

SOME APPLICATIONS OF TRIGONOMETRY

INTRODUCTION

SUBJECT : MATHEMATICS

CHAPTER NUMBER: 09

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LEARNING OUTCOME

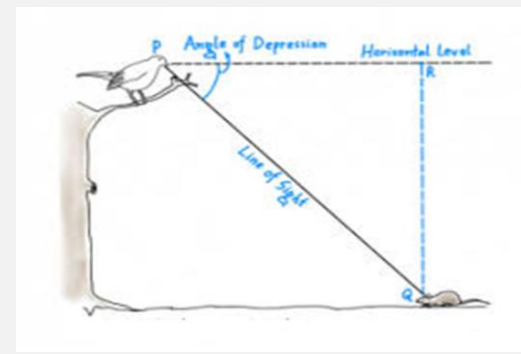
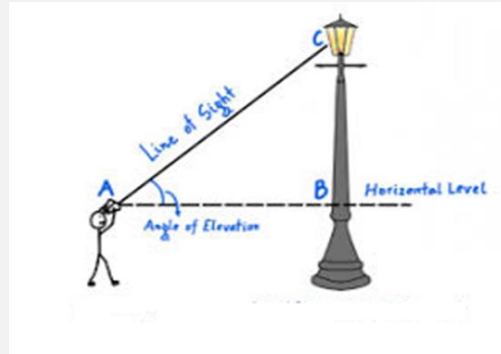
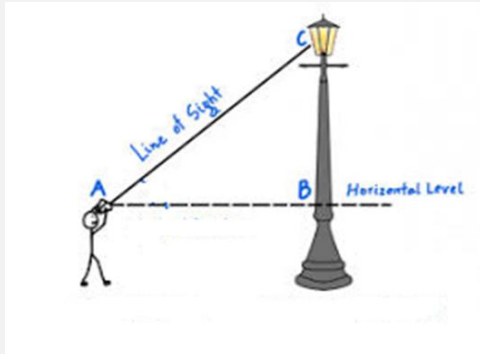
1. Students will be able to know the meaning of line of sight, angle of elevation & angle of depression.
2. Students will be able to analyze word problem and draw the corresponding figure.
3. Students will be able to apply the knowledge of trigonometry in solving real life problems.

Line of sight: line of sight is the line drawn from the eye of an observer to the point in the object viewed by the observer

Horizontal level: It is the horizontal line through the eye of the observer

Angle of elevation: The angle of elevation of the point viewed is the angle formed by the line of sight with the horizontal when the point being viewed is above the horizontal level, i.e., the case when we raise our head to look at the object.

Angle of depression: The angle of depression of a point on the object being viewed is the angle formed by the line of sight with the horizontal when the point is below the horizontal level, i.e., the case when we lower our head to look at the point being viewed



Introduction, Heights and distances, angle of elevation, angle of depression

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Let AB be the tower of height 10 m and BC be its shadow.

Then, $\angle ACB = 45^\circ$.

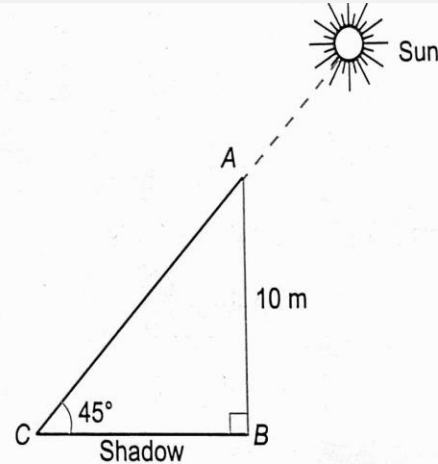
From right $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{AB}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{10}{BC}$$

$$\therefore BC = 10 \text{ m}$$

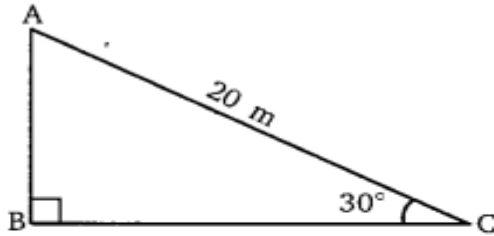
Hence, the length of the shadow is 10 m.



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Given: length of the rope (AC) = 20 m, and $\angle ACB = 30^\circ$
Let height AB of pole be h m.



Then in right $\triangle ABC$,

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{h}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{20}{2} = 10 \text{ m}$$

$$\left[\because \sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

Hence, height of the pole = 10 m

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Let DB is a tree and AD is the broken part of it which touches the ground at C.

Given: $\angle ACB = 30^\circ$ and $BC = 8$ m

Let $AB = x$ m and $AD = y$ m

\therefore Now, length of the tree = $(x + y)$ m

In $\triangle ABC$,

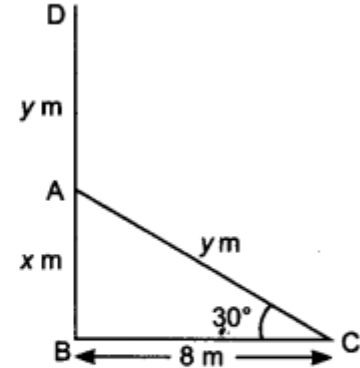
$$\frac{AB}{BC} = \tan 30^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{x}{8} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow x = \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \dots (i)$$

and $\frac{AB}{AC} = \sin 30^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2x \Rightarrow y = 2 \times \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Hence, total height of the tree

$$x + y = \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{24}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{24}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{24\sqrt{3}}{3} = 8 \times 1.732 = 13.856 \text{ m}$$



[From equation (i)]

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and C be a point on the ground such that

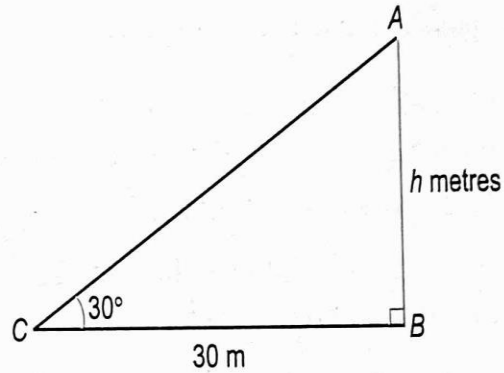
$$BC = 30 \text{ m and } \angle ACB = 30^\circ$$

From right $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{BC} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{h}{30}$$

$$\therefore h = \frac{30}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{30}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = 10\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

Hence, the height of the tower is $10\sqrt{3}$ m.



HOME ASSIGNMENT Ex. 9.1 Q: 1 to Q 4

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1. The shadow of a tower standing on a level ground is found to be 40 m longer when the Sun's altitude is 30° than when it is 60° . Find the height of the tower..

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