

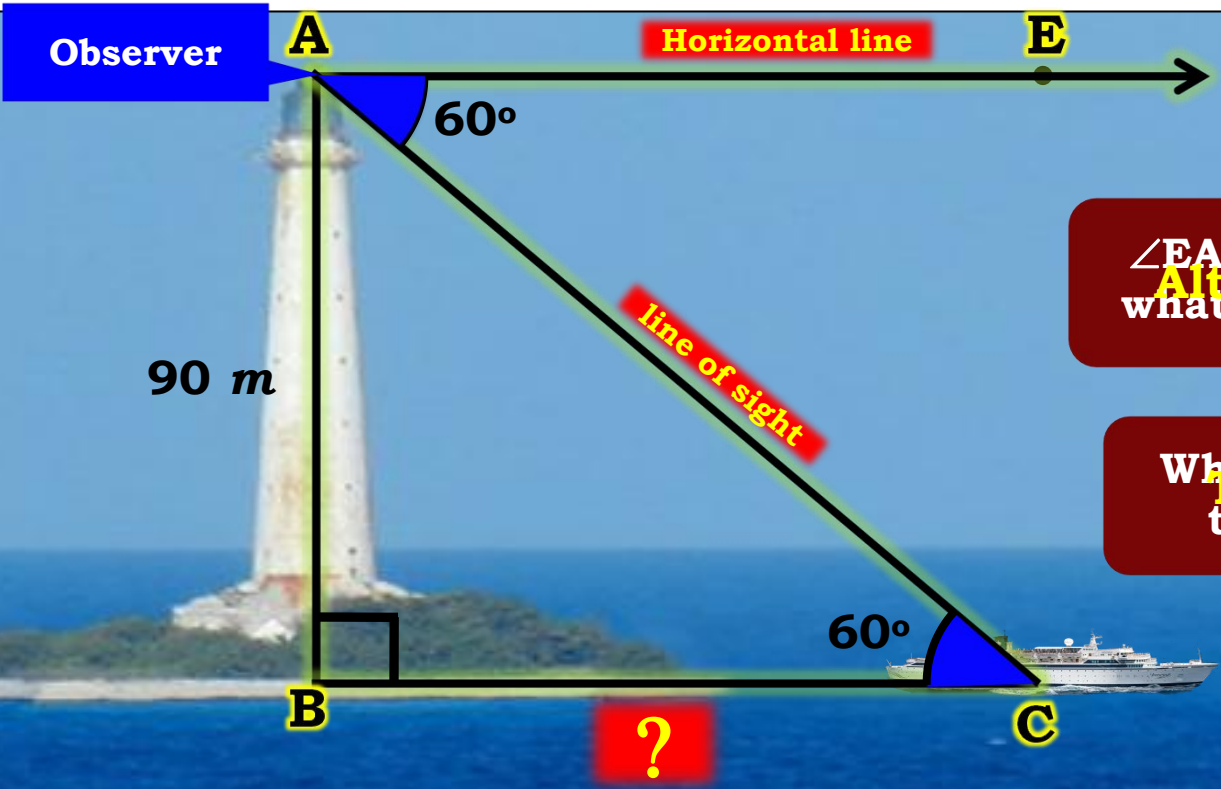
TOPIC

Solved Example 7

Solved Example 6

Q. From the top of a light house, an observer looks at a ship and finds the angle of depression to be 60° . If the height of the light house is 90 m then find how far is that ship from the light house.

$(\sqrt{3} = 1.73)$



$\angle EAC$ and $\angle ACB$ are what type of angles?
Alternate angles

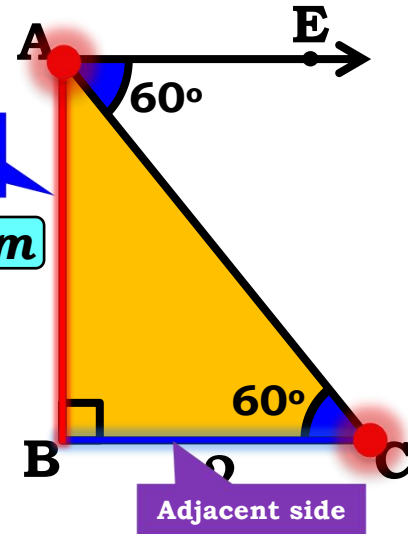
What can we say about these two angles?
They are equal

Q. From the top of a lighthouse, an observer looks down at a ship. The angle of depression is 60° . The height of the lighthouse is 90 m. How far is the ship from the lighthouse?

