

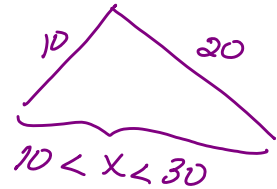
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### 9.4: The Pythagorean Theorem, Geometry's Most Elegant Theorem

Objective: After studying this section, you will be able to apply the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse.

Prior knowledge:

- Triangle Inequality Theorem (chapter 1): The third side of a triangle must be
  - Small than the sum of the other two sides, and
  - Larger than the difference.

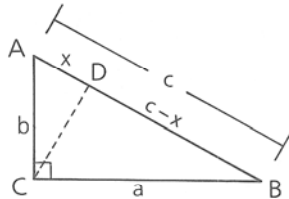


**Theorem 69** *The square of the measure of the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the measures of the legs. (Pythagorean Theorem)*

Given:  $\triangle ACB$  is a right  $\triangle$   
with right  $\angle ACB$ .

Prove:  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

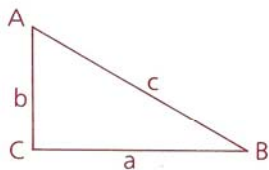
Proof:



1 $\angle ACB$ is a right $\angle$ .	1 Given
2 Draw $\overline{CD} \perp$ to $\overline{AB}$ .	2 From a point outside a line, only one $\perp$ can be drawn to the line.
3 $\overline{CD}$ is an altitude.	3 A segment drawn from a vertex of a $\triangle \perp$ to the opposite side is an altitude.
4 $a^2 = (c - x)c$	4 In a right $\triangle$ with an altitude drawn to the hypotenuse, $(\text{leg})^2 = (\text{adjacent seg.}) (\text{hypot.})$ .
5 $a^2 = c^2 - cx$	5 Distributive Property
6 $b^2 = xc$	6 Same as 4
7 $a^2 + b^2 = c^2 - cx + cx$	7 Addition Property
8 $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$	8 Algebra

**Theorem 70** If the square of the measure of one side of a triangle equals the sum of the squares of the measures of the other two sides, then the angle opposite the longest side is a right angle.

If  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ,  
then  $\triangle ACB$  is a right  $\triangle$   
and  $\angle C$  is the right  $\angle$ .



If, in the diagram above, we increased  $c$  while keeping  $a$  and  $b$  the same,  $\angle C$  would become larger. Try it. Thus, a valuable extension of Theorem 70 can be stated:

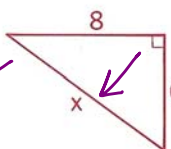
If  $c$  is the length of the longest side of a triangle, and

- $a^2 + b^2 > c^2$ , then the triangle is acute
- $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , then the triangle is right
- $a^2 + b^2 < c^2$ , then the triangle is obtuse

longest side

Practice:

**Problem 1** Solve for  $x$ .



Method 1 (As is)

$$\text{leg}^2 + \text{leg}^2 = \text{hyp}^2$$

$$6^2 + 8^2 = x^2$$

$$36 + 64 = x^2$$

$$100 = x^2$$

$$10 = x$$

Method 2 (Factoring)

$$(6, 8, x)$$

$$2(3, 4, ?)$$

$$3^2 + 4^2 = ?^2$$

$$9 + 16 = ?^2$$

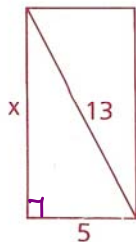
$$25 = ?^2$$

$$5 = ? \rightarrow 2 \cdot 5 = 10$$

$$2(3, 4, 5)$$

**Problem 2**

Find the perimeter of the rectangle shown.



