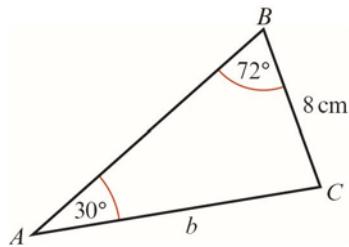
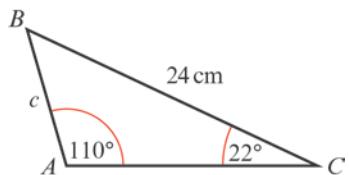
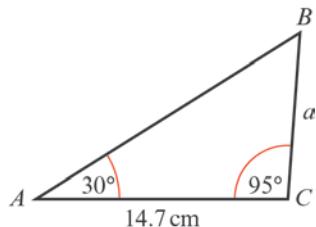


Trigonometric ratios 9B
1 a


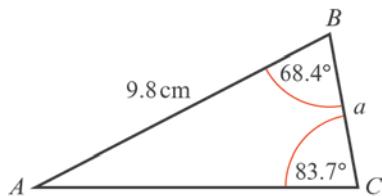
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Using } \frac{a}{\sin A} &= \frac{b}{\sin B} \\ \frac{b}{\sin 72^\circ} &= \frac{8}{\sin 30^\circ} \\ \Rightarrow b &= \frac{8 \sin 72^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ} = 15.2 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)} \\ (\text{As } 72^\circ > 30^\circ, b > 8 \text{ cm}) \end{aligned}$$

b


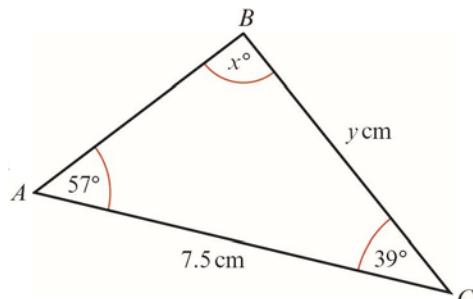
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Using } \frac{a}{\sin A} &= \frac{c}{\sin C} \\ \frac{c}{\sin 22^\circ} &= \frac{24}{\sin 110^\circ} \\ \Rightarrow c &= \frac{24 \sin 22^\circ}{\sin 110^\circ} = 9.57 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)} \\ (\text{As } 110^\circ > 22^\circ, 24 \text{ cm} > c) \end{aligned}$$

c


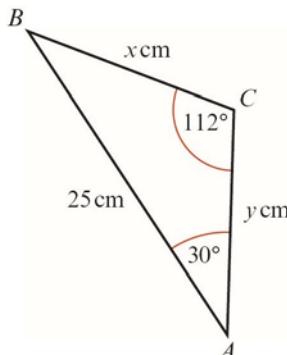
$$\begin{aligned} \angle ABC &= 180^\circ - (30 + 95)^\circ \\ &= 55^\circ \\ \text{Using } \frac{a}{\sin A} &= \frac{b}{\sin B} \\ \frac{a}{\sin 30^\circ} &= \frac{14.7}{\sin 55^\circ} \\ \Rightarrow a &= \frac{14.7 \sin 30^\circ}{\sin 55^\circ} = 8.97 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)} \end{aligned}$$

d


$$\begin{aligned} \angle ABC &= 180^\circ - (68.4 + 83.7)^\circ \\ &= 27.9^\circ \\ \text{Using } \frac{a}{\sin A} &= \frac{c}{\sin C} \\ \frac{a}{\sin 27.9^\circ} &= \frac{9.8}{\sin 83.7^\circ} \\ \Rightarrow a &= \frac{9.8 \sin 27.9^\circ}{\sin 83.7^\circ} = 4.61 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)} \end{aligned}$$

2 a


$$\begin{aligned} x &= 180^\circ - (57 + 39)^\circ \\ &= 84^\circ \\ \text{Using } \frac{a}{\sin A} &= \frac{b}{\sin B} \\ \frac{y}{\sin 57^\circ} &= \frac{7.5}{\sin 84^\circ} \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{7.5 \sin 57^\circ}{\sin 84^\circ} = 6.32 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)} \end{aligned}$$

b


$$\text{Using } \frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

2 b

$$\frac{x}{\sin 30^\circ} = \frac{25}{\sin 112^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{25 \sin 30^\circ}{\sin 112^\circ} = 13.5 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$

