

List of physical constants

| Constant | Symbol | Value |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Speed of light in vacuum | c | $2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ |
| Planck's constant | h | $6.62606876 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$ |
| Reduced Planck's constant | $\hbar = h/2\pi$ | $1.054571596 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$ |
| Rest mass of an electron | m | $9.10938188 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ |
| Rest mass energy of an electron | mc^2 | $81.871041 \text{ fJ} = 510.99888 \text{ keV}$ |
| Elementary charge | e | $1.60217653 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ |
| Permiability of free space | $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ | $1.2566371 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Vs}/(\text{Am})$ |
| Permittivity of free space | $\epsilon_0 = 1/\mu_0 c^2$ | $8.85418782 \times 10^{-12} \text{ As}/(\text{Vm})$ |
| Thomson scattering length | $r_0 = e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 mc^2$ | $2.82 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ |
| Fine structure constant | $\alpha = \mu_0 ce^2/2h$ | $1/137.03599976$ |
| Boltzmann's constant | k_B | $1.3806503 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$ |
| Avogadro's number | N_A | $6.02214199 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ |
| Absolute zero | θ_0 | $-273.15 \text{ }^\circ \text{ C}$ |
| Gas constant | $R = kN_A$ | $8.314472 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ |
| Normal pressure | p_n | $101\,325 \text{ Pa}$ |
| Classical electron radius | r_0 | $2.8179 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ |

Cosine rule

By using the sine and cosine rules, one can determine the length of a side or an angle of a triangle with sides a , b , and c ; and opposing angles A , B , and C , respectively (Figure 1). The cosine rule states that the length of each side can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \\ b^2 &= c^2 + a^2 - 2ca \cos B \\ c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, these expressions can be rearranged to find the angles, for example,

$$\cos A = (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)/2bc.$$

The sine rules states

$$(\sin A)/a = (\sin B)/b = (\sin C)/c$$

Which rule you use depends on the information available about the triangle.

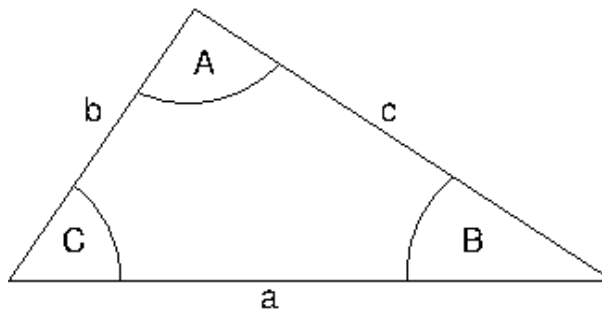


Figure 1: Cosine rule reference triangle.