$$5^2 + x^2 = 13^2$$

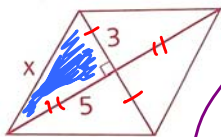
$$25 + x^2 = 169$$

$$x^2 = 144$$

$$x = 12$$

$$(5, 12, 13)$$

$$2(12 + 5) = 2(17) = 34$$

**Problem 3**Find the perimeter of a rhombus with diagonals of 6 and 10.

$$3^2 + 5^2 = x^2$$

$$9 + 25 = x^2$$

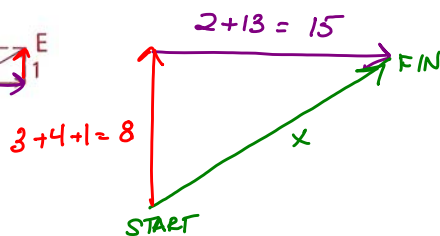
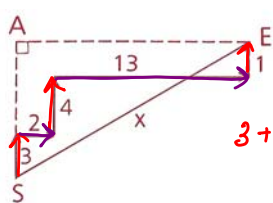
$$34 = x^2$$

$$\sqrt{34} = x$$

$$P = 4x = 4\sqrt{34}$$

**Problem 4**

Nadia skipped 3 m north, 2 m east, 4 m north, 13 m east, and 1 m north. How far is Nadia from where she started?

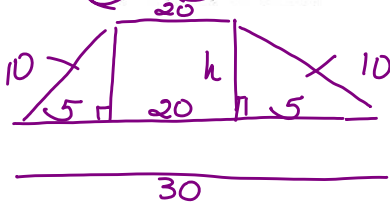


$$8^2 + 15^2 = x^2$$

$$64 + 225 = x^2$$

$$289 = x^2$$

$$17 = x$$

**Problem 5**Find the altitude of an isosceles trapezoid whose sides have lengths of 10, 30, 10, and 20.

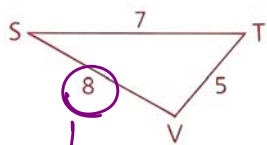
$$5^2 + h^2 = 10^2$$

$$25 + h^2 = 100$$

$$h^2 = 75$$

$$h = 5\sqrt{3}$$

**Problem 6** Classify the triangle shown.



longest side

$$8^2 \boxed{?} 5^2 + 7^2$$

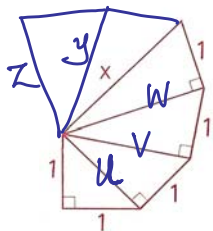
$$64 \boxed{?} 25 + 49$$

$$64 \boxed{<} 74$$

ACUTE

**Problem 7**

Solve for  $x$  in the partial spiral.



$$1^2 + 1^2 = u^2$$

$$u^2 + 1^2 = v^2$$

$$(\sqrt{2})^2 + 1^2 = v^2$$

$$2 + 1 = v^2$$

$$3 = v^2$$

$$2 = u^2$$

$$\sqrt{2} = u$$

$$\sqrt{3} = v$$

$$v^2 + 1^2 = w^2$$

$$(\sqrt{3})^2 + 1^2 = w^2$$

$$3 + 1 = w^2$$

$$4 = w^2$$

$$\sqrt{4} = w$$

or 2

$$w^2 + 1^2 = x^2$$

$$\sqrt{4}^2 + 1^2 = x^2$$

$$4 + 1 = x^2$$

$$5 = x^2$$

$$\sqrt{5} = x$$

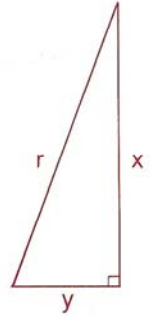
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Homework: 1-27, 31 (below)

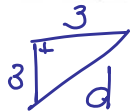
1. Solve for the third side. Let  $x$  &  $y$  be the legs of a right triangle, and  $r$  be the hypotenuse.

	$x$ leg	$y$ leg	$r$ hyp	work
a.	4	5	$\sqrt{41}$	$4^2 + 5^2 = r^2$ $16 + 25 = r^2$ $41 = r^2$
b.	15	8	17	$15^2 + y^2 = 17^2$ $225 + y^2 = 289$ $y^2 = 64$ $y = 8$ <b>8, 15, 17</b>
c.	12 3.4	9 3.3	15 3.5	$x^2 + 9^2 = 15^2$ $x^2 = 225 - 81$ $x^2 = 144$ $x = 12$ <b>3(3, 4, 5)</b>
d.	12	5	13	$y^2 + 12^2 = 13^2$ $y^2 = 169 - 144$ $y^2 = 25$ $y = 5$ <b>(5, 12, 13)</b>
e.	5	$5\sqrt{3}$	10	$5^2 + (5\sqrt{3})^2 = r^2$ $25 + 25\sqrt{9} = r^2$ $25 + 75 = r^2$
f.	5		$\sqrt{29}$	
g.	$2\sqrt{5}$		$\sqrt{38}$	

