

1 01:00:47:11 01:00:48:21 WOMAN:  
Measurement is the process

2 01:00:48:23 01:00:51:24 of quantifying properties  
of objects.

3 01:00:51:26 01:00:54:21 And to do that,  
we have set procedures

4 01:00:54:23 01:00:56:22 that enable us to measure.

5 01:00:56:24 01:00:58:14 Oh.

6 01:00:58:16 01:01:00:28 Measuring helps you  
to understand

7 01:01:01:00 01:01:03:09 how things relate to each other.

8 01:01:03:11 01:01:07:07 Our volume of a sphere  
actually has a formula

9 01:01:07:09 01:01:09:18 of four-thirds pi r-cubed.

10 01:01:09:20 01:01:13:04 This course really made me think  
about how I approach measurement

11 01:01:13:06 01:01:16:07 and how I can use measurement  
every day in the classroom.

12 01:01:22:00 01:01:23:00 Good morning.

13 01:01:23:02 01:01:24:10 In this session,

14 01:01:24:12 01:01:27:10 we are going to be exploring  
indirect measurement.

15 01:01:27:12 01:01:31:24 Now, an indirect measure is one  
that is not done directly.

16 01:01:31:26 01:01:34:18 Namely, we don't take a tool

17 01:01:34:20 01:01:39:12 and compare the length  
or the mass or the volume

18 01:01:39:14 01:01:40:28 to a set of units.

19 01:01:41:00 01:01:44:07 Instead, we still take  
some measurements,

20 01:01:44:09 01:01:46:13 but we use other mathematics

21 01:01:46:15 01:01:49:20 to derive, or come up with,  
the measure, um,

22 01:01:49:22 01:01:53:01 of the object  
that we're interested in.

23 01:01:53:03 01:01:54:27 Now, there are  
a number of ways

24 01:01:54:29 01:01:56:17 to do indirect  
measurement.

25 01:01:56:19 01:01:58:19 One uses similar triangles

26 01:01:58:21 01:02:02:10 and connects geometry,  
measurement and number,

27 01:02:02:12 01:02:05:26 because it also uses  
proportional reasoning.

28 01:02:05:28 01:02:08:06 Let's do  
a quick review

29 01:02:08:08 01:02:10:28 of what does it mean  
to have a similar figure

30 01:02:11:00 01:02:12:08 or similar triangles.

31 01:02:12:10 01:02:14:17 If you look up here, we see

32 01:02:14:19 01:02:18:16 that these two triangles  
are similar

33 01:02:18:18 01:02:22:29 and these two squares  
are similar.

34 01:02:23:01 01:02:27:16 Likewise, these two triangles  
are not similar

35 01:02:27:18 01:02:31:04 and these two are not similar.  
 36 01:02:31:06 01:02:33:26 Anybody, by looking  
 at those examples,  
 37 01:02:33:28 01:02:37:04 can they come up  
 with what seems  
 38 01:02:37:06 01:02:41:03 to be a characteristic  
 of similar figures?  
 39 01:02:41:05 01:02:42:24 They would have to have  
 the same angles.  
 40 01:02:42:26 01:02:44:16 They have to have  
 the same angles.  
 41 01:02:44:18 01:02:45:23 Let's just  
 double-check.  
 42 01:02:45:25 01:02:48:26 I could put that there,  
 here and here.  
 43 01:02:48:28 01:02:50:17 Yep, that one works.  
 44 01:02:50:19 01:02:52:17 And they would have  
 to have proportionate sides.  
 45 01:02:52:19 01:02:55:14 Sometimes we say  
 that similar figures  
 46 01:02:55:16 01:02:58:04 have same shape, different size.  
 47 01:02:58:06 01:03:00:28 Now, we're going  
 to use this idea  
 48 01:03:01:00 01:03:04:18 to help us make  
 some measurements.  
 49 01:03:04:20 01:03:06:14 And there are two  
 different things  
 50 01:03:06:16 01:03:08:11 that we are going  
 to be exploring.  
 51 01:03:08:13 01:03:13:01 One is to look and see  
 how far away something is.  
 52 01:03:13:03 01:03:15:21 For example,  
 imagine  
 53 01:03:15:23 01:03:18:21 that we have a tree  
 54 01:03:18:23 01:03:24:16 and there's a river  
 and here we are, all right?  
 55 01:03:24:18 01:03:32:08 What we want to do is we want to  
 figure out that distance, okay?  
 56 01:03:32:10 01:03:37:04 Well, one way to do that  
 is to make a triangle,  
 57 01:03:37:06 01:03:40:07 and we're then going to use  
 a similar triangle  
 58 01:03:40:09 01:03:43:07 to actually do some  
 measurements, all right?  
 59 01:03:43:09 01:03:46:07 Well, this triangle actually  
 has to be somewhat in our minds,  
 60 01:03:46:09 01:03:48:20 because we aren't actually able  
 to be out there,  
 61 01:03:48:22 01:03:51:15 running across that river.  
 62 01:03:51:17 01:03:55:17 But what we can do  
 is we can stay at this point  
 63 01:03:55:19 01:04:00:11 and, thinking about a base line  
 of a horizontal distance,  
 64 01:04:00:13 01:04:02:14 we can use an instrument  
 65 01:04:02:16 01:04:06:08 and make a 90-degree  
 angle there, all right?

