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Class: Honors Geometry

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Topic: Lesson 9-3 (Angles of Elevation and Depression)

Angle of Elevation

∠ measured fm horiz line thru view pt. **up** to object **above** it.

Angle of Depression

∠ measured fm horiz line thru view pt. **down** to object **below** it.

Identifying angles of elevation/depression

From/to relationship.

From the view point *to* the object.

Examples

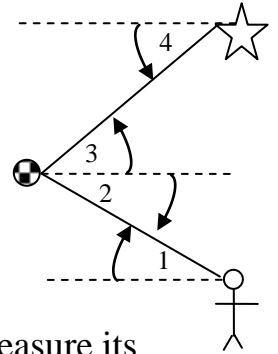
1. Describe ea ∠ as relates to this situation:

∠1: ∠ of elevation fm the player to the ball.

∠2: ∠ of depression fm the ball to player.

∠3: ∠ of elevation fm the ball to the star.

∠4: ∠ of depression fm the star to the ball.



2. A surveyor stands 200 ft fm a building to measure its height w/5 ft tall theodolite. The ∠ of elev to the top of the building is 35°. How tall is the building?

First, draw the situation.

...measuring fm 5 ft off ground.

Next, what info do we have?

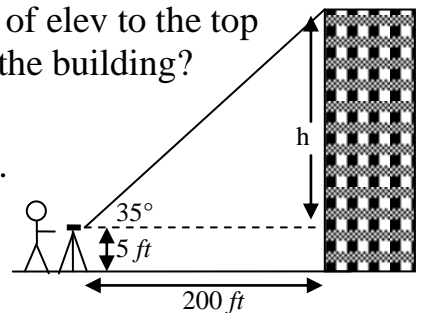
∠ measure & len adj side.

What do we want to find?

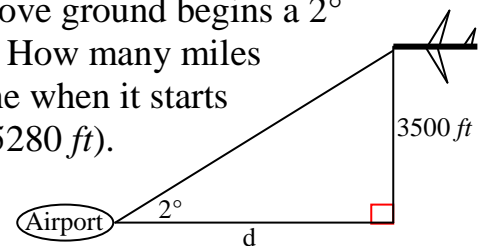
Len opp side → use the tangent ratio.

$$\tan 35^\circ = \frac{h}{200}; h = 200 \tan 35^\circ = 140.04 \approx 140 \text{ ft}$$

$$\text{Building height} = 140 + 5 = 145 \text{ ft.}$$



3. An airplane flying 3500 ft above ground begins a 2° descent to land at an airport. How many miles from the airport is the airplane when it starts its descent? (note: 1 mile = 5280 ft).



$$\tan 2^\circ = \frac{3500}{d}; d = \frac{3500}{\tan 2^\circ} = 100,226.88 = 18.98 \text{ miles} \approx 19 \text{ miles}$$