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Solutions of Triangle

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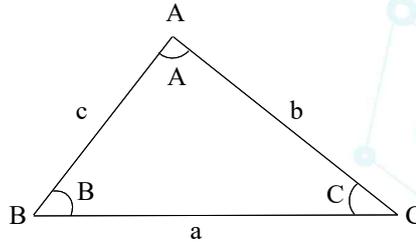


01. Properties and Solution of Triangle

For a $\triangle ABC$, sides opposite to angles A, B and C i.e., BC, CA and AB are represented by a, b and c respectively. We denote half of the perimeter of the triangle by s , i.e.,
 $2s = a + b + c$.

GEOMETRICAL PROPERTIES OF A, B, C and a, b, c .

- $A + B + C = 180^\circ$
- $a + b > c, b + c > a, c + a > b$
- $a > 0, b > 0, c > 0$



For solving a Δ , we need some basic tools such as-

(1) SINE FORMULA

In any triangle ABC , the ratios of the sides to sine of the opposite angles are equal. i.e.,

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} = 2R, \text{ where } R \text{ is circumradius of } \triangle ABC.$$

(2) COSINE FORMULA

Can we express an angle of any triangle in terms of the sides of the triangle?

The formula which does that is known as cosine rule.

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}, \cos B = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac}, \cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$$

(3) PROJECTION FORMULA

$$a = c \cos B + b \cos C. \text{ Similarly, } b = a \cos C + c \cos A \text{ and } c = a \cos B + b \cos A.$$

(4) NAPIER'S ANALOGY (TANGENT RULE)

Napier's Analogy states that

$$\text{in any triangle } ABC, \tan \frac{(A-B)}{2} = \frac{a-b}{a+b} \cot \frac{C}{2}.$$

Similarly,

$$\tan \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{b-c}{b+c} \cot \frac{A}{2}; \tan \frac{C-A}{2} = \frac{c-a}{c+a} \cot \frac{B}{2}$$

(5) TO FIND THE SINE, COSINE AND TANGENT OF THE HALF-ANGLES IN TERMS OF THE SIDES

$$\sin \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc}}, \cos \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}}, \tan \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)}} \text{ where } b \text{ and } c \text{ are sides opposite to angle } A.$$