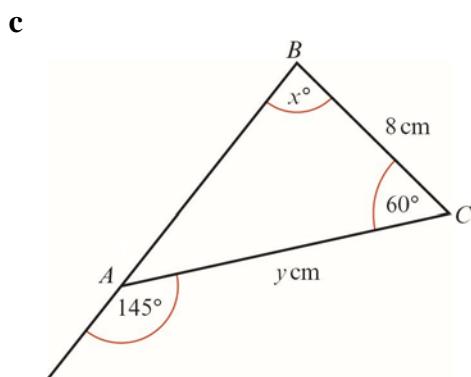
$$\angle B = 180^\circ - (112 + 30)^\circ$$

$$= 38^\circ$$

Using $\frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\frac{y}{\sin 38^\circ} = \frac{25}{\sin 112^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{25 \sin 38^\circ}{\sin 112^\circ} = 16.6 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$



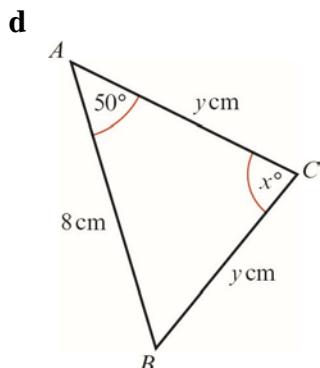
$$x = 180^\circ - (60 + 35)^\circ$$

$$= 85^\circ$$

Using $\frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{a}{\sin A}$

$$\frac{y}{\sin 85^\circ} = \frac{8}{\sin 35^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{8 \sin 85^\circ}{\sin 35^\circ} = 13.9 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$



$$x = 180^\circ - (50 + 50)^\circ$$

$$= 80^\circ$$

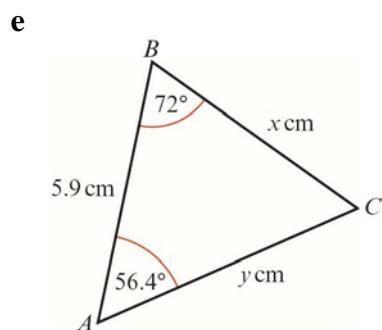
Using $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

d

$$\frac{y}{\sin 50^\circ} = \frac{8}{\sin 80^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{8 \sin 50^\circ}{\sin 80^\circ} = 6.22 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$

(Note: You could use the line of symmetry to split the triangle into two right-angled triangles and use $\cos 50^\circ = \frac{4}{y}$.)



$$\angle C = 180^\circ - (56.4 + 72)^\circ$$

$$= 51.6^\circ$$

Using $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\frac{x}{\sin 56.4^\circ} = \frac{5.9}{\sin 51.6^\circ}$$

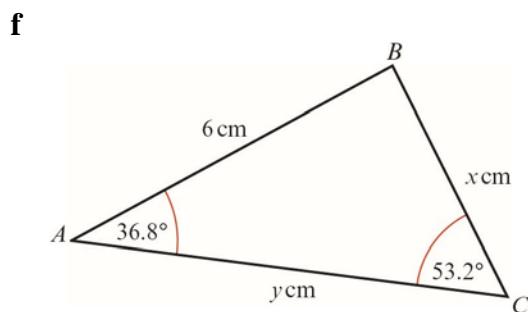
$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5.9 \sin 56.4^\circ}{\sin 51.6^\circ}$$

$$= 6.27 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$

Using $\frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\frac{y}{\sin 72^\circ} = \frac{5.9}{\sin 51.6^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{5.9 \sin 72^\circ}{\sin 51.6^\circ} = 7.16 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$



Using $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\frac{x}{\sin 36.8^\circ} = \frac{6}{\sin 53.2^\circ}$$

2 f $\Rightarrow x = \frac{6 \sin 36.8^\circ}{\sin 53.2^\circ} = 4.49 \text{ cm}$ (3 s.f.)

$$\angle B = 180^\circ - (36.8 + 53.2)^\circ \\ = 90^\circ$$

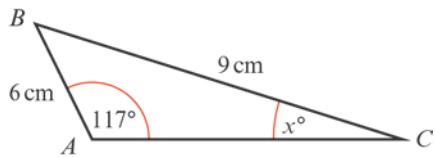
Using $\frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\frac{6}{\sin 53.2^\circ} = \frac{y}{\sin 90^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{6 \sin 90^\circ}{\sin 53.2^\circ} = 7.49 \text{ cm}$$
 (3 s.f.)

(Note: The third angle is 90° so you could solve the problem using sine or cosine; the sine rule is not necessary.)