Ratio of opposite side and Adjacent side reminds us of 'tan'

Opposite side

90 m



Sol. AB represents the height of the lighthouse.

C represents the position of ship.

A represents the position of observer.

$$\angle EAC = 60^\circ$$

$$\angle EAC = \angle ACB \quad [\text{Alternate angles}]$$

$$\therefore \angle ACB = \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}$$

In the right-angled $\triangle ABC$,

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{AB}{BC}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3} = \frac{90}{BC}$$

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Sol.

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{90}{BC}$$

$$\therefore BC = \frac{90}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore BC = \frac{90}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore BC = 30 \times \sqrt{3}$$

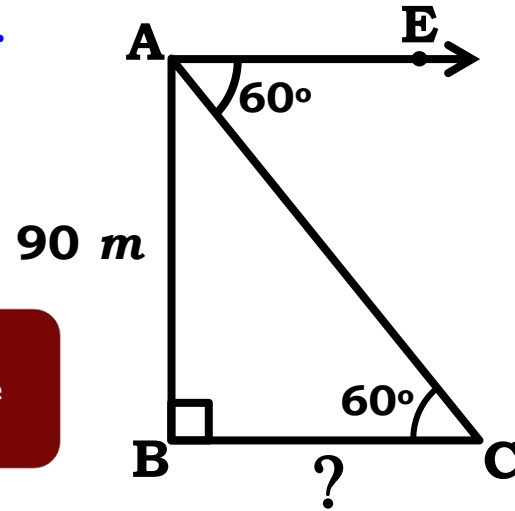
$$\therefore BC = 30 \sqrt{3}$$

Now, let us rationalise the denominator

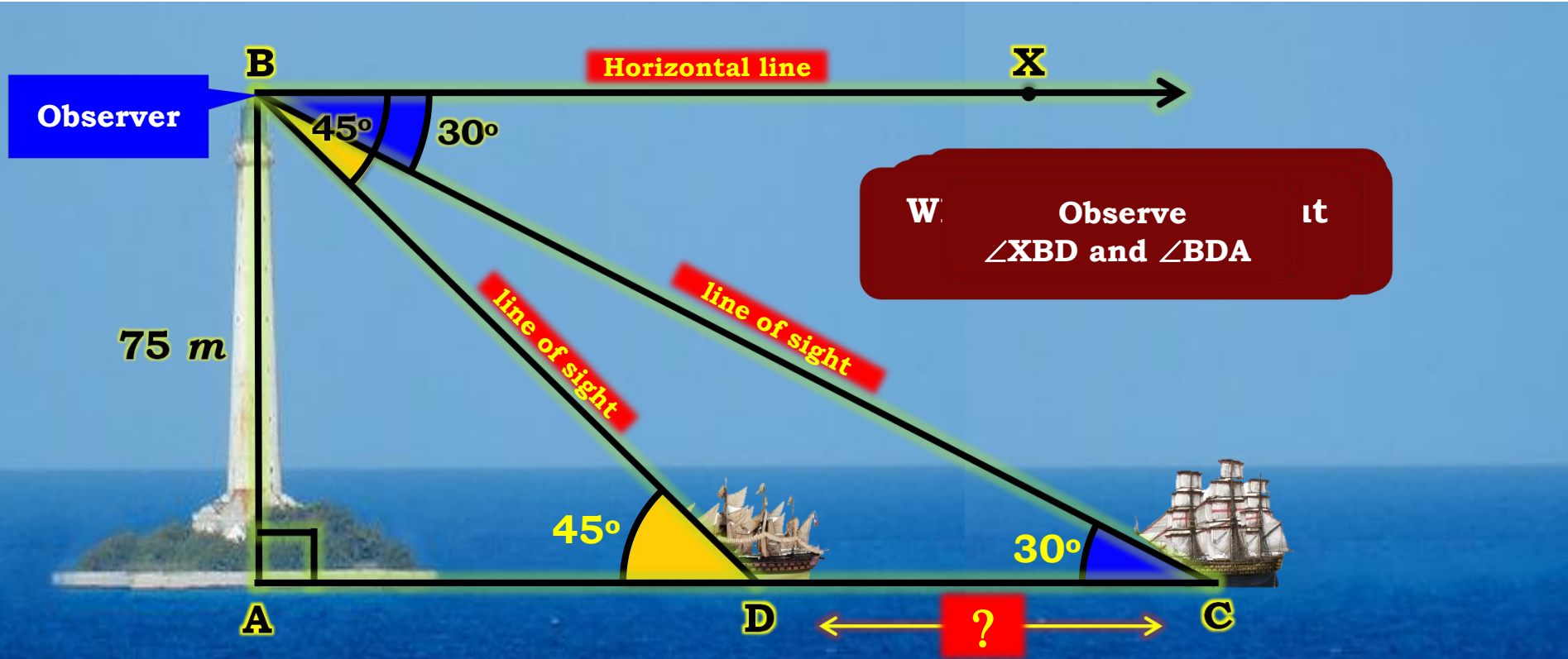
$$\therefore BC = 30 \times 1.73$$

$$\therefore BC = 51.9 \text{ m}$$

The ship is 51.9 m far from the lighthouse.



- Q. As observed from the top of a 75 m high lighthouse from the sea-level, the angles of depression of two ships are 30° and 45° . If one ship is exactly behind the other on the same side of the lighthouse, find the distance between the two ships.

