# 4.8 EXERCISES

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### **VOCABULARY:** Fill in the blanks.

- 1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_ measures the acute angle a path or line of sight makes with a fixed north-south line.
- 2. 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  $d = a \cos \omega t$ .
- 3. The time for one complete cycle of a point in simple harmonic motion is its \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. The number of cycles per second of a point in simple harmonic motion is its \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SKILLS AND APPLICATIONS**

In Exercises 5–14, solve the right triangle shown in the figure for all unknown sides and angles. Round your answers to two decimal places.



In Exercises 15–18, find the altitude of the isosceles triangle shown in the figure. Round your answers to two decimal places.

15.	$\theta = 45^{\circ},$	b = 6	<b>16.</b> $\theta = 18^{\circ}$ ,	b = 10
17.	$\theta = 32^{\circ},$	b = 8	<b>18.</b> $\theta = 27^{\circ}$ ,	b = 11

**19. LENGTH** The sun is  $25^{\circ}$  above the horizon. Find the length of a shadow cast by a building that is 100 feet tall (see figure).



- **20. LENGTH** The sun is  $20^{\circ}$  above the horizon. Find the length of a shadow cast by a park statue that is 12 feet tall.
- **21. 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°.
- **22. 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.
- **23. 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  $35^{\circ}$  and  $47^{\circ} 40'$ , respectively. Find the height of the steeple.
- **24. DISTANCE** An observer in a lighthouse 350 feet above sea level observes two ships directly offshore. The angles of depression to the ships are  $4^{\circ}$  and  $6.5^{\circ}$  (see figure). How far apart are the ships?



**25. DISTANCE** A passenger in an airplane at an altitude of 10 kilometers sees two towns directly to the east of the plane. The angles of depression to the towns are 28° and 55° (see figure). How far apart are the towns?



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- **26. ALTITUDE** You observe a plane approaching overhead and assume that its speed is 550 miles per hour. The angle of elevation of the plane is  $16^{\circ}$  at one time and  $57^{\circ}$  one minute later. Approximate the altitude of the plane.
- **27. 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.
- **28. ANGLE OF ELEVATION** The height of an outdoor basketball backboard is  $12\frac{1}{2}$  feet, and the backboard casts a shadow  $17\frac{1}{3}$  feet long.
  - (a) Draw a right triangle that gives 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 angle of elevation of the sun.
- **29. ANGLE OF DEPRESSION** A cellular telephone tower that is 150 feet tall is placed on top of a mountain that is 1200 feet above sea level. What is the angle of depression from the top of the tower to a cell phone user who is 5 horizontal miles away and 400 feet above sea level?
- **30. ANGLE OF DEPRESSION** A Global Positioning System satellite orbits 12,500 miles above Earth's surface (see figure). Find the angle of depression from the satellite to the horizon. Assume the radius of Earth is 4000 miles.



**31. HEIGHT** You are holding one of the tethers attached to the top of a giant character balloon in a parade. Before the start of the parade the balloon is upright and the bottom is floating approximately 20 feet above ground level. You are standing approximately 100 feet ahead of the balloon (see figure).



- (a) Find the length *l* of the tether you are holding in terms of *h*, the height of the balloon from top to bottom.
- (b) Find an expression for the angle of elevation θ from you to the top of the balloon.
- (c) Find the height *h* of the balloon if the angle of elevation to the top of the balloon is  $35^{\circ}$ .
- **32. HEIGHT** The designers of a water park are creating a new slide and have sketched some preliminary drawings. The length of the ladder is 30 feet, and its angle of elevation is  $60^{\circ}$  (see figure).



- (a) Find the height *h* of the slide.
- (b) Find the angle of depression θ from the top of the slide to the end of the slide at the ground in terms of the horizontal distance d the rider travels.
- (c) The angle of depression of the ride is bounded by safety restrictions to be no less than 25° and not more than 30°. Find an interval for how far the rider travels horizontally.
- **33. SPEED ENFORCEMENT** A police department has set up a speed enforcement zone on a straight length of highway. A patrol car is parked parallel to the zone, 200 feet from one end and 150 feet from the other end (see figure).



