

## **Trigonometric Functions** ("SohCahToa")



## Triangles

### Pythagorean Theorem and Friends



# Right triangle: $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ aObtuse triangle: $c^2 > a^2 + b^2$ Acute triangle: $c^2 < a^2 + b^2$





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**Special Triangles** 











# Law of Sines, Ambiguous Case

## Number of possible triangles

Given a triangle in which you know angle-side-side, as at right.

• Calculate  $h = b \sin \theta$ 

Note that b is the side adjacent to the angle

- Compare h and a (the far side)
  - h > a No triangle
  - h = a One triangle (no ambiguity)
  - $h > \alpha$  Possibly two triangles

