

# Squares and Square Roots

To square a number, multiply the number by itself.

**Practice:** Solve.

1.  $12^2$       2.  $0.6^2$       3.  $(-9)^2$       4.  $\left(\frac{10}{11}\right)^2$

## Squares and Square Roots are Inverse Operations.

If  $x^2=y$  then  $x$  is a square root of  $y$ .

**Every positive number has two square roots.** You will only need to indicate the positive square root of a number unless this symbol appears before the radical:

$$\pm \sqrt{\quad}$$

**Practice:** Solve without a calculator.

1.  $\sqrt{49}$       2.  $\sqrt{0.25}$       3.  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}}$       4.  $\pm\sqrt{810,000}$

**The following square roots should be easy to calculate in your head.**

Double check by squaring your answer.

**Practice:** Solve without a calculator.

1.  $\sqrt{12,100}$       2.  $\sqrt{0.16}$       3.  $\sqrt{10,000}$   
4.  $\sqrt{1.44}$       5.  $\sqrt{0.0001}$       6.  $\sqrt{640,000}$

How about  $\sqrt{49,000}$ ?

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## Simplifying radical expressions.

There are several easy rules you must know for simplifying square roots.

### Fractions:

$$\sqrt{\frac{49}{64}} = \frac{\sqrt{49}}{\sqrt{64}} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{100}{9}} = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$$

### Products:

$$\sqrt{81 \cdot 121} = \sqrt{81} \cdot \sqrt{121} = 9 \cdot 11 = 99$$

$$\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}$$

**Practice:** Solve without a calculator.

1.  $\sqrt{\frac{9}{100}}$

2.  $\sqrt{25 \cdot 144}$

3.  $\sqrt{\frac{169}{400}}$

4.  $\sqrt{\frac{25}{6,400}}$

5.  $\sqrt{32 \cdot 50}$  (tricky... think!)

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## Simplifying irrational radical expressions.

Irrational numbers are non-terminating, non-repeating decimals.

Some square roots cannot be simplified into integers, fractions, or decimals.

**Example:** Simplify.

1.  $\sqrt{40}$       2.  $\sqrt{75}$       3.  $\sqrt{\frac{18}{25}}$

**Practice:** Simplify.

1.  $\sqrt{490}$       2.  $\sqrt{99}$       3.  $\sqrt{\frac{48}{49}}$

## Multiplying Radical Expressions.

Use the rules we have discovered to simplify these more difficult expressions.

**Examples:** Simplify.

1.  $2\sqrt{5} \cdot 3\sqrt{15}$       2.  $\sqrt{35} \cdot 3\sqrt{5}$       3.  $\sqrt{\frac{6}{35}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{50}{21}}$

**Practice:** Simplify.

1.  $5\sqrt{3} \cdot 2\sqrt{15}$       2.  $\sqrt{18} \cdot 2\sqrt{6}$       3.  $\sqrt{\frac{49}{10}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{18}}$

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**Practice:** Simplify completely. All answers should be left in radical form.  
DO NOT USE A CALCULATOR.

1.  $\sqrt{1.21} =$

2.  $\sqrt{4,900} =$

3.  $\sqrt{36 \cdot 81} =$

4.  $\sqrt{16 \cdot 169} =$

5.  $\sqrt{32} =$

6.  $\sqrt{75} =$

7.  $\sqrt{\frac{25}{64}} =$

8.  $\frac{\sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{144}} =$

9.  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}} =$

10.  $3\sqrt{490} =$

11.  $2\sqrt{3} \cdot 5\sqrt{15} =$

12.  $2\sqrt{5} \cdot 3\sqrt{10} =$

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13.  $\sqrt{150}$

14.  $\sqrt{810}$

15.  $\frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{50}}$

16.  $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{75}}$

17.  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{20}} =$

18.  $\frac{\sqrt{45}}{\sqrt{5}} =$

19.  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{\sqrt{60}}$

20.  $\frac{\sqrt{75}}{\sqrt{3}}$

21.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{15}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{5}}$

22.  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{\sqrt{98}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{5}}$

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You can also simplify square roots which include variables:

For example, try the following:

$$\sqrt{x^2}$$

**Note:** This actually works only when  $x$  is positive, for example,  $\sqrt{(-7)^2} \neq -7$

For our practice, we will assume that  $x$  represents a positive value. You could

also say that  $\sqrt{x^2} = \pm x$ , but we will avoid this notation for now.

### Examples:

1. What about  $\sqrt{x^4}$  ?
2. Now try  $\sqrt{x^{16}}$  but be careful!
3. How could you simplify  $\sqrt{x^{25}}$  ?

### Practice:

Don't be tricked by these easy ones!

**Examples:** Simplify.

$$1. \sqrt{x^6} \quad 2. \sqrt{x^{100}} \quad 3. \sqrt{x^{49}} \quad 4. \sqrt{9x^2y^3} \quad 5. \sqrt{\frac{1}{4x^2y^6}}$$

**Practice:** Simplify.

$$1. \sqrt{x^{12}} \quad 2. \sqrt{x^{10}} \quad 3. \sqrt{x^{81}} \quad 4. \sqrt{300x^6} \quad 5. \sqrt{\frac{25x^2}{4}}$$

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**Practice:** Simplify completely. All answers should be left in radical form. Begin by writing each as a product of perfect squares where necessary.

1.  $\sqrt{x^6}$

2.  $\sqrt{a^{18}}$

3.  $\sqrt{c^{12}}$

4.  $\sqrt{y^{40}}$

5.  $\sqrt{x^2 y^2}$

6.  $\sqrt{16x^{16}}$

7.  $\sqrt{4x}$

8.  $\sqrt{18a^{24}}$

9.  $\sqrt{c^{144}}$

10.  $\sqrt{y^{25}}$

11.  $\sqrt{250x^2}$

12.  $\sqrt{40x^{10}}$

13.  $\frac{\sqrt{20x^{12}}}{\sqrt{25}}$

14.  $\frac{\sqrt{x^{12}}}{\sqrt{y^{10}}}$

15.  $\frac{\sqrt{18x^8}}{\sqrt{9}}$

16.  $\frac{\sqrt{2a^2}}{\sqrt{8b^6}}$

17.  $\sqrt{3x} \cdot \sqrt{12x^3}$

18.  $\sqrt{11ab} \cdot \sqrt{11a^5b^7}$

# Rationalizing the Denominator

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**Simplified Radicals must NOT have a radical in the denominator.**  
Removing the radical is called **Rationalizing the Denominator.**