- (a) Find the length *l* of the zone and the measures of the angles *A* and *B* (in degrees).
- (b) Find the minimum amount of time (in seconds) it takes for a vehicle to pass through the zone without exceeding the posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

- 34. AIRPLANE ASCENT During takeoff, an airplane's angle of ascent is 18° and its speed is 275 feet per second.(a) Find the plane's altitude after 1 minute.
  - (b) How long will it take the plane to climb to an altitude of 10,000 feet?
- **35. NAVIGATION** An airplane flying at 600 miles per hour has a bearing of 52°. After flying for 1.5 hours, how far north and how far east will the plane have traveled from its point of departure?
- **36. NAVIGATION** A jet leaves Reno, Nevada and is headed toward Miami, Florida at a bearing of 100°. The distance between the two cities is approximately 2472 miles.
  - (a) How far north and how far west is Reno relative to Miami?
  - (b) If the jet is to return directly to Reno from Miami, at what bearing should it travel?
- **37. NAVIGATION** A ship leaves port at noon and has a bearing of S 29° W. The ship sails at 20 knots.
  - (a) How many nautical miles south and how many nautical miles west will the ship have traveled by 6:00 P.M.?
  - (b) At 6:00 P.M., the ship changes course to due west. Find the ship's bearing and distance from the port of departure at 7:00 P.M.
- **38. NAVIGATION** A privately owned yacht leaves a dock in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and heads toward Freeport in the Bahamas at a bearing of S 1.4° E. The yacht averages a speed of 20 knots over the 428 nautical-mile trip.
  - (a) How long will it take the yacht to make the trip?
  - (b) How far east and south is the yacht after 12 hours?
  - (c) If a plane leaves Myrtle Beach to fly to Freeport, what bearing should be taken?
- **39. NAVIGATION** A ship is 45 miles east and 30 miles south of port. The captain wants to sail directly to port. What bearing should be taken?
- **40. NAVIGATION** An airplane is 160 miles north and 85 miles east of an airport. The pilot wants to fly directly to the airport. What bearing should be taken?
- **41. SURVEYING** A surveyor wants to find the distance across a swamp (see figure). The bearing from *A* to *B* is N  $32^{\circ}$  W. The surveyor walks 50 meters from *A*, and at the point *C* the bearing to *B* is N  $68^{\circ}$  W. Find (a) the bearing from *A* to *C* and (b) the distance from *A* to *B*.



FIGURE FOR 41

**42. LOCATION OF A FIRE** Two fire towers are 30 kilometers apart, where tower *A* is due west of tower *B*. A fire is spotted from the towers, and the bearings from *A* and *B* are N 76° E and N 56° W, respectively (see figure). Find the distance *d* of the fire from the line segment *AB*.



**GEOMETRY** In Exercises 43 and 44, find the angle  $\alpha$  between two nonvertical lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . The angle  $\alpha$  satisfies the equation

$$\tan \alpha = \left| \frac{m_2 - m_1}{1 + m_2 m_1} \right|$$

where  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are the slopes of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively. (Assume that  $m_1m_2 \neq -1$ .)

**43.** 
$$L_1: 3x - 2y = 5$$
  
 $L_2: x + y = 1$ 
**44.**  $L_1: 2x - y = 8$   
 $L_2: x - 5y = -4$ 

**45. GEOMETRY** Determine the angle between the diagonal of a cube and the diagonal of its base, as shown in the figure.



**46. GEOMETRY** Determine the angle between the diagonal of a cube and its edge, as shown in the figure.

- **47. GEOMETRY** Find the length of the sides of a regular pentagon inscribed in a circle of radius 25 inches.
- **48. GEOMETRY** Find the length of the sides of a regular hexagon inscribed in a circle of radius 25 inches.
- **49. HARDWARE** Write the distance *y* across the flat sides of a hexagonal nut as a function of *r* (see figure).



**50. BOLT HOLES** The figure shows a circular piece of sheet metal that has a diameter of 40 centimeters and contains 12 equally-spaced bolt holes. Determine the straight-line distance between the centers of consecutive bolt holes.

**TRUSSES** In Exercises 51 and 52, find the lengths of all the unknown members of the truss.



**HARMONIC MOTION** In Exercises 53–56, find a model for simple harmonic motion satisfying the specified conditions.

Ľ	Displacement $(t=0)$	Amplitude	Period
<b>53.</b> (	)	4 centimeters	2 seconds
<b>54.</b> 0	)	3 meters	6 seconds
<b>55.</b> 3	inches	3 inches	1.5 seconds
<b>56.</b> 2	e feet	2 feet	10 seconds

**HARMONIC MOTION** In Exercises 57–60, for the simple harmonic motion described by the trigonometric function, find (a) the maximum displacement, (b) the frequency, (c) the value of *d* when t = 5, and (d) the least positive value of *t* for which d = 0. Use a graphing utility to verify your results.

**57.** 
$$d = 9 \cos \frac{6\pi}{5}t$$
  
**58.**  $d = \frac{1}{2}\cos 20\pi t$   
**59.**  $d = \frac{1}{4}\sin 6\pi t$   
**60.**  $d = \frac{1}{64}\sin 792\pi t$ 

- **61. TUNING FORK** A point on the end of a tuning fork moves in simple harmonic motion described by  $d = a \sin \omega t$ . Find  $\omega$  given that the tuning fork for middle C has a frequency of 264 vibrations per second.
- **62. WAVE MOTION** A buoy oscillates in simple harmonic motion as waves go past. It is noted that the buoy moves a total of 3.5 feet from its low point to its high point (see figure), and that it returns to its high point every 10 seconds. Write an equation that describes the motion of the buoy if its high point is at t = 0.