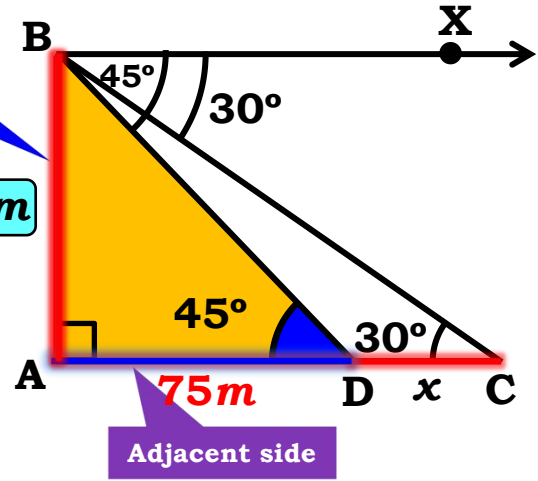


Q. As observed from the top of a 75 m high light house, the angles of depression of two ships are 45° and 30°. If one ship is directly behind the other, find the distance between the two ships.

Consider $\triangle BAD$ and use of \tan

Opposite side

75 m



Adjacent side

Sol. Height of light house (AB) = 75 m
AD is the distance of one ship from the foot of light house (A)

Let the distance between two ships be x m
In $\triangle ABD$,

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{AB}{AD}$$

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$$\therefore 1 = \frac{75}{AD}$$

$$\therefore AD = 75m \dots(i)$$

Q. As observed from the top of a 75 m high light house the angles of depression of two ships are 45° and 30°. If from the smaller ship the angle of elevation of the top of the light house is 30°. Find the distance between the two ships.

Ratio of Adjacent sides and Opposite sides of other triangles. Observe $\angle C$ and $\angle D$.

Sol. In right triangle ABC,

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{75}{x + 75}$$

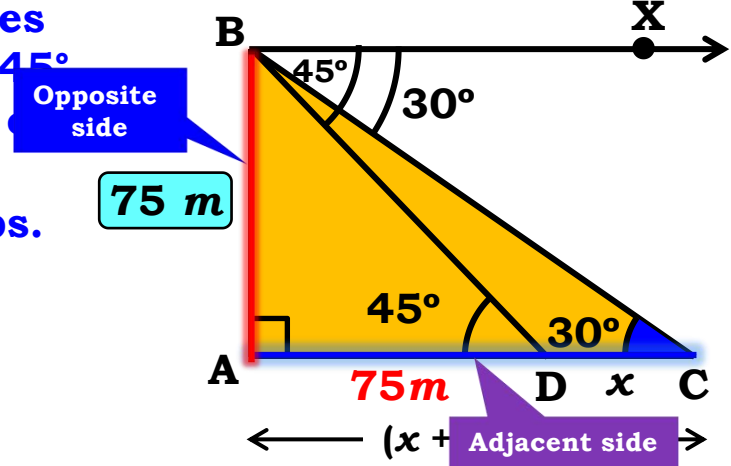
$$\therefore x + 75 = 75\sqrt{3} = 75 \times 1.73$$

