Looking for Patterns – the Cosine



If we were to look at other ratios based on the above triangles, we would also realize because of similar triangles, these ratios are also equal; $\frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{AN}{AM} = \frac{AY}{AX}$

Naming all the ratios, then giving them a name based on angle location



$$\frac{a}{b}, \frac{b}{a}, \frac{a}{c}, \frac{c}{a}, \frac{b}{c}, and \frac{c}{b}$$

Sine of an angle =
$$\frac{opposite \ side}{hypotenuse}$$
, \therefore the sinB = $\frac{b}{c}$
Cosine of an angle = $\frac{adjacent \ side}{hypotenuse}$, \therefore the cosB = $\frac{a}{c}$
Tangent of an angle = $\frac{opposite \ side}{adjacent \ side}$, \therefore the tanB = $\frac{b}{a}$

Tangent of an angle =
$$\frac{opposite side}{adjacent side}$$
, \therefore the tanB =