



Problem 1 – Law of Sines

Open the *Cabri Jr.* application by pressing [APPS] and selecting **Cabri Jr.** Open the file **LAW1** by pressing [Y=], selecting **Open...**, and selecting the file. You are given $\triangle ABC$ with the measure of all angles and sides calculated.

- Grab and drag point B (use the [ALPHA] button to grab the point), and record the values of a , b , c , $\angle A$, $\angle B$, and $\angle C$. Repeat this three more times.

Position	a	b	c	A	B	C
1						
2						
3						
4						

- On the calculator home screen calculate $\sin(A)$, $\sin(B)$, and $\sin(C)$. Then, calculate the following ratios: $\frac{\sin(A)}{a}$, $\frac{\sin(B)}{b}$, and $\frac{\sin(C)}{c}$.

Position	$\sin(A)$	$\sin(B)$	$\sin(C)$	$\frac{\sin(A)}{a}$	$\frac{\sin(B)}{b}$	$\frac{\sin(C)}{c}$
1						
2						
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- What do you notice about the last three columns of the table in Question 2?

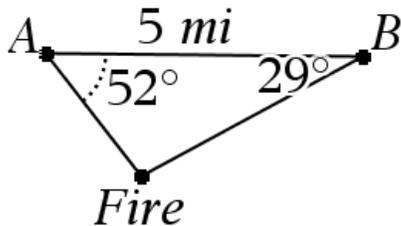
- Make a conjecture relating $\frac{\sin A}{a}$, $\frac{\sin B}{b}$, and $\frac{\sin C}{c}$.



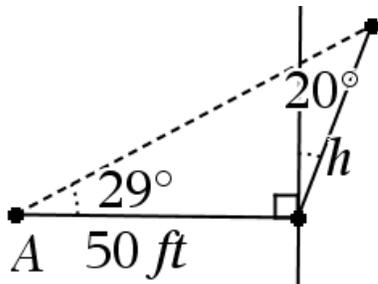
Problem 2 – Application of the Law of Sines

5. State the Law of Sines.

6. The distance between two fire towers is 5 miles. The observer in tower A spots a fire 52° SE and the observer in tower B spots the same fire 29° SW. Find the distance of the fire from each tower.



7. A tree leans 20° from vertical and at a point 50 ft. from the tree the angle of elevation to the top of the tree is 29° . Find the height, h , of the tree.

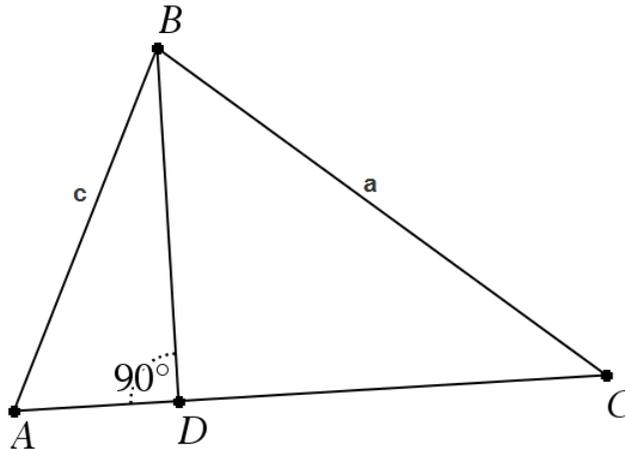


8. A boat is spotted by lighthouse A at 25° NE and spotted by lighthouse B at 50° NW. The lighthouses are 10 miles apart. What is the distance from the boat to each lighthouse?



Extension – Proof of the Law of Sines

We will now prove the Law of Sines. We will prove that $\frac{\sin(A)}{a} = \frac{\sin(C)}{c}$. You can use similar methods to show that $\frac{\sin(A)}{a} = \frac{\sin(B)}{b}$ and $\frac{\sin(B)}{b} = \frac{\sin(C)}{c}$. You are given $\triangle ABC$, altitude BD , and sides a and c .



9. Using right triangular trigonometry, what is the sine ratio for $\angle A$?

10. Using right triangular trigonometry, what is the sine ratio for $\angle C$?

11. What side is common to the sine of A and the sine of C ? Solve for this common side in the ratio for sine of A and sine of C .

12. Since the side from Exercise 13 is common to both equations we can set them equal to each other. Set your two equations equal and try to show that $\frac{\sin(A)}{a} = \frac{\sin(C)}{c}$.