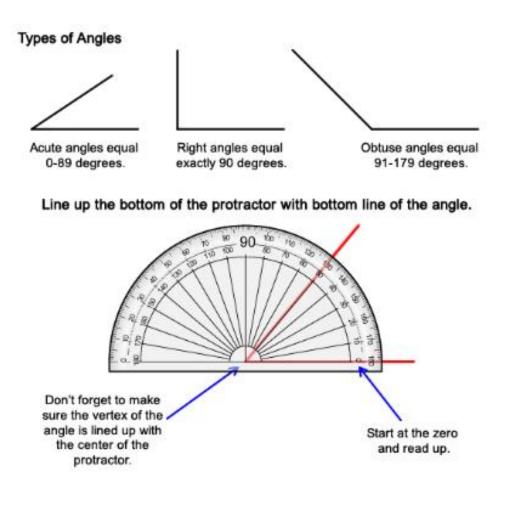
Math 4B. Handout #24. Angles. Area of a triangle.

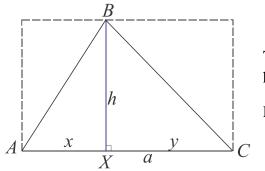


Angles are geometric shapes formed by two rays that begin at the same point

How to measure angles using a protractor?



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



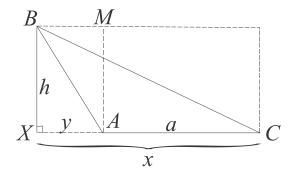
$$S_{\Delta} = \frac{1}{2}h \times a$$

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.

$$S_{\Box} = h \times a = x \times h + y \times h$$

$$S_{\Delta ABX} = \frac{1}{2}h \times x, \qquad S_{\Delta XBC} = \frac{1}{2}h \times y, \qquad S_{\Delta ABC} = S_{\Delta ABX} + S_{\Delta XBC}$$
$$S_{\Delta ABC} = \frac{1}{2}h \times x + \frac{1}{2}h \times y = \frac{1}{2}h(x+y) = \frac{1}{2}h \times a$$



For an obtuse triangle, for one out of the three heights, it is not so obvious.

$$S_{\Delta XBC} = \frac{1}{2}h \times x, \qquad S_{\Delta XBA} = \frac{1}{2}h \times y$$
$$S_{\Delta ABC} = S_{\Delta XBC} - S_{\Delta XBA} = \frac{1}{2}h \times x - \frac{1}{2}h \times y$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}h \times (x - y) = \frac{1}{2}h \times a$$