Trigonometry Part 2 Test Review

What you need to know...
- Trigonometric ratios
  - Sine
  - Cosine
  - Tangent
- Interpret word problems with angles of elevation and depression and apply trigonometric ratios
  - Eye level
  - Line of sight
- Solve triangles using the law of sines and the law of cosines
  - Law of Sines: $\dfrac{\sin A}{a} = \dfrac{\sin B}{b} = \dfrac{\sin C}{c}$
  - Law of Cosines: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bcCosA$ (and any variations)
- Area of a triangle without knowing its height
  - $Area = \dfrac{1}{2}abSinC$ (and any variations)

For more practice, please go to Chapter 7 of your textbook!

Example problems

1. Identify the ratio for $\sin(\theta)$, $\cos(\theta)$ and $\tan(\theta)$ in the given triangle.
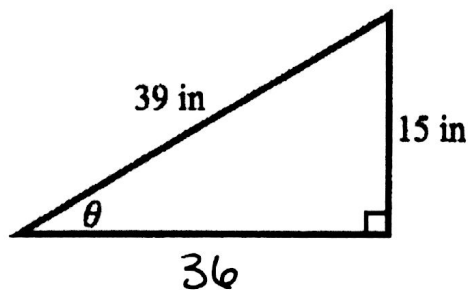
$$15^2 + x^2 = 39^2$$
$$x^2 = 39^2 - 15^2$$
$$x = \sqrt{39^2 - 15^2}$$
$$x = 36$$

39 in   15 in   36 θ

$\sin(\theta) = \dfrac{15}{39} = \dfrac{5}{13}$

$\cos(\theta) = \dfrac{36}{39} = \dfrac{12}{13}$

$\tan(\theta) = \dfrac{15}{36} = \dfrac{5}{12}$

2. From the top of a spire of height 50 ft, the angles of depression of two cars on a straight road at the same level as that of the base of the spire and on the same side of it are 25° and 40°. Calculate the distance between the two cars.

47.64 feet.

3. The angle of elevation of the top of a cliff from the point Q on the ground is 30°. On moving a distance of 20 m towards the foot of the cliff the angle of elevation increases to x°. If the height of the cliff is 17.3 m, then find x°.

