) 18.7 ft 3) 25.4 ft 4) 56.6 ft

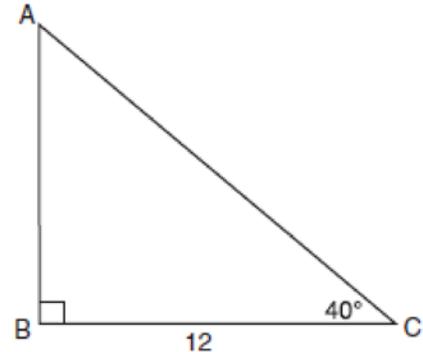
- 2 In right triangle  $ABC$ ,  $m\angle C = 90$ ,  $a = 4$ , and  $\sin A = \frac{1}{2}$ . What is the length of the hypotenuse?

- 1)  $4\sqrt{3}$  2)  $\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{3}$  3) 8 4)  $8\sqrt{2}$

- 3 At Mogul's Ski Resort, the beginner's slope is inclined at an angle of  $12.3^\circ$ , while the advanced slope is inclined at an angle of  $26.4^\circ$ . If Rudy skis 1,000 meters down the advanced slope while Valerie skis the same distance on the beginner's slope, how much longer was the horizontal distance that Valerie covered?

- 1) 81.3 m 2) 231.6 m 3) 895.7 m 4) 977.0 m

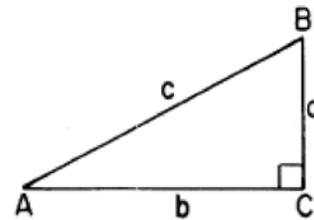
- 4 In the accompanying diagram of right triangle  $ABC$ ,  $BC = 12$  and  $m\angle C = 40$ .



Which single function could be used to find  $AB$ ?

- 1)  $\tan 50$  2)  $\sin 50$  3)  $\cos 40$  4)  $\sin 40$

- 5 In right triangle  $ABC$ ,  $m\angle C = 90$ . Which equation is true for this triangle?



- 1)  $a = b \sin A$  2)  $a = c \tan A$  3)  $a = c \cos A$   
4)  $a = c \sin A$

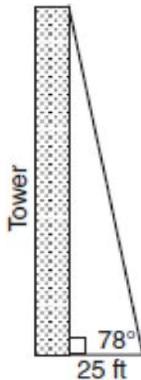
- 6 The angle of elevation from a point 25 feet from the base of a tree on level ground to the top of the tree is  $30^\circ$ . Which equation can be used to find the height of the tree?

- 1)  $\tan 30^\circ = \frac{x}{25}$  2)  $\sin 30^\circ = \frac{x}{25}$   
3)  $\cos 30^\circ = \frac{x}{25}$  4)  $30^2 + 25^2 = x^2$

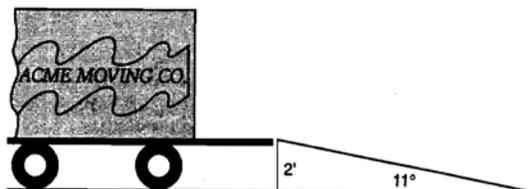
- 7 In the accompanying diagram, a ladder leaning against a building makes an angle of  $58^\circ$  with level ground. If the distance from the foot of the ladder to the building is 6 feet, find, to the *nearest foot*, how far up the building the ladder will reach.



- 8 From a point on level ground 25 feet from the base of a tower, the angle of elevation to the top of the tower is  $78^\circ$ , as shown in the accompanying diagram. Find the height of the tower, to the *nearest tenth of a foot*.

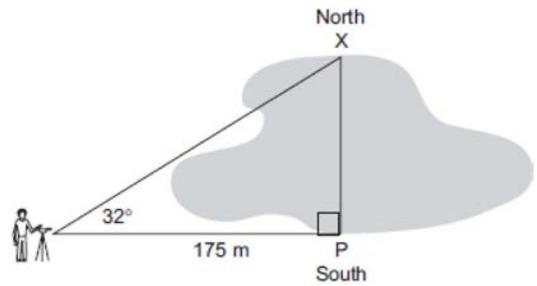


- 9 The tailgate of a truck is 2 feet above the ground. The incline of a ramp used for loading the truck is  $11^\circ$ , as shown below.