$$\therefore x = 75\sqrt{3} - 75$$

$$\therefore x = 75(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$

$$\therefore x = 75(1.73 - 1)$$

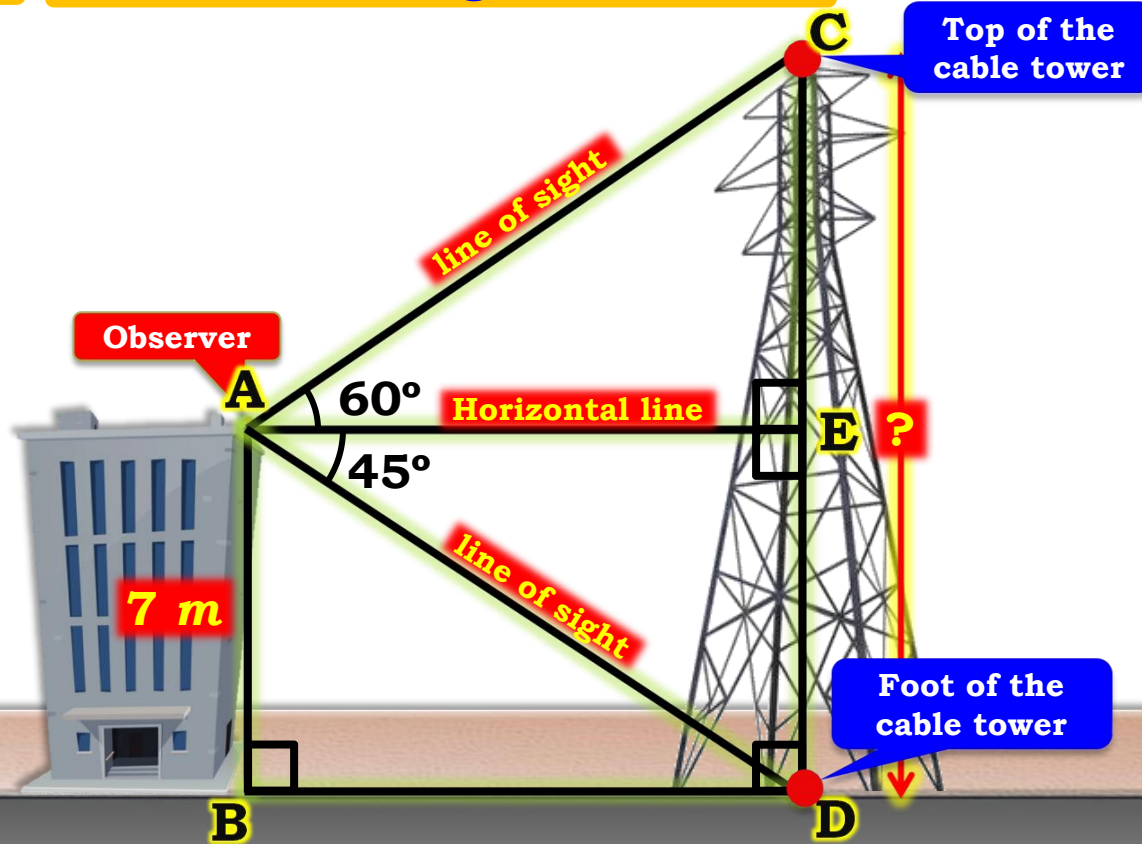
\therefore Distance between the two ships is 54.75 m



$$\therefore x = 75 \times 0.73$$

$$\therefore x = 54.75$$

Q. From the top of a 7 m high building, the angle of elevation of the top of a cable tower is 60° and the angle of depression of its foot is 45° . Determine the height of the tower.



