

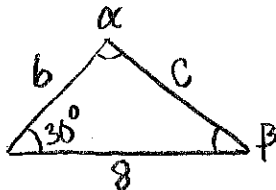
WS#7-4

The Area of a Triangle

1. The general area formula for a triangle is  $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$ , special cases are shown below:

Case 1: SAS  $A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin \gamma; \frac{1}{2}bc \sin \alpha; \frac{1}{2}ac \sin \beta$

Derivation:



Find the area of the triangle:  $a = 8, b = 6, \gamma = 30^\circ$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin \gamma = \frac{1}{2}(8)(6) \sin 30^\circ = 12 \text{ units}^2$$

Case 2: SSS Heron's Formula =  $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$  where  $s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$

Derivation: p. 551-552

Find the area of the triangle:  $a = 4, b = 5, c = 7$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$$

$$A = \sqrt{8(8-4)(8-5)(8-7)}$$

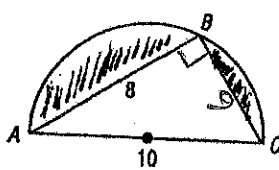
$$s = \frac{1}{2}(4+5+7)$$

$$A = \sqrt{8(4)(3)(1)}$$

$$s = 8$$

$$A = \sqrt{96} = 4\sqrt{6} = 9.8 \text{ units}^2$$

2. Find the area of the shaded region enclosed in a semicircle of diameter 10 inches. The length of the chord AB is 8 inches. [Hint: Triangle ABC is a  $\text{Rt} \Delta$ ]



① Find Area of the semicircle

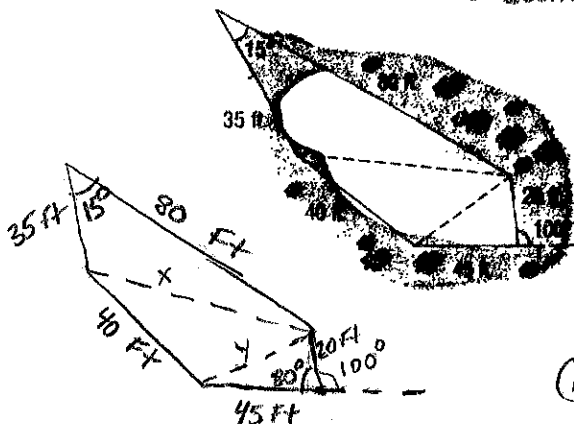
$$A = \frac{\pi r^2}{2} = \frac{\pi(5)^2}{2} = \frac{25\pi}{2} \text{ in}^2$$

② Find Area of  $\Delta ABC \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(6)(8) = 24 \text{ in}^2$

③ Area of shaded region = (Area of semicircle) - (Area of  $\Delta ABC$ )  
 $A = \frac{25\pi}{2} \text{ in}^2 - 24 \text{ in}^2 = 15.27 \text{ in}^2$

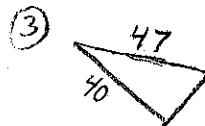
3. To approximate the area of a lake, a surveyor walks around the perimeter of the lake, taking measurements shown in the illustration. Using this technique, what is the approximate area of the lake?

[Hint: Use the Law of Cosines on the 3 triangles shown & then find the sum of their areas.]

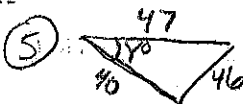


①  $180 - 100 = 80^\circ$

②  $x = \sqrt{(35)^2 + (80)^2 - 2(35)(80)\cos(15^\circ)}$   
 $x \approx 47$



④  $y = \sqrt{(45)^2 + (20)^2 - 2(45)(20)\cos(80^\circ)}$   
 $y \approx 46$



$\cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{(47)^2 + (40)^2 - (46)^2}{2(47)(40)} \right] = 63.24^\circ = Y$

⑥ Area of lake =  $\frac{1}{2} [ 35 \cdot 80 \cdot \sin 15^\circ + 40 \cdot 47 \cdot \sin 63.24^\circ + 45 \cdot 20 \cdot \sin 80^\circ ]$

Area of lake =