2.4 – THE COSINE LAW

Using standard notations, the cosine law is:



This formula works for any type of triangle.

Example 1: Determining a length



Example 2: Determining an angle



Example 3: Determining an angle



There is no ambiguous case with the cosine law.

If cos x is negative, the angle is obtuse, and the calculator will give the corresponding angle directly.

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