## WS#7-2 The Law of Sines

## 1. The Law of Sines states

#### 2. Possibilities:

### Case 1: SAA OR ASA

Solve the triangle:

$$\alpha = 35^{\circ}$$
,  $\beta = 15^{\circ}$ ,  $c = 5$ 

# Case 2: SSA or the Ambiguous Case

triangle

No triangle

 $a < b \sin \alpha$ 

One

 $a = b \sin \alpha$  or  $a \ge b$ 

Two triangles

 $b \sin \alpha < a < b$ 

A. Solve the triangle: a = 3, b = 2,  $\alpha = 40^{\circ}$ 

B. Solve the triangle: a = 2, c = 1,  $\gamma = 50^{\circ}$ 

C. Solve the triangle: 
$$a = 6$$
,  $b = 8$ ,  $\alpha = 35^{\circ}$ 

3. To measure the height of a mountain, a surveyor takes two sightings of the peak at a distance 900 meters apart on a direct line to the mountain. The first observation results in an angle of elevation of 47° and the second results in an angle of elevation of 35°. If the transit is 2 meters high. what is the height of the mountain?

- 4. Coast Guard Zulu is located 120 miles due west of Station X-ray. A ship at sea sends an SOS call that is received by each station. The call to station Zulu indicates that the bearing of the ship from Zulu is N40°E. The call to Station X-ray indicates that the bearing of the ship from X-ray is N30°W.
  - A. How far is each station from the ship?
  - B. If a helicopter capable of flying 200 mph is dispatched from the station nearest to the ship, how long will it take to reach the ship?