Which One Doesn't Belong?

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#SlowMath: Looking for Meaning Before the Task

How might we leverage technology to build procedural fluency from conceptual understanding? What if we encourage sketching to show connections? Come experience right triangle trig through the lens of the Slow Math Movement.


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G-SRT.C. Define trigonometric ratios and solve problems involving right triangles

6. Understand that by similarity, side ratios in right triangles are properties of the angles in the triangle, leading to definitions of trigonometric ratios for acute angles.

7. Explain and use the relationship between the sine and cosine of complementary angles.

8. Use trigonometric ratios and the Pythagorean Theorem to solve right triangles in applied problems.
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- 300% better
- Deep practice

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I notice ... I wonder ...
What would be useful to know?
What is reasonable to measure?
Boat on a River

7.22 in.

56°

1 in. = 10 ft.

6 in.
Draw a right triangle with a 40° angle.
I can look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Level 4:
I can attend to precision as I construct a viable argument to express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Level 3:
I can look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

Level 2:
I can identify and describe patterns and regularities, and I can begin to develop generalizations.

Level 1:
I can notice and note what changes and what stays the same when performing calculations or interacting with geometric figures.
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\sin(B) = \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{7.45}{11.59} = 0.643
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\cos(B) = \frac{BC}{AB} = \frac{8.88}{11.59} = 0.766
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\tan(B) = \frac{AC}{CB} = \frac{7.45}{8.88} = 0.839
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How are trigonometric ratios related to similarity?

How are the side lengths of right triangles related to their angle measures?
In the figure at left, $JLK$ and $JNM$ are both right triangles. Which of the following expressions must be equal to the length of line segment $KL$?

- **A** $\sin(y) \cdot \frac{JK}{JL}$
- **B** $\frac{1}{\cos(y)} \cdot \frac{JK}{JL}$
- **C** $\tan(y) \cdot JL$
- **D** $\frac{1}{\tan(y)} \cdot JL$
Does the boat make it under the bridge?

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Sharing high-quality questions may be the most significant thing we can do to improve the quality of student learning.

Conclusion

Years ago, David Ausubel (1968) argued that the most important factor influencing learning is what the learner already knows and that the job of the teacher is to ascertain this and to teach accordingly. Students' conceptions are not random aberrations but the results of sophisticated and creative attempts to make sense of their experiences. Within a
Hopewell triangles

A
3
4
5

B
1
2

C
1
1

D
3
4

E
2
5

F
2
1

G
5
8

H
1
7
Hopewell triangles

Triangle 1

Triangle 2
Show Your Work

Level 4
I can show more than one way to find a solution to the problem.

Level 3
I can describe or illustrate how I arrived at a solution in a way that the reader understands without talking to me.

Level 2
I can find a correct solution to the problem.

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I can ask questions to help me work toward a solution to the problem.
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