Answer on Question #53920 - Math - Trigonometry

Two triangles can be formed with the given information. Use the Law of Sines to solve the triangles.

Solution

By the Law of Sines

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} \to \sin B = b \frac{\sin A}{a} \to \text{angle } B = \sin^{-1} \left(b \frac{\sin A}{a} \right).$$

$$B = \sin^{-1} \left(14 \frac{\sin 55^{\circ}}{12} \right) = 72.877^{\circ} \text{ or } 180^{\circ} - 72.877^{\circ} = 107.123^{\circ}.$$

A, B, C are angles of triangle, therefore angle

$$C = 180^{\circ} - (55^{\circ} + 72.877^{\circ}) = 52.123^{\circ} \text{ or } 17.877^{\circ}.$$

The length of side

$$c = a \frac{\sin C}{\sin A} = 12 \frac{\sin 52.123^{\circ}}{\sin 55^{\circ}} = 11.563 \text{ or } 12 \frac{\sin 17.877^{\circ}}{\sin 55^{\circ}} = 4.497.$$