Trigonometry

Answers to additional problems

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We first look closely at the inset below, which represents a magnification of the diagram above.



From the definition of a sin in eqn. (11.1) above, $\sin \theta = (\text{opposite} \div \text{hypotenuse})$. The length of the hypotenuse is *d* and the length of the opposite is *MN*. Therefore,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{MN}{d}$$

The path length difference between the ray reflected at **O** and the ray reflected at *N* is $(MN + NP) = 2 \times MN$. Diffraction only occurs successfully when the length $2 \times MN$ comprises an integral number of wavelengths, call it $n \times \lambda$. We therefore substitute for the length MN, saying it is $n\lambda$

 $2 \times d \sin \theta = n\lambda$

This yields the Bragg equation, $2d \sin \theta = n\lambda$.

11.2 This problem is asking us to rearrange an equation then correctly use a sine function.We first rearrange the Bragg equation to make λ the subject,

$$\lambda = \frac{2d}{n}\sin\theta$$

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Inserting values,
$$\lambda = \frac{2 \times 201 \, \text{pm}}{1} \sin(34.68)$$

so $\lambda = 402 \times 0.569$

and $\lambda = 229 \text{ pm}$

- The units for *d* are the same as those of λ .
- **11.3** We first divide both sides by *N*, to make the sin function the subject

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$$\frac{\psi}{N} = \sin\!\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

then take the inverse of the sin $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\psi}{N}\right) = \frac{n\pi x}{L}$

$$x = \frac{L}{n\pi} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\psi}{N} \right)$$

11.4



From the Pythagoras' theorem, $x^2 = (127 \text{ pm})^2 + (127 \text{ pm})^2 = 2 \times (127 \text{ pm})^2$

 $x^2 = 32\,258\,\mathrm{pm}^2$

so
$$x = \sqrt{32258 \text{ pm}^2}$$

and x = 180 pm

Distance between oxygen atoms = 180 pm.

11.5 We start with the cosine rule which says, $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$

When the triangle has a right angle, the angle opposite the hypotenuse θ is 90°; and cos 90° = 0. Therefore, the last part of the equation $2ab \cos C = 0$.

Accordingly, for a right-angled triangle, the cosine rule simplifies to become,

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 0$$

we've shown how the cosine rule becomes the Pythagoras' theorem $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$.

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Because each angle is 90°, we can use Pythagoras' theorem,

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$$x^{2} = d^{2}_{(CL-Pt)} + d^{2}_{(Pt-NH3)}$$

$$x^{2} = (170 \text{ pm})^{2} + (162 \text{ pm})^{2}$$
so $x^{2} = 28\ 900 \text{ pm}^{2} + 26\ 244 \text{ pm}^{2}$
so $x^{2} = 55\ 144 \text{ pm}^{2}$
and $x = 235 \text{ pm}.$

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Strategy

- 1. We consider the pentagon to comprise five regular triangles (see Fig. (a)).
- 2. We compute the angle at the centre using Fig. (b).
- 3. We compute the outer angles.



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Solution

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1. Because the polygon has five vertices, the internal angle will be one fifth of a full circle $= 360^\circ \div 5 = 72^\circ$

A **polygon** is a plain shape with several straight sides. We usually only use this name for shapes in which each side has the same length.

- 2. The sum of the internal angles in a triangle is 180° . Looking at Fig. (b), we see how the other two angles (other than the 72°) will be the same. Accordingly, because all three of the internal angles of the triangle add up to 180° , $(2x + 72^{\circ}) = 180^{\circ}$, so $x = \frac{1}{2}$ $(180 72)^{\circ}$, so $x = 54^{\circ}$.
- 3. The angle *x*, is *half* the C–C–C angle, so C–C–C = 108° .

To conclude, in degrees = 108° and in radians =
$$2 \times \pi \times \left(\frac{108^\circ}{360^\circ}\right) = 0.6\pi = 1.885$$
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11.8 We start by drawing the triangle,



From the cosine rule, eqn. (11.12), $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$

 $x^2 = (139 \text{ pm})^2 + (125 \text{ pm})^2 - (2 \times 139 \text{ pm} \times 125 \text{ pm}) \cos 112^\circ$

 $x^2 = 19\,321\,\mathrm{pm}^2 + 15\,625\,\mathrm{pm}^2 - (34\,750\,\mathrm{pm}^2) \times -0.374$

 $x^2 = 19\,321\,\mathrm{pm}^2 + 15\,625\,\mathrm{pm}^2 + 13\,018\,\mathrm{pm}^2$

 $x^2 = 47\,964\,\mathrm{pm}^2$

so $x = \sqrt{47964 \text{ pm}^2} = 219 \text{ pm}$

which is quite long, explaining why the interaction is weak.

11.9 We will redraw structure (IX) slightly Before we start the question,



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The vertical distance from atom 1 to atom 4 is 143 pm, plus twice the distance *x*. From a calculation similar to that in Additional Problem 11.7, angle $\theta = 60^{\circ}$ so, using eqn. (11.2)

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- $x = 143 \text{ pm} \times \cos 60^{\circ}$
- $x = 143 \text{ pm} \times 0.5$
- and x = 71.5 pm.

Therefore, the distance from atom 1 to atom $4 = (143 \text{ pm} + 2 \times 71.5 \text{ pm}) = 286 \text{ pm}$.

11.10



It's probably easiest if we start by redrawing (X) with all the distances drawn on it. In effect, we subdivide (X) into manageable lengths,



We calculate length *a* using cosines, and the diagram below,



The length of the molecule = 2a + 2b + 2c + d = 1123.2 pm.

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