60.07°

#2
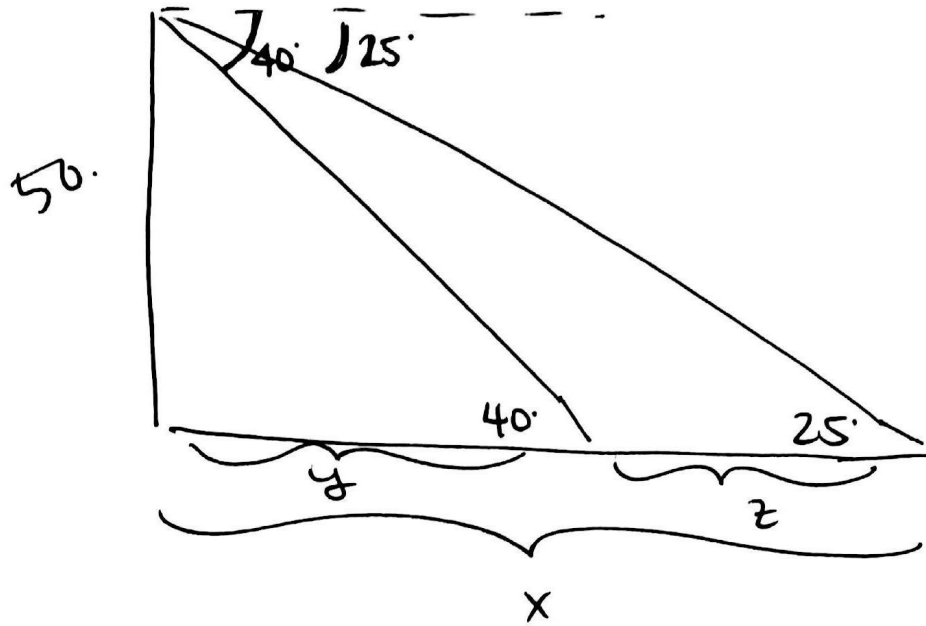
$$\tan 25 = \frac{50}{x}$$

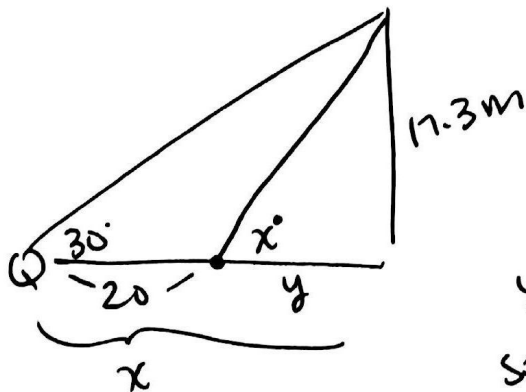$$x = \frac{50}{\tan 25}$$

$$x = 107.23$$

$$\tan 40 = \frac{50}{y}$$

$$y = \frac{50}{\tan 40}$$

$$y = 59.59$$

$$z = x - y$$

$$\boxed{z = 47.64 \text{ feet}}$$

#3

17.3m

$$\tan 30 = \frac{17.3}{x}$$

$$x = \frac{17.3}{\tan 30}$$

$$x = 29.96$$

$$y = 9.96 \leftarrow (29.96 - 20)$$
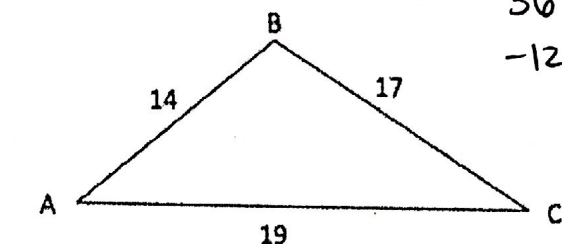
so $$\tan x' = \frac{17.3}{9.96}$$

$$x = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{17.3}{9.96}\right) \qquad \boxed{x' = 60.07°}$$

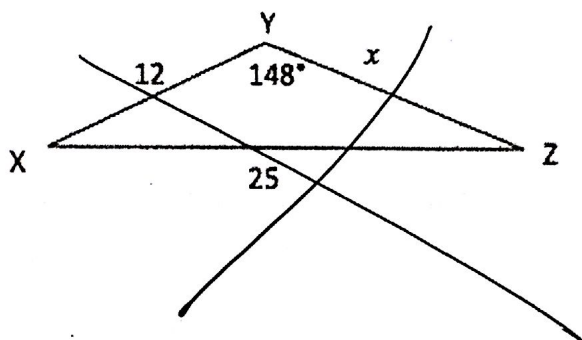4. Solve the following triangles. Then find their area.

a.

$$19^2 = 14^2 + 17^2 - 2(14)(17)\cos B$$
$$361 = 485 - 476 \cos B$$
$$-124 = -476 \cos B$$
$$\cos B = \frac{124}{476}$$
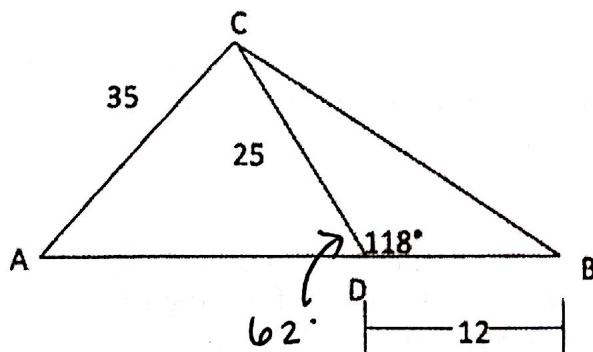$$B = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{124}{476}\right)$$
$$\boxed{B = 74.90}$$

$$\frac{\sin 74.90}{19} = \frac{\sin A}{17}$$

$$\frac{17 \sin 74.90}{19} = \sin A$$

$$\boxed{A = 59.75}$$

$$\boxed{C = 45.35}$$

Area: $\frac{1}{2}(14)(17)\sin 74.90$

$$\boxed{= 114.89 \text{ units}^2}$$

b.

← not possible!
Sorry! ☺

Find the m∠A to the nearest whole degree.

$$\frac{\sin 62}{35} = \frac{\sin A}{25}$$

$$\frac{25 \sin 62}{35} = \sin A$$

$$\boxed{39.10° = A}$$

$$\boxed{A = 39°}$$

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