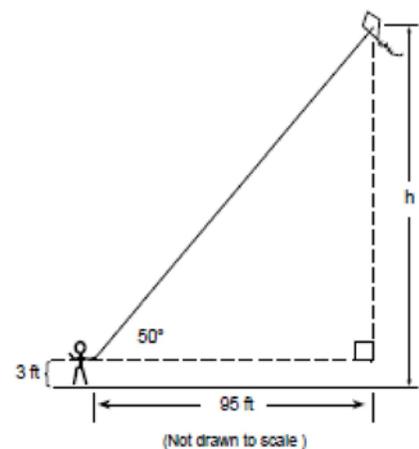


Find, to the *nearest tenth of a foot*, the length of the ramp.

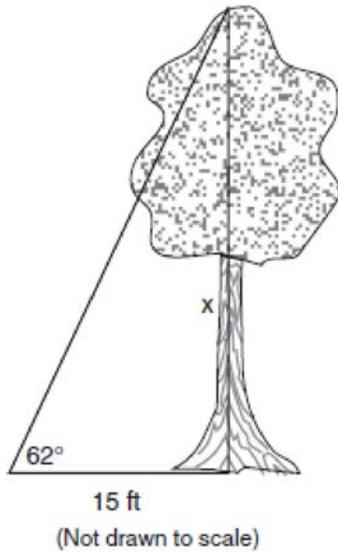
- 10 A surveyor needs to determine the distance across the pond shown in the accompanying diagram. She determines that the distance from her position to point  $P$  on the south shore of the pond is 175 meters and the angle from her position to point  $X$  on the north shore is  $32^\circ$ . Determine the distance,  $PX$ , across the pond, rounded to the *nearest meter*.



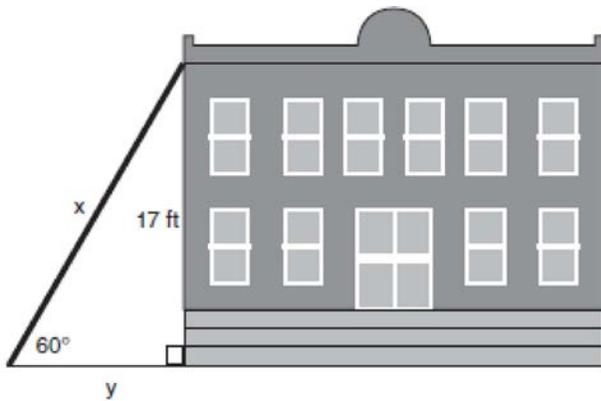
- 11 A tree casts a shadow that is 20 feet long. The angle of elevation from the end of the shadow to the top of the tree is  $66^\circ$ . Determine the height of the tree, to the *nearest foot*.
- 12 Joe is holding his kite string 3 feet above the ground, as shown in the accompanying diagram. The distance between his hand and a point directly under the kite is 95 feet. If the angle of elevation to the kite is  $50^\circ$ , find the height,  $h$ , of his kite, to the *nearest foot*.



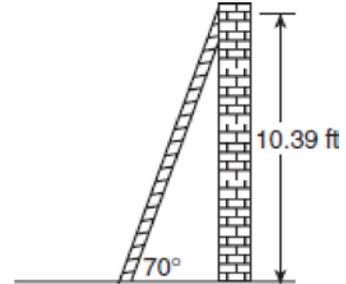
- 13 Find, to the *nearest tenth of a foot*, the height of the tree represented in the accompanying diagram.



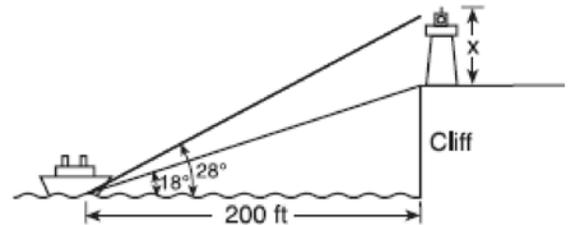
- 14 In the accompanying diagram,  $x$  represents the length of a ladder that is leaning against a wall of a building, and  $y$  represents the distance from the foot of the ladder to the base of the wall. The ladder makes a  $60^\circ$  angle with the ground and reaches a point on the wall 17 feet above the ground. Find the number of feet in  $x$  and  $y$ .



