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

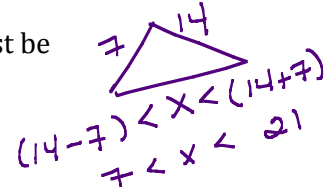
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Objective: After studying this section, you will be able to apply the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse.

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.



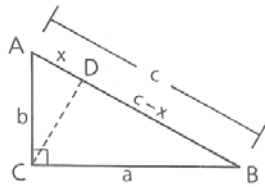
**Theorem 69** *The square of the measure of the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the measures of the legs. (Pythagorean Theorem)*

$in \ rt\Delta, \quad sm^2 + md^2 = large^2$

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  $\overline{AB}$ .

- 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.

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

- In a right  $\triangle$  with an altitude drawn to the hypotenuse,  $(leg)^2 = (adjacent \ seg.) (hypot.)$ .

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

- Distributive Property

6  $b^2 = xc$

- Same as 4

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

- Addition Property

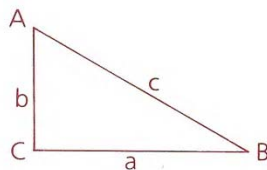
8  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

- 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.*

$sm^2 + md^2 = large^2 \Rightarrow rt\Delta$

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

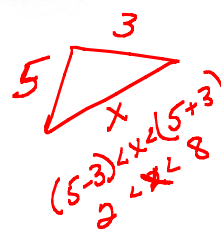


"or"  $leg^2 + leg^2 = hyp^2$

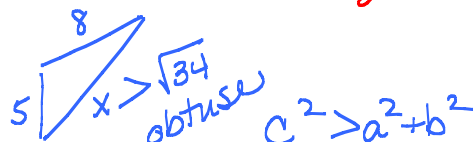
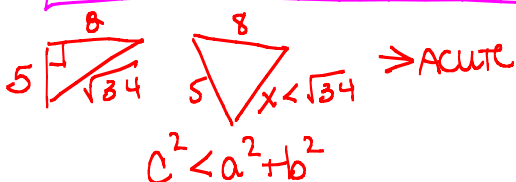
If, in the diagram above, we increased  $c$  while keeping  $a$  and  $b$  the same,  $\angle C$  would become larger. Try it. Thus, a valuable extension of Theorem 70 can be stated:

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- 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



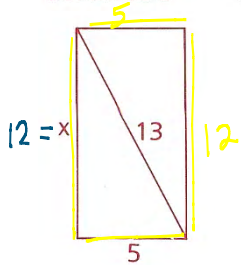
If  $rt\Delta$   
 $3^2 + 5^2 = x^2$   
 $9 + 25 = x^2$   
 $34 = x^2$   
 $\sqrt{34} = x$   
 $5.8 \approx x$



**Class Examples**

**Problem 2**

Find the perimeter of the rectangle shown.



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

$$x^2 = 169 - 25$$

$$x^2 = 144$$

$$x = 12$$

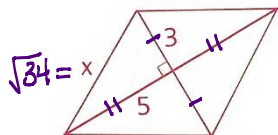
Why not  $\pm$ ? Not going to have a negative length!!

All whole numbers!!  $\Rightarrow$  Pyth. Triple  
(5, 12, 13)  
Interesting

$\rightarrow$  sum sides =  $2(5+12) = 34$

**Problem 3**

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



Sum sides

$\rightarrow 4 \cong$  sds  $\rightarrow \perp$  bis

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

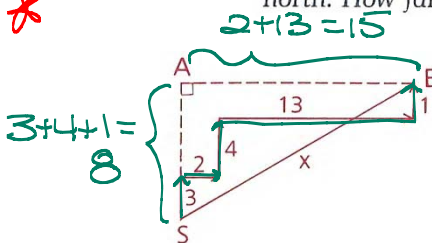
$$9 + 25 = x^2$$

$$34 = x^2$$

$\rightarrow x = \sqrt{34}$  then Perimeter =  $4x = 4\sqrt{34}$

**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?



$$8^2 + 15^2 = \text{distance}^2$$

$$64 + 225 = \text{distance}^2$$

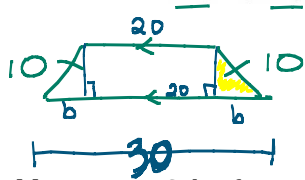
$$289 = \text{distance}^2$$

$$17\text{m} = \text{distance}$$

Another Triple: **Wow!**  
(8, 15, 17)

