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

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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
  - Smaller than the sum of the other two sides, and
  - Larger than the difference.
- Used the Pythagorean Theorem before.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Triangle with sides } 3, 11, x \\ (11-3) < x < (3+11) \\ 8 < x < 14 \end{array}$$

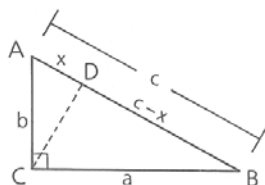
**Theorem 69** *The square of the measure of the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the measures of the legs. (Pythagorean Theorem)*

If  $\triangle$ ,  
then  
 $\text{leg}^2 + \text{leg}^2 = \text{hyp}^2$   
 $\text{sm}^2 + \text{med}^2 = \text{long}^2$

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

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

Proof:



- $\angle ACB$  is a right  $\angle$ .
- Draw  $\overline{CD} \perp$  to  $\overline{AB}$ .

- $\overline{CD}$  is an altitude.

$$4 \quad a^2 = (c - x)c$$

$$5 \quad a^2 = c^2 - cx$$

$$6 \quad b^2 = xc$$

$$7 \quad a^2 + b^2 = c^2 - cx + cx$$

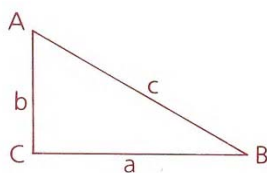
$$8 \quad a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

- Given
- From a point outside a line, only one  $\perp$  can be drawn to the line.
- A segment drawn from a vertex of a  $\triangle \perp$  to the opposite side is an altitude.
- In a right  $\triangle$  with an altitude drawn to the hypotenuse,  $(\text{leg})^2 = (\text{adjacent seg.}) (\text{hypot.})$ .
- Distributive Property
- Same as 4
- Addition Property
- 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  $\text{sm}^2 + \text{med}^2 = \text{long}^2$   
then rt  $\triangle$

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

Given sides  $(3, 11, 10) =$   
 $3^2 + 11^2 \neq 10^2$   
 $130 > 100 \therefore \text{Acute}$

Classify given lengths  $(3, 11, \sqrt{130})$

$$3^2 + 11^2 = \sqrt{130}^2$$

$$9 + 121 = 130 \therefore \text{Rt } \triangle$$

Given lengths  $(3, 11, 12)$

$$3^2 + 11^2 \neq 12^2$$

$$130 < 144 \therefore$$

Obtuse



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



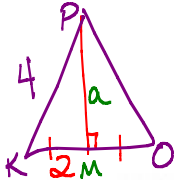
$$x^2 + 15^2 = 17^2$$

$$x = 8$$

Then  $p = 2l + 2w$   
 $2(l + w)$   
 $2(23) = 46$

(8, 15, 17)

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



also median

$$2^2 + a^2 = 4^2$$

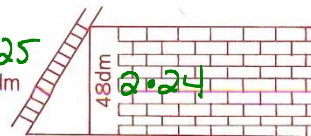
$$a^2 = 16 - 4$$

$$a^2 = 12 = 4 \cdot 3$$

$a = 2\sqrt{3}$

$(x, x\sqrt{3}, 2x)$

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



$(d, 48, 50) \Rightarrow 2(x, 24, 25)$

$$x^2 + 576 = 625$$

$$x^2 = 49$$

$$x = 7$$

then  $d = 2x = 14 \text{ dm}$

$2(7, 24, 25)$

another triple!!!

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

- a Find the coordinates of C.  $(x_c, y_c): (2, 3)$

- b Find AC and CB. 8 & 6

- c Find AB. 10

- d Is  $AB = \sqrt{(8-2)^2 + (11-3)^2}$ ? yes!

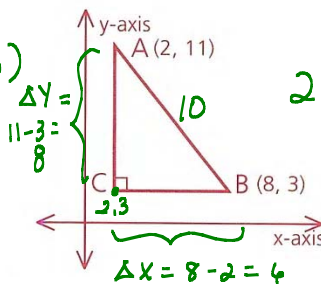
$$\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$$

$$\sqrt{6^2 + 8^2}$$

$$\sqrt{36 + 64}$$

$$\sqrt{100}$$

$$10$$



$2(3, 4, 5)$

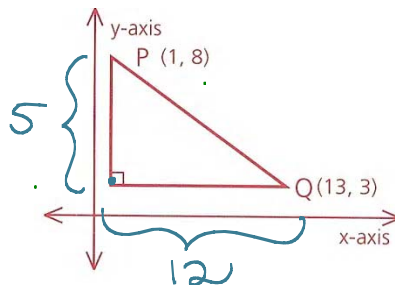
- 10 Use the method suggested by part d of problem 9 to find PQ.

$$\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$$

$$\sqrt{5^2 + 12^2}$$

$$\sqrt{25 + 144}$$

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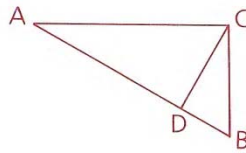


## Review of Alt Hyp

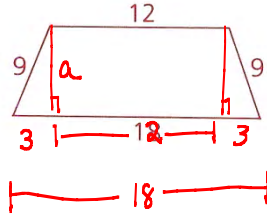
12  $\angle ACB$  is a right angle and  $\overline{CD} \perp \overline{AB}$ .