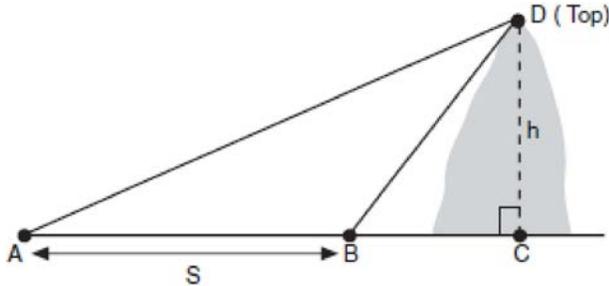
- 15 As shown in the accompanying diagram, a ladder is leaning against a vertical wall, making an angle of  $70^\circ$  with the ground and reaching a height of 10.39 feet on the wall. Find, to the *nearest foot*, the length of the ladder. Find, to the *nearest foot*, the distance from the base of the ladder to the wall.



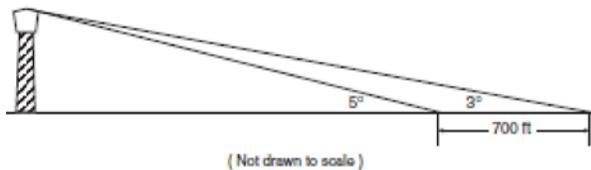
- 16 A lighthouse is built on the edge of a cliff near the ocean, as shown in the accompanying diagram. From a boat located 200 feet from the base of the cliff, the angle of elevation to the top of the cliff is  $18^\circ$  and the angle of elevation to the top of the lighthouse is  $28^\circ$ . What is the height of the lighthouse,  $x$ , to the *nearest tenth of a foot*?



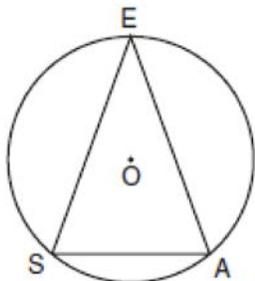
- 17 A ship at sea heads directly toward a cliff on the shoreline. The accompanying diagram shows the top of the cliff,  $D$ , sighted from two locations,  $A$  and  $B$ , separated by distance  $S$ . If  $m\angle DAC = 30^\circ$ ,  $m\angle DBC = 45^\circ$ , and  $S = 30$  feet, what is the height of the cliff, to the *nearest foot*?



- 18 While sailing a boat offshore, Donna sees a lighthouse and calculates that the angle of elevation to the top of the lighthouse is  $3^\circ$ , as shown in the accompanying diagram. When she sails her boat 700 feet closer to the lighthouse, she finds that the angle of elevation is now  $5^\circ$ . How tall, to the *nearest tenth of a foot*, is the lighthouse?



- 19 A machine part consists of a circular wheel with an inscribed triangular plate, as shown in the accompanying diagram. If  $\overline{SE} \cong \overline{EA}$ ,  $SE = 10$ , and  $m\widehat{SE} = 140$ , find the length of  $\overline{SA}$  to the *nearest tenth*.



- 20 A 10-foot ladder is to be placed against the side of a building. The base of the ladder must be placed at an angle of  $72^\circ$  with the level ground for a secure footing. Find, to the *nearest inch*, how far the base of the ladder should be from the side of the building *and* how far up the side of the building the ladder will reach.

- 21 A ship on the ocean surface detects a sunken ship on the ocean floor at an angle of depression of  $50^\circ$ . The distance between the ship on the surface and the sunken ship on the ocean floor is 200 meters. If the ocean floor is level in this area, how far above the ocean floor, to the *nearest meter*, is the ship on the surface?

- 22 Draw and label a diagram of the path of an airplane climbing at an angle of  $11^\circ$  with the ground. Find, to the *nearest foot*, the ground distance the airplane has traveled when it has attained an altitude of 400 feet.

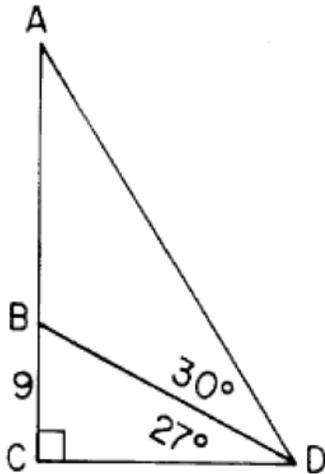
- 23 A person measures the angle of depression from the top of a wall to a point on the ground. The point is located on level ground 62 feet from the base of the wall and the angle of depression is  $52^\circ$ . How high is the wall, to the *nearest tenth of a foot*?

