

Exercise 12.5

Solve the triangle ABC in which

1. $b = 95$, $c = 34$ and $\alpha = 52^\circ$
2. $b = 12.5$, $c = 23$ and $\alpha = 38^\circ 20'$
3. $a = \sqrt{3} - 1$, $b = \sqrt{3} + 1$ and $\gamma = 60^\circ$
4. $a = 3$, $c = 6$ and $\beta = 36^\circ 20'$
5. $a = 7$, $b = 3$ and $\gamma = 38^\circ 13'$

1. $b = 95$, $c = 34$ and $\alpha = 52^\circ$

Solution

We know that by law of cosines

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

$$a^2 = (95)^2 + (34)^2 - 2(95)(34) \cos (52^\circ)$$

$$a^2 = 6203.8269$$

$$a = \sqrt{6203.8269} = 78.76$$

by law of sine

$$\frac{\sin \beta}{a} = \frac{\sin \alpha}{a}$$

$$\sin \beta = \frac{95}{78.76} \cdot \sin (52^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{95 \times 0.788}{78.796} = 0.9505$$

$$\beta = \sin^{-1}(0.9505) = 71.89$$

$$\beta = 71^\circ 54'$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$$

$$\gamma = 180^\circ - 52^\circ - 71^\circ 54'$$

$$\gamma = 55^\circ 6'$$

Hence

$$a = 78.76$$

$$\alpha = 52^\circ$$

$$b = 95$$

$$\beta = 71^\circ 54'$$

$$c = 34$$

$$\gamma = 55^\circ 6'$$

2. $b=12.5$, $c=23$ and $\alpha = 38^\circ 20'$

Solution

We know that by law of cosines

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

$$a^2 = (12.5)^2 + (23)^2 - 2(12.5)(23) \cos (38^\circ 20')$$

$$a^2 = 234.211$$

$$a = \sqrt{234.211} = 15.30$$

by law of sine

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

$$\sin \beta = \frac{12.5}{15.3} \cdot \sin (38^\circ 20')$$

$$= 0.507$$

$$\beta = \sin^{-1}(0.507)$$

$$\beta = 30^\circ 26'$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$$

$$\gamma = 180^\circ - 38^\circ 20' - 30^\circ 26'$$

$$\gamma = 111^\circ 14'$$

Hence

$$a = 15.30$$

$$\alpha = 38^{\circ}20'$$

$$b = 12.5$$

$$\beta = 30^{\circ}26'$$

$$c = 23$$

$$\gamma = 111^{\circ}14'$$

3. $a = \sqrt{3} - 1$, $b = \sqrt{3} + 1$ and $\gamma = 60^{\circ}$

Solution

We know that by law of cosines

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

$$c^2 = (0.732)^2 + (2.732)^2 - 2(0.732)(2.732) \cos (60^{\circ})$$

$$c^2 = 6$$

$$c = \sqrt{6} = 2.45$$

by law of sine

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

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{0.732}{2.45} \cdot \sin (60^{\circ})$$

$$= 0.2587$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}(0.2587)$$

$$\alpha = 15^{\circ}$$

We know that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\beta = 180^{\circ} - 60^{\circ} - 15^{\circ}$$

$$\beta = 75^{\circ}$$

Hence

$$a = \sqrt{3} - 1$$

$$\alpha = 15^{\circ}$$

$$b = \sqrt{3} + 1$$

$$\beta = 75^{\circ}$$

$$c = 2.45$$

$$\gamma = 60^{\circ}$$

4. $a=3$, $c=6$ and $\beta = 36^{\circ}20'$

Solution

We know that by law of cosines

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos \beta$$

$$b^2 = (3)^2 + (6)^2 - 2(3)(6) \cos (36^{\circ}20')$$

$$b^2 = 15.89$$

$$b = \sqrt{15.89} = 4$$

by law of sine

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

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sin (36^{\circ}20')$$

$$= 0.4412$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}(0.4412)$$

$$\alpha = 26^{\circ}10'$$

We know that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\gamma = 180^{\circ} - 26^{\circ}10' - 36^{\circ}20'$$