**Problem 5**

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



$$b = \frac{30-20}{2}$$



$$a^2 + 5^2 = 10^2$$

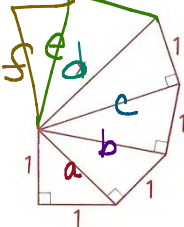
$$a^2 = 100 - 25 = 75$$

$$a^2 = 25 \cdot 3$$

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

**Problem 7**

Solve for x in the partial spiral.



$$1^2 + 1^2 = a^2$$

$$2 = a^2$$

$$\sqrt{2} = a$$

$$a^2 + 1^2 = b^2$$

$$2 + 1 = b^2$$

$$\sqrt{3} = b$$

$$b^2 + 1^2 = c^2$$

$$3 + 1 = c^2$$

$$\sqrt{4} = c$$

$$2 = c$$

$$c^2 + 1^2 = d^2$$

$$4 + 1 = d^2$$

$$\sqrt{5} = d$$

$$d^2 + 1^2 = e^2$$

$$\sqrt{6} = e$$

$$\sqrt{7} = f$$

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

$$P = 12$$

$$S = \frac{P}{4} = 3\text{cm}$$



$$3^2 + 3^2 = d^2$$

$$9 + 9 = d^2$$

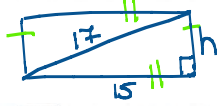
$$18 = d^2$$

$$3\sqrt{2} = d$$

$\rightarrow 4 \cong$  sds &  $4 \text{ rt } \triangle$ s  
 $\rightarrow$  FACTOR THE SCALAR  $3(1, 1, x)$   
 $1^2 + 1^2 = x^2$   
 $\sqrt{2} = x$

But  $d = 3x \rightarrow$  so  $d = 3\sqrt{2}$

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



→ 4sds, 4rt+2s

$$h^2 + 15^2 = 17^2$$

$$h^2 = 289 - 225$$

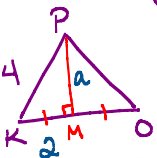
$$h^2 = 64$$

$$h = 8$$

(8, 15, 17) A TRIPLE!!

$$P = 2(l+w) = 2(23) = 46$$

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



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

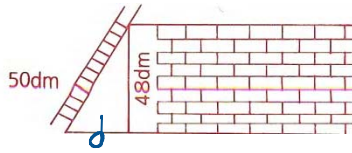
$$a^2 = 16 - 4$$

$$a^2 = 12$$

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

$$a = 2\sqrt{3}$$

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



$$(d, 48, 50)$$

$$\odot (x, 24, 25)$$

$$x^2 + 576 = 625$$

$$x^2 = 49$$

$$x = 7 \rightarrow d = 2x \text{ so } d = 14 \text{ dm}$$

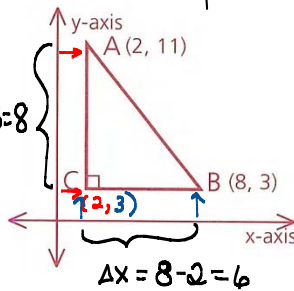
- 9  $\overline{AC} \parallel y\text{-axis}$  and  $\overline{CB} \parallel x\text{-axis}$ .

a Find the coordinates of C.  $(x_A, y_B): (2, 3)$

b Find AC and CB. 8 & 6 respectively

c Find AB.

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



"distance formula"

$$\Delta x = 8 - 2 = 6$$

$$6^2 + 8^2 = AB^2$$

$$36 + 64 = AB^2$$

$$100 = AB^2$$

$$10 = AB$$

$$2(3, 4, 5) \Rightarrow 6, 8, 10$$

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TRIPLES

$$\downarrow$$

$$(5, 12, 13)$$

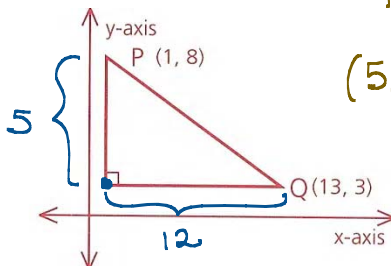
- 10 Use the method suggested by part d of problem 9 to find PQ.