- 24 A parcel of land is in the shape of an isosceles triangle. The base has a length of 673 feet and the two equal legs meet at an angle of  $43^\circ$ . Find, to the *nearest square foot*, the area of the parcel of land.

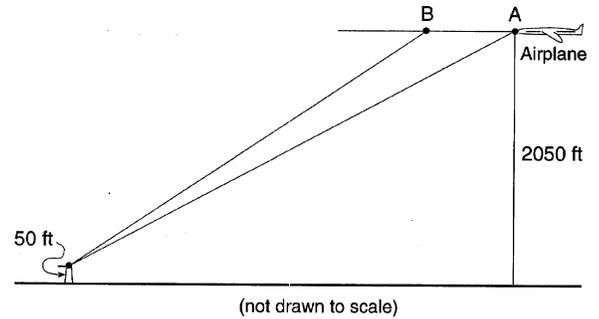
- 25 A ship captain at sea uses a sextant to sight an angle of elevation of  $37^\circ$  to the top of a lighthouse. After the ship travels 250 feet directly toward the lighthouse, another sighting is made, and the new angle of elevation is  $50^\circ$ . The ship's charts show that there are dangerous rocks 100 feet from the base of the lighthouse. Find, to the *nearest foot*, how close to the rocks the ship is at the time of the second sighting.

- 26 A sign 46 feet high is placed on top of an office building. From a point on the sidewalk level with the base of the building, the angle of elevation to the top of the sign and the angle of elevation to the bottom of the sign are  $40^\circ$  and  $32^\circ$ , respectively. Sketch a diagram to represent the building, the sign, and the two angles, and find the height of the building to the *nearest foot*.

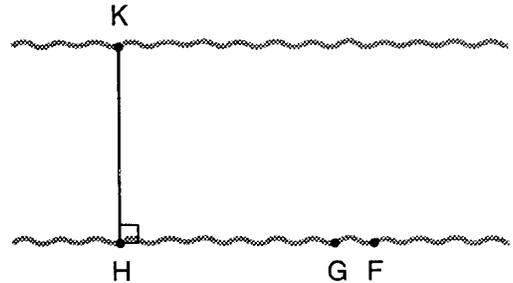
- 27 In the accompanying diagram of a right triangle  $ACD$ ,  $B$  lies on  $\overline{AC}$ ,  $\overline{BD}$  is drawn such that  $m\angle CDB = 27$ ,  $m\angle BDA = 30$ , and  $BC = 9$ . Find  $AB$  to the *nearest tenth*.



- 28 An airplane traveling at a level altitude of 2050 feet sights the top of a 50-foot tower at an angle of depression of  $28^\circ$  from point  $A$ . After continuing in level flight to point  $B$ , the angle of depression to the same tower is  $34^\circ$ . Find, to the *nearest foot*, the distance that the plane traveled from point  $A$  to point  $B$ .



- 29 To determine the distance across a river, a surveyor marked three points on one riverbank:  $H$ ,  $G$ , and  $F$ , as shown below. She also marked one point,  $K$ , on the opposite bank such that  $\overline{KH} \perp \overline{HGF}$ ,  $m\angle KGH = 41$ , and  $m\angle KFH = 37$ . The distance between  $G$  and  $F$  is 45 meters. Find  $KH$ , the width of the river, to the *nearest tenth of a meter*.



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Answer Section**

1 ANS: 1

$$\sin 32 = \frac{x}{30}$$

$$x \approx 15.9$$

REF: 080724a

2 ANS: 3

REF: 088725siii

3 ANS: 1

$$\cos 12.3 = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{1000} \quad \cos 26.4 = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{1000} \quad 977 - 895.7 = 81.3$$

$$\text{adjacent} \approx 977 \text{ feet} \quad \text{adjacent} \approx 895.7 \text{ feet}$$