$$\gamma = 117^{\circ}30'$$

Hence

$$a = 3$$

$$\alpha = 26^{\circ}10'$$

$$b = 4$$

$$\beta = 36^{\circ}20'$$

$$c = 6$$

$$\gamma = 117^{\circ}30'$$

5. $a=7$, $b=3$ and $\gamma = 38^{\circ}13'$

Solution

We know that by law of cosines

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

$$c^2 = (7)^2 + (3)^2 - 2(7)(3) \cos (38^\circ 13')$$

$$c^2 = 25$$

$$c = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

by law of sine

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

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{7}{5} \cdot \sin (38^\circ 13')$$

$$= 0.866$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}(0.866)$$

$$\alpha = 60^\circ$$

We know that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$$

$$\beta = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 38^\circ 47'$$

$$\gamma = 81^\circ 47'$$

Hence

$$a = 7$$

$$b = 3$$

$$c = 5$$

$$\alpha = 60^\circ$$

$$\beta = 81^\circ 47'$$

$$\gamma = 38^\circ 13'$$

Solve the following triangles, using first law of tangent and law of sines:

6. $a = 36.21$ $b = 42.09$ and $\gamma = 44^\circ 29'$

7. $a = 93$, $b = 101$, and $\beta = 80^\circ$

8. $b = 14.8$, $c = 16$, $\alpha = 42^\circ 45'$

9. $a = 319$, $b = 168$ and $\gamma = 110^\circ 22'$

10. $b = 61$, $a = 32$ and $\alpha = 59^\circ 30'$

6. $a = 36.21$ $b = 42.09$ and $\gamma = 44^\circ 29'$

Solution

We know that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 180^\circ - 44^\circ 29'$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 135^\circ 31'$$

By law of tangent

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right)} = \frac{a - b}{a + b}$$

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{135^\circ 31'}{2}\right)} = \frac{36.21 - 42.09}{36.21 + 42.09}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right) &= \tan(67^\circ 45') \cdot \frac{-5.83}{78.3} \\ &= (2.445) \left(\frac{-5.83}{78.3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right) = -0.182$$

$$\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} = \tan^{-1}(-0.182) = -10^\circ 18'$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 2(-10^\circ 18') = -20^\circ 37'$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 135^\circ 31' \text{ and } \alpha - \beta = -20^\circ 37'$$

$$\frac{\alpha - \beta = -20^\circ 37'}{2\alpha = 114^\circ 54'}$$

$$\beta = \frac{114^\circ 54'}{2} = 57^\circ 27'$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 135^\circ 31'$$

$$\frac{\alpha - \beta = -20^\circ 37'}{2\beta = 156^\circ 8'}$$

(by subtracting)

$$\beta = \frac{156^\circ 8'}{2} = 78^\circ 4'$$

By law of sine

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{c}{\sin \gamma} &= \frac{a}{\sin \alpha} \\ &= 30.13 \cdot \frac{\sin (44^{\circ} 29')}{\sin (57^{\circ} 26')} \\ &= \frac{30.13 \times 0.7007}{0.8427} = 21.38\end{aligned}$$

$$b = 21.38$$

hence

$$a = 36.21$$

$$\alpha = 57^{\circ} 26'$$

$$b = 21.38$$

$$\beta = 78^{\circ} 34'$$

$$c = 21.38$$

$$\gamma = 44^{\circ} 29'$$

7. $a = 93$, $b = 101$, and $\beta = 80^{\circ}$

Solution

We know that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = 180^{\circ} - 80^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = 100^{\circ}$$

By law of tangent

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha - \gamma}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha + \gamma}{2}\right)} = \frac{a - c}{a + c}$$

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha - \gamma}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{100^{\circ}}{2}\right)} = \frac{93 - 101}{93 + 101}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\alpha - \gamma}{2}\right) = \tan(50^{\circ}) \cdot \frac{-8}{194}$$

$$= (-1.1917)(0.04123)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\alpha - \gamma}{2}\right) = -0.04914$$

$$\frac{\alpha - \gamma}{2} = \tan^{-1}(-0.04914)$$

$$\alpha - \gamma = 2(2^{\circ}48') = 5^{\circ}36'$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = 100^{\circ} \text{ and } \alpha - \gamma = 5^{\circ}36'$$

$$\frac{\alpha - \gamma = 5^{\circ}36'}{2\gamma = 105^{\circ}36'}$$

$$\beta = \frac{105^{\circ}36'}{2} = 52^{\circ}48'$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = 100^{\circ}$$

$$\frac{\alpha - \gamma = 5^{\circ}36'}{2\gamma = 94^{\circ}54'}$$

(by subtracting)

