Math 4B. Handout \#24. Angles. Area of a triangle.


Angles are geometric shapes formed by two rays that begin at the same point

How to measure angles using a protractor?

## Types of Angles



Acute angles equal 0-89 degrees.


Right angles equal exactly 90 degrees.


Obtuse angles equal 91-179 degrees.

Line up the bottom of the protractor with bottom line of the angle.


Double check your measurment.
Does your answer match the type of angle you are measuring?

## Area of a triangle.



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S_{\Delta}=\frac{1}{2} h \times a
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The area of a triangle is equal to half of the product of its height and the base, corresponding to this height.

For the acute triangle it is easy to see.

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S_{\square}=h \times a=x \times h+y \times h
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\begin{gathered}
S_{\triangle A B X}=\frac{1}{2} h \times x, \quad S_{\triangle X B C}=\frac{1}{2} h \times y, \quad S_{\triangle A B C}=S_{\triangle A B X}+S_{\triangle X B C} \\
S_{\triangle A B C}=\frac{1}{2} h \times x+\frac{1}{2} h \times y=\frac{1}{2} h(x+y)=\frac{1}{2} h \times a
\end{gathered}
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For an obtuse triangle, for one out of the three heights, it is not so obvious.

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\begin{gathered}
S_{\triangle X B C}=\frac{1}{2} h \times x, \quad S_{\triangle X B A}=\frac{1}{2} h \times y \\
S_{\triangle A B C}=S_{\triangle X B C}-S_{\triangle X B A}=\frac{1}{2} h \times x-\frac{1}{2} h \times y \\
=\frac{1}{2} h \times(x-y)=\frac{1}{2} h \times a
\end{gathered}
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