REF: 080108b

4 ANS: 1

REF: 010926a

5 ANS: 4

REF: 018933siii

6 ANS: 1

REF: 060419a

7 ANS:

$$10. \quad \tan 58 = \frac{\text{opposite}}{6}$$

$$\text{opposite} \approx 10$$

REF: 010531a

8 ANS:

$$117.6. \quad \tan 78 = \frac{\text{opposite}}{25}$$

$$\text{opposite} \approx 117.6$$

REF: 010735a

9 ANS:

$$10.5. \quad \sin 11 = \frac{2}{x}$$

$$x \approx 10.5$$

REF: spring9825a

10 ANS:

$$109. \quad \tan 32 = \frac{\text{opposite}}{175}$$

$$\text{opposite} \approx 109$$

REF: 060030a

11 ANS:

$$45. \quad \tan 66 = \frac{\text{opposite}}{20}$$

$$\text{opposite} \approx 45$$

REF: 080536a

12 ANS:

$$116. \quad \tan 50 = \frac{\text{opposite}}{95} \quad h \approx 113 + 3 \approx 116$$

$$\text{opposite} \approx 113$$

REF: 069934a

13 ANS:

$$28.2. \quad \tan 62 = \frac{x}{15}$$

$$x \approx 28.2$$

REF: 010135a

14 ANS:

$$x = 19.6 \text{ and } y = 9.8. \quad \sin 60 = \frac{17}{x} \quad \tan 60 = \frac{17}{y}$$

$$x \approx 19.6 \quad y \approx 9.8$$

REF: 080231a

15 ANS:

Length of ladder = 11 and distance from the base of the ladder to the wall = 4.

$$\sin 70 = \frac{10.39}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\text{hypotenuse} \approx 11$$

$$\tan 70 = \frac{10.39}{\text{adjacent}}$$

$$\text{adjacent} \approx 4$$

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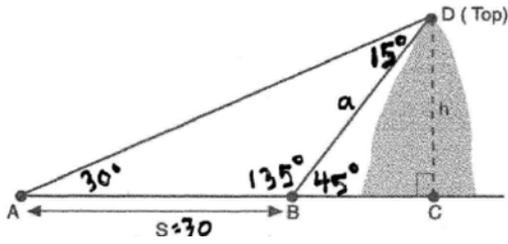
16 ANS:

$$41.4. \quad \tan 18 = \frac{x}{200} \quad \tan 28 = \frac{x}{200} \quad 106.34 - 64.98 \approx 41.4$$

$$x \approx 64.98 \quad x \approx 106.34$$

REF: 010838a

17 ANS:



$$\frac{\alpha}{\sin 30} = \frac{30}{\sin 15}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{30 \sin 30}{\sin 15} \quad \sin 45 \approx \frac{h}{58} \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha \approx 58$$

$$h \approx 41$$

$$\tan 30 = \frac{h}{BC + 30}$$

$$\tan 30(BC + 30) = h$$

$$\overline{BC} + 30 = \frac{h}{\tan 30}$$

$$\overline{BC} = \frac{h}{\tan 30} - 30$$

$$\tan 45 = \frac{h}{BC} \quad \frac{h}{\tan 30} - 30 = \frac{h}{\tan 45}$$

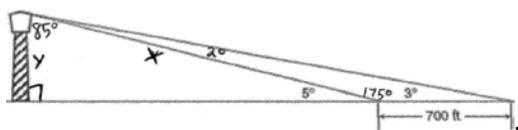
$$\overline{BC} = \frac{h}{\tan 45} \quad \frac{h}{\tan 30} - \frac{h}{\tan 45} = 30$$

$$h \left( \frac{1}{\tan 30} - \frac{1}{\tan 45} \right) = 30$$

$$h = \frac{30}{\frac{1}{\tan 30} - \frac{1}{\tan 45}} \approx 41$$

REF: 060231b

18 ANS:



$$\frac{x}{\sin 3} = \frac{700}{\sin 2}$$

$$x = \frac{700 \sin 3}{\sin 2} \quad \sin 5 \approx \frac{y}{1049.7} \quad \text{or } \tan 5 = \frac{L}{z} \quad \tan 3 = \frac{L}{z+700}$$

$$x \approx 1049.7 \quad y \approx 91.5$$

$$z = \frac{L}{\tan 5} \quad z = \frac{L}{\tan 3} - 700$$

$$\frac{L}{\tan 5} = \frac{L}{\tan 3} - 700$$

$$\frac{L}{\tan 5} - \frac{L}{\tan 3} = -700$$

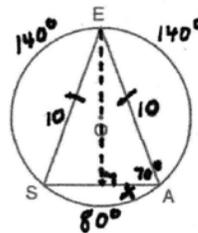
$$L \left( \frac{1}{\tan 5} - \frac{1}{\tan 3} \right) = -700$$

