

## MAKING CONNECTIONS (SAMPLE RESPONSES)

### Calculator Time

Use your results from your Right Triangle Exploration handout to complete the first column of the table below. Then use your calculator to complete the remaining three columns.

| Reference Angle Measure  | Sine                    | Cosine                  | Tangent                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| $m\angle XYZ = 33^\circ$ | $\sin(33^\circ) = 0.54$ | $\cos(33^\circ) = 0.84$ | $\tan(33^\circ) = 0.65$ |
| $m\angle KAB = 28^\circ$ | $\sin(28^\circ) = 0.47$ | $\cos(28^\circ) = 0.88$ | $\tan(28^\circ) = 0.53$ |
| $m\angle LAC = 28^\circ$ | 0.47                    | 0.88                    | 0.53                    |
| $m\angle MAD = 28^\circ$ | 0.47                    | 0.88                    | 0.53                    |
| $m\angle BKA = 62^\circ$ | $\sin(62^\circ) = 0.88$ | $\cos(62^\circ) = 0.47$ | $\tan(62^\circ) = 1.88$ |
| $m\angle CLA = 62^\circ$ | 0.88                    | 0.47                    | 1.88                    |
| $m\angle DMA = 62^\circ$ | 0.88                    | 0.47                    | 1.88                    |

### Connections Time

Compare the table above with the completed table on your Right Triangle Exploration handout. What patterns or similarities do you see?

*The  $\cos(28^\circ)$  is about the same value as Ratio 1.*

*The  $\sin(28^\circ)$  and Ratio 2 are both about 0.5.*

*The  $\sin(28^\circ)$  and  $\cos(62^\circ)$  are the same.*

$$\cos(28^\circ) = \sin(62^\circ)$$

$$\text{Ratio 3} \approx \tan(62^\circ)$$

$$\tan(28^\circ) \approx \text{Ratio 4}$$