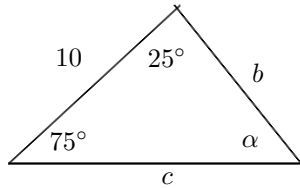


# Law of Sines WS

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$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin \beta}{b} = \frac{\sin \gamma}{c}$$



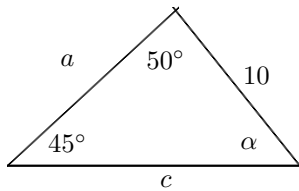
1. ASA

Here only one possibility for α

(a) Find α

(b) Find b

(c) Find c



2. AAS (or SAA)

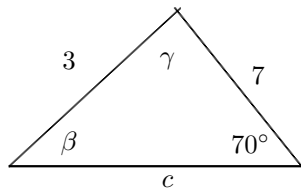
Again, there is only one possibility for the missing angle

(a) Find α

(b) Find a

(c) Find c

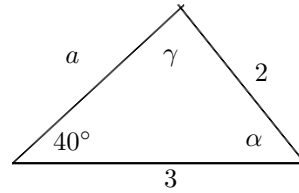
3. SSA(or ASS) Here is the tricky one. There is more than one possibility since two angles are missing. In fact there are 3: two solutions, one solution and no solution.



SSA (No Solution)

Find β

SSA (2 solutions)



(a) Find γ (we'll call it γ<sub>1</sub>)

(b) Find the γ<sub>2</sub> (The supplement of γ<sub>1</sub>)

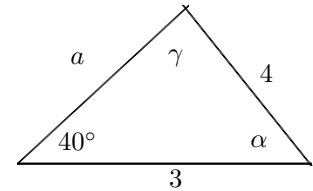
(c) Note whether γ<sub>2</sub> + 40° is still under 180° (If it is over 180° then α has no possible size, so we only would consider γ<sub>1</sub>)

(d) Find α<sub>1</sub> (based on γ<sub>1</sub>)

(e) Find a<sub>1</sub> (based on α<sub>1</sub>)

(f) Find α<sub>2</sub> (based on γ<sub>2</sub>)

(g) Find a<sub>2</sub> (based on α<sub>2</sub>)



SSA (One Solution)

(a) Find γ (we'll call it γ<sub>1</sub>)

(b) Find the γ<sub>2</sub> (The supplement of γ<sub>1</sub>)

(c) Note whether γ<sub>2</sub> + 40° is still under 180° (If it is over 180° then α has no possible size, so we only would consider γ<sub>1</sub>)

Answers: 1. (a) α = 80°, (b) b = 11.96, (c) c = 15.62  
 2. (a) α = 45°, (b) a = 10, (c) c = 11.18  
 3. (a) γ = 30°, (b) γ<sub>2</sub> = 150°, (c) α = 70°, α<sub>2</sub> = 110°, a<sub>1</sub> = 3.5, a<sub>2</sub> = 7.24