

Am I Ready for Non-Euclidean Geometry?

These questions are meant to help you gauge your readiness for Non-Euclidean Geometry. Getting the correct answers (which are on the last page) is good, using a method that works in additional cases is better, but understanding *why* is the gold standard and one that only you can assess.

- 1. What is the length of the diagonal of a rectangle with side lengths 6 and 10?
- 2. Draw both diagonals of a rectangle with side lengths 6 and 10. Find the measure of all angles formed to the nearest degree.
- 3. Suppose a triangle has side lengths 6 and 10, and form an angle of 120°. What's the length of the 3rd side?
- 4. Suppose a triangle has side lengths 6 and 10, and one of the angles (not the included angle) is 30°. What are the possible lengths for the 3rd side?
- 5. Given a circle with diameter 10 and an inscribed angle of 30°, find the measure of the intercepted arc in terms of π .
- 6. Given a circle with diameter 10, find the area of the sector with measure 72° in terms of π .



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Answers:

1. $2\sqrt{34}$

- 2. Angles near the vertices are 31° and 59° , angles where the diagonals cross are 62° and 118° .
- 3. Draw the altitude to the side with length 10 to form a right triangle with base 10 + 3 and height $3\sqrt{3}$. Third side is 14.
- 4. If the 30° angle is next to the side with length 6, then the altitude to the third side is 3, and it's length is $3\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{91}$. If the 30° angle is next to the side with length 10, then the altitude to the third side is 5 and we have the ambiguous case! The third side is $5\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{11}$.
- 5. Radius is 5, central angle is $60^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{3}$ rad, so intercepted arc is length $\frac{5\pi}{3}$.
- 6. Radius is 5, central angle is $72^{\circ} = \frac{2\pi}{5}$ rad, so area of the sector is 20π .