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

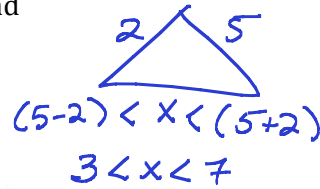
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Objective: After studying this section, you will be able to apply the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse.

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.



$$(5-2) < x < (5+2)$$

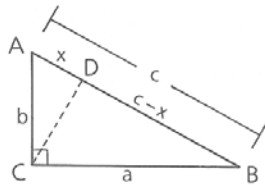
$$3 < x < 7$$

**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:

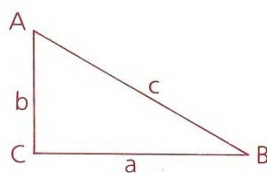


If rt  $\triangle$   
then  $sm^2 + md^2 = lg^2$

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, $(leg)^2 = (adjacent\ seg.) (hypot.)$ .
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.*

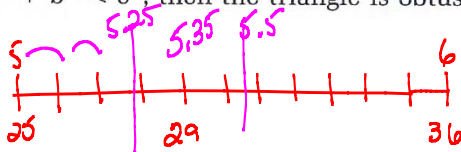
If  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ,  
then  $\triangle ACB$  is a right  $\triangle$   
and  $\angle C$  is the right  $\angle$ .



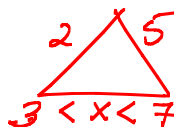
If  $sm^2 + md^2 = lg^2$   
then rt  $\triangle$

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



$2^2 + 5^2$   
 $4 + 25 = 29$



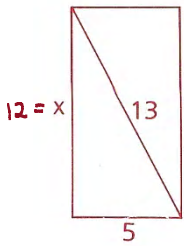
$$3 < x < 7$$

$\Rightarrow$  acute  
If rt then  $x = \sqrt{29} \approx 5.38$   
 $< \Rightarrow$  obtuse

## Class Examples

### Problem 2

Find the perimeter of the rectangle shown.



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

$$x^2 = 169 - 25$$

$$x^2 = 144$$

$$x = 12$$

(5, 12, 13) All whole numbers!

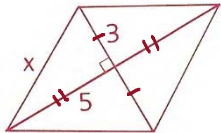
Pyth. Triples

Why not  $\pm$ ? No neg lengths!!

$$P_{\text{rect}}: 2(l+w) = 2(17) = 34$$

### Problem 3

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



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

$$9 + 25 = x^2$$

$$34 = x^2$$

$$\sqrt{34} = x$$

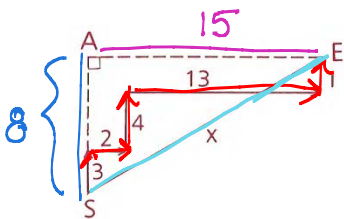
$$P_{\text{RHOM}} = 4x = 4(\sqrt{34}) = 4\sqrt{34}$$

$\rightarrow \cong$  sds

$\rightarrow \perp$  & bis

### 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?



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

$$64 + 225 = x^2$$

$$289 = x^2$$

$$17 = x$$

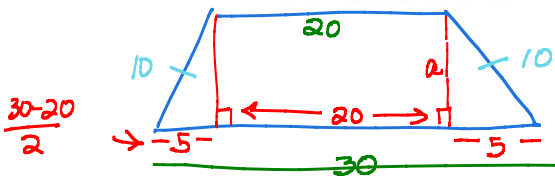
(8, 15, 17)

Another Pyth. Triple!!

All whole numbers again! Wow

### Problem 5

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



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

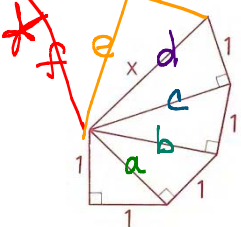
$$a^2 = 100 - 25$$

$$a^2 = 75$$

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

### Problem 7

Solve for x in the partial spiral.



