Chapter 10 Trigonometry of Right Triangles Trigonometric Ratios – Applications

1. A giant redwood tree casts a shadow 532 ft long. Find the height of the tree if the angle of elevation of the sun is 25.7° (A: 256 ft)

2. From a point on the ground 500 feet from the base of a building, it is observed that the angle of elevation to the top of the building is 24° and the angle of elevation to the top of a flagpole atop the building is 27° . Find the height of the building and the length of the flagpole. (A: 32 ft)



10. Using a protractor, sketch a right triangle that has the acute angle 40° . Measure the sides carefully and use your results to estimate the six trigonometric ratios of 40° .

11. From the top of a 200-ft lighthouse, the angle of depression to a ship in the ocean is 23° . How far is the ship form the base of the lighthouse? (A: approx. 471 ft)

12. A 20-ft ladder leans against a building so that the angle between the ground and the ladder is 72° . How high does the ladder reach on the building?

13. A man is lying on the beach, flying a kite. He holds the end of the kite string at ground level, and estimates the angle of elevation of the kite to be 50° . If the string is 450 ft long, how high is the kite above the ground?

14. A water tower is located 325 ft from a building. From a window in the building, it is observed that the angle of elevation to the top of the tower is 39° and the angle of depression to the bottom of the tower is 25° . How tall is the tower? How high is the window? (A: 414 ft)

15. An airplane flying at the rate of 350 feet per second begins to climb at an angle of 10° . What is the increase in altitude over the next 15 seconds if the speed remains the same? (A: 912 ft)

16. At an altitude of 12,000 ft, a pilot sees two towns through angles of depression of 37° and 48° . To the nearest ten feet, how far apart are the towns? (A: 5121 ft)

17. To estimate the height of a mountain above a level plain, the angle of elevation to the top of the mountain is measured to be 32° . One thousand feet closer to the mountain along the plain, it is found that the angle of elevation is 35° . Estimate the height of the mountain. (A: 4200 ft)

18. Find x correct to one decimal place.



Simplifying Trigonometric Expressions Proving Trigonometric Identities

Simplify the following expressions:

1.
$$(1 + \sin x)(\sec x - \tan x)$$
4. $\frac{\cos q \sec q}{\cot q}$ 7. $\frac{1 + \sin a}{\cos a} + \frac{\cos a}{1 + \sin a}$ 2. $\frac{\sin a}{\cos a} + \frac{\cos a}{1 + \sin a}$ 5. $\frac{\sec^2 x - 1}{\sec^2 x}$ 8. $\frac{2 + \tan^2 x}{\sec^2 x} - 1$ 3. $\cos^3 y + \sin^2 y \cos y$ 6. $\frac{\sin t}{\csc t} + \frac{\cos t}{\sec t}$ 9. $\frac{1 + \cot A}{\csc A}$

Answers:

1)
$$\cos(x; 2) \sec(a; 3) \cos(y; 4) \tan q; 5) \sin^2 x; 6)$$
 1; 7) $\frac{2}{\cos a} = 2\sec a; 8) \cos^2 x; 9) \sin A + \cos A$

Prove the following identities:

- 1. $\cos a (\sec a \cos a) = \sin^2 a$ 2. $2\tan x \sec x = \frac{1}{1 - \sin x} - \frac{1}{1 + \sin x}$ 3. $\frac{1}{1 - \sin t} = \sec^2 t + \tan t \sec t$ 4. $\frac{1 + \cos q}{\cos q} = \frac{\tan^2 q}{\sec q - 1}$ 5. $\sin x \cot x = \cos x$ 6. $\frac{\tan a}{\sec a} = \sin a$ 7. $\frac{\cos t}{\sec t} + \frac{\sin t}{\csc t} = 1$ 8. $(\sin q + \cos q)^2 = 1 + 2\sin q \cos q$ 9. $\frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x} = (\sec x - \tan x)^2$
- 10. $\sin a + \cos a \cot a = \csc a$