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

$$\sqrt{25 + 144}$$

$$\sqrt{169}$$

$$13$$



AMDG

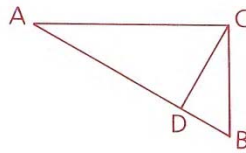
12  $\angle ACB$  is a right angle and  $\overline{CD} \perp \overline{AB}$ .

a If  $AD = 7$  and  $BD = 4$ , find  $CD$ .  $2\sqrt{7}$

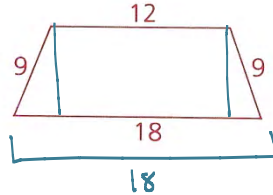
b If  $CD = 8$  and  $DB = 6$ , find  $CB$ .  $10$

c If  $BC = 8$  and  $BD = 2$ , find  $AB$ .  $32$

d If  $AC = 21$  and  $AB = 29$ , find  $CB$ .  $20$

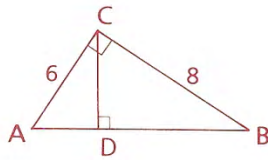


14 Find the altitude (length of a segment perpendicular to both bases) of the isosceles trapezoid shown.

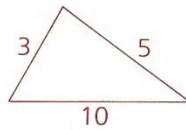
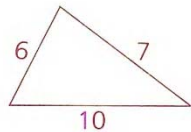


16 Given: Diagram as shown

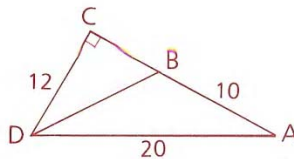
Find:  $CD$



22 Classify the triangles.



24 Find the perimeter of  $\triangle DBC$ .

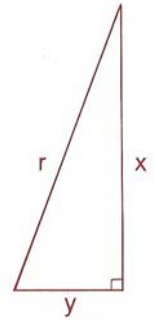


26 The perimeter of an isosceles triangle is 32, and the length of the altitude to its base is 8. Find the length of a leg.

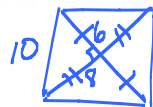
**Homework**

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	$\sqrt{41}$	
b.	15	8	17	$y^2 + 15^2 = 17^2$ $y^2 + 225 = 289$ $y^2 = 64$ $y = 8$
c.	12	$3 \cdot 3$ 9	$3 \cdot 5$ 15	
d.	12	5	13	$12^2 + y^2 = 13^2$ $y^2 = 169 - 144$
e.	5	$5\sqrt{3}$	10	
f.	5	2	$\sqrt{29}$	$5^2 + y^2 = \sqrt{29}^2 \rightarrow 25 + y^2 = 29$ $y^2 = 4$
g.	$2\sqrt{5}$	$3\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{38}$	$(2\sqrt{5})^2 + y^2 = \sqrt{38}^2$ $20 + y^2 = 38$ $y^2 = 18$ $y = 3\sqrt{2}$



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



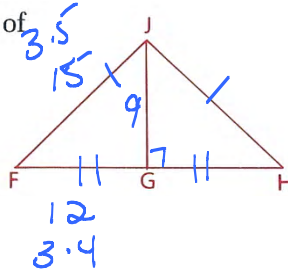
$\rightarrow \perp$  bis

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

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

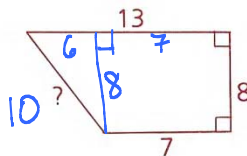
Find:  $JG$

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7 Find the missing length in the trapezoid.

$2(3, 4, 5)$





$$AC^2 + BC^2 = AB^2$$

$$\sqrt{AC^2 + BC^2} = AB$$

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

a  $AC = x, BC = y, AB = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

b  $AC = 2, BC = x, AB = \sqrt{4 + x^2}$

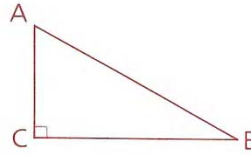
a(3,4,5) c  $AC = 3a, BC = 4a, AB = \sqrt{9a^2 + 16a^2} = \sqrt{25a^2} = 5a$

d  $AB = 13c, AC = 5c, BC = 12c$

$$AC^2 + BC^2 = AB^2$$

$$(5c)^2 + BC^2 = (13c)^2$$

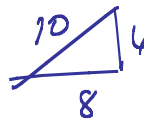
c(5,12,13)



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?

