

9.4: The Pythagorean Theorem

Used to find the missing length of a right triangle.

$$\sqrt{c^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

hyp

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

$$b^2 = c^2 - a^2$$

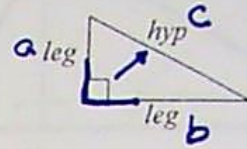
$$\sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{c^2 - a^2}$$

$$b = \sqrt{c^2 - a^2}$$

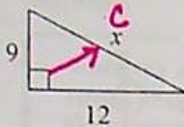
leg

Formula: $leg^2 + leg^2 = hyp^2$

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



1. Set up an equation and solve for x:



$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

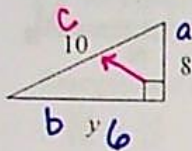
$$c = 15$$

$$c = \sqrt{9^2 + 12^2}$$

$$c = \sqrt{81 + 144}$$

$$c = \sqrt{225}$$

2. Set up an equation and solve for x:



$$b = \sqrt{c^2 - a^2}$$

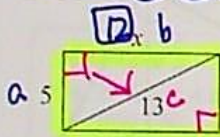
$$b = \sqrt{36}$$

$$b = \sqrt{10^2 - 8^2}$$

$$b = 6$$

$$b = \sqrt{100 - 64}$$

3. Find the perimeter of the rectangle shown.



$$b = \sqrt{13^2 - 5^2}$$

$$b = 12$$

$$b = \sqrt{169 - 25}$$

$$b = \sqrt{144}$$

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

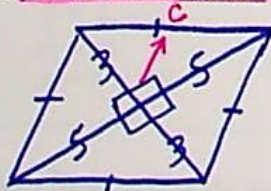
$$= 2(12 + 5)$$

$$= 2(17)$$

$$= 34$$

For questions 4-7, you will need to draw a diagram.

4. Find the perimeter of a rhombus whose diagonals are 6 and 10.



$$3^2 + 5^2 = c^2$$

$$9 + 25 = c^2$$

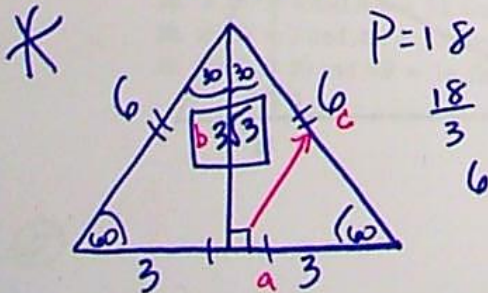
$$\sqrt{34} = \sqrt{c^2}$$

$$\sqrt{34} = c$$

$$P = 4(s)$$

$$4\sqrt{34}$$

5. Find the length of the altitude of an equilateral triangle whose perimeter is 18.



$$P = 18$$

$$\frac{18}{3} = 6$$

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

$$3^2 + b^2 = 6^2$$

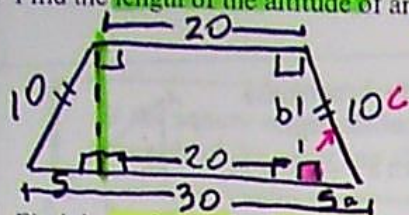
$$b^2 = 6^2 - 3^2$$

$$b^2 = 36 - 9$$

$$b = \sqrt{27}$$

$$b = 3\sqrt{3}$$

6. Find the length of the altitude of an isosceles trapezoid whose sides are 10, 30, 10, and 20.



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

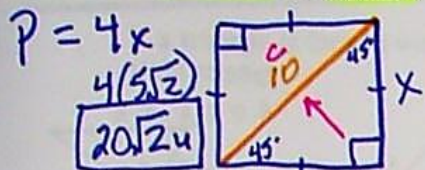
$$5^2 + b^2 = 10^2$$

$$25 + b^2 = 100 - 25$$

$$\sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{75} \stackrel{25}{<} \frac{3}{3}$$

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

7. Find the perimeter of a square whose diagonal has length of 10.



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

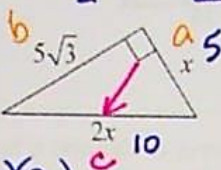
$$1x^2 + 1x^2 = 10^2$$

$$\frac{2x^2}{2} = \frac{100}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{50} \stackrel{25}{<} \frac{2}{2}$$

$$x = 5\sqrt{2}$$

8. Set up an equation and solve for x:



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

$$x^2 + (5\sqrt{3})^2 = (2x)^2$$

$$x^2 + (\sqrt{75})^2 = 4x^2$$

$$\cancel{x^2} + 75 = 4x^2$$

$$\underline{\quad\quad\quad} \quad \underline{-x^2}$$

$$75 = 3x^2$$

$$\frac{3x^2}{3} = \frac{75}{3}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{25}$$

$$x = 5$$

9. Classify the Δ s whose sides are given as acute, obtuse, right, or not possible.

- a. 8, 15, 17 ^c
- b. 5, 7, 8 ^c
- c. 9, 10, 19 ^c
- d. 5, 8, 11 ^c

① \leftarrow a b c

$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$	right Δ
$c^2 > a^2 + b^2$	obtuse Δ
$c^2 < a^2 + b^2$	acute Δ

$a + b > c$
 $b + c > a$
 $a + c > b$

a) $8 + 15 > 17 \checkmark$
 $15 + 17 > 8 \checkmark$
 $8 + 17 > 15 \checkmark$

$$17^2 \square 8^2 + 15^2$$

$$289 \square 64 + 225$$

$$289 = 289 \checkmark$$

RT Δ

b) $5 + 7 > 8 \checkmark$
 $7 + 8 > 5 \checkmark$
 $5 + 8 > 7 \checkmark$

$$8^2 \square 5^2 + 7^2$$

$$64 \square 25 + 49$$

$$64 < 74$$

Acute Δ

c) $9 + 10 > 19 \times$
 $19 = 19$

not possible

d) $5 + 8 > 11 \checkmark$
 $8 + 11 > 5 \checkmark$
 $5 + 11 > 8 \checkmark$

$$11^2 \square 5^2 + 8^2$$

$$121 \square 25 + 64$$

$$121 > 89$$

Obtuse Δ