# **Spherical Triangle Menu**



This menu allows you to solve a spherical triangle in the surface of sphere of default radius 1.

Depending on the calculus mode (**AAA**, **AAS**, **ASA**, **SAS**, **SSA** or **SSS**) the menu dynamically changes indicating, what variables are inputs (**Black** colored buttons), and what variables are calculated (**Red** colored Buttons).

Each time a value is entered in an input variable by touching a black colored button, all the calculations are performed at once. If an input value results in an invalid triangle with no solution, "---" is shown as the calculated values.

In general, a triangle has a solution if some basic conditions are met:

- The length of sides 'a', 'b' and 'c' must be greater than 0.
- The sum of any two sides must be greater than the other side.
- The angles 'A', 'B' and 'C' must be greater than 0.
- The angles 'A', 'B' and 'C' must be less than  $\pi$  (180°)
- The sum of any two angles must be less than  $\pi$  (180°).

The following table summarize all the possibilities of the input and output buttons depending in the selected calculation mode:

| Mode          | Button   | Description  |
|---------------|--|--|
| [ AAA ▶]      | [ Side 'a' ]<br>[ Side 'b' ]<br>[ Side 'c' ]<br>[Angle 'A']<br>[Angle 'B']<br>[Angle 'C' ] | Calculates the side 'a' length.<br>Calculates the side 'b' length.<br>Calculates the side 'c' length.<br>Stores angle 'A' in current angle unit.<br>Stores angle 'B' in current angle unit.<br>Stores angle 'C' in current angle unit.                                 |
| [AAS ►]       | [ Side 'a' ]<br>[ Side 'b' ]<br>[ Side 'c' ]<br>[Angle 'A']<br>[Angle 'B']<br>[Angle 'C' ] | Calculates the side 'a' length.<br>Stores side 'b' length.<br>Calculates the side 'c' length.<br>Stores angle 'A' in current angle unit.<br>Stores angle 'B' in current angle unit.<br>Calculates the angle 'C'.   |
| [ASA ►]       | [ Side 'a' ]<br>[ Side 'b' ]<br>[ Side 'c' ]<br>[Angle 'A']<br>[Angle 'B']<br>[Angle 'C' ] | Calculates the side ' <b>a</b> ' length.<br>Calculates the side ' <b>b</b> ' length.<br>Stores side ' <b>c</b> ' length.<br>Stores angle ' <b>A</b> ' in current angle unit.<br>Stores angle ' <b>B</b> ' in current angle unit.<br>Calculates the angle ' <b>C</b> '. |
| [ SAS ▶]      | [ Side 'a' ]<br>[ Side 'b' ]<br>[ Side 'c' ]<br>[Angle 'A']<br>[Angle 'B']<br>[Angle 'C' ] | Stores side ' <b>a</b> ' length.<br>Stores side ' <b>b</b> ' length.<br>Calculates the side ' <b>c</b> ' length.<br>Calculates the angle ' <b>A</b> '.<br>Calculates the angle ' <b>B</b> '.<br>Stores angle ' <b>C</b> ' in current angle unit.                       |
| [ SSA ▶]      | [ Side 'a' ]<br>[ Side 'b' ]<br>[ Side 'c' ]<br>[Angle 'A']<br>[Angle 'B']<br>[Angle 'C' ] | Calculates the side ' <b>a</b> ' length.<br>Stores side ' <b>b</b> ' length.<br>Stores side ' <b>c</b> ' length.<br>Calculates the angle ' <b>A</b> '.<br>Stores angle ' <b>B</b> ' in current angle unit.<br>Stores angle ' <b>C</b> ' in current angle unit.         |
| [ SSS ▶]      | [ Side 'a' ]<br>[ Side 'b' ]<br>[ Side 'c' ]<br>[Angle 'A']<br>[Angle 'B']<br>[Angle 'C' ] | Stores side ' <b>a</b> ' length.<br>Stores side ' <b>b</b> ' length.<br>Stores side ' <b>c</b> ' length.<br>Calculates the angle ' <b>A</b> '.<br>Calculates the angle ' <b>B</b> '.<br>Calculates the angle ' <b>C</b> '.   |
| [ Radius ]    |  | Stores Radius of the sphere where the triangle .   |
| [ Perimeter ] |  | Calculates the spherical triangle Perimeter.   |
| [ Area ]      |  | Calculates the spherical triangle Area.  |

## Example: (AAA)

Given a spherical triangle with interior angles of 89°, 66° and 70°, what is the triangle area and perimeter if it is in a sphere of radius 1000 meters?.

| Keystrokes  | Description  |
|---|--|
| [ AAA ]   | Set 'AAA' calculation mode.  |
| 89 <b>[ Angle 'A' ]</b><br>66 <b>[ Angle 'B' ]</b><br>70 <b>[ Angle 'C' ]</b> | Store the angle 'A'.<br>Store the angle 'B'.<br>Store the angle 'C'. |
| 1000 <b>[ R ]</b>   | Stores the sphere radius.  |
| [ Perimeter ]   | The perimeter of the spherical triangle is <b>3,682.02</b> m         |
| [ Area ]  | The area of the triangle is <b>785,398.16</b> m <sup>2</sup>         |

### Solution: (DEG angle mode)

#### Example: (SSS)

In a sphere of 100 cm radius is a surface triangle ABC, the sides are 6 cm, 10 cm and 14 cm. Show that the triangle is obtuse angled with the obtuse angle equal to 120°.

#### Solution: (DEG angle mode)

| Keystrokes   | Description  |
|--|--|
| [ SSS ▶]   | Set 'SSS' calculation mode.  |
| 100 [ Radius ]   | Enter the sphere radius.   |
| 6 <b>[ Side 'a']</b><br>10 <b>[ Side 'b']</b><br>14 <b>[ Side 'c']</b> | Store the 'a' side length.<br>Store the 'b' side length.<br>Store the 'c' side length. |
| [ Angle 'C' ]  | The Angle 'C' is <b>120.05</b> ° which is greater than 90°.                            |

## Example: (SAS)

Two sides of a triangle, in the surface of sphere of radius 500 cm, are 78 and 56 cm and their included angle is 60°. What is the triangle's area and perimeter?

## Solution: (DEG angle mode)

| Keystrokes   | Description   |
|--|---|
| [ SAS ▶]   | Set 'SAS' calculation mode.   |
| 500 <b>[ Radius ]</b>  | Enter the sphere radius.  |
| 78 <b>[ Side 'a']</b><br>56 <b>[ Side 'b']</b><br>60 <b>[ Angle 'C']</b> | Store the 'a' side length.<br>Store the 'b' side length.<br>Store the 'C' angle in degrees. |
| [ Perimeter ]  | The perimeter of the triangle is <b>203.52</b> cm   |
| [ Area ]   | The area of the triangle is <b>1,893.07</b> cm <sup>2</sup>                                 |