

▲ 1. Sine Rule

Used when:

- You have **two angles and one side** (AAS or ASA).
- You have **two sides and a non-included angle** (SSA, *ambiguous case*).

Formula:

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

Where:

- a, b, c are sides.
 - A, B, C are opposite angles.
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🔄 Ambiguous Case (SSA)

- If $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$ and A is **acute**, there can be:
 - **No triangle** (if side opposite the given angle is too short).
 - **One triangle** (if it just touches the base).
 - **Two triangles** (if it can swing to form two different angles).

🔪 2. Cosine Rule

Used when:

- You know **two sides and the included angle** (SAS).
- You know **all three sides** (SSS), to find an angle.

Formula for side:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

Formula for angle:

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

3. Area of a Triangle

Used when:

- You know **two sides and the included angle** (SAS).

Formula:

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$$

Works for **any triangle**, even with **obtuse** angles (since \sin still works with obtuse angles in radians/degrees).

Examples

Example 1: Sine Rule (AAS)

Given: $A = 40^\circ$, $B = 60^\circ$, $a = 10$

Find: b

Use sine rule:

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} \Rightarrow \frac{10}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{b}{\sin 60^\circ} \Rightarrow b = \frac{10 \cdot \sin 60^\circ}{\sin 40^\circ}$$

Example 2: Cosine Rule (SSS)

Given: $a = 7$, $b = 8$, $c = 9$

Find: A

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} = \frac{64 + 81 - 49}{2 \cdot 8 \cdot 9} = \frac{96}{144} = 0.6667 \Rightarrow A \approx \cos^{-1}(0.6667)$$