**Examples:** Simplify.

1.  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$

2.  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$

3.  $\sqrt{\frac{35}{112}}$

**Practice:** Simplify.

1.  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{15}}$

2.  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{8}}$

3.  $\sqrt{\frac{12}{21}}$

4.  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}$

5.  $\sqrt{\frac{8x}{5}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2x}{3y}}$

## Combining Like Radicals

**Examples:** Simplify.

1.  $3\sqrt{5} + 7\sqrt{5}$

2.  $4\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{7}$

3.  $\sqrt{24} + \sqrt{150}$

**Practice:** Simplify.

1.  $6\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}$

2.  $7\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{48}$

3.  $\sqrt{20} + \sqrt{45}$

**Harder Practice:** Simplify.

1.  $\frac{5\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3}}{2}$

2.  $\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{7} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{7}$

3.  $\frac{\sqrt{12}}{7} + \frac{\sqrt{27}}{14}$

Simplify:

100.  $\sqrt{75}$

200.  $2\sqrt{6} \cdot 3\sqrt{30}$

300.  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}}$

400.  $\sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{12}{2}}$

**Addition/Subtraction (Like Terms):**

Simplify each:

100.  $2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{5}$

200.  $\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{18}$

300.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$

400.  $\sqrt{75} - \sqrt{12} + \sqrt{48}$

**Rationalizing the Denominator:**

Simplify and Rationalize each denominator.

100.  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}$

200.  $\sqrt{\frac{40}{3}}$

300.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}$

400.  $\frac{\sqrt{14}}{7} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$

# Radicals Practice Quiz

**Math 8 11.4**

**Simplify each:** Answers should be in simplest radical form. Rationalize all denominators.

CALCULATORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THIS QUIZ.

1.  $\sqrt{121}$

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $\sqrt{2,500}$

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}}$

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $\sqrt{44}$

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5.  $\sqrt{a^6}$  (Assume  $a > 0$ )

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6.  $\sqrt{12} \cdot \sqrt{3}$

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7.  $\sqrt{\frac{18}{49}}$

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8.  $\sqrt{\frac{9}{11}}$

8. \_\_\_\_\_

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9.  $\sqrt{25 \cdot 49}$

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10.  $\sqrt{\frac{32}{81}}$

10. \_\_\_\_\_

11.  $\sqrt{4x^5y^{16}}$

11. \_\_\_\_\_

12.  $\sqrt{8a^6}$

12. \_\_\_\_\_

13.  $\sqrt{12} + 5\sqrt{3}$

13. \_\_\_\_\_

14.  $\sqrt{72} - \sqrt{50}$

14. \_\_\_\_\_

15.  $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{24})$

15. \_\_\_\_\_

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1.  $\sqrt{121} =$

2.  $\sqrt{0.36} =$

3.  $\sqrt{1.44} =$

4.  $\sqrt{225} =$

5.  $\sqrt{60} =$

6.  $\sqrt{50} =$

7.  $\sqrt{40} =$

8.  $\sqrt{27} =$

9.  $\sqrt{144 \cdot 25} =$

10.  $\sqrt{21 \cdot 6} =$

11.  $\sqrt{9 \cdot 225} =$

12.  $\sqrt{30 \cdot 18} =$

13.  $\sqrt{11 \cdot 22} =$

14.  $\sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5} =$

15.  $\sqrt{\frac{36}{49}} =$

16.  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{169}} =$

17.  $\sqrt{\frac{5}{25}} =$

18.  $\sqrt{\frac{11}{44}} =$

19.  $\sqrt{\frac{27}{64}} =$

20.  $\sqrt{\frac{12}{25}} =$

21.  $\sqrt{\frac{12}{3}} =$

22.  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7}} =$

23.  $\sqrt{\frac{49}{3}} =$

24.  $\frac{8}{\sqrt{2}} =$

25.  $\sqrt{\frac{13}{32}} =$

26.  $\sqrt{\frac{16}{15}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{8}} =$

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27.  $\sqrt{x^6} =$

28.  $\sqrt{x^7} =$

29.  $\sqrt{x^8} =$

30.  $\sqrt{x^9} =$

31.  $\sqrt{xy^2} =$

32.  $\sqrt{x^{25}y^{49}} =$

33.  $\sqrt{4x^3} =$

34.  $\sqrt{12x^9y^2} =$

35.  $\sqrt{144x} \cdot \sqrt{x} =$

36.  $\sqrt{21x} \cdot \sqrt{7x^9} =$

37.  $3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} =$

38.  $\sqrt{12} + 5\sqrt{3} =$

39.  $\sqrt{54} + \sqrt{24} =$

40.  $\sqrt{9x} + \sqrt{4x} =$

41.  $\sqrt{\frac{x^2}{y^4}} =$

42.  $\sqrt{\frac{4x^9}{25}} =$

43.  $\sqrt{\frac{a^9}{a^7}} =$

44.  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{a^8}} =$

45.  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{4x}} =$

46.  $\sqrt{\frac{12xy}{3y}} =$

47.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} =$

48.  $2\sqrt{7}(\sqrt{7} - 2) =$

49.  $\frac{36\sqrt{2} + 8\sqrt{3}}{4} =$

50.  $(\sqrt{3} - 4\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2}) =$

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1.  $\sqrt{144} =$

2.  $\sqrt{0.49} =$

3.  $\sqrt{1.21} =$

4.  $\sqrt{900} =$

5.  $\sqrt{48} =$

6.  $\sqrt{72} =$

7.  $\sqrt{45} =$

8.  $\sqrt{32} =$

9.  $\sqrt{49 \cdot 100} =$

10.  $\sqrt{15 \cdot 18} =$

11.  $\sqrt{6 \cdot 24} =$

12.  $\sqrt{17 \cdot 17} =$

13.  $\sqrt{40 \cdot 20} =$

14.  $\sqrt{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} =$

15.  $\sqrt{\frac{33}{11}} =$

16.  $\sqrt{\frac{49}{169}} =$

17.  $\sqrt{\frac{8}{64}} =$

18.  $\sqrt{\frac{7}{63}} =$

19.  $\sqrt{\frac{20}{25}} =$

20.  $\sqrt{\frac{40}{18}} =$

21.  $\sqrt{\frac{7}{8}} =$

22.  $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{3}} =$

23.  $\sqrt{\frac{16}{3}} =$

24.  $\frac{4}{3\sqrt{2}} =$

25.  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{44}} =$

26.  $\sqrt{\frac{14}{15}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} =$

