

Section 8.1: The Law of Sines

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oblique triangle - triangle that is not a right triangle

recall: to solve a right triangle, need three pieces of info:

- ① the right angle
- ② } any other two pieces of info,
- ③ } one of which must be a side

to solve an oblique triangle, need three pieces of info in total, one of which must be a side

5 scenarios:



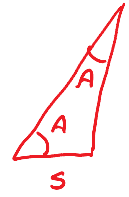
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effectively the same because you can find the third angle (sum = 180°)



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more than one solution





ambiguous case

- could be two different
triangles