3 a



Using $\frac{\sin C}{c} = \frac{\sin A}{a}$

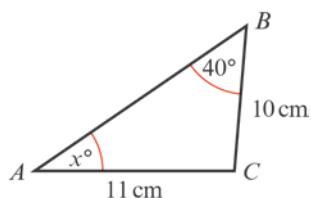
$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{6} = \frac{\sin 117^\circ}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{6 \sin 117^\circ}{9} (= 0.5940\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6 \sin 117^\circ}{9}\right) = 36.4^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 36.4$$

b



Using $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$

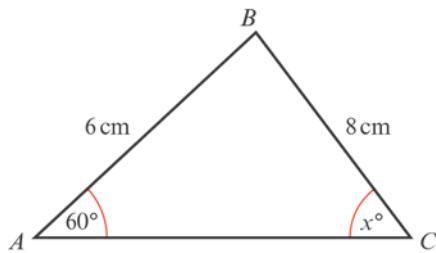
$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{11} = \frac{\sin 40^\circ}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{10 \sin 40^\circ}{11} (= 0.5843\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{10 \sin 40^\circ}{11}\right) = 35.8^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 35.8$$

3 c



Using $\frac{\sin C}{c} = \frac{\sin A}{a}$

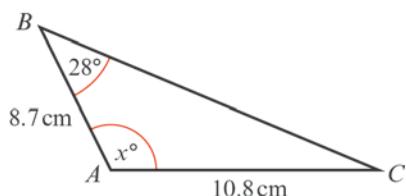
$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{8} = \frac{\sin 60^\circ}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{6 \sin 60^\circ}{8} (= 0.6495\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6 \sin 60^\circ}{8}\right) = 40.5^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 40.5$$

d



Using $\frac{\sin C}{c} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$

$$\frac{\sin C}{10.8} = \frac{\sin 28^\circ}{8.7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin C = \frac{8.7 \sin 28^\circ}{10.8} (= 0.3781\dots)$$

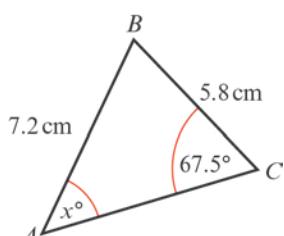
$$\Rightarrow C = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{8.7 \sin 28^\circ}{10.8}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 22.2^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = 180^\circ - (28 + 22.2)^\circ = 130^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 130$$

4 a



Using $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

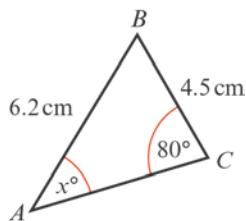
$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{7.2} = \frac{\sin 67.5^\circ}{5.8}$$

4 a $\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{5.8 \sin 67.5^\circ}{7.2} (= 0.7442\dots)$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5.8 \sin 67.5^\circ}{7.2}\right) = 48.09^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 48.1 (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

b



Using $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

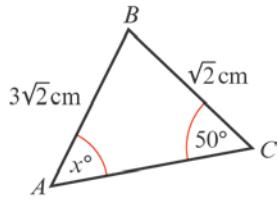
$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{4.5} = \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{6.2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{4.5 \sin 80^\circ}{6.2} (= 0.7147\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{4.5 \sin 80^\circ}{6.2}\right) = 45.63^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 45.6 (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

c



Using $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

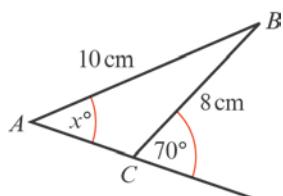
$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sin 50^\circ}{3\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2} \sin 50^\circ}{3\sqrt{2}} (= 0.2553\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sin 50^\circ}{3}\right) = 14.79^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 14.8 (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

d



d Angle $ACB = 180^\circ - 70^\circ = 110^\circ$

Using $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

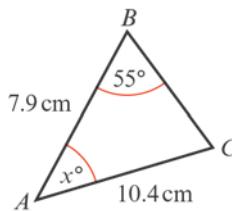
$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{8} = \frac{\sin 110^\circ}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{8 \sin 110^\circ}{10} (= 0.7517\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{8 \sin 110^\circ}{10}\right) = 48.74^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 48.7 (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