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27.  $\sqrt{x^{16}} =$

28.  $\sqrt{x^{25}} =$

29.  $\sqrt{x^{36}} =$

30.  $\sqrt{x^{49}} =$

31.  $\sqrt{ax^6} =$

32.  $\sqrt{x^3 y^5} =$

33.  $\sqrt{9x^9} =$

34.  $\sqrt{2x^2 y^2} =$

35.  $\sqrt{2x} \cdot \sqrt{2} =$

36.  $\sqrt{15x^3} \cdot \sqrt{5x^5} =$

37.  $5\sqrt{7} + 6\sqrt{7} =$

38.  $\sqrt{32} + 5\sqrt{2} =$

39.  $\sqrt{20} + \sqrt{45} =$

40.  $\sqrt{25x^2} + \sqrt{16x^2} =$

41.  $\sqrt{\frac{a^{12}}{b^6}} =$

42.  $\sqrt{\frac{2x^3}{9x}} =$

43.  $\sqrt{\frac{x^{23}}{x^{17}}} =$

44.  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{x^8}} =$

45.  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{y}} =$

46.  $\sqrt{\frac{24x^2}{3y}} =$

47.  $\frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^3}} =$

48.  $3\sqrt{5}(3\sqrt{5} - 2) =$

49.  $\frac{15\sqrt{3} + 25\sqrt{5}}{10} =$

50.  $(3\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})(3\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}) =$

# The Pythagorean Theorem

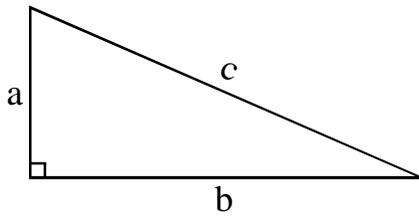
## The Pythagorean Theorem:

The sum of the squares of the legs of a right triangle is equal to the square of its hypotenuse.

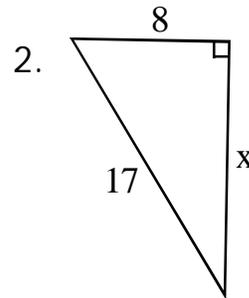
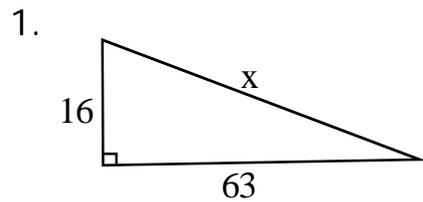
**Simply:**  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Where  $a$  and  $b$  are the legs and  $c$  is the hypotenuse.

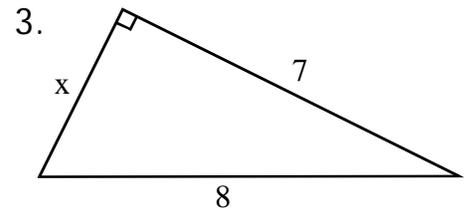
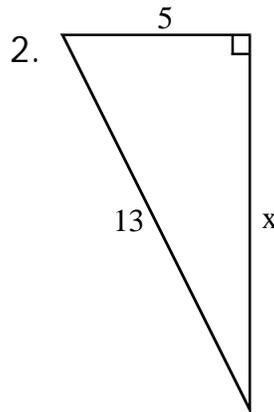
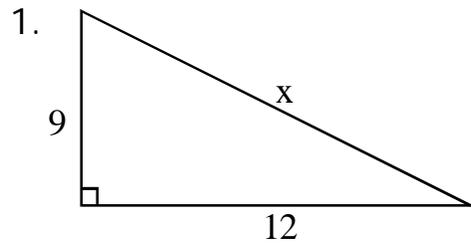
The hypotenuse is the longest side, always opposite the right angle.



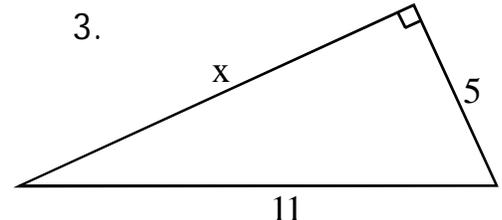
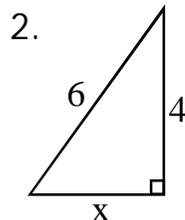
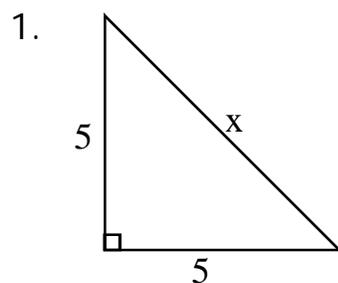
**Examples:** Find the missing length  $x$ .



**Practice:** Find the missing length  $x$ .



**Practice:** Find the missing length  $x$ . LEAVE ANSWERS IN RADICAL FORM.



# The Pythagorean Theorem

Many word problems can be solved using the Pythagorean Theorem.

**Examples:** Solve each using the Pythagorean Theorem.

1. A rectangle has a diagonal length of 7cm and a width of 3cm. Find its area (leave in simplified radical form).
2. The wire supporting a 20-foot tall phone pole is attached to the top of the pole, and to the ground 12 feet from the pole. How long is the wire?

**Practice:** Solve each using the Pythagorean Theorem.

1. Find the hypotenuse of a right triangle whose legs are 7 and 24 inches long.
2. What is the length of the diagonal of a square that has 2-inch sides? (Leave in simplified radical form.)
3. If you walk 1 mile north, then 3 miles east, then three miles north, how far will you be from where you started?

**Pythagorean Triples:** You can determine whether a triangle is a right triangle by testing the sides using the Pythagorean Theorem.

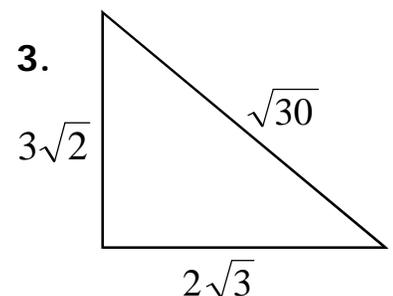
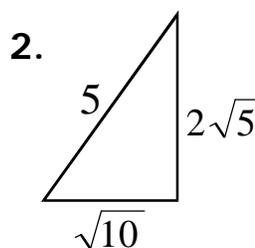
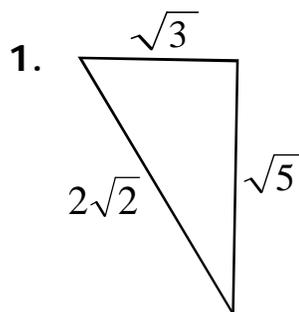
**Examples:** Which of the lengths below could be the sides of a right triangle?