66	01:04:06:10	01:04:09:00	Now, the instrument that allows us
67	01:04:09:02	01:04:11:20	to measure, um, angles like that
68	01:04:11:22	01:04:16:25	that is used in surveying is something called a "transit."
69	01:04:16:27	01:04:21:16	Now, this is a very informal transit, all right?
70	01:04:21:18	01:04:26:27	And if you notice, it is a ruler with a protractor on it
71	01:04:26:29	01:04:32:29	and then a straw that allows us to move it along the protractor
72	01:04:33:01	01:04:35:08	and determine an angle.
73	01:04:35:10	01:04:39:17	If we can hold this up to our eye
74	01:04:39:19	01:04:44:08	and take a bead on our straw, I can say, you know, what angle
75	01:04:44:10	01:04:47:25	is going off in this direction from this point
76	01:04:47:27	01:04:52:00	in terms of... of how I've oriented myself, all right?
77	01:04:52:02	01:04:55:17	So we're going to use our transit
78	01:04:55:19	01:05:03:00	to determine a 90-degree angle with a line on the ground.
79	01:05:03:02	01:05:05:22	NARRATOR: Once a 90-degree angle has been created,
80	01:05:05:24	01:05:08:14	the length of the line on the ground is measured.
81	01:05:08:16	01:05:11:03	At the far end, the transit is used again
82	01:05:11:05	01:05:13:11	to determine the angle to the tree.
83	01:05:13:13	01:05:15:14	This forms a triangle.
84	01:05:15:16	01:05:17:17	Using a ratio or a scale factor
85	01:05:17:19	01:05:20:05	such as four meters to one centimeter,
86	01:05:20:07	01:05:23:00	a similar triangle can then be drawn on paper.
87	01:05:23:02	01:05:26:14	By measuring the distance between A and C on the drawing
88	01:05:26:16	01:05:28:22	and multiplying by the scale factor,
89	01:05:28:24	01:05:32:26	the distance to the tree on the original triangle can be found.
90	01:05:32:28	01:05:35:05	Another way to approach this problem
91	01:05:35:07	01:05:36:27	is setting up a proportion
92	01:05:36:29	01:05:40:00	and solving for X using the cross-product method,
93	01:05:40:02	01:05:42:10	where X is the distance to the tree.
94	01:05:42:12	01:05:45:16	To investigate this further, the class goes outside
95	01:05:45:18	01:05:47:21	with transits and trundle wheels
96	01:05:47:23	01:05:51:00	to measure the distance

of a tree across the field  
 97 01:05:51:02 01:05:52:27 using this indirect method.  
 98 01:05:52:29 01:05:55:12 We've picked this  
 large, leafy one  
 directly across  
 99 01:05:55:14 01:05:57:16 so this will be  
 our point  
 100 01:05:57:18 01:05:58:28 to make a 90-degree  
 angle.  
 101 01:05:59:00 01:06:00:29 So let's put a stake in  
 where we're standing  
 102 01:06:01:01 01:06:02:19 and then we'll do  
 the 90-degree angle.  
 103 01:06:04:03 01:06:05:02 Whoops.  
 104 01:06:06:26 01:06:08:16 Okay, good.  
 105 01:06:08:18 01:06:11:16 CHAPIN:  
 We were trying to find  
 the distance to a tree  
 106 01:06:11:18 01:06:12:26 far across the field.  
 107 01:06:12:28 01:06:15:07 In this case,  
 we can make a right angle  
 108 01:06:15:09 01:06:17:03 or set ourselves perpendicular  
 109 01:06:17:05 01:06:20:18 to a base line  
 to the tree of interest.  
 110 01:06:20:20 01:06:24:21 From there, we measure out  
 a set distance along the ground  
 111 01:06:24:23 01:06:26:28 until we come to a second point,  
 112 01:06:27:00 01:06:29:20 which we have now indicated  
 with a stake,  
 113 01:06:29:22 01:06:32:21 and at that point  
 we take a second measure.  
 114 01:06:32:23 01:06:34:03 And I'll bring the transit  
 115 01:06:34:05 01:06:36:09 so we can measure  
 that angle down there.  
 116 01:06:36:11 01:06:41:14 One... two... three...  
 four... five...  
 117 01:06:43:14 01:06:47:21 CHAPIN:  
 The transit enables us  
 to measure the size of the angle  
 118 01:06:47:23 01:06:50:24 between our point on our line  
 and the tree.  
 119 01:06:50:26 01:06:53:15 We're going to draw  
 the same type  
 of a triangle.  
 120 01:06:53:17 01:06:54:25 We're going  
 to make sure  
 121 01:06:54:27 01:06:57:18 we have, um, a 90-degree  
 angle here,  
 122 01:06:57:20 01:06:58:25 a 70 one here  
 123 01:06:58:27 01:07:02:22 and then we have to have  
 something proportional  
 124 01:07:02:24 01:07:04:05 to the 20 meters.  
 125 01:07:04:07 01:07:06:12 Exactly,  
 because we certainly  
 can't draw a line  
 126 01:07:06:14 01:07:07:16 20 meters

