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## Sine Rule: Finding an Angle

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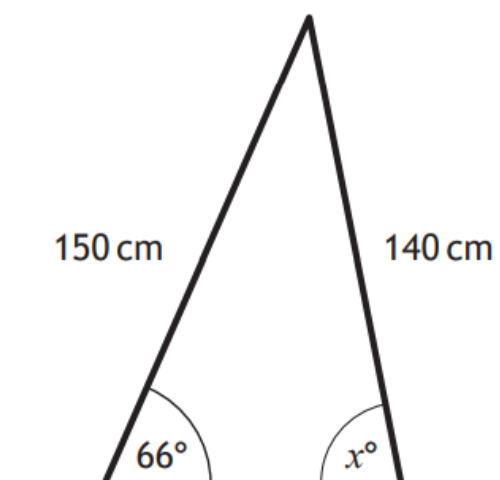




A set of stepladders has legs 150 centimetres and 140 centimetres long.



When the stepladder is fully open, the angle between the longer leg and the ground is  $66^\circ$ .



Calculate  $x^\circ$ , the size of the angle between the shorter leg and the ground.

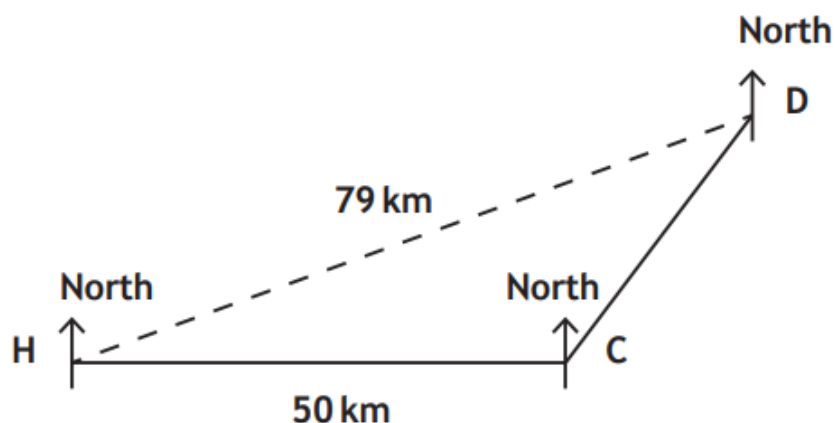
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Answer:

$78.2^\circ$



A yacht sails from a harbour H to a point C, then to a point D as shown below.



C is 50 kilometres due east of H.

D is on a bearing of  $040^\circ$  from C and is 79 kilometres from H.

- (a) Calculate the size of angle CDH. 4
- (b) Hence, calculate the bearing on which the yacht must sail to return directly to the harbour. 2

Answers:

- (a)  $29^\circ$   
(b)  $249^\circ$

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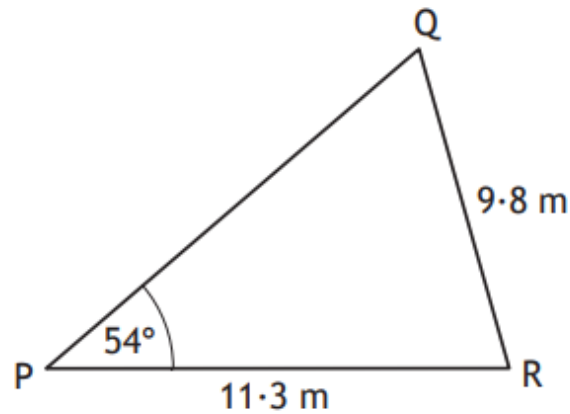
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In triangle PQR

- $PR = 11.3$  metres
- $QR = 9.8$  metres
- angle  $QPR = 54^\circ$ .



Calculate the size of acute angle PQR.

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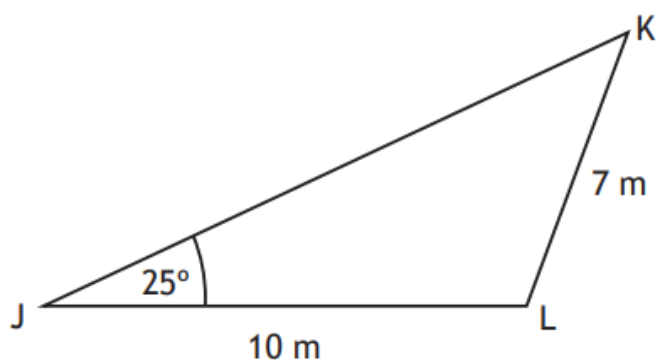
Answer:

$68.9^\circ$



The diagram shows triangle JKL.

- Angle KJL =  $25^\circ$
- JL = 10 metres
- KL = 7 metres



Calculate the size of angle JKL.

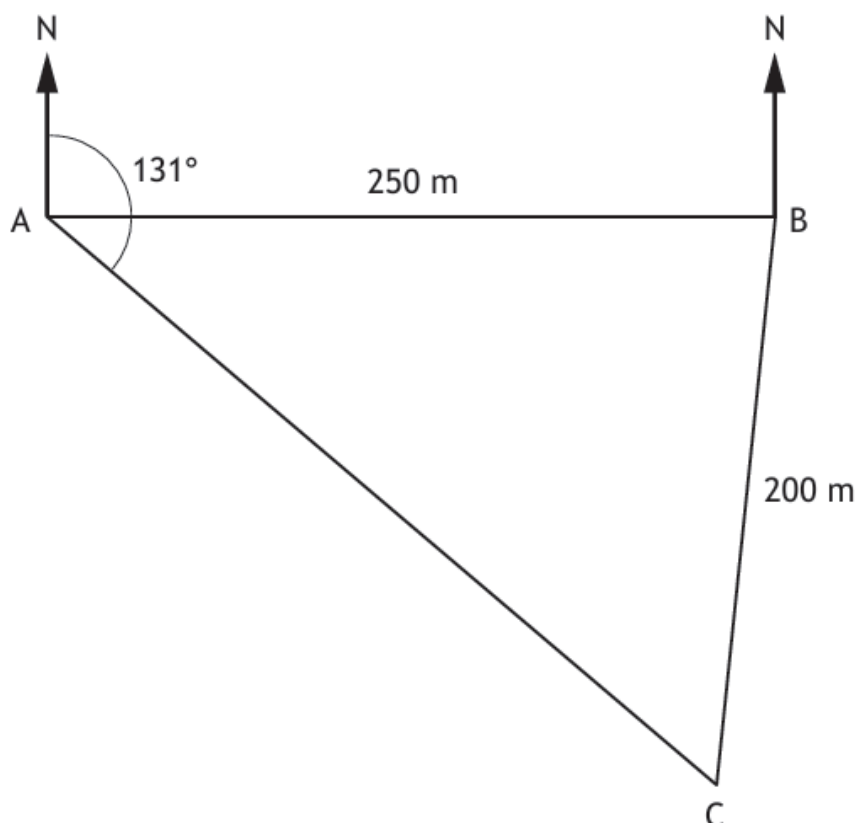
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Answer:

$37.1^\circ$

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In the diagram A, B and C represent the positions of three checkpoints in an orienteering course.



- B is 250 metres east of A.
- The bearing of C from A is 131°.
- C is 200 metres from B.

Calculate the bearing of C from B.

Do not use a scale drawing.

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Answer:

186°