- 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  $CB$ .

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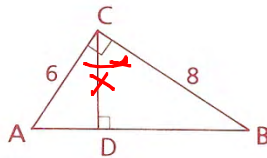
14 Find the altitude (length of a segment perpendicular to both bases) of the isosceles trapezoid shown.



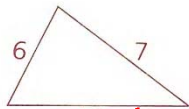
$$\begin{aligned} 3^2 + a^2 &= 9^2 \\ a^2 &= 81 - 9 = 72 \\ a^2 &= 9 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \\ a &= 6\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

16 Given: Diagram as shown  
Find:  $CD$

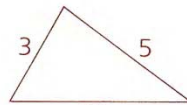
review



22 Classify the triangles.



$$\begin{aligned} (7-6) &< 10 < (7+6) \\ 1 &< 10 < 13 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} (5-3) &< 10 < (5+3) \\ 2 &< 10 < 8 \end{aligned}$$

Impossible

$$\begin{aligned} 6^2 + 7^2 &= 10^2 \\ 36 + 49 &= 100 \\ 85 &< 100 \text{ : obtuse} \end{aligned}$$

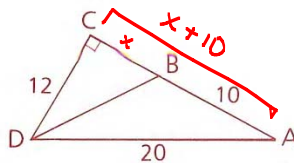
24 Find the perimeter of  $\triangle DBC$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 12^2 + (x+10)^2 &= 20^2 \\ 144 + x^2 + 20x + 100 &= 400 \\ x^2 + 20x + 244 &= 400 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^2 + 20x - 156 = 0$$

$$(x+24)(x-6) = 0$$

no neg. lengths  $\rightarrow 6$



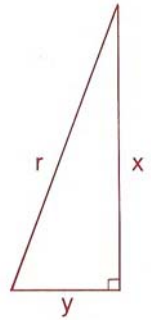
$$\begin{aligned} 156 &= 3 \cdot 52 \\ 52 &= 2 \cdot 26 \end{aligned}$$

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.

**Homework**

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

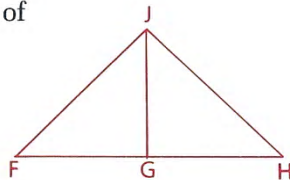
	$x$	$y$	$r$	work
a.	4	5		
b.	15		17	
c.		9	15	
d.	12		13	
e.	5	$5\sqrt{3}$		
f.	5		$\sqrt{29}$	
g.	$2\sqrt{5}$		$\sqrt{38}$	



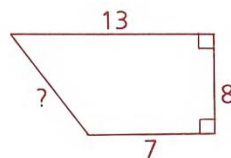
3 Find the perimeter of a rhombus with diagonals 12 km and 16 km.

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

Find:  $JG$

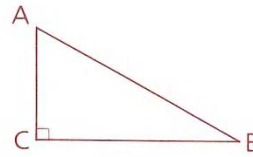


7 Find the missing length in the trapezoid.



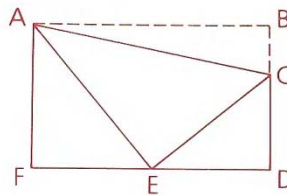
- 11 Find the missing length in terms of the variable(s) provided.

- a  $AC = x$ ,  $BC = y$ ,  $AB = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$   
 b  $AC = 2$ ,  $BC = x$ ,  $AB = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$   
 c  $AC = 3a$ ,  $BC = 4a$ ,  $AB = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$   
 d  $AB = 13c$ ,  $AC = 5c$ ,  $BC = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

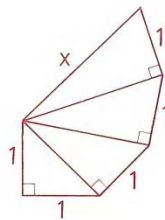


- 13 Al Capone walked 2 km north, 6 km west, 4 km north, and 2 km west. If Big Al decides to “go straight,” how far must he walk across the fields to his starting point?

- 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  $\triangle ACE$ ?



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



- 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?
- 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.



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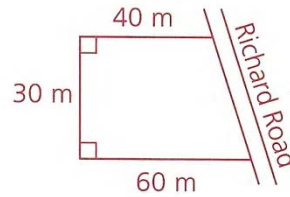
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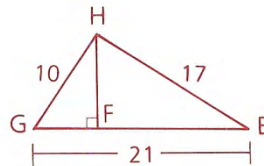
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- 23** George and Diane bought a plot of land along Richard Road with the dimensions shown.

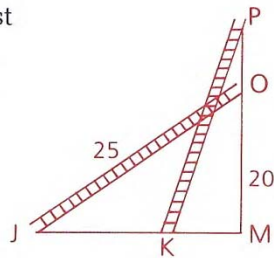
- a** Find the area of the plot.  
**b** Find, to the nearest meter, the length of frontage on Richard Road.



- 25 a** Find HF.  
**b** Is  $\triangle EHF$  similar to  $\triangle HGF$ ?



- 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  $D = (1, -5)$ .

- a** Plot the figure and indicate what type of quadrilateral QUAD is.  
**b** Find the perimeter of QUAD.

(Hint: Use the properties of quadrilaterals that you learned in chapter 5.)