Q. From the top of a 7 m high building, the angle of elevation of the top of a cable tower is 60°. From the bottom of the building, the angle of depression of the top of the cable tower is 45°.

Ratio of opposite side and Adjacent side reminds us of **'tan'**

Sol. Let the height of the cable tower (CD) be 'h' m
 Height of the building (AB) = 7 m
 □ABDE is rectangle [By definition]

$$\therefore AB = ED = 7 \text{ m}$$

$$CE + ED = CD$$

$$\therefore CE = h - 7$$

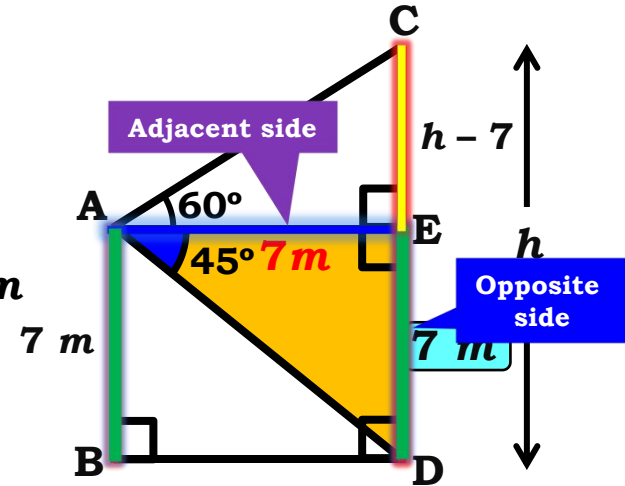
$$\therefore CE = \text{Opposite side}$$

In right-angled triangle AED,

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{ED}{AE}$$

$$\therefore 1 = \frac{7}{AE}$$

$$\therefore AE = 7 \text{ m}$$



Q. From the top of a 7 m high building, the angle of depression of the top of a cable tower is 60° . From the bottom of the building, the angle of depression of the top of the cable tower is 45° . Find the height of the cable tower.

Ratio of Opposite side to Adjacent side = \tan of angle. Observe $\angle A$ of $\triangle AEC$.

Sol. In $\triangle AEC$,

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{CE}{AE}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3} = \frac{h-7}{7}$$

