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Applications of Trigonometry

Example 1

A lumberjack wants to estimate the height of a tree. She begins by measuring the angle of elevation to the top of the tree to 38°. She then walks 10m closer to the tree and measures the angle of elevation to be 49°. Find the height of the tree.

Example 2

A **regular octagon** has all side lengths equal to 15 cm. Find the length of the apothem.

NOTES:

Regular polygon – has all sides and angles equal.

Apothem – the distance from the centre of a regular polygon to one of the vertices.



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