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

$$\sqrt{2} = a$$

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

$$2 + 1 = b^2$$

$$\sqrt{3} = b$$

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

$$3 + 1 = c^2$$

$$\sqrt{4} = c$$

$$2 = c$$

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

$$4 + 1 = d^2$$

$$\sqrt{5} = d$$

$$\sqrt{6} = e$$

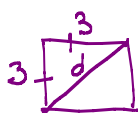
$$\sqrt{7} = f$$

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

$$P = 12 \Rightarrow s = \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

$\rightarrow$  4 sides,  $\cong$  sds, rt  $\angle$ s

What if:  $3(1, 1, x)$



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

$$9 + 9 = d^2$$

$$18 = d^2$$

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

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

$$\sqrt{2} = x$$

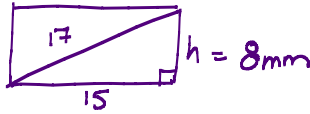
$$3\sqrt{2} = \text{diag.}$$

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

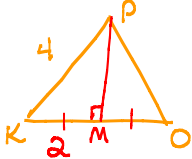
$$17^2 = 15^2 + h^2$$

$$289 - 225 = h^2$$

$$64 = h^2, 8 = h$$



- 6 PM is an altitude of equilateral triangle PKO. If PK = 4, find PM.



→ If eq. Δ or Disos Δ then alt also median  
→ 3 ≅ sds

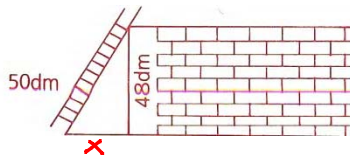
$$2^2 + a^2 = 4^2$$

$$a^2 = 16 - 4$$

$$a^2 = 12$$

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

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



$$(x, 48, 50)$$

$$2(d, 24, 25)$$

$$d^2 + 24^2 = 25^2$$

$$d^2 + 576 = 625$$

$$d^2 = 49$$

$$d = 7$$

$$2d = x$$

$$2(7) = x$$

$$14 = x$$

$$14 \text{ dm}$$

(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.  $(x_a, y_b) = (2, 3)$

b Find AC and CB.  $AC = 8$  &  $BC = 6$

c Find AB.  $= 10$

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

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

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

$$\sqrt{100}$$

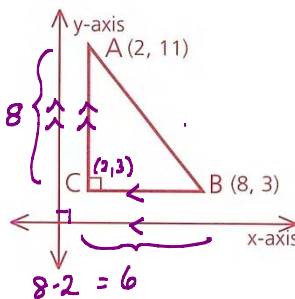
$$10$$

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

$$36 + 64 = \downarrow$$

$$100 = AB^2$$

$$10 = AB$$



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

dist. form.

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

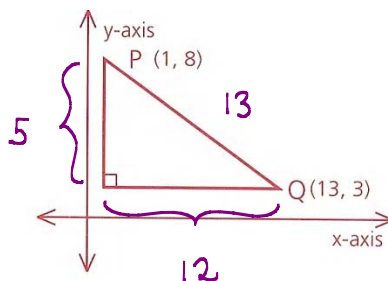
$$\sqrt{(13 - 1)^2 + (3 - 8)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{12^2 + (-5)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{144 + 25}$$

$$\sqrt{169}$$

$$13$$



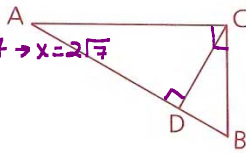
(5, 12, 13) A Triple!!!

# AMDG

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

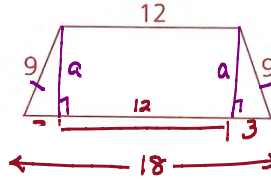


- a If  $AD = 7$  and  $BD = 4$ , find  $CD$ .  $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{x}{x^2} \rightarrow x^2 = 4 \cdot 7 \rightarrow x = 2\sqrt{7}$
- b If  $CD = 8$  and  $DB = 6$ , find  $CB$ .
- c If  $BC = 8$  and  $BD = 2$ , find  $AB$ .
- d If  $AC = 21$  and  $AB = 29$ , find  $CB$ .



