

's Theorem...

Euclid (born circa 300 BCE) is called the Father of Modern Geometry. In his famous book *The Elements*, he generalized the Pythagorean theorem by stating that if one erects similar figures on the sides of a right triangle, then the sum of the areas of the two smaller figures will equal the area of the larger figure.

right triangle: a triangle with one right angle

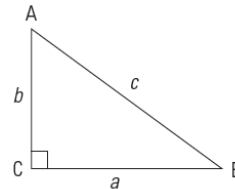
hypotenuse: the longest side of a right triangle, opposite the 90° angle

leg: in a right triangle, the two sides that intersect to form a right angle

Pythagorean theorem:

in a right triangle, the sum of the squares of the lengths of the legs is equal to the square of the length of the hypotenuse

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



Leg AC, or b , is adjacent to angle A and opposite angle B

Leg BC, or a , is adjacent to angle B and opposite angle A


Remember... Common Pythagorean Triples

1) $3 - 4 - 5$

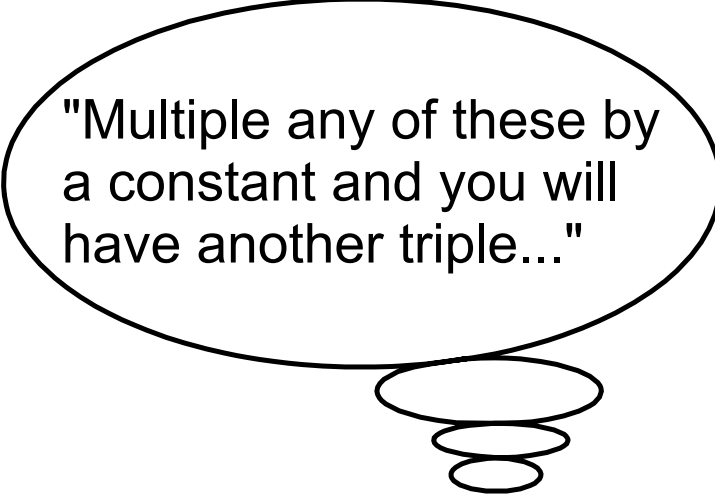
2) $5 - 12 - 13$

3) $8 - 15 - 17$

4) $7 - 24 - 25$



"Multiple any of these by a constant and you will have another triple..."

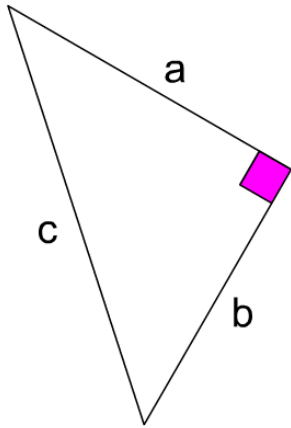


Pythagorean Triples

Figure out which of the following are Pythagorean Triples by putting them into $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Click on the corresponding button to see if it is a Pythagorean Triple

12	16	20	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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9	12	20	<input type="radio"/>
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3-4-5
6-8-10
9-12-15

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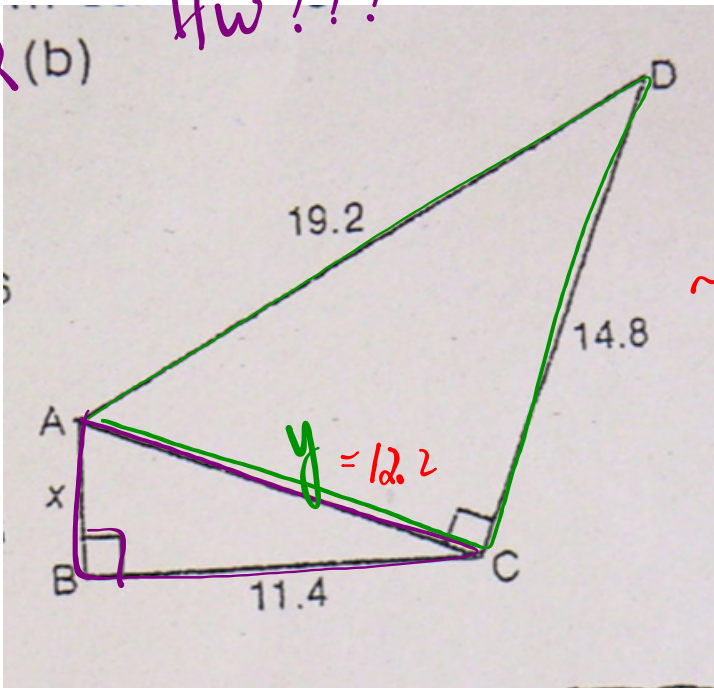
Verifying a Pythagorean Triple...

