Precalculus Unit 5: 5.5 Homework Worksheet Applications of Right Triangle Trigonometry

1. Solve the following two triangles. The triangles are not drawn to scale.



- 2. The angle of elevation from the base to the top of a waterslide is 13°. The slide extends **horizontally** 58.2 meters. Find the height of the slide.
- 3. A sign on a roadway at the top of a mountain indicates that for the next 4 miles the grade is 9.5° (this is about a 16.7% grade). Find the change in elevation over the 4 miles for a car descending the mountain.



4. In areas that get a lot of snow, roofs must be inclined at a certain angle to meet building code. That way the snow will slide off the roof and not crush the house. In one town the incline must be at least 20° above the horizontal. A builder is making a roof with a rise of 4 feet for every 12 feet of run. Will this roof meet the building code? Support your answer with work.

- 5. You are building a ramp so that people in wheelchairs can access a building. If the ramp must have a height of 8 feet, and the angle of the ramp must be 5°, how long must the ramp be?
- 6. Solve for *x* in the problems below.





7. When an airplane leaves the runway, its angle of climb is 18° and its speed is 275 feet per second. Find the planes altitude after one minute.

8. A radio tower is located 325 feet from a building. From a window in the building, a person determines that the angle of elevation to the top of the tower is 43°, and that the angle of depression to the bottom of the tower is 31°. How tall is the tower?