$$\beta = \frac{94^{\circ}54'}{2} = 47^{\circ}27'$$

By law of sine

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

$$= 93 \cdot \frac{\sin(80^{\circ})}{\sin(52^{\circ}48')}$$

$$= \frac{93 \times 0.9848}{0.7965} = 125$$

$$b = 125$$

hence

$$a = 93$$

$$\alpha = 52^{\circ}48'$$

$$b = 124$$

$$\beta = 80^{\circ}$$

$$c = 101$$

$$\gamma = 47^{\circ}27'$$

8. $b = 14.8, c = 16, \alpha = 42^{\circ}45'$ **Solution**

We know that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = 180^{\circ} - 42^{\circ}45'$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = 137^{\circ}15'$$

By law of tangent

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\beta-\gamma}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{\beta+\gamma}{2}\right)} = \frac{b-c}{b+c}$$

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\beta-\gamma}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{137^{\circ}15'}{2}\right)} = \frac{14.8-16.1}{14.8+16.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan\left(\frac{\beta-\gamma}{2}\right) &= \tan(68^{\circ}37') \cdot \frac{-13}{30.9} \\ &= \frac{-13}{30.9}(2.554)\end{aligned}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\beta-\gamma}{2}\right) = -0.10749$$

$$\frac{\beta-\gamma}{2} = \tan^{-1}(-0.10749)$$

$$\beta - \gamma = 2(6.135) = 12^{\circ}16'$$

$$\beta + \gamma = 137^{\circ}15' \text{ and } \beta - \gamma = 12^{\circ}16'$$

$$\frac{\beta-\gamma = 12^{\circ}16'}{2\beta = 149.52}$$

$$\beta = \frac{149.52}{2} = 74^{\circ}48'$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 137^{\circ}15'$$

$$\frac{\alpha-\beta = 12^{\circ}16'}{2\beta = 124^{\circ}52'}$$

(by subtracting)

$$\beta = \frac{124^{\circ}52'}{2} = 62^{\circ}26'$$

By law of sine

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

$$= 14.8 \cdot \frac{\sin(42^{\circ}45')}{\sin(62^{\circ}26')}$$

$$= \frac{14.8 \times 0.6788}{0.8868} = 11.33$$

$$a = 11.33$$

hence

$$a = 11.33$$

$$\alpha = 42^{\circ}45'$$

$$b = 14.8$$

$$\beta = 62^{\circ}26'$$

$$c = 16.1$$

$$\gamma = 74^{\circ}48'$$

9. $a = 319$, $b = 168$ and $\gamma = 110^{\circ}22'$

Solution

We know that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 180^{\circ} - 110^{\circ}22'$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 69^{\circ}38'$$

By law of tangent

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)} = \frac{b-c}{b+c}$$

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{69^{\circ}38'}{2}\right)} = \frac{319-168}{319+168}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right) &= \tan(34^{\circ}49') \cdot \frac{151}{487} \\ &= \frac{151}{487}(0.6954) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right) = 0.2156$$

$$\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2} = \tan^{-1}(0.2156)$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 2(12^{\circ}10') = 24^{\circ}20'$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 24^{\circ}20' \text{ and } \alpha + \beta = 69^{\circ}38'$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 24^{\circ}20'$$

$$\frac{\alpha + \beta = 69^{\circ}38'}{2\alpha = 93^{\circ}58'}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{93^{\circ}58'}{2} = 46^{\circ}59' \cong 47^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 69^{\circ}38'$$

$$\frac{\alpha - \beta = 24^\circ 20'}{2\beta = 45^\circ 18'} \quad (\text{by subtracting})$$

$$\beta = \frac{45^\circ 18'}{2} = 22^\circ 39'$$

By law of sine

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c}{\sin \gamma} &= \frac{a}{\sin \alpha} \\ &= 319 \cdot \frac{\sin(110^\circ 22')}{\sin 47^\circ} \\ &= \frac{319 \times 0.9375}{0.73135} = 408.91 \end{aligned}$$

$$c = 408.91$$

hence

$$a = 319$$

$$\alpha = 47^\circ$$

$$b = 168$$

$$\beta = 22^\circ 39'$$

$$c = 408.91$$

$$\gamma = 110^\circ 22'$$

10. $b = 61$, $a = 32$ and $\alpha = 59^\circ 30'$

Solution

Since the statement of the question is not correct so it cannot be solved. It should be 'b' and 'c' instead of 'b' and 'a'

