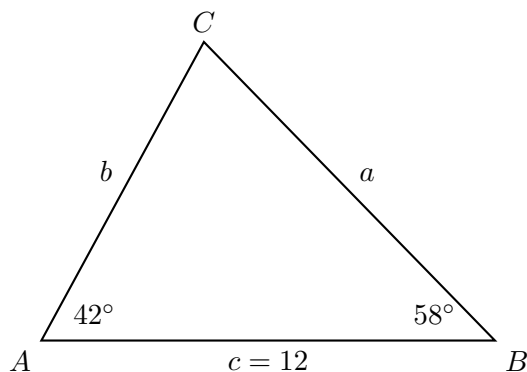


## Laws of Sines and Cosines

**Theorem** (Law of Sines). In any triangle with angles  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , and opposite sides  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , respectively, the Law of Sines states:

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

**Example.** Use the Law of Sines to find all sides and angles of the given triangle.



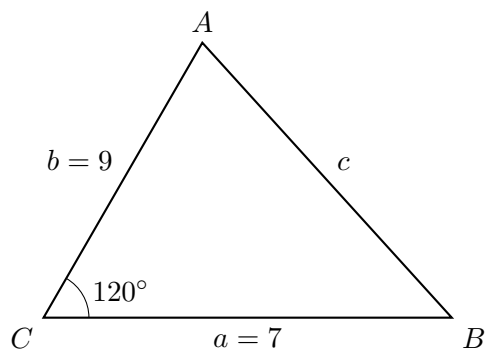
**Theorem** (Law of Cosines). In any triangle with sides  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , and corresponding opposite angles  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , the Law of Cosines states:

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

This can be rewritten for other sides:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \quad \text{and} \quad b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

**Example.** Use the Law of Cosines to find all sides and angles of the given triangle.



**Theorem** (Ambiguous Case for the Law of Sines). When using the Law of Sines to solve for an angle, applying the inverse sine function may lead to *two possible angle values*, resulting in what is known as the **ambiguous case**.

**Possible outcomes:**

- **Two triangles:** If both  $\theta$  and  $180^\circ - \theta$  lead to valid triangle angle measures, then two distinct triangles are possible.
- **One triangle:** If only one of the two angle values leads to a valid triangle, then exactly one triangle is possible.
- **No triangle:** If  $\sin \theta > 1$  or neither angle produces valid measures, then no triangle can be formed.

**Example.** Find all sides and angles of the given triangle.