1. 3-4-5                      2. 5-7-9                      3. 20-21-29

**Practice:** Which of the lengths below could be the sides of a right triangle?

1. 6-7-8                      2. 6-8-10                      3. 5-12-13                      4. 7-23-24

**Practice:** Which triangle is a right triangle?

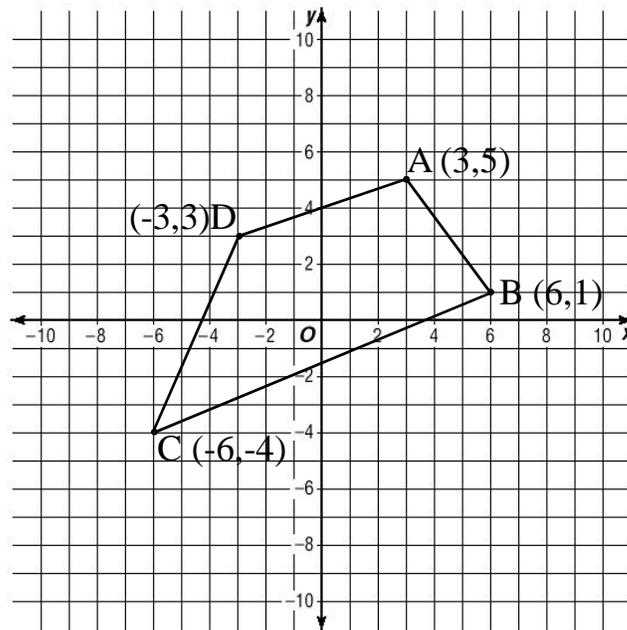


# Distance on the Plane

You can use the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between two points on the coordinate plane.

**Practice:**

Find the length of each segment on the coordinate plane below:



AB = \_\_\_\_\_

BC = \_\_\_\_\_

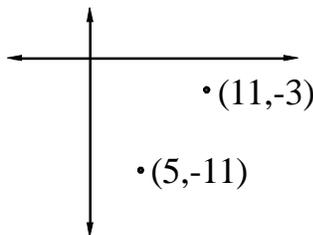
CD = \_\_\_\_\_

AD = \_\_\_\_\_

Of course, the distance between two points on the plane can be found without graphing:

**Example:**

Find the distance between the points (11,-3) and (5,-11) on the plane.



Given any two points:  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ :

The distance between two points on the plane is the hypotenuse of a right triangle with a width of \_\_\_\_\_ and a height of \_\_\_\_\_.

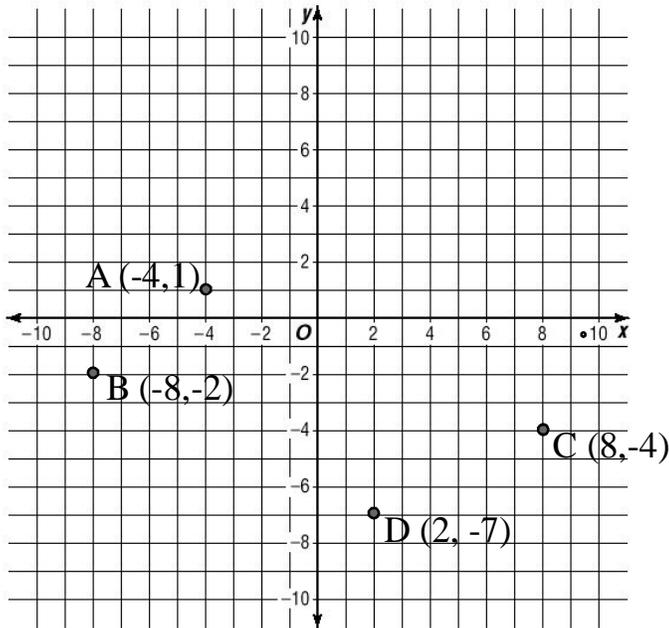
The **distance formula** IS based on the pythagorean theorem:

$$d^2 = (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 \quad d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

# Distance on the Plane

## Practice:

Find the distance between each pair of points below:



$A(-4, 1)$  to  $B(-8, -2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

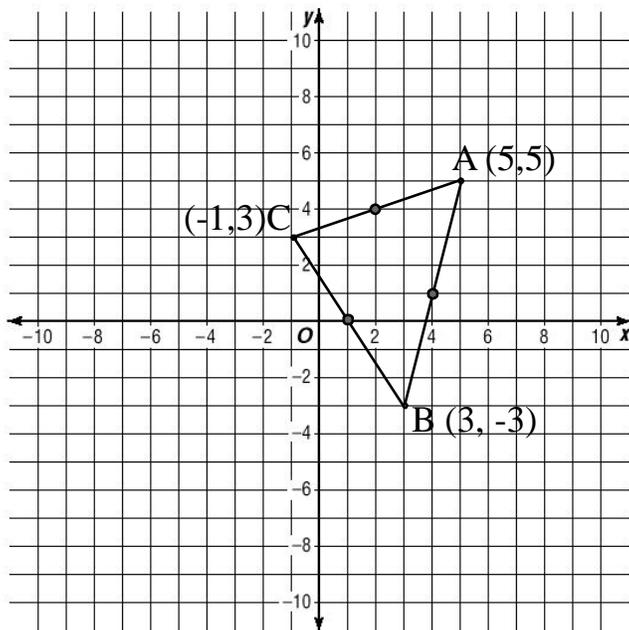
$A(-4, 1)$  to  $C(8, -4) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$A(-4, 1)$  to  $D(2, -7) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$C(8, -4)$  to  $D(2, -7) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$   
(leave in radical form)

## Midpoint:

Try to find the midpoint of each segment below. Look for a relationship that would help you find the midpoint without graphing.



midpoint of  $AB = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

midpoint of  $BC = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

midpoint of  $AC = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Try to write the midpoint formula on your own.

Practice: What is the midpoint for segment  $MN$  for  $M(22, -15)$  and  $N(2, -3)$

# Pythagorean Problems (Easier)

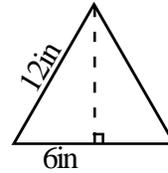
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## Practice:

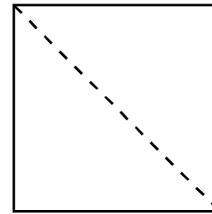
Solve each using the Pythagorean Theorem:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Patrick rides his bicycle 4 miles south, then 8 miles west. How far is he from where he started (in simplest radical form)?