on our paper.  
 127 01:07:07:18 01:07:09:19 What might be a distance  
 that we want to...  
 128 01:07:09:21 01:07:11:15 that we could easily draw  
 on our paper?  
 129 01:07:11:17 01:07:13:03 So we could pick,  
 like, 20 centimeters  
 130 01:07:13:05 01:07:14:16 or 20 millimeters.  
 131 01:07:14:18 01:07:17:25 CHAPIN:  
 Or even five centimeters,  
 132 01:07:17:27 01:07:22:27 and we could have our ratio  
 in terms of our scale  
 133 01:07:22:29 01:07:26:09 as 20 meters  
 to five centimeters,  
 134 01:07:26:11 01:07:28:02 and then we could say  
 that's...  
 135 01:07:28:04 01:07:31:04 This is in our one that  
 we're actually going to draw  
 136 01:07:31:06 01:07:33:10 is going to be  
 about five centimeters  
 137 01:07:33:12 01:07:35:21 and then we have  
 to measure this angle--  
 138 01:07:35:23 01:07:36:23 70 degrees, still--  
 139 01:07:36:25 01:07:40:27 and we have to measure that.  
 140 01:07:40:29 01:07:42:20 And then we can set up  
 a proportion.  
 141 01:07:42:22 01:07:45:09 And what do you think  
 the other proportion would be?  
 142 01:07:45:11 01:07:47:00 MAN:  
 X for the... this leg.  
 143 01:07:47:02 01:07:48:21 Right.  
 144 01:07:48:23 01:07:50:27 And then whatever  
 this leg is.  
 145 01:07:50:29 01:07:54:04 So we actually have  
 to build that triangle.  
 146 01:07:54:06 01:07:55:13 We have to actually  
 measure it  
 147 01:07:55:15 01:07:57:13 and whatever  
 that measure is  
 is going to go here  
 148 01:07:57:15 01:07:59:02 and then we're only  
 missing one value.  
 149 01:07:59:04 01:08:00:12 So if we have  
 the three angles  
 150 01:08:00:14 01:08:02:13 and then the one  
 proportional side,  
 151 01:08:02:15 01:08:03:18 then we're all set.  
 152 01:08:03:20 01:08:05:24 Yep. Excellent.  
 153 01:08:09:18 01:08:10:29 Okay.  
 154 01:08:11:01 01:08:15:04 Thank you and you  
 hold it over there.  
 155 01:08:15:06 01:08:17:27 I still give you  
 a 90-degree angle here.  
 156 01:08:17:29 01:08:19:01 Very good.  
 157 01:08:19:03 01:08:21:02 Now go as far as you can.  
 158 01:08:21:04 01:08:23:14 I'm trying to go

along the base...

159 01:08:23:16 01:08:24:16 There you go.

160 01:08:24:18 01:08:25:16 Yeah, very good.

161 01:08:25:18 01:08:27:01 Ooh, excellent.

162 01:08:28:15 01:08:30:09 NARRATOR:  
In a second activity,

163 01:08:30:11 01:08:32:29 participants determine  
the height of a tree

164 01:08:33:01 01:08:34:14 by measuring its shadow

165 01:08:34:16 01:08:37:02 and then creating  
a similar right triangle

166 01:08:37:04 01:08:38:11 using a meter stick.

167 01:08:38:13 01:08:40:15 So here's  
the tree.

168 01:08:40:17 01:08:41:15 Yep.

169 01:08:41:17 01:08:43:01 And then we came out  
this far

170 01:08:43:03 01:08:44:28 and this was  
our shadow.

171 01:08:45:00 01:08:46:27 MAN:  
That is correct, yep.

172 01:08:46:29 01:08:49:18 Okay, and that  
was 500 and...

173 01:08:49:20 01:08:51:02 40 centimeters.

174 01:08:51:04 01:08:53:20 40 centimeters,  
or 5.4 meters

175 01:08:53:22 01:08:56:09 if we're doing it  
in meters.

176 01:08:56:11 01:08:57:14 All right.

177 01:08:57:16 01:08:58:14 Okay.

178 01:08:58:16 01:09:00:08 Um,  
there's our sun.

179 01:09:00:10 01:09:01:23 That's right.

180 01:09:01:25 01:09:04:19 CHAPIN:  
One very common application

181 01:09:04:21 01:09:06:28 of indirect measurement  
involves shadows.

182 01:09:07:00 01:09:10:05 So in this case what we did  
was we went out

183 01:09:10:07 01:09:13:02 and we were trying to figure out  
the heights of trees.

184 01:09:13:04 01:09:15:09 Instead of measuring  
directly that height,

185 01:09:15:11 01:09:18:05 we actually went on the ground  
and measured the shadow.

186 01:09:18:07 01:09:20:29 At that point now,  
we have a triangle

187 01:09:21:01 01:09:25:08 that has been formed by both  
the height and the shadow

188 01:09:25:10 01:09:28:02 of the... of the object  
forming a 90-degree angle

189 01:09:28:04 01:09:30:27 as well as with the angle  
that comes from the sun.

190 01:09:30:29 01:09:32:15 We need a similar triangle,

191 01:09:32:17 01:09:35:24 so we took a meter stick  
and placed that on the ground