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

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



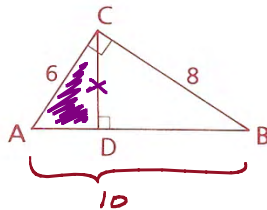
$$\frac{-18}{6} \quad b \div 2 = 3$$

16 Given: Diagram as shown

Find:  $CD$

$$\frac{\text{leg}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{X}{6} = \frac{8}{10}$$

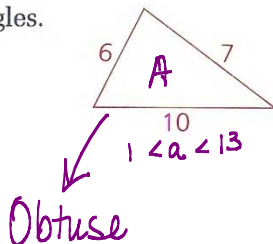
$$10X = 48 \rightarrow X = 4.8$$



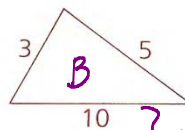
$$2(3, 4, 5) = 6, 8, 10$$

22 Classify the triangles.

$$\begin{aligned} 6^2 + 7^2 &= \text{hyp}^2 \\ 36 + 49 &= \\ 85 &= \text{hyp}^2 \\ \sqrt{85} &= \text{hyp} \end{aligned}$$



Obtuse

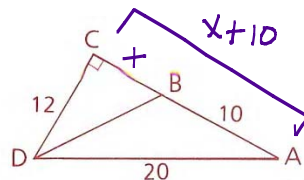


$2 < x < 8$  } Not Possible

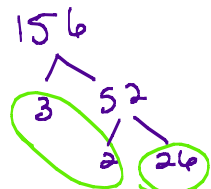
24 Find the perimeter of  $\triangle DBC$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{leg}^2 + \text{leg}^2 &= \text{hyp}^2 \\ 12^2 + (x+10)^2 &= 20^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 144 + x^2 + 20x + 100 &= 400 \\ x^2 + 20x + 244 &= 400 \\ x^2 + 20x - 156 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} (x+26)(x-6) &= 0 \\ x &= -26 \uparrow \text{nonnegative lengths} \\ x &= 6 \end{aligned}$$



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.

$$P = \text{sum sides} = 32$$



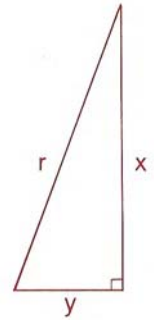
$$\begin{aligned} 2y + x &= 32 \\ y + x &= 16 \\ y &= 16 - x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 8^2 &= y^2 \\ x^2 + 64 &= (16-x)^2 \\ x^2 + 64 &= 256 - 32x + x^2 \\ 32x &= 192 \\ x &= 6 \\ y &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

# Homework

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

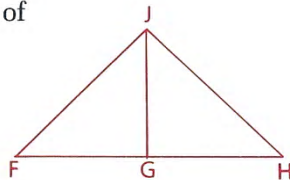
	$x$	$y$	$r$	work
a.	4	5		
b.	15		17	
c.		9	15	
d.	12		13	
e.	5	$5\sqrt{3}$		
f.	5		$\sqrt{29}$	
g.	$2\sqrt{5}$		$\sqrt{38}$	



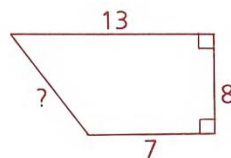
3 Find the perimeter of a rhombus with diagonals 12 km and 16 km.

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

Find:  $JG$

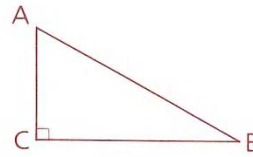


7 Find the missing length in the trapezoid.



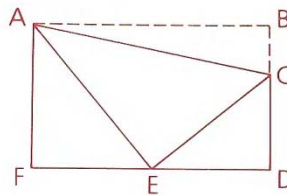
- 11** Find the missing length in terms of the variable(s) provided.

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

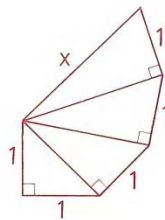


- 13** Al Capone walked 2 km north, 6 km west, 4 km north, and 2 km west. If Big Al decides to “go straight,” how far must he walk across the fields to his starting point?

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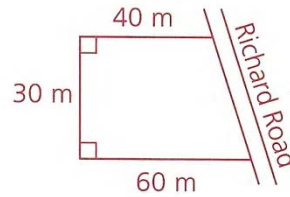
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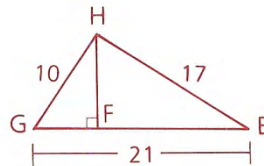
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- 23** George and Diane bought a plot of land along Richard Road with the dimensions shown.

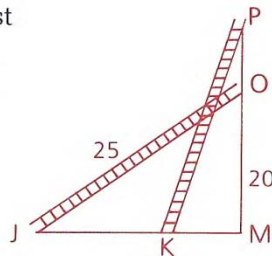
- a** Find the area of the plot.  
**b** Find, to the nearest meter, the length of frontage on Richard Road.



- 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.)