e



Using $\frac{\sin C}{c} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$

$$\frac{\sin C}{7.9} = \frac{\sin 55^\circ}{10.4}$$

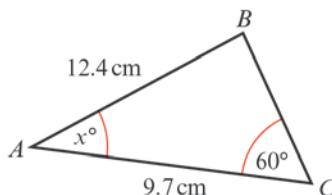
$$\Rightarrow \sin C = \frac{7.9 \sin 55^\circ}{10.4} (= 0.6222\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{7.9 \sin 55^\circ}{10.4}\right) = 38.48^\circ$$

$$x^\circ = 180^\circ - (55^\circ + C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 86.52 = 86.5 (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

f



Using $\frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

$$\frac{\sin B}{9.7} = \frac{\sin 60^\circ}{12.4}$$

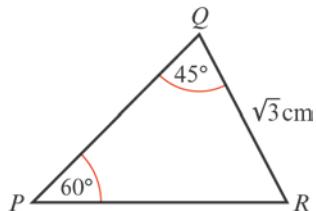
$$\Rightarrow \sin B = \frac{9.7 \sin 60^\circ}{12.4} (= 0.6774\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 42.65^\circ$$

$$x^\circ = 180^\circ - (60 + B)^\circ = 77.35^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 77.4 (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

5



a Using $\frac{q}{\sin Q} = \frac{p}{\sin P}$

$$\frac{PR}{\sin 45^\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sin 60^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow PR = \frac{\sqrt{3} \sin 45^\circ}{\sin 60^\circ} = 1.41 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$

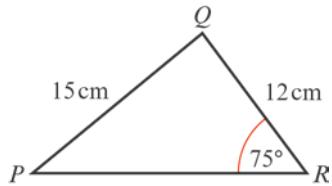
(The exact answer is $\sqrt{2}$ cm.)

b Using $\frac{r}{\sin R} = \frac{p}{\sin P}$
 $(R = 180^\circ - (60 + 45)^\circ = 75^\circ)$

$$\frac{PQ}{\sin 75^\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sin 60^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ = \frac{\sqrt{3} \sin 75^\circ}{\sin 60^\circ} = 1.93 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$

6



Using $\frac{\sin P}{p} = \frac{\sin R}{r}$

$$\frac{\sin P}{12} = \frac{\sin 75^\circ}{15}$$

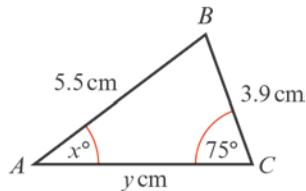
$$\Rightarrow \sin P = \frac{12 \sin 75^\circ}{15} (= 0.7727\dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12 \sin 75^\circ}{15}\right) = 50.60^\circ$$

Angle $QPR = 50.6^\circ$ (3 s.f.)

Angle $PQR = 180^\circ - (75 + 50.6)^\circ$
 $= 54.4^\circ$ (3 s.f.)

7 **a**



Using $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{3.9} = \frac{\sin 75^\circ}{5.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{3.9 \sin 75^\circ}{5.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3.9 \sin 75^\circ}{5.5}\right)$$

$$= 43.23^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 43.2 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

$$\text{So } \angle ABC = 180^\circ - (75 + 43.2)^\circ = 61.8^\circ$$

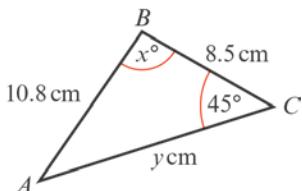
Using $\frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\frac{y}{\sin 61.8^\circ} = \frac{5.5}{\sin 75^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{5.5 \sin 61.8^\circ}{\sin 75^\circ} = 5.018$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 5.02 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

b



Using $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

$$\frac{\sin A}{8.5} = \frac{\sin 45^\circ}{10.8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A = \frac{8.5 \sin 45^\circ}{10.8}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{8.5 \sin 45^\circ}{10.8}\right) = 33.815^\circ$$

$$x^\circ = 180^\circ - (45^\circ + A) = 101.2^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 101 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

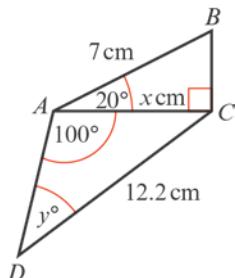
7 b Using $\frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\frac{y}{\sin x^\circ} = \frac{10.8}{\sin 45^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{10.8 \sin x^\circ}{\sin 45^\circ} = 14.98$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 15.0 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

c



In ΔABC , $\frac{x}{7} = \cos 20^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow x = 7 \cos 20^\circ = 6.58 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