192 01:09:35:26 01:09:37:12 in the exact, same location  
193 01:09:37:14 01:09:40:07 so that the sun was hitting it  
in the same manner,  
194 01:09:40:09 01:09:43:21 measured its shadow and again  
now we have a smaller triangle,  
195 01:09:43:23 01:09:47:10 where we actually have  
some measures that we can use.  
196 01:09:47:12 01:09:49:03 From there we could  
set up proportions  
197 01:09:49:05 01:09:50:14 between the smaller triangle  
198 01:09:50:16 01:09:54:19 to the larger one  
that has the length of interest  
199 01:09:54:21 01:09:57:03 and calculate  
the height of our trees.  
200 01:09:57:05 01:10:00:24 If we take the height  
of the meter stick,  
201 01:10:00:26 01:10:02:29 which is 100  
centimeters,  
202 01:10:03:01 01:10:05:16 is to the height  
of the tree--  
203 01:10:05:18 01:10:08:22 which we don't know,  
we call it X--  
204 01:10:08:24 01:10:12:23 as, uh, the length  
of the shadow  
205 01:10:12:25 01:10:18:24 of the meter stick,  
which is, uh, 90 centimeters  
206 01:10:18:26 01:10:20:27 is to its length,  
207 01:10:20:29 01:10:26:12 and solving for X,  
doing the cross product,  
208 01:10:26:14 01:10:29:10 will give us, uh...  
209 01:10:29:12 01:10:32:11 We'll get, uh, X times 90  
210 01:10:32:13 01:10:37:08 will give us 90X  
equals 540 times 100 here,  
211 01:10:37:10 01:10:39:22 and solving for X  
212 01:10:39:24 01:10:42:19 will give us the height  
of the tree itself,  
213 01:10:42:21 01:10:44:19 which is what you  
came up with.  
214 01:10:44:21 01:10:46:27 Right, but what I  
would do in this  
215 01:10:46:29 01:10:48:14 is reduce  
this fraction.  
216 01:10:48:16 01:10:49:28 You can do that, too.  
217 01:10:50:00 01:10:54:10 So that I know that nine  
is one-sixth of 54.  
218 01:10:54:12 01:10:58:05 That's right,  
and 100 will be 600.  
219 01:11:06:05 01:11:09:17 Okay, I'd like to move on  
to our next activity,  
220 01:11:09:19 01:11:14:03 which is to think about indirect  
measurement in another way.  
221 01:11:14:05 01:11:17:09 And there are other areas  
of mathematics  
222 01:11:17:11 01:11:21:28 that have been developed to  
address some indirect measure,  
223 01:11:22:00 01:11:25:24 and one

is trigonometry.

224 01:11:25:26 01:11:28:15 Now, the trigonometry  
of right triangles,

225 01:11:28:17 01:11:32:22 which is what we are going to be  
exploring, um, provides us a way

226 01:11:32:24 01:11:35:23 to again find some measures  
indirectly

227 01:11:35:25 01:11:39:05 without actually physically  
having to make

228 01:11:39:07 01:11:41:24 those measurements.

229 01:11:41:26 01:11:45:07 NARRATOR:  
There are three ratios  
in right-triangle trigonometry

230 01:11:45:09 01:11:47:26 that are often used  
for indirect measurement:

231 01:11:47:28 01:11:51:12 the sine, cosine and tangent.

232 01:11:51:14 01:11:52:26 The sine of an angle

233 01:11:52:28 01:11:55:21 is the ratio of the height  
to hypotenuse.

234 01:11:55:23 01:11:59:23 The cosine is the ratio  
of the distance to hypotenuse.

235 01:11:59:25 01:12:01:05 And the tangent

236 01:12:01:07 01:12:04:02 is the ratio of the height  
to distance of the legs.

237 01:12:04:04 01:12:05:21 In the next activity,

238 01:12:05:23 01:12:09:15 the class will begin  
to explore the tangent ratio.

239 01:12:09:17 01:12:10:28 Making the assumption

240 01:12:11:00 01:12:13:29 that we're starting first  
from a right triangle,

241 01:12:14:01 01:12:19:26 what is the ratio of height  
to distance, all right?

242 01:12:19:28 01:12:22:16 Now, how are we going  
to figure that out?

243 01:12:22:18 01:12:25:13 Well, one way is for you  
to draw a triangle

244 01:12:25:15 01:12:27:11 where you have a right triangle

245 01:12:27:13 01:12:29:11 and that angle here  
is 45 degrees

246 01:12:29:13 01:12:33:04 and then find out what is the  
ratio of the height to distance

247 01:12:33:06 01:12:34:23 by measuring.

248 01:12:34:25 01:12:40:24 Okay, gather some data, make a  
little sketch, record your data.

249 01:12:43:00 01:12:45:17 45 degrees.

250 01:12:50:04 01:12:55:10 ( *students conversing quietly* )

251 01:13:02:00 01:13:04:07 Forty-five.

252 01:13:04:09 01:13:06:25 CHAPIN:  
To help them make sense  
of the tangent ratio,

253 01:13:06:27 01:13:07:29 I gave them information

254 01:13:08:01 01:13:11:07 and asked them  
to construct triangles.

