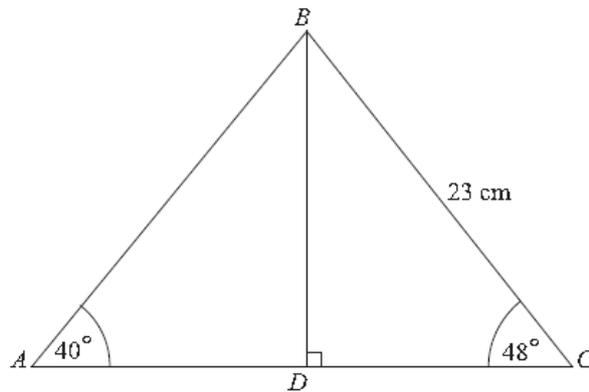


In this question, you are asked to comment on a student's incorrect attempt at answering the following question.



In triangle ABC , the length of side BC is 23 cm . D is a point on AC with $\angle BAD = 40^\circ$, $\angle BDC = 90^\circ$ and $\angle DCB = 48^\circ$.

- (i) Use the sine rule to find the length of AB .
- (ii) Find the length of AD .

Give answers correct to two significant figures.

The student's incorrect attempt is shown below.

(i) Using the sine rule in triangle ABC

$$\frac{AB}{\sin C} = \frac{BC}{\sin A}$$
$$\frac{AB}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{23}{\sin 48^\circ}$$
$$AB = \frac{23 \sin 40^\circ}{\sin 48^\circ}$$
$$19.89 \dots$$

The length of AB is 20 cm (correct to 2 s.f.)

(ii) Triangle ADB is a right angled triangle so

$$\sin 40^\circ = \frac{AD}{AB}$$
$$AD = AB \times \sin 40^\circ$$
$$20 \times \sin 40^\circ$$
$$12.85 \dots$$

The length of AD is 13 cm (to 2 s.f.)

- (a) Write out your own solution to the question, explaining your working.
- (b) There are three places in the student's attempt where a mistake has been made. Identify these mistakes and explain, as if directly to the student, why, for each mistake, their working is incorrect.