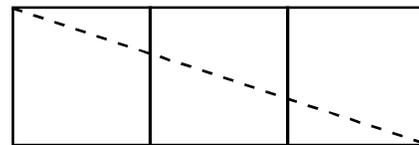
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. An equilateral triangle has 1-ft sides. What is its height (in simplest radical form)?



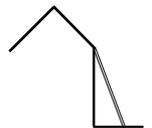
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What is the diagonal length of a square whose sides are 6cm long?



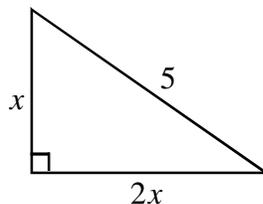
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The rectangle below is made up of three congruent squares. The rectangle has a perimeter of 24cm. What is the length of the dashed diagonal?



- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A 25-foot ladder rests against a wall so that the bottom of the ladder is 7 feet away from the wall. How high above the ground is the top of the ladder?



- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Solve for  $x$ :



# Pythagorean Problems (Harder)

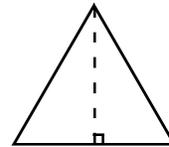
Math 8 11.2

## Practice:

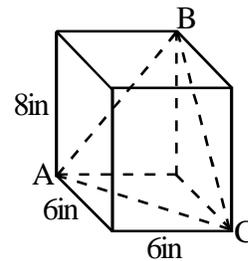
Solve each using the Pythagorean Theorem:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Turner rides his bicycle 5 miles south, then 7 miles west, then 1 mile north. How far is he from where he started (to the tenth of a mile)?

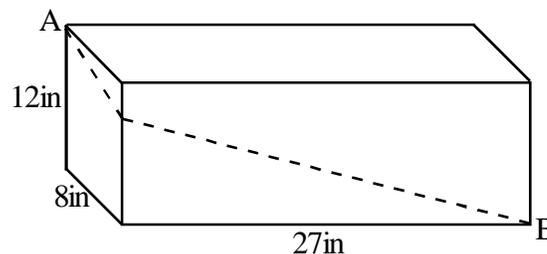
\_\_\_\_\_ 2. An equilateral triangle has 4-inch sides. What is its height (in simplest radical form)?



\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Triangle ABC is inscribed (drawn within) in the prism on the right. What is the perimeter of triangle ABC (in simplest radical form)?

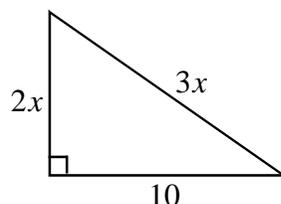


\_\_\_\_\_ 4. An ant is crawling along the outside of the box below. How far will he walk from A to B along the path shown (think about unfolding the box to solve this problem).



\_\_\_\_\_ 5. A 41-foot ladder rests against a wall so that the top of the ladder is 40 feet from the ground. How far from the wall is the bottom of the ladder?

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Solve for  $x$ :



# Pythagorean Review

**Math 8 11.2****Solve:**

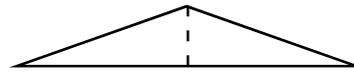
1. The hypotenuse of a right triangle is 45cm, and one of its legs is 36cm.  
Find its perimeter.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. A fifteen-foot ladder reaches the top of a 13-foot wall. How far is the base of the ladder from the base of the wall? (leave in radical form)

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. An isosceles triangle has two congruent 11-inch sides, and an 18-inch base.  
What is its area (in simplest radical form)?



3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Huntersville is 21 miles due south of Statesville and 20 miles due west of Concord. How many miles is it from Statesville to Concord?

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. If you drive 3 miles west, then 5 miles south, and finally 15 miles east, how far will you end up from where you started?

5. \_\_\_\_\_

# Pythagorean Review

**Math 8 11.2**

**Answer each: Leave irrational answers in simplest radical form.**

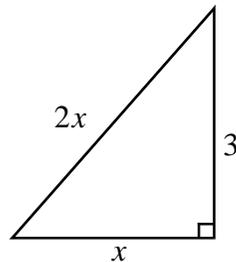
6. The area of a square is  $25\text{cm}^2$ . What is the length of its diagonal?

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. The area of a square is  $18\text{cm}^2$ . What is the length of its diagonal?

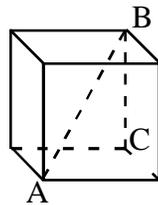
7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Solve for  $x$ :



8. \_\_\_\_\_

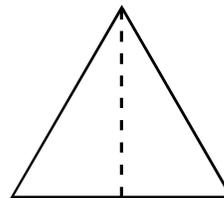
9. A cube has two-inch edges. What is the distance between opposite corners A and B of the cube? (leave in radical form)



9. \_\_\_\_\_

Hint: find AC, then AB is the hypotenuse of triangle ABC.

10. An equilateral triangle has 8-inch sides. What is the area of the triangle? (leave in radical form)

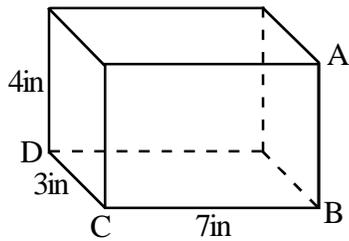


10. \_\_\_\_\_

# Pythagorean Review

Right Triangles are EVERYWHERE!

Prisms:



Name the right triangles you can find in this figure (using only A, B, C and D):

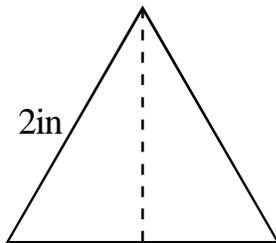
Now find the distance from: A to C, B to D, and A to D.

Non-Right Triangles:

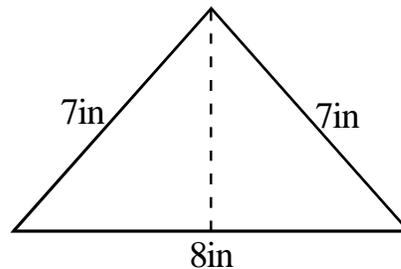
You can use the Pythagorean Theorem to find the altitude (height) of triangles.