255 01:13:11:09 01:13:13:00 One of the main purposes  
of this activity

256 01:13:13:02 01:13:14:22 was to help them understand



257 01:13:14:24 that there is  
 01:13:18:10 a consistent relationship  
 between the ratio and the angle.  
 258 01:13:18:12 01:13:23:14 STUDENT:  
 Um, I don't think  
 I am really...  
 259 01:13:23:16 01:13:25:04 Hi, guys,  
 what are you up to?  
 260 01:13:25:06 01:13:26:04 We are... confused.  
 261 01:13:26:06 01:13:27:18 Having a little  
 discussion here.  
 262 01:13:27:20 01:13:29:03 Okay.  
 263 01:13:29:05 01:13:31:21 Because we were  
 expecting something,  
 264 01:13:31:23 01:13:33:23 and we found  
 the other thing...  
 265 01:13:33:25 01:13:35:07 you know, experiment.  
 266 01:13:35:09 01:13:36:09 Ah, all right.  
 267 01:13:36:11 01:13:39:22 So explain to me  
 where you are and...  
 268 01:13:39:24 01:13:41:10 All right,  
 my confusion is,  
 269 01:13:41:12 01:13:45:12 if, um, we had to make  
 alpha equal 30 degrees...  
 270 01:13:45:14 01:13:47:19 This is 60 and 90.  
 271 01:13:47:21 01:13:51:13 So I assume, since this angle--  
 60 degrees--  
 272 01:13:51:15 01:13:53:20 is twice the 30 degrees,  
 273 01:13:53:22 01:13:56:17 that this opposite length  
 would be exactly twice  
 274 01:13:56:19 01:13:58:25 that opposite of the 30,  
 but it's not.  
 275 01:13:58:27 01:14:01:27 Oh... okay.  
 276 01:14:01:29 01:14:04:15 CHAPIN:  
 One group started to realize  
 that there seemed to be  
 277 01:14:04:17 01:14:08:02 a relationship between  
 angle measure and the ratio.  
 278 01:14:08:04 01:14:10:28 They then made a quick leap  
 and felt that,  
 279 01:14:11:00 01:14:15:29 well, if the ratio was 2:1,  
 then they were going to have  
 280 01:14:16:01 01:14:17:28 a 2:1 relationship  
 in terms of the angles,  
 281 01:14:18:00 01:14:19:28 so they thought,  
 well, at first it was 30,  
 282 01:14:20:00 01:14:21:20 so maybe it's going to be 60.  
 283 01:14:21:22 01:14:24:29 Likewise, they then went  
 and built the other 1:2  
 284 01:14:25:01 01:14:27:16 and found... hmm,  
 this is not working.  
 285 01:14:27:18 01:14:29:19 This is a common misconception,  
 286 01:14:29:21 01:14:32:12 because sometimes  
 learners overgeneralize,  
 287 01:14:32:14 01:14:35:05 and rather than gathering  
 enough data to see

288 01:14:35:07 01:14:38:04 how there are differences  
between relationships,

289 01:14:38:06 01:14:40:16 they immediately jump  
to conclusions.

290 01:14:40:18 01:14:43:21 I'd like to first fill in,  
briefly, this chart

291 01:14:43:23 01:14:48:02 that has the angle measure and  
the ratio of height to distance

292 01:14:48:04 01:14:52:15 that we were exploring  
in this situation.

293 01:14:52:17 01:14:56:23 When we have an angle measure  
of 45 degrees,

294 01:14:56:25 01:15:00:23 our ratio, I think  
everybody found, was 1:1,

295 01:15:00:25 01:15:06:05 yup, and kind of reminds us  
about the old isosceles triangle

296 01:15:06:07 01:15:11:12 always having equal angle  
measure and congruent two sides.

297 01:15:11:14 01:15:14:15 What about, though,  
when we built a triangle

298 01:15:14:17 01:15:17:14 with a ratio of height  
to distance of 2:1?

299 01:15:17:16 01:15:20:26 What did we find  
as our alpha measure?

300 01:15:20:28 01:15:24:26 We found alpha  
to be 63.5 degrees.

301 01:15:24:28 01:15:28:05 Okay, so, um, were you  
just rounding there, based...

302 01:15:28:07 01:15:31:11 or did your instrument  
actually go to half degrees?

303 01:15:31:13 01:15:33:07 It seemed to be  
in between 63 and 64.

304 01:15:33:09 01:15:34:28 CHAPIN:  
Okay, so I'm going to say

305 01:15:35:00 01:15:37:19 that we're going to say  
between 63, 64,

306 01:15:37:21 01:15:40:15 or, as you said, 63.5,  
right around there.

307 01:15:40:17 01:15:42:03 All right?

308 01:15:42:05 01:15:44:20 NARRATOR:  
As the class continues  
to put up their results

309 01:15:44:22 01:15:47:19 for alpha angles  
and tangent ratios,

310 01:15:47:21 01:15:49:07 a pattern emerges.

311 01:15:49:09 01:15:50:21 We got 27 degrees.

312 01:15:50:23 01:15:52:09 It was close to 30,

313 01:15:52:11 01:15:56:17 but it was, it was almost  
the complement of the 63.

314 01:15:56:19 01:15:57:28 Ah, now, say that again.

315 01:15:58:00 01:16:01:18 So, 27 degrees-- what do you  
mean by complement?

