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### 18.2 Sine and Cosine Ratios

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\text { Sine } \Theta=\frac{\text { Opposite }}{\text { Hypotenuse }}
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\text { Cosine } \Theta=\frac{\text { Adjacent }}{\text { Hypotenuse }}
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*You can use a calculator to approximate the sine, cosine, and the tangent. Make sure that your calculator is in degree mode. The table shows values of each function.


SINE $=\frac{\text { OPP }}{H Y P}$


COSINE $=\frac{\text { ADJ }}{H Y P}$


TANGENT $=\frac{\text { OPP }}{\text { ADJ }}$

Suppose a new regulation states that the maximum angle of a ramp for wheelchairs is $9^{\circ}$. At least how long must the new ramp be? Round to the nearest tenth of a foot.


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\begin{aligned}
& \sin A=\frac{B C}{A C} \\
& \sin 9^{\circ}=\frac{2.3}{z} \approx \frac{2.3}{\sin 9^{\circ}} \approx 14.7
\end{aligned}
$$

2 Find the acute angle measure in $X Y Z$, to the nearest degree.

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\begin{aligned}
& \cos b=\frac{a d y}{b y} \\
& \cos Y=\frac{X Y}{Y Z} \quad \text { Find a cosine } r
\end{aligned}
$$


$\mathrm{m} \angle Y=\cos ^{-1}\left(\frac{13}{23}\right)$ Use the definition of the inverse cosine ratio.
$\approx 56^{\circ} \quad$ Use a calculator to evaluate the inverse cosine ratio.

3 Find the acute angle,

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\begin{aligned}
& \sin \phi=\frac{o \rho l}{H Y Q} \\
& \sin Z=\frac{X Y}{Y Z} \\
& \sin Z=\frac{14}{21} \quad \text { Find a }
\end{aligned}
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$\mathrm{m} \angle Z=\sin ^{-1}\left(\frac{14}{21}\right)$ Use the definition of the inverse sine ratio.
$\approx 42^{\circ} \quad$ Use a calculator to evaluate the inverse sine ratio.


5 Find the unknown length x in the right triangle, to the nearest tenth.

$\cos \theta=\frac{\text { adj }}{A y P}$

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\begin{aligned}
\cos E & =\frac{E F}{D E} \\
\cos 50^{\circ} & =\frac{x}{28} \\
28 \cos 50^{\circ} & =x \\
x & \approx 18
\end{aligned}
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Find the unknown length $x$ in the right triangle, to the nearest tenth.

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\begin{aligned}
& \cos 76^{\circ}=\frac{17}{x} \\
& x=\frac{17}{\cos 76^{\circ}} \\
& x \approx 70.3
\end{aligned}
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7 Find the unknown length x in the right triangle, to the nearest tenth.


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\begin{aligned}
\sin P=\frac{Q R}{P Q} \quad \sin 25^{\circ} & =\frac{20}{x} \\
x & =\frac{20}{\sin 25^{\circ}} \\
x & \approx 47.3
\end{aligned}
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8 Find the acute angle measure, to the nearest degree.


9 Find the acute angle measure, to the nearest degree.


10The specifications for a laptop computer describe its screen as measuring 15.4 in. However, this is actually the length of a diagonal of the rectangular screen, as represented in the figure. How wide is the screen horizontally, to the nearest tenth of an inch?


