## Precalculus

## Lesson 8.1: Right triangle Trigonometry Applications

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Review of the trig ratios for a right triangle


EXAMPLE: Find the six trig ratios

| $\sin \theta=$ | $\cos \theta=$ | $\tan \theta=$ |
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| $\csc \theta=$ | $\sec \theta=$ | $\cot \theta$ |

## Solving Right Triangles

Given $a=3$, and $b=2$, find $c, A$, and $B$


A surveyor can measure the width of a river by setting up a transit at a point $C$ on one side of the river and taking a sighting of a point $A$ on the other side. After turning through an angle of $90^{\circ}$ a C the surveyor walks a distance of 200 meters to point B . Using the transit at $B$ the angle $\theta$ is measure and found to be $20^{\circ}$. What is the width of the river rounded to the nearest meter?


A straight trail leads from the Alpine Hotel, elevation 8000 feet, to a scenic overlook, elevation 11,100 feet. The length of the trail is 14,100 feet. What is the inclination (grade) of the trail? That is what is the angle $B$ ?


Elevation 8000 ft

Angle of Elevation: When you look up, you elevate your line of vision to see an object.


Angle of Depression: To see an object below you, you look down (when you are depressed, you look down).


Meteorologists find the height of a cloud using an instrument called a ceilometer. A ceilometer consists of a light projector that directs a vertical light beam up to the cloud base and a light detector that scans the cloud to detect the light beam. On December 13, 2011, at Midway Airport in Chicago, a ceilometer was employed to find the height of the cloud cover. It was set up with its light detector 300 feet from its light projector. If the angle of elevation from the light detector to the base of the cloud were $75^{\circ}$, what was the height of the cloud cover?


Adorning the top of the Board of Trade building in Chicago is a statue of Ceres, the Roman goddess of wheat. From street level, two observations are taken 400 feet from the center of the building. The angle of elevation to the base of the statue is found to be $55.1^{\circ}$ and the angle of elevation to the top of the statue is $56.5^{\circ}$. What is the height of the statue?


Bearing: The direction north or south always appears first, followed by an acute angle, and ending with east or west. Describes the number of degrees off of north or south and in which direction, east or west.

Azimuth Bearing: Uses all $360^{\circ}$ to measure direction


A Boeing 777 aircraft takes off from O'Hare Airport on runway 2 LEFT, which has a bearing of $N 20^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$. After flying for one mile, the pilot of the aircraft requests to turn $90^{\circ}$ and head northwest. The request is granted. After the plane goes 2 miles in this direction, what bearing should the control tower use to locate the aircraft?