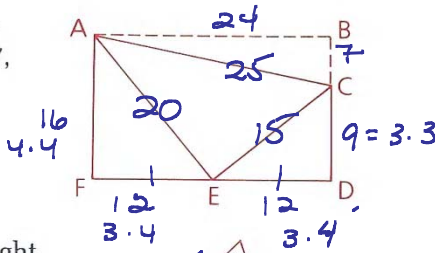
N:  $2 + 4 = 6$   
W:  $6 + 2 = 8$

a(3,4,5) → 10 km

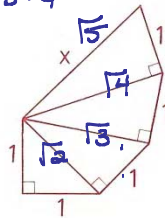


15 A piece broke off rectangle ABDF, leaving trapezoid ACDF. If  $BD = 16, BC = 7, FD = 24$ , and E is the midpoint of  $\overline{FD}$ , what is the perimeter of  $\triangle ACE$ ?

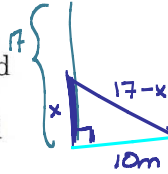
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17 Solve for x in the partial spiral to the right.



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?



$$10^2 + x^2 = (17-x)^2$$

$$100 + x^2 = 289 - 34x + x^2$$

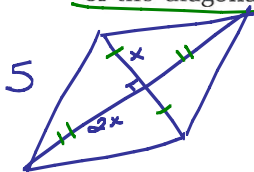
$$-289 - x^2 - 289 - x^2$$

$$-189 = -34x$$

$$\frac{189}{34} = x$$

$$5\frac{19}{34} \text{ m}$$

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.



P = 20  
S = 5

$$x^2 + (2x)^2 = 5^2$$

$$5x^2 = 25$$

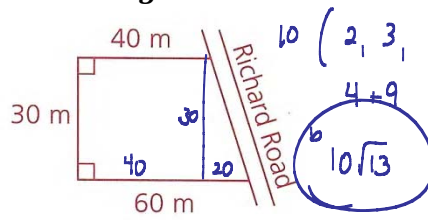
$$x^2 = 5$$

$$x = \sqrt{5}$$

6x = 6√5

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.

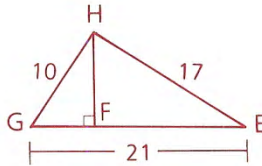


a  $A_{trap} = \frac{AVE\ BASES}{2} \cdot HEIGHT$   
 $\left(\frac{40+60}{2}\right)(30) = 50 \cdot 30 = 1500\ m^2$

25 a Find HF. 7

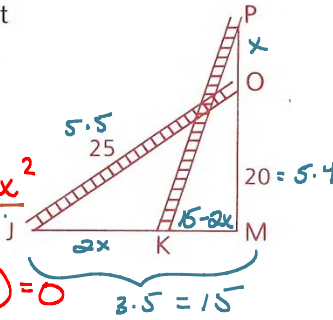
b Is  $\triangle EHF$  similar to  $\triangle HGF$ ?

$10^2 + 17^2 \square 21^2$   
 $100 + 289 \square 441$   
 $389 < 441$   
**OBTUSE**



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.

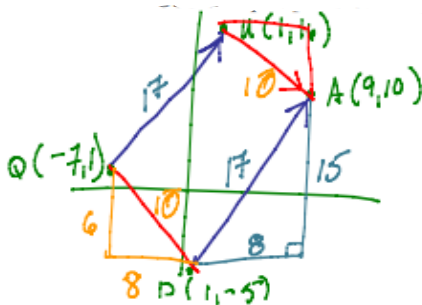
$25^2 = (20+x)^2 + (15-2x)^2$   
 $625 = 400 + 40x + x^2 + 225 - 60x + 4x^2$   
 $625 = 625 - 20x + 5x^2$   
 $0 = -20x + 5x^2$   
 $0 = -4x + x^2$   
 $x(x-4) = 0$   
 $x=0$  or  $x=4$  then  $KM = 15 - 2(4) = 7\ ft$



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.)



$m_{UA} = \frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta X} = \frac{16-10}{1-9} = \frac{6}{-8} = -\frac{3}{4}$   
 $m_{QD} = \frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta X} = \frac{1+5}{-7-1} = \frac{6}{-8} = -\frac{3}{4}$

$m_{QU} = \frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta X} = \frac{16-1}{1+7} = \frac{15}{8}$   
 $m_{DA} = \frac{\Delta Y}{\Delta X} = \frac{-5-10}{1-9} = \frac{-15}{-8} = \frac{15}{8}$

NOT OPP  
 RELIP  
 $\therefore \square$

$P = \frac{10+10}{20} + \frac{17+17}{34} = 54$

