1.6 The Sine Law

Draw an oblique triangle, $\triangle \mathrm{ABC}$ (no $90^{\circ}$ angle). Measure and label all angles and sides (carefully!)

Then calculate:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\sin A}{a} & =\frac{\sin 27^{\circ}}{31.5} & \frac{\sin B}{b} & =\frac{\sin 101}{69} \\
& =0.014 & & =0.014
\end{aligned}
$$

Compare your results with neighbouring groups). What can you conclude?


Write an equation to model the relationship between the variables shown.


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


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

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { The Sine Law } \\
& \frac{\operatorname{Sin} A}{a}=\frac{\sin B}{b}=\frac{\sin C}{c} \\
& \frac{a}{a}=\frac{b}{\sin A}=\frac{c}{\sin C}
\end{aligned}
$$

**These ratios can be used to find unknown sides or angles in oblique triangles. ${ }^{* *}$

1) Solve for the unknown.

b)


$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{b}{\sin B} & =\frac{a}{\sin A} \\
\frac{17}{\sin 55^{\circ}} & =\frac{x}{\sin 93} \\
\sin 93^{\circ} \cdot \frac{17}{\sin 55^{\circ}} & =x \\
x & =20.7
\end{aligned}
$$


b)


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\sin \theta}{9}=\frac{\sin 42}{7} \\
& \begin{aligned}
\sin \theta & =9 \cdot \frac{\sin 42}{7} \\
& =0.8603 \\
\theta & =\sin ^{-1}(0.8603) \\
& =59^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
\end{aligned}
$$

c)


How wide is the river?


The river is appoy 173.5 ft wide

# Practice <br> Set 1: p. 401 \#C2,C3,2ab,3ab,4a,6b,10 

Set 2: p. 401\#C2,C3,2b,4a,6b,9,12,15,20

