

Learning Target: I can use trigonometric inverses to find angle measures of a right triangle.

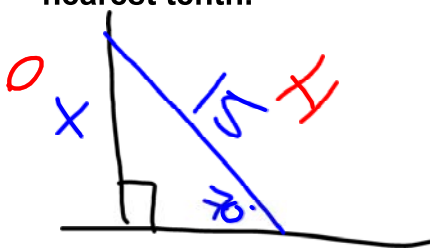
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Warm Up

A ladder that is **15 feet** long is leaning against a wall. The ladder makes an angle of **70°** with the ground. Determine how high up the wall the ladder reaches. Draw a picture, round your answer to the nearest tenth.



$$\sin 70^\circ = \frac{x}{15}$$

$$15 \cdot \sin 70 = x$$

$$x = 14.1 \text{ ft.}$$

We use the Inverse Trigonometric Functions to find a missing angle when given 2 sides of a right triangle

Calculator Entry:



SIN⁻¹
COS⁻¹
TAN⁻¹

Calculator Entry:



Use the correct inverse function of your calculator to solve for the missing angle in degrees. If necessary, round to the nearest tenth.

1) $\sin A = \frac{5}{8}$

2) $\tan C = \frac{2}{9}$

3) $\cos B = 0.21$

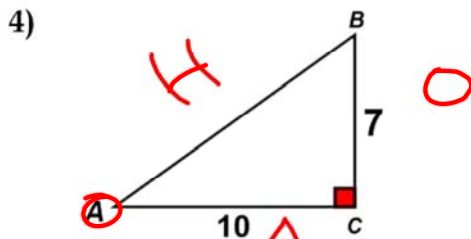
$$A = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)$$

$$A = \underline{38.7^\circ}$$

$$C = \underline{12.5^\circ}$$

$$B = \underline{77.9^\circ}$$

Find the measure of angles A and B. If necessary, round to the nearest tenth.

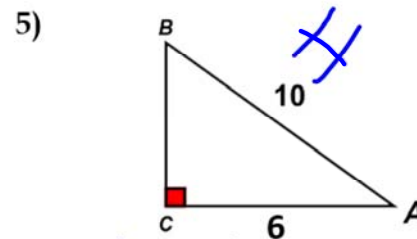


$$\tan A = \frac{7}{10}$$

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$$A = \underline{35.0^\circ}$$

$$B = \underline{55.0^\circ} \quad (90 - 35)$$

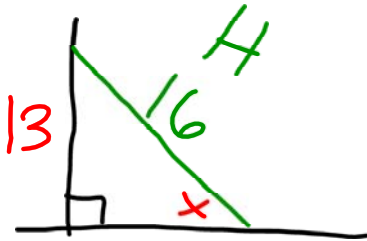


$$\cos A = \frac{6}{10}$$

$$A = \underline{53.1^\circ}$$

$$B = \underline{36.9^\circ}$$

6) A 16-foot ladder is propped against a building. It reaches a height of 13 feet above the base of the building. What angle does it form with the ground? Draw a picture, set up the equation, then solve. Round to the nearest tenth.



$$\sin X = \frac{13}{16}$$
$$X = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{13}{16}\right)$$
$$X = 54.3^\circ$$

Assignment

Finding Missing Angles with Inverse Trig Functions

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