**Practice:** Find each height.

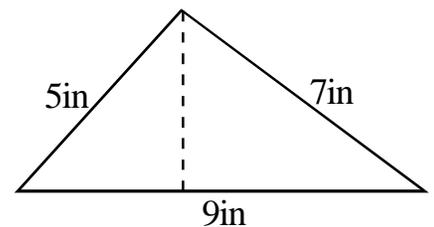
1. (equilateral)



2. (Isosceles)



3. (scalene... much harder!)

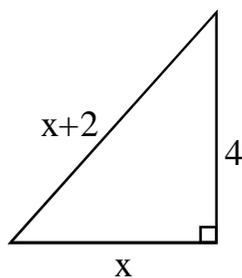


More work with variables:

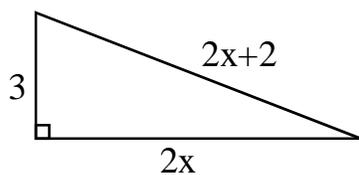
The Pythagorean Theorem works even without numbers.

**Practice:** Solve for x in each.

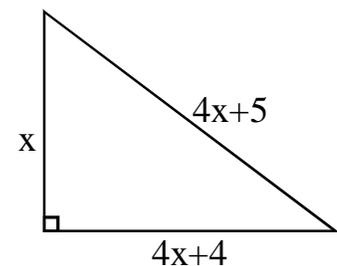
1.



2. (leave as a fraction)



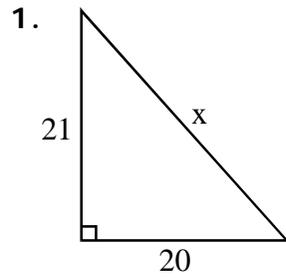
3. (solve as a quadratic)



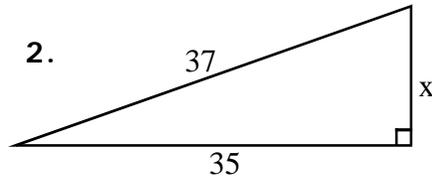
# Pythagorean Practice Quiz

## Math 8 11.4

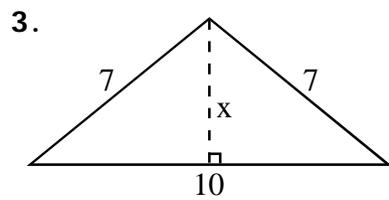
Find the missing length  $x$  for each diagram below. Leave all irrational answers in radical form.



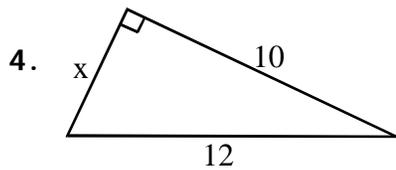
1.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_



2.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_

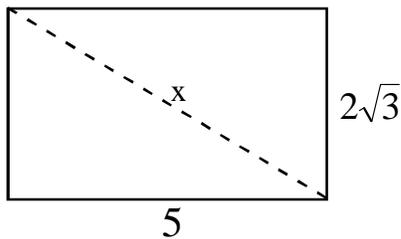


3.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_

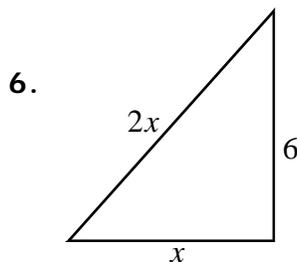


4.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_

5. (rectangle)



5.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_



6.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
(in simplest radical form)

# Pythagorean Practice Quiz

## Math 8

**Solve each.** Leave answers in simplest radical form unless noted otherwise.

7. What is the area of an equilateral triangle with 6-inch sides (leave answer in simplest radical form).

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Kyle walks 40 meters north, then 18 meters east, then 16 meters south, then directly back to where he started. How far did he walk **altogether**? (Round to the tenth of a meter.)

8. \_\_\_\_\_

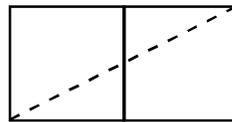
9. The wires that support a 90-foot antenna are 92 feet long. How far from the base of the tower are the wires attached? (in simplest radical form)

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Find the distance between the following pair of points (to the nearest tenth): (9, -2) (-1, 5)

10. \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is the diagonal length of two adjoining squares if the side length of each square is 3cm (in simplest radical form)?



11. \_\_\_\_\_

**Simplify each:**

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

12. \_\_\_\_\_

13.  $\sqrt{20} + \sqrt{45} =$

13. \_\_\_\_\_

14.  $\sqrt{900a^6} =$

14. \_\_\_\_\_

15.  $\sqrt{\frac{18}{49}} =$

15. \_\_\_\_\_

# The Pythagorean Theorem

## Math 8

A **Pythagorean Triple** is a set of three integers which satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem. For example, the commonly known 3-4-5.

$$3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$$

### More Examples:

Find the missing number in each Pythagorean triple below.

1. 5-\_\_-13

2. \_\_-15-17

3. 9-40-\_\_

### Practice:

Which of the following is a Pythagorean Triple?

1. 8-15-17

2. 25-27-37

3. 33-56-65

4. 16-63-65

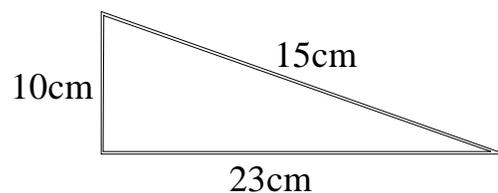
5. 21-28-37

6. 39-80-89

If the sides of a right triangle form a Pythagorean Triple, then the triangle is a right triangle. For example, if you were asked to find the area of a triangle whose side lengths were 6, 8, and 10cm ... you would know that the triangle was a right triangle ( $6^2 + 8^2 = 10^2$ ).

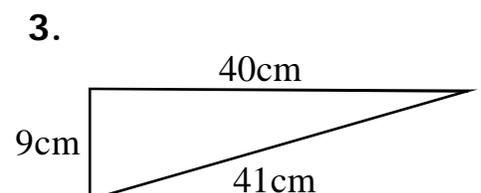
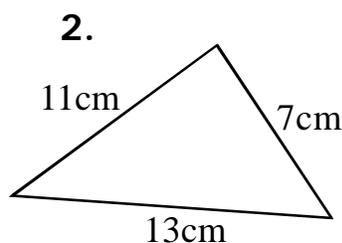
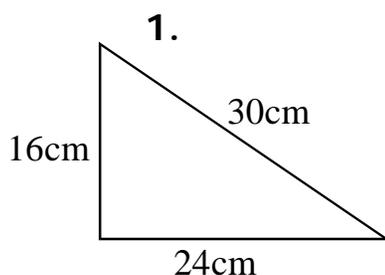
### Example:

Is the triangle shown a right triangle?