Using $\frac{\sin D}{d} = \frac{\sin A}{a}$ in ΔADC

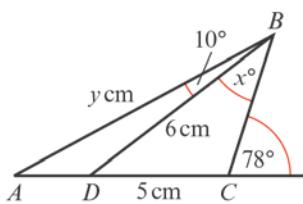
$$\frac{\sin y^\circ}{x} = \frac{\sin 100^\circ}{12.2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin y^\circ = \frac{x \sin 100^\circ}{12.2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^\circ = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x \sin 100^\circ}{12.2} \right) = 32.07^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 32.1 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

d



In triangle BDC :

$$\angle C = 180^\circ - 78^\circ = 102^\circ$$

Using $\frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{5} = \frac{\sin 102^\circ}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{5 \sin 102^\circ}{6}$$

d $\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{5 \sin 102^\circ}{6} \right) = 54.599^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow x = 54.6 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

In triangle ABC :

$$\angle BAC = 180^\circ - 102^\circ - (10 + x)^\circ = 13.4^\circ$$

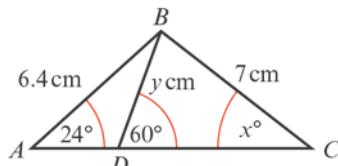
$$\text{So } \angle ADB = 180^\circ - 10^\circ - 13.4^\circ = 156.6^\circ$$

Using $\frac{d}{\sin D} = \frac{a}{\sin A}$ in ΔABD

$$\frac{y}{\sin 156.6^\circ} = \frac{6}{\sin 13.4^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{6 \sin 156.6^\circ}{\sin 13.4^\circ} = 10.28 = 10.3 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

e



Using $\frac{\sin C}{c} = \frac{\sin A}{a}$ in ΔABC

$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{y} = \frac{\sin 24^\circ}{6.4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 21.8 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

Using $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{d}{\sin D}$ in ΔABD

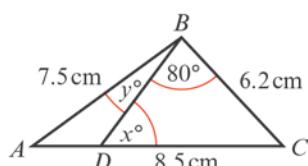
$$\frac{y}{\sin 24^\circ} = \frac{6.4}{\sin 120^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{6.4 \sin 24^\circ}{\sin 120^\circ} = 3.0058$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 3.01 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

(The above approach finds the two values independently. You could find y first and then use it to find x , but if your answer for y is wrong then x will be wrong as well.)

f



7 f Using $\frac{\sin D}{d} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$ in ΔBDC

$$\frac{\sin x^\circ}{6.2} = \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{8.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x^\circ = \frac{6.2 \sin 80^\circ}{8.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\circ = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6.2 \sin 80^\circ}{8.5}\right) = 45.92^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 45.9^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

In triangle ABC :

$$\angle ACB = 180^\circ - (80 + x)^\circ$$

$$= 54.08^\circ$$

Using $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

$$\frac{\sin A}{6.2} = \frac{\sin 54.08^\circ}{7.5}$$

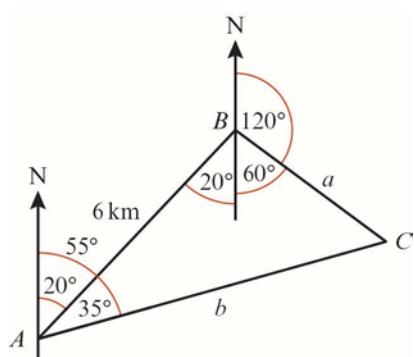
$$\Rightarrow \sin A = \frac{6.2 \sin 54.08^\circ}{7.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6.2 \sin 54.08^\circ}{7.5}\right) = 42.03^\circ$$

$$\text{So } y^\circ = 180^\circ - (42.03 + 134.1)^\circ$$

$$y = 3.87^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

8



$$\angle BAC = 55^\circ - 20^\circ = 35^\circ$$

$$\angle ABC = 20^\circ + 60^\circ = 80^\circ$$

(Alternate angles and angles on a straight line.)

$$\angle ACB = 180^\circ - (80 + 35)^\circ = 65^\circ$$

a Using $\frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{\sin 80^\circ} = \frac{6}{\sin 65^\circ}$$

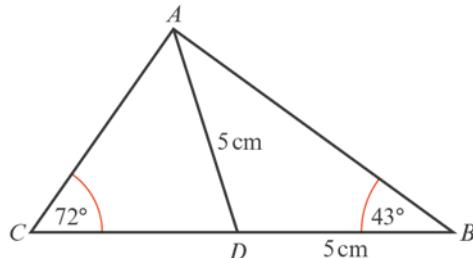
$$\Rightarrow AC = \frac{6 \sin 80^\circ}{\sin 65^\circ} = 6.52 \text{ km (3 s.f.)}$$