$$\therefore 7\sqrt{3}$$

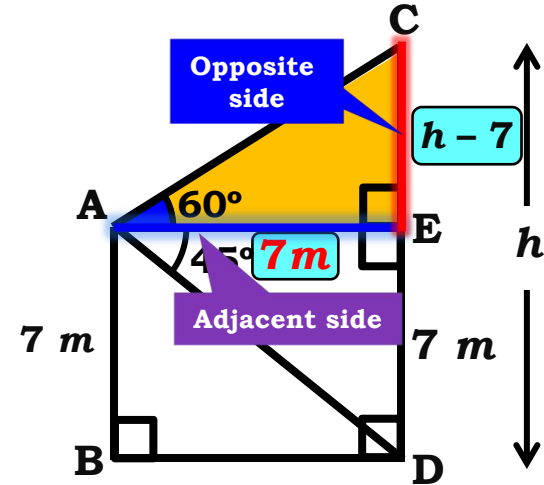
$$\therefore 7\sqrt{3} + 7$$

$$\therefore h = 7(\sqrt{3} + 1)$$

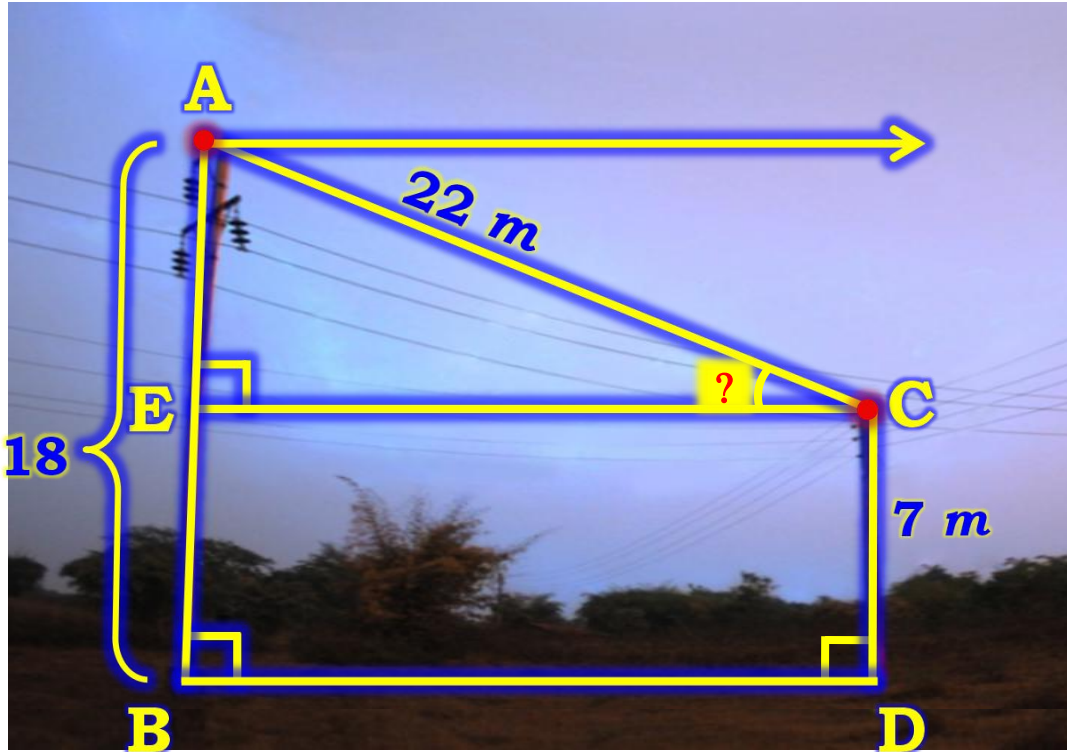
$$\therefore h = 7(1.73 + 1)$$

$$\therefore h = 7 \times 2.73 = 19.11$$

\therefore Height of the cable tower is 19.11 m



Q. Two poles of height 18 metres and 7 metres are erected on the ground. A wire of length 22 metres is tied to the top of the poles. Find angle made by wire with the horizontal.

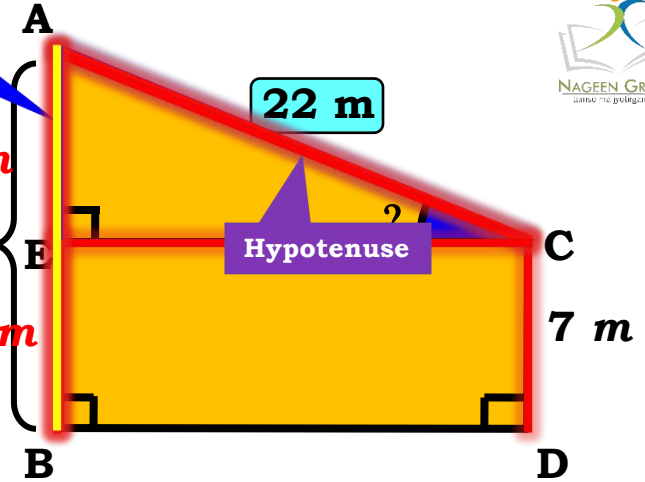


Consider $CE \perp AB$

Q. Two poles of heights 7 m and 18 m stand on a level ground. A wire is stretched between the tops of the poles. The angle made by the wire with the horizontal is 30°. Find the length of the wire.

Ratio But we know that,
H Observe AB

Sol. AB and CD represent the heights of two poles. AC represents the length of wire. $\angle ACE$ is the angle made by the wire with the horizontal.



□EBDC is a rectangle

CD = EB = 7m

AE + EB = AB

∴ AE + 7 = 18

∴ AE = 11 m

In right angled ΔAEC ,

$\sin C = \frac{AE}{AC}$

∴ $\sin C = \frac{11}{22}$

∴ $\sin C = \frac{1}{2}$

But, $\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$

$\sin C = \sin 30^\circ$

∴ $\angle C = 30^\circ$

The angle made by wire with the horizontal is 30°

Thank You