316 01:16:01:20 01:16:03:02 Um, when we had  
the 90-degree angle

317 01:16:03:04 01:16:08:11 before, for the 2:1,  
the angle was 63

318 01:16:08:13 01:16:10:12 and if we measured  
 the other angle,  
 319 01:16:10:14 01:16:11:21 it would have been 27,  
 320 01:16:11:23 01:16:13:24 and so this time,  
 it was the reverse.  
 321 01:16:13:26 01:16:15:07 CHAPIN:  
 Right.  
 322 01:16:15:09 01:16:18:17 So we have this interesting  
 relationship occurring  
 323 01:16:18:19 01:16:20:08 that as the ratios flip--  
 324 01:16:20:10 01:16:22:18 in terms of  
 what is being compared--  
 325 01:16:22:20 01:16:25:10 we actually are finding angles  
 326 01:16:25:12 01:16:28:14 that are complements  
 to each other.  
 327 01:16:28:16 01:16:30:27 Notice that one angle  
 in these triangles  
 328 01:16:30:29 01:16:33:05 is a right triangle,  
 already set at 90,  
 329 01:16:33:07 01:16:36:16 so the other two angles are  
 going to sum to 90 degrees.  
 330 01:16:36:18 01:16:38:03 It's kind of difficult  
 for us to get  
 331 01:16:38:05 01:16:39:21 a sense of what's  
 the relationship  
 332 01:16:39:23 01:16:42:03 between the angle size  
 and the ratio,  
 333 01:16:42:05 01:16:45:11 but one way we might be able  
 to get some insight  
 334 01:16:45:13 01:16:47:06 into that information  
 335 01:16:47:08 01:16:51:15 is to graph the ratios  
 against the angle measure.  
 336 01:16:51:17 01:16:54:02 Um, would anybody  
 be willing to come up  
 337 01:16:54:04 01:16:56:29 and help us plot  
 these points on our graph?  
 338 01:16:57:01 01:16:59:13 Great, John, come on up.  
 339 01:16:59:15 01:17:02:02 CHAPIN:  
 The steepness graph  
 is one way to help illustrate  
 340 01:17:02:04 01:17:05:22 what happens in terms  
 of the ratio  
 341 01:17:05:24 01:17:08:00 as the angle size gets larger.  
 342 01:17:08:02 01:17:10:21 The graph is not  
 a straight line-- it's a curve--  
 343 01:17:10:23 01:17:15:05 and at 45 degrees,  
 the ratio is equal to one.  
 344 01:17:15:07 01:17:20:07 Beyond 45 degrees, the ratios  
 increase at a much faster rate.  
 345 01:17:20:09 01:17:22:07 So angles that are...  
 346 01:17:22:09 01:17:25:07 angle measures  
 that are greater than 45  
 347 01:17:25:09 01:17:28:06 have ratios  
 that are greater than one,  
 348 01:17:28:08 01:17:31:09 and angles that are less  
 than 45 degrees

349 01:17:31:11 01:17:35:09 have height-distance ratios  
that are less than one.

350 01:17:35:11 01:17:37:21 CHAPIN:  
What seems to be  
the relationship, here,

351 01:17:37:23 01:17:43:20 between the angle measure  
in degrees and the ratio?

352 01:17:43:22 01:17:47:02 It appears the greater  
the angle measurement,  
353 01:17:47:04 01:17:48:24 the greater the ratio.

354 01:17:48:26 01:17:50:21 And so that an interesting...

355 01:17:50:23 01:17:53:07 and it starts out  
pretty gradually here,  
356 01:17:53:09 01:17:55:28 and then... slips right up.

357 01:17:56:00 01:18:01:18 Once after 45, it seems to get  
even steeper, so it seems to...

358 01:18:01:20 01:18:03:06 that that angle, that ratio,

359 01:18:03:08 01:18:06:05 is increasing even more  
past the 45-degree mark

360 01:18:06:07 01:18:09:06 than from before,  
but each time it is increasing.

361 01:18:09:08 01:18:13:06 Well, now, we've learned  
a lot about the tangent--

362 01:18:13:08 01:18:16:04 that it is...  
the tangent of an angle

363 01:18:16:06 01:18:20:04 is the height-to-distance ratio  
in a right triangle.

364 01:18:20:06 01:18:22:09 And we can actually  
use this now

365 01:18:22:11 01:18:25:25 to solve some of the indirect  
measurement problems.

366 01:18:25:27 01:18:27:14 I'd like us to revisit

367 01:18:27:16 01:18:30:12 the one about that tree  
across the field,

368 01:18:30:14 01:18:34:05 and here it is, up above,  
on the board.

369 01:18:34:07 01:18:39:01 We notice that this is where  
John and Susan were standing.

370 01:18:39:03 01:18:42:21 Okay? They wanted to find  
the distance to their tree.

371 01:18:42:23 01:18:45:21 They measured out 20 meters,

372 01:18:45:23 01:18:49:11 and then with their transit,  
they determined

373 01:18:49:13 01:18:51:17 that that was 70 degrees.

374 01:18:51:19 01:18:54:02 Now, if we know

375 01:18:54:04 01:18:58:18 that the height-to-distance  
ratio is the tangent,

376 01:18:58:20 01:19:05:22 we can say the tangent of 70 is  
equal to X over 20-- this ratio.

377 01:19:05:24 01:19:07:04 Right?

378 01:19:07:06 01:19:09:11 Now, let's just use  
a little mathematics

379 01:19:09:13 01:19:11:11 and see what we're going  
to do here.

380 01:19:11:13 01:19:14:27 Well, I want X by itself, right?

