

Coordinates in 3-D Space

Starter

1. **(Review of last lesson)** From A, B lies 11 km away on a bearing of 041° and C lies 8 km away on a bearing of 341° . Find:
- the distance between B and C to 3 s.f. and
 - the bearing of B from C, to the nearest degree.

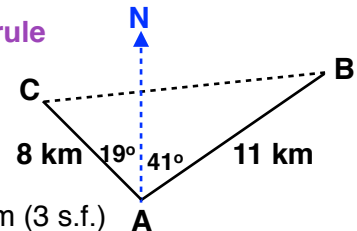
Working: (a) **Draw a diagram.**
No arrow between knowns \Rightarrow cosine rule

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$BC^2 = 8^2 + 11^2 - 2 \times 8 \times 11 \cos 60$$

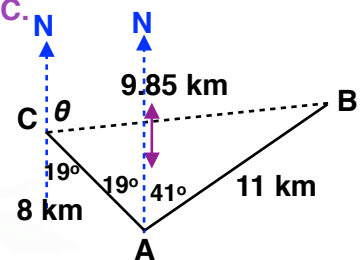
$$x = 9.85$$

The distance between B and C is 9.85 km (3 s.f.)



- (b) **The bearing of B from C – start from C.**
Draw a North line up from C.
The bearing required is angle θ .

By alternate angles, the angle between CA with the downward extension of the north line is 19° .



Therefore, with $\angle ACB$ we can find θ .

Arrow between knowns \Rightarrow sine rule

Finding an angle:
$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$$

$$\frac{\sin C}{11} = \frac{\sin 60}{9.85} \Rightarrow \sin C = \frac{11 \sin 60}{9.85}$$

$$C = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{11 \sin 60}{9.85}\right) = 75.3^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180 - 19^\circ - 75.3 \approx 86^\circ$$

The bearing of B from C is 086° (1 d.p.)

Notes

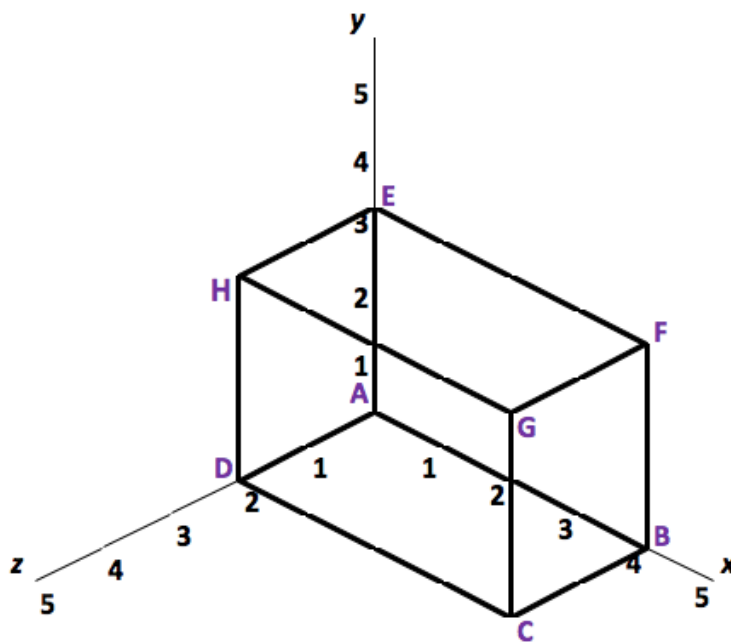
In 3-dimensions, the z -axis comes out of the page/whiteboard.

Coordinates are written (x, y, z)

To simulate this in a 2-D drawing, we draw the axes as if on isometric paper.

E.g. 1 Write down the coordinates of the vertices of the cuboid.

- $A(0, 0, 0)$
- $B(4, 0, 0)$
- $C(4, 0, 2)$
- $D(0, 0, 2)$
- $E(0, 3, 0)$
- $F(4, 3, 0)$
- $G(4, 3, 2)$
- $H(0, 3, 2)$



[Solutions to Starter and E.g.s](#)

Exercise

9-1 class textbook:

p574 M18.4 Qu 1-5

A*-G class textbook:

p534 M18.4 Qu 1-5

9-1 homework book:

p193 M18.4 Qu 1-4

A*-G homework book:

p148 M18.4 Qu 1-4

[Homework book answers \(only available during a lockdown\)](#)