### Practice:

Which triangle below is a right triangle?



# Pythagorean Triples

## Math 8

Find the missing length in each Pythagorean Triple below.  
(side lengths are listed in order, least to greatest)

1. 3 - 4 - \_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_

2. 6 - \_\_\_\_ - 10

2. \_\_\_\_

3. 5 - \_\_\_\_ - 13

3. \_\_\_\_

4. 9 - 40 - \_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_ - 21 - 29

5. \_\_\_\_

6. 14 - 48 - \_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_

7. 36 - 77 - \_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_

8. 12 - \_\_\_\_ - 37

8. \_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_ - 60 - 61

9. \_\_\_\_

10. 8 - 15 - \_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_ - 42 - 58

11. \_\_\_\_

12. 33 - 56 - \_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_

13. \_\_\_\_ - 45 - 53

13. \_\_\_\_

# Review

## Math 8

Solve each:

14. Simplify  $\sqrt{180}$

14. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Find the distance between (5, -2) and (-7, 3).

15. \_\_\_\_\_

16. If Harrison walks 20 meters north across a field, then 20 meters west, then 20 meters north again, how far will he have to walk to go directly back to his starting point?  
Round to the tenth of a meter.

16. \_\_\_\_\_

17. What is the diagonal length of a rectangle whose side lengths are 12m and 35m long?

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. What is the height of an equilateral triangle whose side lengths are 4cm long?

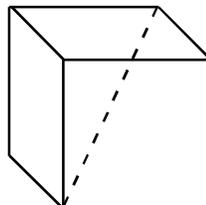
18. \_\_\_\_\_

19. What is the diagonal length of a square whose side lengths are 7cm long?

19. \_\_\_\_\_

20. The space diagonal of a cube is the diagonal which connects two vertices that are not on the same face as shown below. What is the length of the space diagonal of a cube whose edges are 3cm long?

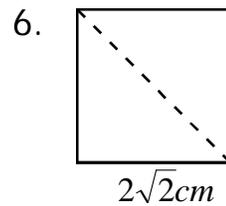
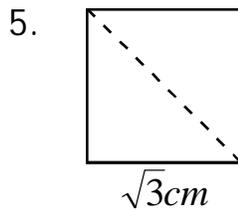
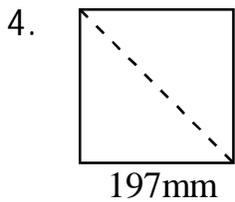
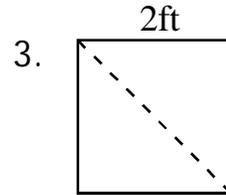
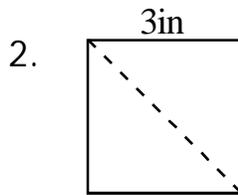
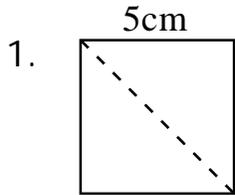
20. \_\_\_\_\_



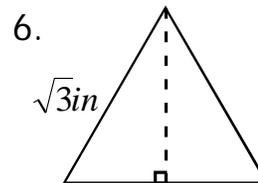
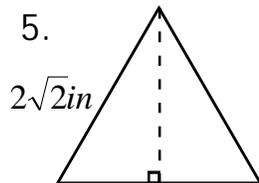
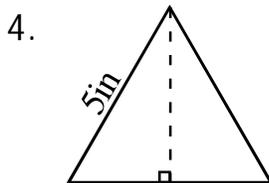
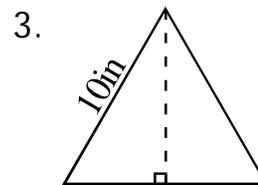
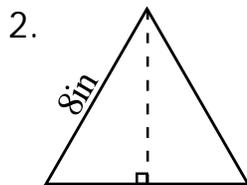
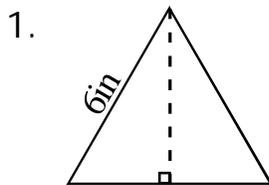
# The Pythagorean Theorem

Three easy things to memorize:

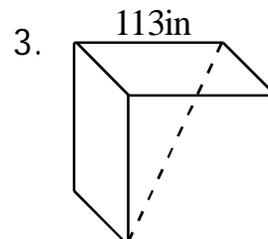
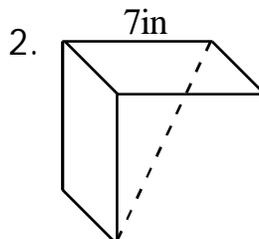
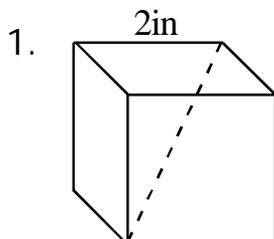
**First:** The diagonal length of a square.  
Find each diagonal length below.



**Second:** The altitude (height) of an equilateral triangle.  
Find each altitude below.

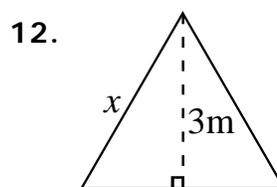
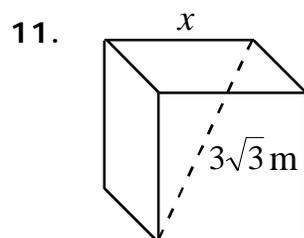
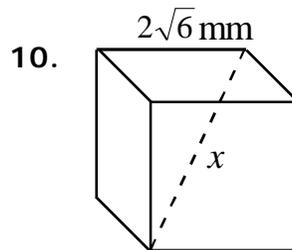
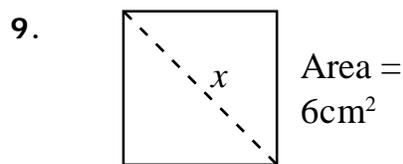
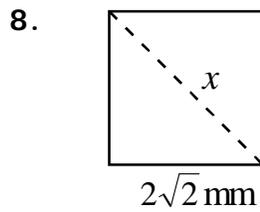
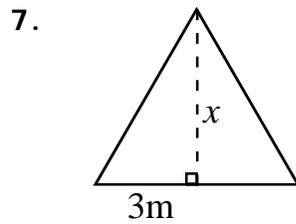
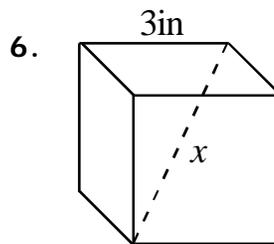
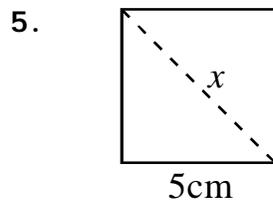
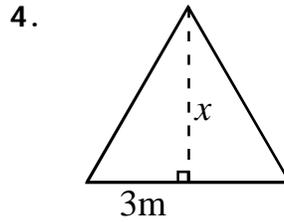
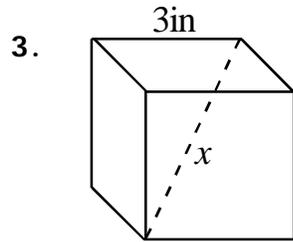
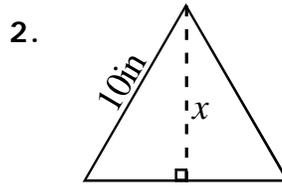
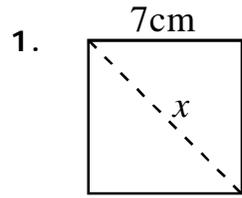