381 01:19:14:29 01:19:18:18 So let's multiply

382 01:19:18:20 both sides by 20,  
 01:19:25:18 and so I get: 20 times  
 the tangent of 70 degrees  
 383 01:19:25:20 01:19:28:17 is going to equal X.  
 384 01:19:28:19 01:19:31:08 Could somebody use  
 their calculator  
 385 01:19:31:10 01:19:34:15 and find for us  
 what is the tangent of 70?  
 386 01:19:34:17 01:19:35:25 Think about it for a minute.  
 387 01:19:35:27 01:19:39:14 Is it going to be a big ratio,  
 small ratio?  
 388 01:19:39:16 01:19:40:26 Dave, what do you get?  
 389 01:19:40:28 01:19:45:24 2.75, rounded off.  
 390 01:19:45:26 01:19:49:08 Okay, so we have 20 times 2.75,  
 rounded, and when...  
 391 01:19:49:10 01:19:51:10 Somebody multiply that for us?  
 392 01:19:51:12 01:19:53:11 What do we end up with?  
 393 01:19:53:13 01:19:56:26 I get 54.95.  
 394 01:19:56:28 01:19:59:12 Okay, or...  
 and that is in meters,  
 395 01:19:59:14 01:20:01:17 and what did we get earlier?  
 396 01:20:01:19 01:20:04:01 Didn't we get just about this?  
 397 01:20:04:03 01:20:07:07 I think it was about 50... 58.  
 398 01:20:07:09 01:20:09:23 So again, we're going  
 to have a little bit off  
 399 01:20:09:25 01:20:13:08 in terms of accuracy and, again,  
 in terms of our own precision,  
 400 01:20:13:10 01:20:16:03 but we found  
 two different ways, now,  
 401 01:20:16:05 01:20:21:03 that we have been able to get a  
 good approximation of a distance  
 402 01:20:21:05 01:20:25:05 that would be impossible  
 for us to measure directly.  
 403 01:20:25:07 01:20:28:20 CHAPIN:  
 Indirect measurement is  
 a major area of measurement.  
 404 01:20:28:22 01:20:31:13 Many, many times, we cannot  
 measure things directly.  
 405 01:20:31:15 01:20:33:24 Architects,  
 astronomers, scientists  
 406 01:20:33:26 01:20:37:00 are using these techniques  
 on a regular basis,  
 407 01:20:37:02 01:20:39:17 so we want to be  
 comfortable with them,  
 408 01:20:39:19 01:20:42:12 plus we want to understand  
 the mathematics  
 409 01:20:42:14 01:20:44:27 behind how  
 these measures are derived.  
 410 01:20:50:23 01:20:54:14 ( *sirens wailing* )  
 411 01:21:00:23 01:21:02:06 NARRATOR:  
 It's another busy morning  
 412 01:21:02:08 01:21:04:03 for the Emergency  
 Communications Department  
 413 01:21:04:05 01:21:07:18 in the city  
 of Cambridge, Massachusetts.  
 414 01:21:07:20 01:21:10:02 MAN:

We're the people  
 that answer the 9-1-1 phone  
 415 01:21:10:04 01:21:12:01 and get callers  
 the help they need--  
 416 01:21:12:03 01:21:14:07 whether it's an ambulance,  
 a fire truck,  
 417 01:21:14:09 01:21:16:14 or a police car  
 or all of those.  
 418 01:21:16:16 01:21:18:14 MAN 2:  
 9-1-1, this call is recorded.  
 419 01:21:18:16 01:21:20:08 What's the location  
 of your emergency?  
 420 01:21:20:10 01:21:23:14 MAN 1:  
 When somebody calls 9-1-1  
 to report a medical emergency...  
 421 01:21:23:16 01:21:27:09 MAN 2:  
 All right, is there  
 any serious bleeding?  
 422 01:21:27:11 01:21:29:08 MAN 1:  
 After we ask four,  
 five questions...  
 423 01:21:29:10 01:21:31:13 MAN 2:  
 All right, do you know  
 how far she fell?  
 424 01:21:31:15 01:21:33:27 MAN 1:  
 We're able to figure out  
 how many and what type  
 425 01:21:33:29 01:21:35:28 of ambulances,  
 fire trucks and police cars  
 426 01:21:36:00 01:21:37:18 they need sent  
 to their location.  
 427 01:21:37:20 01:21:41:09 We've set up a map display  
 in front of the dispatchers  
 428 01:21:41:11 01:21:44:05 that shows them  
 the location of the units  
 429 01:21:44:07 01:21:46:19 and the location  
 of the 9-1-1 calls.  
 430 01:21:46:21 01:21:50:08 The idea is to let them see  
 which units are closest.  
 431 01:21:50:10 01:21:53:23 MAN 3:  
 Attention, rescue company  
 from headquarters.  
 432 01:21:53:25 01:21:55:05 Respond to 489 Broadway.  
 433 01:21:55:07 01:21:57:24 This is for a ten-year-old  
 female who has fallen.  
 434 01:21:57:26 01:22:01:03 MAN 1:  
 G.P.S. is the device  
 that's in the police cars,  
 435 01:22:01:05 01:22:03:01 fire trucks and ambulances,  
 436 01:22:03:03 01:22:06:17 that lets the dispatcher  
 see their location.  
 437 01:22:08:23 01:22:12:03 NARRATOR:  
 G.P.S. stands for  
 "Global Positioning System."  
 438 01:22:12:05 01:22:15:09 First developed by the U.S.  
 Department of Defense