8 b Using $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{\sin 35^\circ} = \frac{6}{\sin 65^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = \frac{6 \sin 35^\circ}{\sin 65^\circ} = 3.80 \text{ km (3 s.f.)}$$

9



a In triangle ABD :

$$\angle DAB = 43^\circ \text{ (isosceles } \Delta)$$

$$\text{So } \angle ADB = 180^\circ - (2 \times 43^\circ) = 94^\circ$$

As the triangle is isosceles you could work with right-angled triangles, but using the sine rule

$$\frac{d}{\sin D} = \frac{a}{\sin A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{\sin 94^\circ} = \frac{5}{\sin 43^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \frac{5 \sin 94^\circ}{\sin 43^\circ} = 7.31 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$

b In triangle ADC :

$$\angle ADC = 180^\circ - 94^\circ = 86^\circ$$

$$\text{So } \angle CAD = 180^\circ - (72 + 86)^\circ = 22^\circ$$

Using $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CD}{\sin 22^\circ} = \frac{5}{\sin 72^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow CD = \frac{5 \sin 22^\circ}{\sin 72^\circ} = 1.97 \text{ cm (3 s.f.)}$$

10 a In triangle ABD :

$$\frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin A}{a}$$

$$\frac{\sin B}{76} = \frac{\sin 66^\circ}{136}$$

$$\text{So } \sin B = \frac{76 \sin 66^\circ}{136}$$

$$B = 30.6978...^\circ$$

- 10 a** So the angle between AB and BD is 30.7° .

Using triangle BCD :

$$\frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

$$\frac{\sin B}{80} = \frac{\sin 98^\circ}{136}$$

$$\text{So } \sin B = \frac{80 \sin 98^\circ}{136}$$

$$B = 35.6273\dots^\circ$$

So the angle between BC and BD is 35.6° .

The angle between the fences AB and BC is $30.7^\circ + 35.6^\circ = 66.3^\circ$.

- b** In triangle ABD :

$$\text{Angle } ADB = 180^\circ - 66^\circ - 30.7^\circ = 83.3^\circ$$

Using the cosine rule:

$$d^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos D$$

$$d^2 = 136^2 + 76^2 - 2 \times 136 \times 76 \cos 83.3^\circ$$

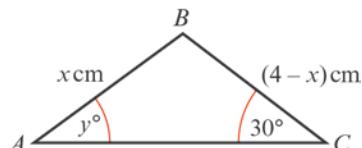
$$d^2 = 18\,496 + 5776 - 2411.817\,477$$

$$d^2 = 21\,860.182\,52$$

$$\text{So } d = 147.851\dots$$

So the length of the fence AB is 148 m (3 s.f.).

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$$\text{Using } \frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4-x}{\sin y^\circ} = \frac{x}{\sin 30^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow (4-x)\sin 30^\circ = x \sin y^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow (4-x) \times \frac{1}{2} = x \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Multiply throughout by 2:

$$4-x = x\sqrt{2}$$

$$x + \sqrt{2}x = 4$$

$$x(1+\sqrt{2}) = 4$$

$$x = \frac{4}{1+\sqrt{2}}$$

- 11** Multiply ‘top and bottom’ by $\sqrt{2}-1$:

$$x = \frac{4(\sqrt{2}-1)}{(\sqrt{2}-1)(\sqrt{2}+1)}$$

$$= \frac{4(\sqrt{2}-1)}{2-1}$$

$$= 4(\sqrt{2}-1)$$

- 12 a** Using the left-hand triangle, the angles are 40° , 128° and 12° . ($128^\circ = 180^\circ - 52^\circ$ and $180^\circ - (128^\circ + 40^\circ) = 12^\circ$)

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin 128^\circ} = \frac{15}{\sin 12^\circ}$$

$$a = \frac{15 \sin 128^\circ}{\sin 12^\circ}$$

$$a = 56.8518\dots$$

Using the larger right-angled triangle:

$$\sin 40^\circ = \frac{\text{height}}{56.8518}$$

$$\text{Height} = 56.8518 \sin 40^\circ = 36.54\dots$$

The height of the building is 36.5 m (3 s.f.).

- b** Assume that the angles of elevation have been measured from ground level.