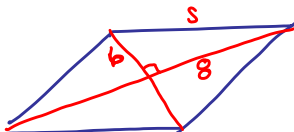


2 Find the length of the diagonal of a square with perimeter 12 cm.

$P = 12$ ,  $s = \frac{12}{4} = 3 \text{ cm}$



3 Find the perimeter of a rhombus with diagonals 12 km and 16 km.



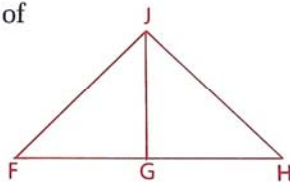
$6^2 + 8^2 = s^2$   
 $36 + 64 = s^2$   
 $100 = s^2$   
 $10 = s$

$4s = P = 4(10) = 40 \text{ km}$

- 4 Find the perimeter of a rectangle whose diagonal is 17 mm long and whose base is 15 mm long.

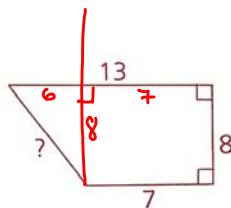
- 5 Given:  $\overline{JG}$  is the altitude to base  $\overline{FH}$  of isosceles triangle  $JFH$ .  
 $FJ = 15$ ,  $FH = 24$

Find:  $JG$

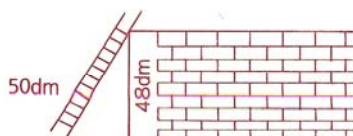


- 6  $\overline{PM}$  is an altitude of equilateral triangle  $PKO$ . If  $PK = 4$ , find  $PM$ .

- 7 Find the missing length in the trapezoid.



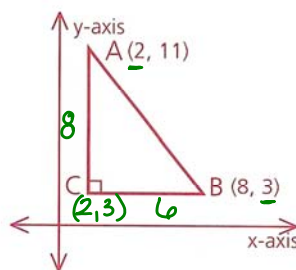
- 8 How far is the foot of the ladder from the wall?



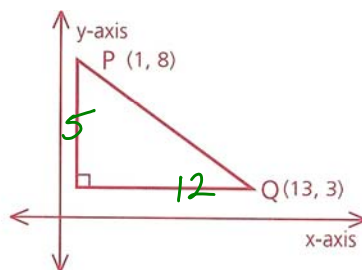
9  $\overline{AC} \parallel y\text{-axis}$  and  $\overline{CB} \parallel x\text{-axis}$ .

- a Find the coordinates of C.  $(2, 3)$   
 b Find AC and CB.  $11-3=8$  &  $8-2=6$   
 c Find AB.  $=10$   
 d Is  $AB = \sqrt{(8-2)^2 + (11-3)^2}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2} \\ &\sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} \\ &\sqrt{36 + 64} \\ &\sqrt{100} \\ &10 \end{aligned}$$



10 Use the method suggested by part d of problem 9 to find PQ.



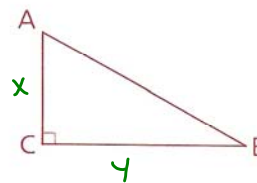
**11** Find the missing length in terms of the variable(s) provided.

**a**  $AC = x$ ,  $BC = y$ ,  $AB = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

**b**  $AC = 2$ ,  $BC = x$ ,  $AB = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

**c**  $AC = 3a$ ,  $BC = 4a$ ,  $AB = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

**d**  $AB = 13c$ ,  $AC = 5c$ ,  $BC = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$



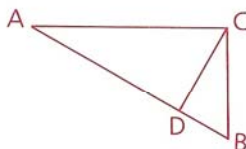
**12**  $\angle ACB$  is a right angle and  $\overline{CD} \perp \overline{AB}$ .