12-16-20 ← 3-4-5
x4

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$12^2 + 16^2$	20^2
$144 + 256$	400
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12 (b) Hw ???



$$\sqrt{y^2} = \sqrt{19.2^2 - 14.8^2}$$

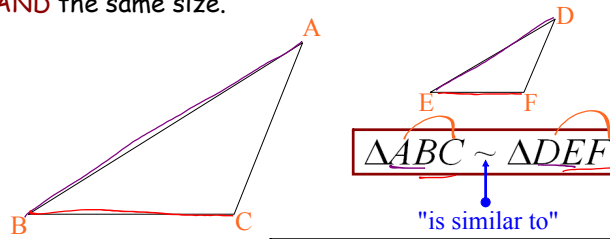
$$y = 12.2$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{12.2^2 - 11.4^2}$$

$$x = 4.4$$

Similar Triangles

- have the same shape but are different in size.
- versus congruent triangles that have the same shape **AND** the same size.



The above statement would be read...
 "Triangle ABC is similar to triangle DEF"
 • The order that the triangles are labelled is important!

- corresponding angles are EQUAL.
- ratios of corresponding sides are EQUAL, so...

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

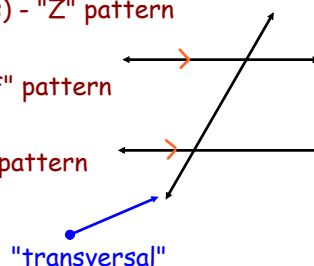
- thus, we can use these ratios to solve for unknowns!!!
- NOTE: "AAA" is needed for similarity.

REVIEW: "BIG" geometry theorems...

- SATT (sum of the angles in a triangle theorem)
 - all angles in a triangle must add to 180 degrees.
- OAT (opposite angle theorem)
 - vertically opposite angles are equal in measure.
- ITT (isosceles triangle theorem)
 - two equal sides, two equal angles.
- SAT (supplementary angles theorem)
 - angle sum of 180 degrees.
- CAT (complementary angles theorem)
 - angle sum of 90 degrees

PARALLEL LINE THEOREMS...

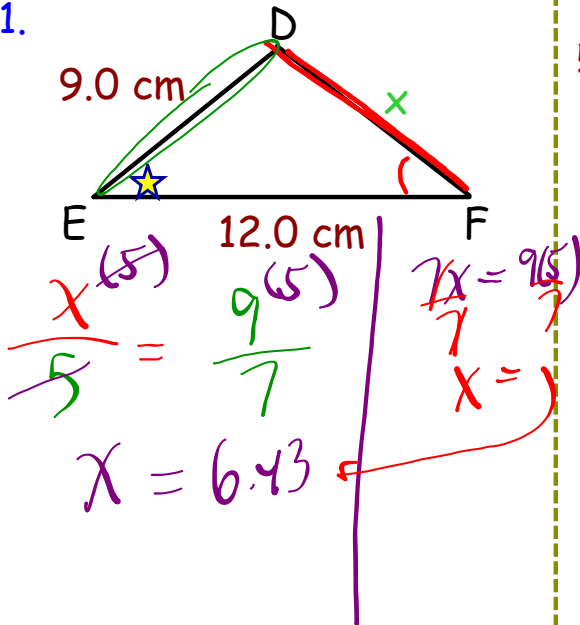
- AIA (alternate interior angles) - "Z" pattern
 - angles are equal in measure
- CA (corresponding angles) - "F" pattern
 - angles are equal in measure
- CIA (co-interior angles) - "C" pattern
 - angle sum of 180 degrees



EXAMPLES...

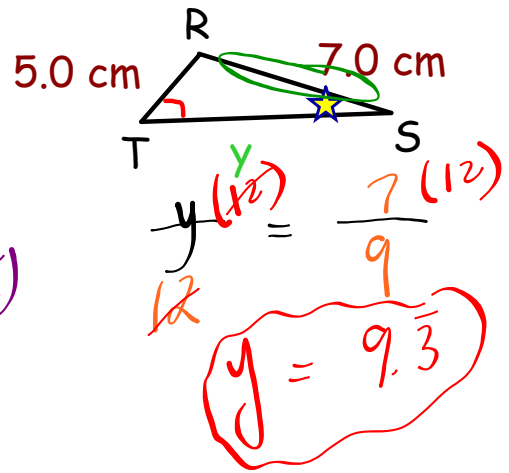
$\triangle DEF \sim \triangle RST$

#1.