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ \quad \text{by law of sine}$$

$$\beta + \gamma = 180^\circ - 59^\circ 30'$$

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

$$\beta + \gamma = 120^\circ 30'$$

$$a = 61 \frac{\sin(59^\circ 30')}{\sin(88^\circ 51')}$$

By law of tangents

$$a = 61 \times \frac{0.861}{0.999} =$$

$$a = 53$$

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\beta - \gamma}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{\beta + \gamma}{2}\right)} = \frac{b - c}{b + c}$$

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\beta-\gamma}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{120^\circ 30'}{2}\right)} = \frac{61-32}{61+32}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\beta-\gamma}{2}\right) = \frac{29}{93} \times \tan(60^\circ 15')$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\beta-\gamma}{2}\right) = 28.61 = 28^\circ 36'$$

$$\beta - \gamma = 57^\circ 12'$$

So

$$\beta + \gamma = 120^\circ 30'$$

$$\beta - \gamma = 57^\circ 12'$$

$$2\beta = 177^\circ 42'$$

$$\beta = \frac{177^\circ 42'}{2} = 88^\circ 51'$$

$$\beta + \gamma = 120^\circ 30'$$

$$\beta - \gamma = 57^\circ 12'$$

$$2\gamma = 63^\circ 18'$$

$$\gamma = \frac{63^\circ 18'}{2} = 31^\circ 39'$$

11. Measure of two sides of a triangle are in the ratio 3 : 2 and they include an angle of measure 57° . Find the remaining two angles.

Solution

Let two sides of a triangle are a and b .

Then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{3}{2}; \gamma = 57^\circ$

By componendo-division law

$$\frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{3+2}{3-2}$$

$$\frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{5}{1}$$

We know that

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 180^\circ - 57^\circ$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 123^\circ$$

By law of tangent

$$\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)}{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)} = \frac{a+b}{a-b}$$

$$\frac{\tan(123^\circ)}{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)} = \frac{5}{1}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right) = \frac{\tan(61^\circ 30')}{5}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right) = \frac{1.8417}{5} = 0.3684$$

$$\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2} = \tan^{-1}(0.3684) = 20.22$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 2(20.22) = 40.44$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 40.44 \text{ and } \alpha + \beta = 123^\circ$$

$$\frac{\alpha-\beta=40.44}{2\alpha=163.44} \quad (\text{by adding})$$

$$\alpha = \frac{163.44}{2} = 81.72 = 81^\circ 44'$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 123$$

$$\frac{\alpha-\beta=40.44}{2\beta=82.56} \quad (\text{by subtracting})$$

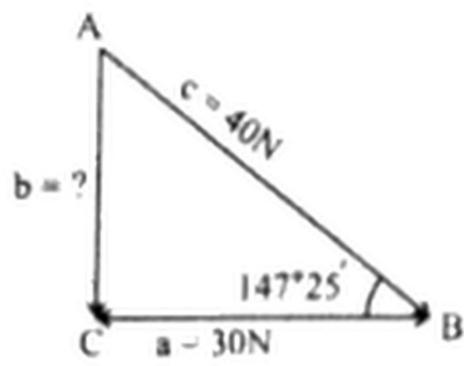
$$\beta = \frac{82.56}{2} = 41.28 = 41^\circ 16'$$

Hence the values of remaining

$$\text{Angles} = 41^\circ 16' \text{ and } 81^\circ 44'$$

12. Two force of 40 N and 30 N are represented by $\vec{A}\vec{B}$ and $\vec{B}\vec{C}$ which are inclined at an angle of $147^\circ 25'$. find $\vec{A}\vec{C}$, the resultant of $\vec{A}\vec{B}$ and $\vec{B}\vec{C}$.

Solution



Let $a = 30 \text{ N}$

$c = 40 \text{ N}$

$b = 147^\circ 25'$

then $b = ?$

by law of cosine

$$\begin{aligned}
 b^2 &= a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cdot \cos \beta \\
 &= (30)^2 + (40)^2 - 2(30)(40) \cdot \cos (147^\circ 25') \\
 &= 900 + 1600 - 2400 (-0.8426) \\
 &= 2500 + 2022.26 \\
 &= 4522.26
 \end{aligned}$$

$$b = \sqrt{4522.26} = 67.25 \text{ N}$$

hence

\vec{AC} the resultant of \vec{AB} $\vec{BC} = 67.25 \text{ N}$