**a** If  $AD = 7$  and  $BD = 4$ , find  $CD$ .

**b** If  $CD = 8$  and  $DB = 6$ , find  $CB$ .

**c** If  $BC = 8$  and  $BD = 2$ , find  $AB$ .

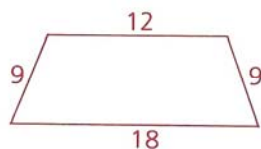
**d** If  $AC = 21$  and  $AB = 29$ , find  $CB$ .



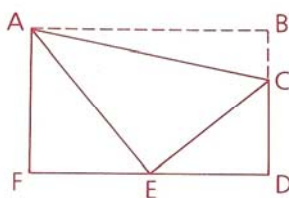
**13** Al Capone walked 2 km north, 6 km west, 4 km north, and 2 km west. If Big Al decides to “go straight,” how far must he walk across the fields to his starting point?



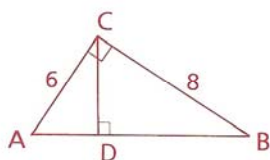
- 14 Find the altitude (length of a segment perpendicular to both bases) of the isosceles trapezoid shown.



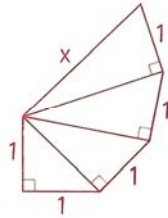
- 15 A piece broke off rectangle  $ABDF$ , leaving trapezoid  $ACDF$ . If  $BD = 16$ ,  $BC = 7$ ,  $FD = 24$ , and  $E$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{FD}$ , what is the perimeter of  $\triangle ACE$ ?



- 16 Given: Diagram as shown  
Find:  $CD$



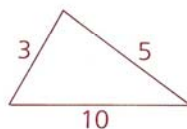
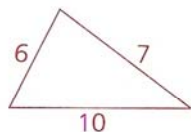
- 17 Solve for  $x$  in the partial spiral to the right.



- 18 If the perimeter of a rhombus is  $8\sqrt{5}$  and one diagonal has a length of  $4\sqrt{2}$ , find the length of the other diagonal.
- 19 Woody Woodpecker pecked at a 17-m wooden pole until it cracked and the upper part fell, with the top hitting the ground 10 m from the foot of the pole. Since the upper part had not completely broken off, Woody pecked away where the pole had cracked. How far was Woody above the ground?
- 20 Find the perimeter of an isosceles right triangle with a 6-cm hypotenuse.

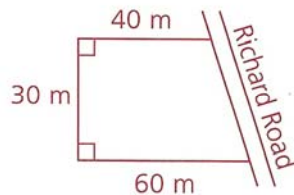
- 21** The lengths of the diagonals of a rhombus are in the ratio 2:1. If the perimeter of the rhombus is 20, find the sum of the lengths of the diagonals.

- 22** Classify the triangles.

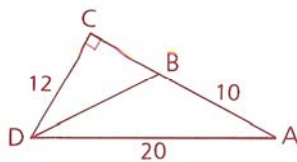


- 23** George and Diane bought a plot of land along Richard Road with the dimensions shown.

- a** Find the area of the plot.  
**b** Find, to the nearest meter, the length of frontage on Richard Road.

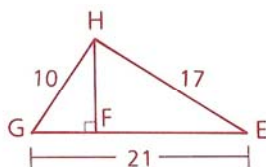


- 24** Find the perimeter of  $\triangle DBC$ .



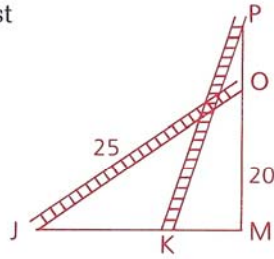
- 25 a** Find  $HF$ .

- b** Is  $\triangle EHF$  similar to  $\triangle HGF$ ?



- 26** The perimeter of an isosceles triangle is 32, and the length of the altitude to its base is 8. Find the length of a leg.

- 27** A ladder 25 ft long (JO) is leaning against a wall, reaching a point 20 ft above the ground (MO). The ladder is then moved so that  $JK = 2(PO)$ . Find KM.



- 31** Quadrilateral QUAD has vertices at  $Q = (-7, 1)$ ,  $U = (1, 16)$ ,  $A = (9, 10)$ , and  $D = (1, -5)$ .
- Plot the figure and indicate what type of quadrilateral QUAD is.
  - Find the perimeter of QUAD.