

119. Understanding and Using SOH-CAH-TOA in Trigonometry

Practice Questions

1. What does SOH-CAH-TOA stand for in trigonometry?
2. Identify the opposite, adjacent, and hypotenuse in a right-angled triangle where the given angle is at the bottom left.
3. A right-angled triangle has an angle of 30° and a hypotenuse of 10 cm. Find the opposite side using sine.
4. A ladder leans against a wall, making a 60° angle with the ground. The ladder is 5 m long. Find the height it reaches on the wall.
5. A ramp is 4 m long and rises at an angle of 25° . Find how high it lifts.
6. A right-angled triangle has an adjacent side of 7 cm and an angle of 40° . Find the hypotenuse.
7. Find x : A right-angled triangle has an opposite side of 8 cm and a hypotenuse of 12 cm. Find the angle using sine.
8. A building casts a shadow of 15 m. If the angle of elevation of the sun is 50° , find the building's height.
9. A tree is 9 m tall and casts a shadow of 12 m. Find the angle of elevation of the sun.
10. A zip line is 20 m long and forms a 35° angle with the horizontal. Find how high it starts from the ground.

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Scenario Questions

1. A pilot is descending at a 10° angle to the runway. If the plane is 500 m above the ground, how far is it from landing?
2. A hiker climbs a slope at a 20° incline. If the slope is 200 m long, how much height does the hiker gain?
3. A TV antenna is attached to a vertical pole with a wire of 15 m making a 50° angle with the ground. Find the height of the pole.
4. A ramp is designed at a 30° angle to load goods onto a truck. If the ramp is 6 m long, find the height of the truck.
5. A lighthouse observer sees a boat at a 25° angle of depression. The lighthouse is 40 m tall. Find the distance of the boat from the lighthouse base.
6. A football is kicked at a 40° angle. If it travels 30 m along the ground, how high does it reach at its peak?
7. A crane extends a 20 m cable at a 75° angle to lift a box. How high does the box go?
8. A kite string is 50 m long and makes a 60° angle with the ground. Find the height of the kite.
9. A car drives 100 m up a 15° slope. Find the vertical height gained.
10. A road bridge has a 5° incline and is 500 m long. Find the height difference between the start and the end.

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Practice Questions

- SOH-CAH-TOA stands for:
 - SOH: Sine = Opposite / Hypotenuse
 - CAH: Cosine = Adjacent / Hypotenuse
 - TOA: Tangent = Opposite / Adjacent
- Opposite: side opposite the given angle; Adjacent: side next to the given angle; Hypotenuse: side opposite the right angle.
- Opposite side: 5 cm
- Height: $5 \times \sin(60^\circ) \approx 4.33$ m
- Height: $4 \times \sin(25^\circ) \approx 1.69$ m
- Hypotenuse: $7 / \cos(40^\circ) \approx 9.14$ cm
- Angle: $\sin^{-1}(8/12) \approx 41.81^\circ$
- Building height: $15 \times \tan(50^\circ) \approx 17.88$ m
- Angle of elevation: $\tan^{-1}(9/12) \approx 36.87^\circ$
- Height: $20 \times \sin(35^\circ) \approx 11.47$ m

Scenario Questions

- Distance from landing: $500 / \tan(10^\circ) \approx 2835.64$ m
- Height gained: $200 \times \sin(20^\circ) \approx 68.40$ m
- Pole height: $15 \times \sin(50^\circ) \approx 11.49$ m
- Truck height: $6 \times \sin(30^\circ) = 3$ m
- Distance of the boat: $40 / \tan(25^\circ) \approx 85.84$ m
- Peak height: $30 \times \tan(40^\circ) \approx 25.17$ m
- Box height: $20 \times \sin(75^\circ) \approx 19.32$ m
- Kite height: $50 \times \sin(60^\circ) \approx 43.30$ m
- Vertical height: $100 \times \sin(15^\circ) \approx 25.88$ m
- Height difference: $500 \times \sin(5^\circ) \approx 43.58$ m

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