**Third:** The space diagonal of a cube.  
Find the length of each space diagonal below.



# Diagonals and Altitudes

Find each missing length  $x$  in the diagrams below.



# Review

# Math 8

Solve each:

14. Fill-in the blanks with whole numbers: The square root of 130 is less than \_\_\_\_\_ but greater than \_\_\_\_\_.

14. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Find the distance between  $(-2, -5)$  and  $(5, -12)$  in simplest radical form.

15. \_\_\_\_\_

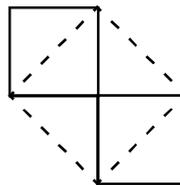
16. Pueblo is nine miles north of Santa Clara, and La Mesa is six miles east of Santa Clara. What is the distance from Pueblo to La Mesa?

16. \_\_\_\_\_

17. What is the third value in the Pythagorean Triple that includes 15 and 17?

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. The smaller squares have a side length of 7cm. What is the area of the larger dashed square in the diagram below?



18. \_\_\_\_\_

19. An isosceles triangle has congruent sides that are 6cm long, and a base that is 4cm long. What is its area?

19. \_\_\_\_\_

20. A ladder is 50 feet long and reaches a height of 48 feet. How high will the ladder reach if you pull the base of the ladder 16 feet farther from the wall?

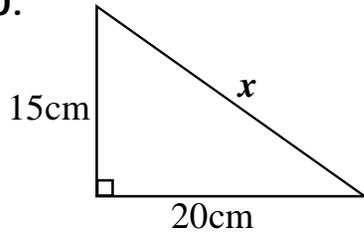
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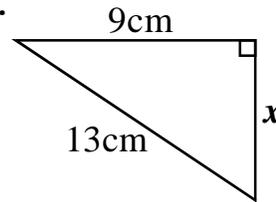
# Math 8

Find each missing length:

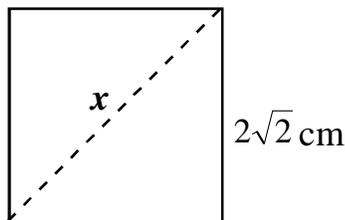
100.



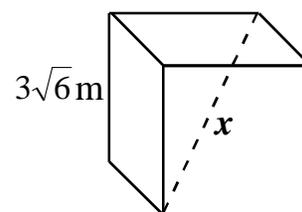
200.



300. (square)



400.



Solve each. Leave your answers in simplest radical form:

100. Fill-in the blank for the following Pythagorean triple: 36 \_\_\_ 85

200. What is the area of a rectangle that has a width of 8cm and a diagonal length of 10cm?

300. Find the distance between  $(-2, 3)$  and  $(5, -4)$ .

400. What is the area of an equilateral triangle that has 14-inch sides?

Simplify Each:

100.  $\sqrt{24} =$

200.  $\sqrt{72} =$

300.  $\sqrt{50} - \sqrt{32} =$

400.  $\sqrt{\frac{12x^2}{5}} =$

# Pythagorean Practice Test (4th)

## Math 8

**Simplify each:**

1.  $\sqrt{4,900} =$

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $\sqrt{12x^2}$

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $\sqrt{18} + \sqrt{8} =$

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{25}} =$

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Solve each.** Leave answers in radical form unless noted otherwise.

5. What is the altitude (height) of an isosceles triangle with congruent 10-inch sides and a 4-inch base (in simplest radical form)?

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Trey rides his bicycle from home 5 miles north to the store, 7 miles west to visit his friend, and then 1 mile south to the movie theater. How far does Trey live from the movie theater? Round to the tenth of a mile.

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. A 25-foot ladder is placed 15 feet from a wall. How high will the top of the ladder reach?

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is the distance between the following points? (1, -4) (-3, -1)

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. **How many** of the following are Pythagorean Triples?

33-44-55

8-15-17

9-40-41

11-59-60

9-13-16

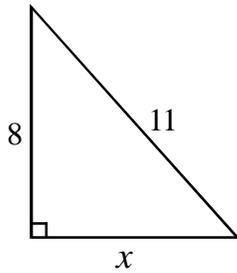
9. \_\_\_\_\_

# Pythagorean Practice Test (4th)

## Math 8 11.4

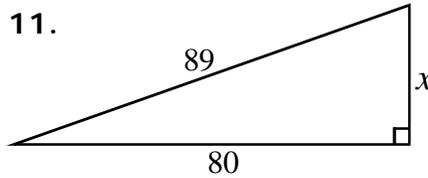
Find the missing length  $x$  for each diagram below. Leave all irrational answers in radical form.

10.



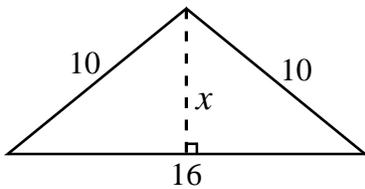
10.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_

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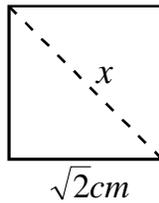
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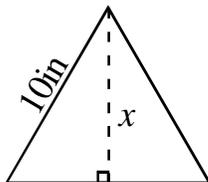
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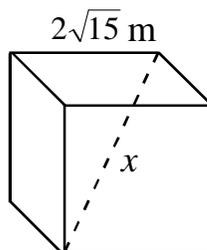
13.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_

14.



14.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_

15.



15.  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_