4.8 Exercises

VOCABULARY CHECK: Fill in the blanks.

1. An angle that measures from the horizontal upward to an object is called the angle of _____, whereas an angle that measures from the horizontal downward to an object is called the angle of _____.
2. A _____ measures the acute angle a path or line of sight makes with a fixed north-south line.
3. A point that moves on a coordinate line is said to be in simple _____ _____ if its distance d from the origin at time t is given by either $d = a \sin \omega t$ or $d = a \cos \omega t$.

In Exercises 1–10, solve the right triangle shown in the figure. Round your answers to two decimal places.

1. $A = 20°, \quad b = 10$
2. $B = 54°, \quad c = 15$
3. $B = 71°, \quad b = 24$
4. $A = 8.4°, \quad a = 40.5$
5. $a = 6, \quad b = 10$
6. $a = 25, \quad c = 35$
7. $b = 16, \quad c = 52$
8. $b = 1.32, \quad c = 9.45$
9. $A = 12°15', \quad c = 430.5$
10. $B = 65°12', \quad a = 14.2$

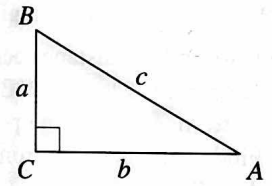


FIGURE FOR 1–10

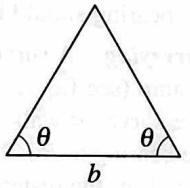
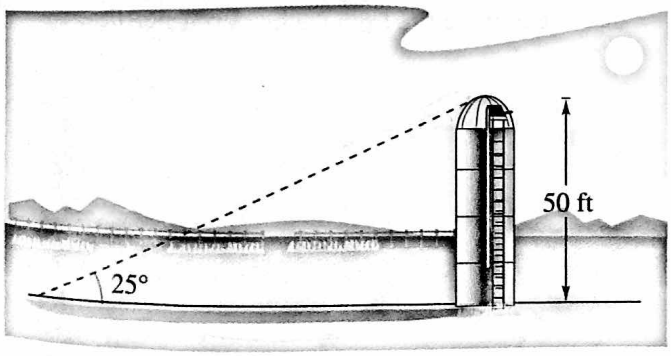


FIGURE FOR 11–14

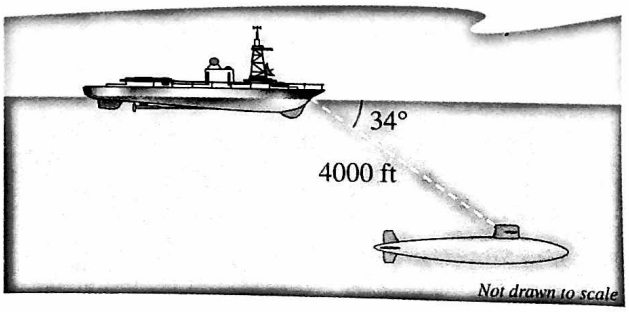
In Exercises 11–14, find the altitude of the isosceles triangle shown in the figure. Round your answers to two decimal places.

11. $\theta = 52°, \quad b = 4$ inches
12. $\theta = 18°, \quad b = 10$ meters
13. $\theta = 41°, \quad b = 46$ inches
14. $\theta = 27°, \quad b = 11$ feet

15. ***Length*** The sun is 25° above the horizon. Find the length of a shadow cast by a silo that is 50 feet tall (see figure).



16. ***Length*** The sun is 20° above the horizon. Find the length of a shadow cast by a building that is 600 feet tall.
17. ***Height*** A ladder 20 feet long leans against the side of a house. Find the height from the top of the ladder to the ground if the angle of elevation of the ladder is 80°.
18. ***Height*** The length of a shadow of a tree is 125 feet when the angle of elevation of the sun is 33°. Approximate the height of the tree.
19. ***Height*** From a point 50 feet in front of a church, the angles of elevation to the base of the steeple and the top of the steeple are 35° and 47° 40′, respectively.
    (a) Draw right triangles that give a visual representation of the problem. Label the known and unknown quantities.
    (b) Use a trigonometric function to write an equation involving the unknown quantity.
    (c) Find the height of the steeple.
20. ***Height*** You are standing 100 feet from the base of a platform from which people are bungee jumping. The angle of elevation from your position to the top of the platform from which they jump is 51°. From what height are the people jumping?
21. ***Depth*** The sonar of a navy cruiser detects a submarine that is 4000 feet from the cruiser. The angle between the water line and the submarine is 34° (see figure). How deep is the submarine?



22. ***Angle of Elevation*** An engineer erects a 75-foot cellular telephone tower. Find the angle of elevation to the top of the tower at a point on level ground 50 feet from its base.