$$L = \frac{-700}{\frac{1}{\tan 5} - \frac{1}{\tan 3}} \approx 91.5$$

REF: 060332b

19 ANS:

6.8. Equal chords intercept equal arcs. If  $m\widehat{SE} = 140$ , then  $m\widehat{AE} = 140$ . And  $m\widehat{AS} = 80$  ( $360 - (140 + 140)$ ). The measure of an inscribed angle is half that of its intercepted arc. So  $m\angle A = 70$ . Draw altitude  $\overline{EA}$  and use the cosine function to find the leg of the right triangle created,



which is half the length of  $\overline{SA}$ .  $\cos 70 = \frac{x}{10}$

$$x \approx 3.4 \times 2 \approx 6.8$$

REF: 080629b

20 ANS:

114" and 37".  $\cos 72 = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{10}$   $\sin 72 = \frac{\text{opposite}}{10}$

adjacent  $\approx 3.1$  feet  $\approx 37$  inches      opposite  $\approx 9.5$  feet  $\approx 114$  inches

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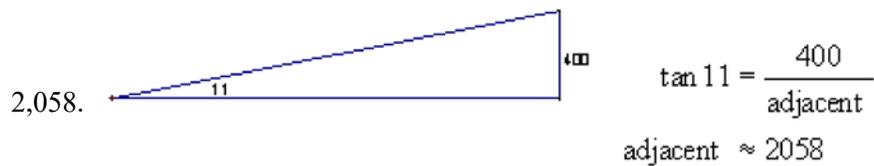
21 ANS:

$$\sin 50 = \frac{\text{opposite}}{200}$$

$$153. \quad \text{opposite} \approx 153$$

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22 ANS:



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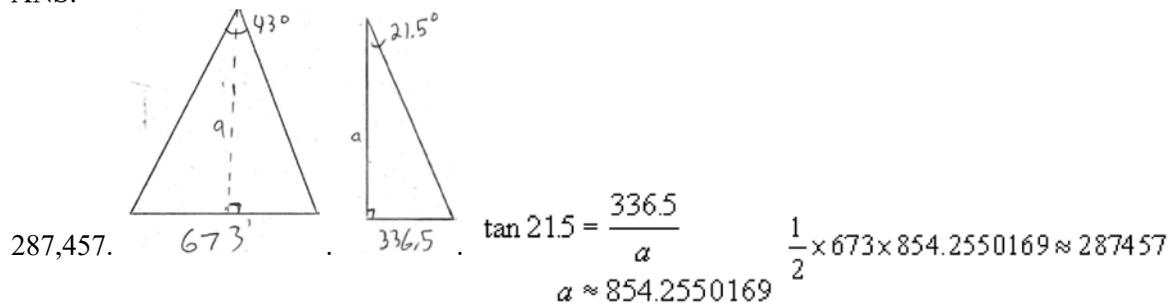
23 ANS:

$$\tan 52 = \frac{\text{opposite}}{62}$$

$$79.4. \quad \text{opposite} \approx 79.4$$

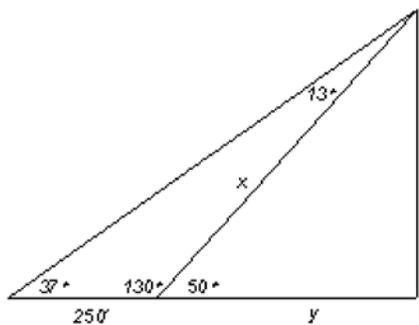
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24 ANS:



