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Q.1 Solve triangle ABC if

$$\beta = 60^{\circ} , \quad \gamma = 15^{\circ} , \quad b = \sqrt{6}$$

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Solution:

Since
$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha + 60^{\circ} + 15^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha = 180^{\circ} - 60^{\circ} - 15^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha = 105$$

Now by law of sines

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{a}{\sin \beta}$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin 105^{\circ}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sin 60^{\circ}} \implies a = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sin 60^{\circ}} \times \sin 105^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha = 2.732$$

again

$$\frac{c}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta}$$

$$\frac{c}{\sin 15^{\circ}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sin 60^{\circ}} \implies c = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sin 60^{\circ}} \times \sin 15^{\circ}$$

$$a = 0.7320$$

Q.2 $\beta = 52^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 89^{\circ} 35'$, a = 89.35

Solution:

Since
$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha + 52^{\circ} + 89^{\circ} 35' = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha = 180^{\circ} - 52^{\circ} - 89^{\circ} 35'$$

$$\alpha = 38^{\circ} 25'$$

Now by law of sines

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{89.35}{\sin 38^{\circ} 25'} = \frac{b}{\sin 52^{\circ}}$$

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$$b = \frac{89.35}{\sin 38^{\circ} 25'} \times \sin 52^{\circ}$$

$$b = 113.18$$

again

$$\frac{c}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{a}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$\frac{c}{\sin 89^{\circ} 35'} = \frac{89.35}{\sin 38^{\circ} 25'}$$

$$c = \frac{89.35}{\sin 38^{\circ} 25'} \times \sin 89^{\circ} 35'$$

$$c = 143.79$$

Q.3 b = 125, $\gamma = 53^{\circ}$, $\alpha = 47^{\circ}$

Solution:

Since
$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$47^{\circ} + \beta + 35^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\beta = 180^{\circ} - 53^{\circ} - 47^{\circ}$$

$$\beta = 80^{\circ}$$

Now by law of sines

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta}$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin 47^{\circ}} = \frac{125}{\sin 80^{\circ}}$$

$$a = \frac{125}{\sin 80^{\circ}} \times \sin 47^{\circ}$$

$$a = 92.8$$

and

$$\frac{c}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta}$$

$$\frac{c}{\sin 53^{\circ}} = \frac{125}{\sin 80^{\circ}}$$

$$c = \frac{125}{\sin 80^{\circ}} \times \sin 53^{\circ}$$

$$c = 101$$

Q.4 c = 16.1, $\alpha = 53^{\circ} 45'$, $\gamma = 74^{\circ} 32'$

Solution:

Since
$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$42^{\circ} 45' + \beta + 74^{\circ} 32' = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\beta = 180^{\circ} - 42^{\circ} 45' - 74^{\circ} 32'$$

$$\beta = 62^{\circ} 43'$$

Now by law of sines

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma}$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin 42^{\circ} 45'} = \frac{16.1}{\sin 74^{\circ} 32'}$$

$$a = \frac{16.1}{\sin 74^{\circ} 32'} \times \sin 42^{\circ} 45'$$

$$a = 11.3$$

$$\frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma}$$

$$\frac{b}{\sin 62^{\circ} 43'} = \frac{16.1}{\sin 74^{\circ} 32'}$$

$$b = \frac{16.1}{\sin 74^{\circ} 32'} \times \sin 62^{\circ} 43'$$

$$b = 14.8$$

Q.5
$$a = 53$$
, $\beta = 88^{\circ} 36'$, $\gamma = 31^{\circ} 54'$

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Solution:

Since
$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha + 88^{\circ} 36' + 31^{\circ} 54' = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\alpha = 180^{\circ} - 88^{\circ} 36' - 31^{\circ} 54'$$

$$\alpha = 59^{\circ} 30'$$

Now by law of sines

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta}$$

$$\frac{53}{\sin 59^{\circ} 30'} = \frac{b}{\sin 88^{\circ} 36'}$$

$$b = \frac{53}{\sin 59^{\circ} 30'} \times \sin 88^{\circ} 36'$$

$$b = 61.49$$

$$\frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma}$$

$$\frac{61.49}{\sin 88^{\circ} 36'} = \frac{c}{\sin 31^{\circ} 54'}$$

$$c = \frac{61.49}{\sin 88^{\circ} 36'} \times \sin 31^{\circ} 54'$$

$$c = 32.5$$

EXERCISE 12.5

Solve the triangle ABC, in which

Q.1 b = 59, c = 34, and
$$\alpha = 52^{\circ}$$
 (Gujranwala Board 2007)

Solution:

Using law of cosines

$$a^{2} = b^{2} + c^{2} - 2bc \cos \alpha$$

$$a^{2} = (95)^{2} + (34)^{2} - 2 (95) (34) \cos 52^{0}$$

$$= 9025 + 1156 - 3977$$

$$a^{2} = 6204$$

$$\boxed{a = 78.76}$$

$$\because \cos\beta = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac}$$

Now
$$\beta = \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac} \right]$$

 $\beta = \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{(78.76)^2 + (34)^2 - (95)^2}{2(78.76)(34)} \right]$

$$\beta = 71^{\circ} 53'$$

so
$$\gamma = 180^{\circ} - \beta - \alpha$$

= $180^{\circ} - 71^{\circ} 53' - 52^{\circ}$
 $\gamma = 56^{\circ} 7'$

$$b^{2} = a^{2} + c^{2} - 2ac \cos\beta$$

$$2ac \cos\beta = a^{2} + c^{2} - b^{2}$$

$$\cos\beta = \frac{a^{2} + c^{2} - b^{2}}{2ac}$$

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