- **63. OSCILLATION OF A SPRING** A ball that is bobbing up and down on the end of a spring has a maximum displacement of 3 inches. Its motion (in ideal conditions) is modeled by  $y = \frac{1}{4} \cos 16t \ (t > 0)$ , where y is measured in feet and t is the time in seconds.
  - (a) Graph the function.
  - (b) What is the period of the oscillations?
  - (c) Determine the first time the weight passes the point of equilibrium (y = 0).
- **64.** NUMERICAL AND GRAPHICAL ANALYSIS The cross section of an irrigation canal is an isosceles trapezoid of which 3 of the sides are 8 feet long (see figure). The objective is to find the angle  $\theta$  that maximizes the area of the cross section. [*Hint:* The area of a trapezoid is  $(h/2)(b_1 + b_2)$ .]



(a) Complete seven additional rows of the table.

Base 1	Base 2	Altitude	Area	
8	$8 + 16 \cos 10^{\circ}$	8 sin 10°	22.1	
8	$8 + 16 \cos 20^{\circ}$	8 sin 20°	42.5	

- (b) Use a graphing utility to generate additional rows of the table. Use the table to estimate the maximum cross-sectional area.
- (c) Write the area A as a function of  $\theta$ .
- (d) Use a graphing utility to graph the function. Use the graph to estimate the maximum cross-sectional area. How does your estimate compare with that of part (b)?
- **65.** NUMERICAL AND GRAPHICAL ANALYSIS A 2-meter-high fence is 3 meters from the side of a grain storage bin. A grain elevator must reach from ground level outside the fence to the storage bin (see figure). The objective is to determine the shortest elevator that meets the constraints.



(a) Complete four rows of the table.

θ	$L_1$	$L_2$	$L_1 + L_2$	
0.1	$\frac{2}{\sin 0.1}$	$\frac{3}{\cos 0.1}$	23.0	
0.2	$\frac{2}{\sin 0.2}$	$\frac{3}{\cos 0.2}$	13.1	

- (b) Use a graphing utility to generate additional rows of the table. Use the table to estimate the minimum length of the elevator.
- (c) Write the length  $L_1 + L_2$  as a function of  $\theta$ .
- (d) Use a graphing utility to graph the function. Use the graph to estimate the minimum length. How does your estimate compare with that of part (b)?
- **66. DATA ANALYSIS** The table shows the average sales S (in millions of dollars) of an outerwear manufacturer for each month t, where t = 1 represents January.

Time, t	1	2		3		4	5	6
Sales, S	13.46	11.1	11.15		0	4.85	2.54	1.70
Time, t	7	8	9			10	11	12
Sales, S	2.54	4.85	8.	8.00		1.15	13.46	14.30

- (a) Create a scatter plot of the data.
- (b) Find a trigonometric model that fits the data. Graph the model with your scatter plot. How well does the model fit the data?
- (c) What is the period of the model? Do you think it is reasonable given the context? Explain your reasoning.
- (d) Interpret the meaning of the model's amplitude in the context of the problem.
- **67. DATA ANALYSIS** The number of hours *H* of daylight in Denver, Colorado on the 15th of each month are: 1(9.67), 2(10.72), 3(11.92), 4(13.25), 5(14.37), 6(14.97), 7(14.72), 8(13.77), 9(12.48), 10(11.18), 11(10.00), 12(9.38). The month is represented by *t*, with t = 1 corresponding to January. A model for the data is given by

 $H(t) = 12.13 + 2.77 \sin[(\pi t/6) - 1.60].$ 

- (a) Use a graphing utility to graph the data points and the model in the same viewing window.
  - (b) What is the period of the model? Is it what you expected? Explain.
  - (c) What is the amplitude of the model? What does it represent in the context of the problem? Explain.

## **EXPLORATION**

- **68. CAPSTONE** While walking across flat land, you notice a wind turbine tower of height *h* feet directly in front of you. The angle of elevation to the top of the tower is *A* degrees. After you walk *d* feet closer to the tower, the angle of elevation increases to *B* degrees.
  - (a) Draw a diagram to represent the situation.
  - (b) Write an expression for the height *h* of the tower in terms of the angles *A* and *B* and the distance *d*.

**TRUE OR FALSE?** In Exercises 69 and 70, determine whether the statement is true or false. Justify your answer.

- **69.** The Leaning Tower of Pisa is not vertical, but if you know the angle of elevation  $\theta$  to the top of the tower when you stand *d* feet away from it, you can find its height *h* using the formula  $h = d \tan \theta$ .
- **70.** N 24° E means 24 degrees north of east.