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25 ANS:



$$\frac{250}{\sin 13} = \frac{x}{\sin 37}$$

$$x = \frac{250 \sin 37}{\sin 13} \approx 668.8$$

$$\cos 50 = \frac{y}{668.8} \quad \text{Because the rocks are 100 feet from}$$

$$y \approx 430$$

the base, the ship is 330 (430-100) feet from the rocks at the second sighting. or  $\tan 50 = \frac{L}{z+100}$

$$L = z \tan 50 + 100 \tan 50$$

$$\tan 37 = \frac{L}{z+350}$$

$$z \tan 37 + 350 \tan 37 = z \tan 50 + 100 \tan 50$$

$$L = z \tan 37 + 350 \tan 37$$

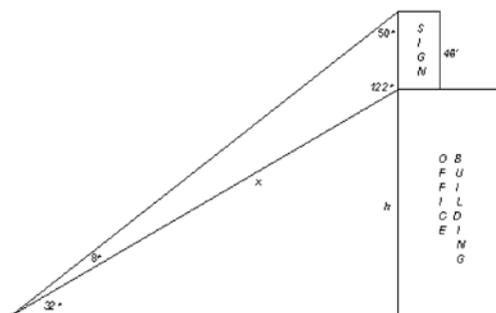
$$z \tan 37 - z \tan 50 = 100 \tan 50 - 350 \tan 37$$

$$z(\tan 37 - \tan 50) = 100 \tan 50 - 350 \tan 37$$

$$z = \frac{100 \tan 50 - 350 \tan 37}{\tan 37 - \tan 50} \approx 330$$

REF: 010334b

26 ANS:



$$134. \quad \frac{x}{\sin 50} = \frac{46}{\sin 8}$$

$$x = \frac{46 \sin 50}{\sin 8} \quad \sin 32 \approx \frac{h}{2532} \quad \text{or} \quad \tan 32 = \frac{h}{z}$$

$$x \approx 2532 \quad h \approx 134 \quad z = \frac{h}{\tan 32}$$

$$\tan 40 = \frac{h + 46}{z} \quad \frac{h}{\tan 32} = \frac{h + 46}{\tan 40}$$

$$z = \frac{h + 46}{\tan 40} \quad h \tan 40 = h \tan 32 + 46 \tan 32$$

$$h \tan 40 - h \tan 32 = 46 \tan 32$$

$$h(\tan 40 - \tan 32) = 46 \tan 32$$

$$h = \frac{46 \tan 32}{\tan 40 - \tan 32} \approx 134$$

REF: 010534b

27 ANS:

$$\tan 27 = \frac{9}{CD} \quad \tan 57 = \frac{x+9}{CD} \quad \frac{9}{\tan 27} = \frac{x+9}{\tan 57}$$

$$\frac{9}{\tan 27} = \frac{x+9}{\tan 57} \quad \tan 27(x+9) = 9 \tan 57$$

$$x+9 = \frac{9 \tan 57}{\tan 27}$$

$$x = \frac{9 \tan 57}{\tan 27} - 9 \approx 18.2$$

REF: 018938siii

28 ANS:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan 34 &= \frac{2000}{x} & \tan 28 &= \frac{2000}{x+y} & \frac{2000}{\tan 34} &= \frac{2000 - y \tan 28}{\tan 28} \\ x &= \frac{2000}{\tan 34} & x \tan 28 + y \tan 28 &= 2000 & \frac{2000 \tan 28}{\tan 34} &= 2000 - y \tan 28 \\ & & x \tan 28 &= 2000 - y \tan 28 & \frac{2000 \tan 28}{\tan 34} - 2000 &= -y \tan 28 \\ & & x &= \frac{2000 - y \tan 28}{\tan 28} & y &= \frac{\frac{2000 \tan 28}{\tan 34} - 2000}{-\tan 28} \approx 796 \end{aligned}$$

REF: 019642siii

29 ANS:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan 41 &= \frac{KH}{x} & \tan 37 &= \frac{KH}{x+45} & \frac{KH}{\tan 41} &= \frac{KH - 45 \tan 37}{\tan 37} \\ x &= \frac{KH}{\tan 41} & x \tan 37 + 45 \tan 37 &= KH & KH \tan 37 &= KH \tan 41 - 45 \tan 37 \tan 41 \\ & & x \tan 37 &= KH - 45 \tan 37 & KH \tan 37 - KH \tan 41 &= -45 \tan 37 \tan 41 \\ & & x &= \frac{KH - 45 \tan 37}{\tan 37} & KH(\tan 37 - \tan 41) &= -45 \tan 37 \tan 41 \\ & & & & KH &= \frac{-45 \tan 37 \tan 41}{\tan 37 - \tan 41} \approx 254.7 \end{aligned}$$

REF: 089941siii