439 01:22:15:11 01:22:16:27 in the '70s, it involves  
 440 01:22:16:29 01:22:19:08 a series of satellites  
 and computers  
 441 01:22:19:10 01:22:22:24 designed to calculate positions  
 anywhere in the world,  
 442 01:22:22:26 01:22:27:04 any time of day, to an accuracy  
 of three to four meters.  
 443 01:22:27:06 01:22:31:25 The way G.P.S. works... if I'm  
 located, say, here in Cambridge,  
 444 01:22:31:27 01:22:34:26 and I need to work out  
 where I'm located,  
 445 01:22:34:28 01:22:36:08 what I can use  
 446 01:22:36:10 01:22:39:05 is G.P.S. satellites  
 which are located up here,  
 447 01:22:39:07 01:22:41:07 well above the surface  
 of the Earth.  
 448 01:22:41:09 01:22:44:19 Each of these satellites is  
 transmitting a radio signal  
 449 01:22:44:21 01:22:47:21 that tells me the time  
 the signal was transmitted,  
 450 01:22:47:23 01:22:50:17 and it propagates  
 from the satellite  
 451 01:22:50:19 01:22:53:00 down to positions on the ground,  
 452 01:22:53:02 01:22:54:14 and at my ground receiver,  
 453 01:22:54:16 01:22:56:14 I measure the time  
 the signal arrives.  
 454 01:22:56:16 01:22:58:26 By looking  
 at the time difference  
 455 01:22:58:28 01:23:01:25 and the fact  
 that the radio waves travel  
 456 01:23:01:27 01:23:05:13 at a known velocity,  
 I can calculate the distance  
 457 01:23:05:15 01:23:08:06 from this satellite  
 to me on the ground.  
 458 01:23:08:08 01:23:10:24 But that doesn't do me  
 very good by itself,  
 459 01:23:10:26 01:23:12:16 because I could be anywhere  
 460 01:23:12:18 01:23:15:00 along a circle  
 with that as its radius.  
 461 01:23:15:02 01:23:18:00 If I have  
 a second satellite up here,  
 462 01:23:18:02 01:23:21:15 which I do the same type  
 of measurement on,  
 463 01:23:21:17 01:23:23:18 then I can measure  
 that distance.  
 464 01:23:23:20 01:23:26:16 Now, the signals that the  
 G.P.S. satellites transmit  
 465 01:23:26:18 01:23:28:13 tell me where they are in space,  
 466 01:23:28:15 01:23:32:21 so I can calculate, from the  
 positions of those satellites,  
 467 01:23:32:23 01:23:34:28 this side of the triangle.  
 468 01:23:35:00 01:23:38:04 Now I have a triangle  
 with three known sides.  
 469 01:23:38:06 01:23:40:18 That allows me  
 to uniquely work out  
 470 01:23:40:20 01:23:44:02 where I am on the ground

if the Earth was flat.  
 471 01:23:44:04 01:23:48:11 The problem with this  
 is that in three dimensions,  
 472 01:23:48:13 01:23:51:06 this triangle  
 that I have defined  
 473 01:23:51:08 01:23:54:26 can rotate in and out  
 of the board.  
 474 01:23:54:28 01:23:56:18 To solve that problem,  
 475 01:23:56:20 01:23:59:11 I need to use  
 a third G.P.S. satellite,  
 476 01:23:59:13 01:24:02:25 which would itself be  
 positioned in three dimensions,  
 477 01:24:02:27 01:24:06:25 and so now I have a pyramid,  
 with me at the apex,  
 478 01:24:06:27 01:24:08:24 and in three dimensions,  
 479 01:24:08:26 01:24:13:12 I am able to work out  
 where I am located.  
 480 01:24:13:14 01:24:15:11 ( *sirens wailing* )  
 481 01:24:15:13 01:24:19:03 NARRATOR:  
 The first emergency vehicles  
 in Cambridge  
 482 01:24:19:05 01:24:20:17 to be installed with G.P.S.  
 483 01:24:20:19 01:24:22:18 were the city's  
 fire rescue units.  
 484 01:24:22:20 01:24:26:28 MAN 1:  
 We have a G.P.S. receiver,  
 with an antenna on the roof,  
 485 01:24:27:00 01:24:29:25 that receives  
 the position of the unit  
 486 01:24:29:27 01:24:32:24 and broadcasts  
 that position over a cable  
 487 01:24:32:26 01:24:35:17 to a laptop  
 that's in the fire rescue.  
 488 01:24:35:19 01:24:38:26 That laptop computer has  
 a radio attached to it,  
 489 01:24:38:28 01:24:41:17 and it sends  
 that position periodically  
 490 01:24:41:19 01:24:43:16 back to the dispatch center,  
 491 01:24:43:18 01:24:47:04 and that position of that unit  
 is displayed on a map  
 492 01:24:47:06 01:24:48:28 in front of a dispatcher.  
 493 01:24:49:00 01:24:51:27 MAN 2:  
 Okay, we'll have an officer  
 respond out there to help you.  
 494 01:24:51:29 01:24:53:15 All right, thank you... bye.  
 495 01:24:53:17 01:24:55:19 NARRATOR:  
 G.P.S. is not only helpful  
 to dispatchers  
 496 01:24:55:21 01:24:58:14 but to responding units  
 as well.  
 497 01:24:58:16 01:25:00:08 ( *siren wails* )  
 498 01:25:00:10 01:25:04:02 MAN 1:  
 In many large counties,  
 the map display in the unit  
 499 01:25:04:04 01:25:07:19 can help a police car or  
 an ambulance or a fire truck



500 01:25:07:21 01:25:11:26 find the location quickly  
and, in fact, in some places,  
501 01:25:11:28 01:25:15:28 the map can show the optimal  
route to the location,  
502 01:25:16:00 01:25:19:02 which might save five or ten  
minutes in a response  
503 01:25:19:04 01:25:21:05 and help to save someone's life.  
504 01:25:21:07 01:25:24:22 NARRATOR:  
In today's world,  
505 01:25:24:24 01:25:26:26 there is a growing application  
for the Global  
Positioning System--  
506 01:25:26:28 01:25:30:17 from mapping family trips  
to navigating boats,  
507 01:25:30:19 01:25:32:24 from laying out  
construction sites  
508 01:25:32:26 01:25:34:18 to studying earthquakes.  
509 01:25:36:26 01:25:40:10 One of the most important,  
though, will always be  
510 01:25:40:12 01:25:43:05 when you pick up the phone  
and call 9-1-1.  
511 01:25:46:02 01:25:49:20 Captioned by  
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