$$\frac{x(5)}{5} = \frac{9(5)}{7}$$

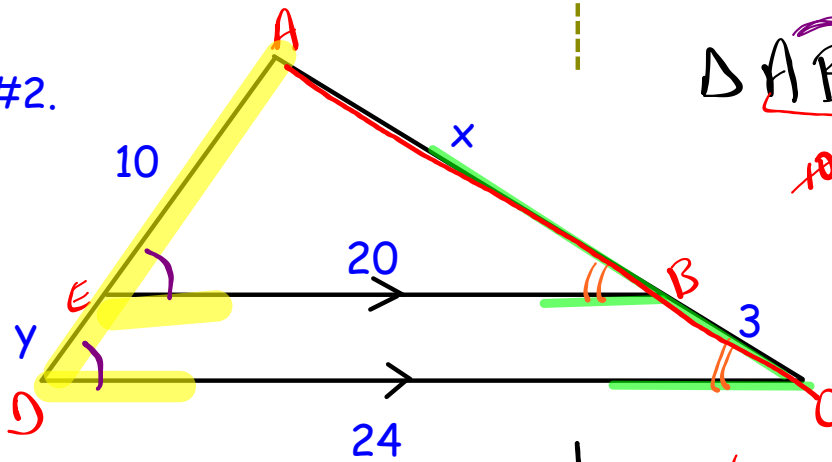
$$x = 6.43$$



$$\frac{y(12)}{12} = \frac{7(12)}{9}$$

$$y = 9.3$$

#2.



$$\frac{x}{x+3} = \frac{20}{24}$$

$$24x = 20(x+3)$$

$$24x = 20x + 60$$

$$4x = 60$$

$$x = 15$$

$\triangle ABE \sim \triangle ACD$

$$\frac{y+10}{10} = \frac{6}{5}$$

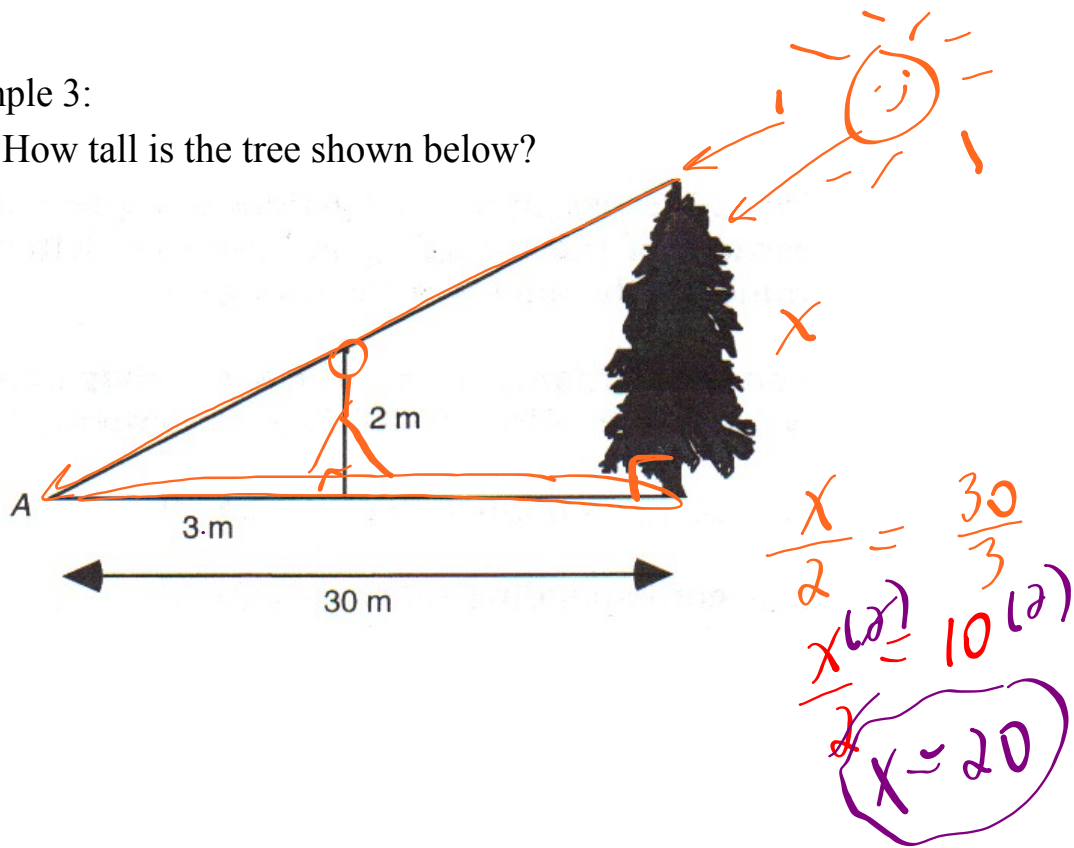
$$y+10 = 12$$

$$y = 12 - 10$$

$$y = 2$$

Example 3:

How tall is the tree shown below?



#6
ST || QR
↑
parallel

HOMEWORK....

Worksheet - Similar Triangles Exercise.doc

omit #2 #3

Attachments

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