# **LESSON 1**

## **Understanding Sine, Cosine and Tangent.**

#### **Trigonometric relationships**

- There are six trigonometric ratios, sine, cosine, tangent, cosecant, secant and cotangent.
- These six trigonometric ratios are abbreviated as sin, cos, tan, csc, sec, cot.
- These are referred to as ratios since they can be expressed in terms of the sides of a right-angled triangle for a specific angle  $\theta$ .



**Example 1.** Find the sine, cosine, and tangent ratios of angle A.



### Solution.

1. 
$$\sin A = \frac{opp}{hyp} = \frac{8}{17}$$
  
2.  $\cos A = \frac{adj}{hyp} = \frac{15}{17}$   
3.  $\tan A = \frac{opp}{adj} = \frac{8}{15}$ 

**Example 2.** Find the sine, cosine, and tangent ratios of angle B.



### Solution.

1.  $\sin B = \frac{opp}{hyp} = \frac{15}{17}$ 2.  $\cos B = \frac{adj}{hyp} = \frac{8}{17}$ 3.  $\tan B = \frac{opp}{adj} = \frac{15}{8}$ 

#### NOTE 1. Sine A = Cosine B.

Since the sum of the angles in a triangle equals 180°, and angle C is 90°, that means the sum of angles A and B equals 90°, that is, they are complementary angles. Therefore, the cosine of B equals the sine of A. The opposite side of angle A is the adjacent side of angle B.

NOTE 2.  $\frac{\sin A}{\cos A} = \tan A$ Since  $\sin A = \frac{opp}{hyp} = \frac{8}{17}$  and  $\cos A = \frac{adj}{hyp} = \frac{15}{17}$  then,  $\frac{opp}{hyp}$  opp hyp opp

 $\frac{\overline{hyp}}{\underline{adj}} = \frac{opp}{hyp} \times \frac{hyp}{adj} = \frac{opp}{adj} = \tan \frac{hyp}{hyp}$ 

# Lesson 1 Exercise

Find the value of each trigonometric ratio.



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