

10-2 Classifying Triangles and Pythagorean Theorem

I can classify a triangle using the correct vocabulary:

angles, sides

I can use the Pythagorean Theorem to find a missing side of a right triangle.


angles

Vocabulary

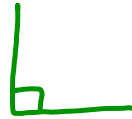
acute: less than 90°

all angles 

obtuse: greater than 90°

\angle angle 

right: exactly 90°



scalene: no sides same length

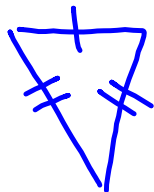


equilateral: all sides same



Isosceles: 2 sides same

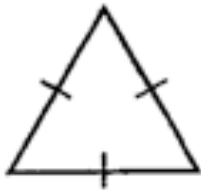
Side



A triangle is classified by its sides and by its angles.

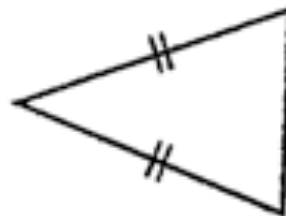
Classification by Sides

Equilateral Triangle



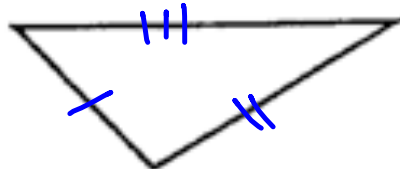
3 congruent sides

Isosceles Triangle



At least 2 congruent sides

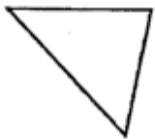
Scalene Triangle



No congruent sides

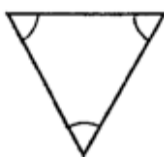
Classification by Angles

Acute Triangle



3 acute angles

Equiangular Triangle



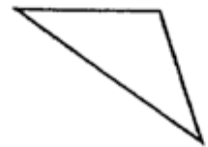
3 congruent angles

Right Triangle



1 right angle

Obtuse Triangle

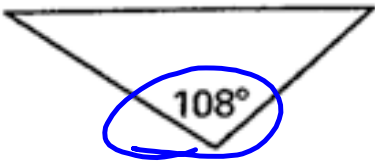


1 obtuse angle

Note: An equiangular triangle is also acute, but it is more specific to called it equiangular.

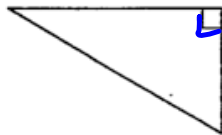
Classify the triangle by its angles and by its sides.

a.



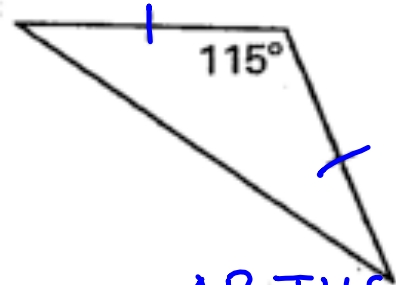
• OBTUSE
• Scalene

b.



• RIGHT
• Scalene

c.



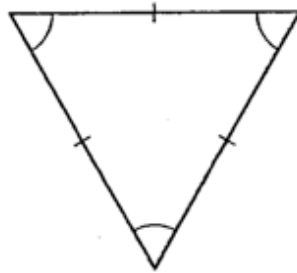
• OBTUSE
• ISOSCELES

d.



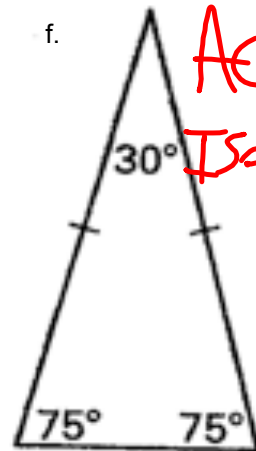
RIGHT
ISOSCELES

e.



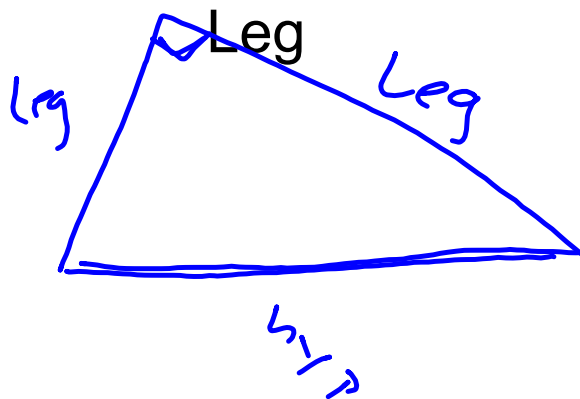
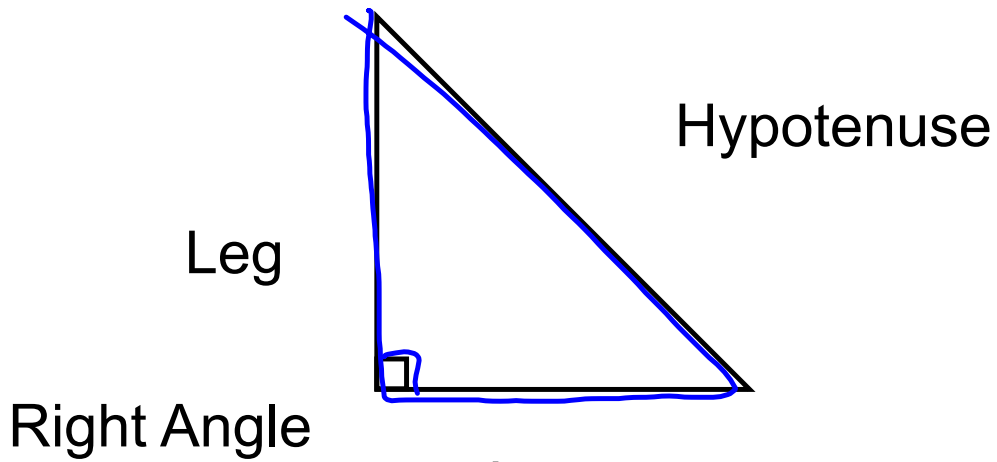
equilateral
equiangular
acute

f.

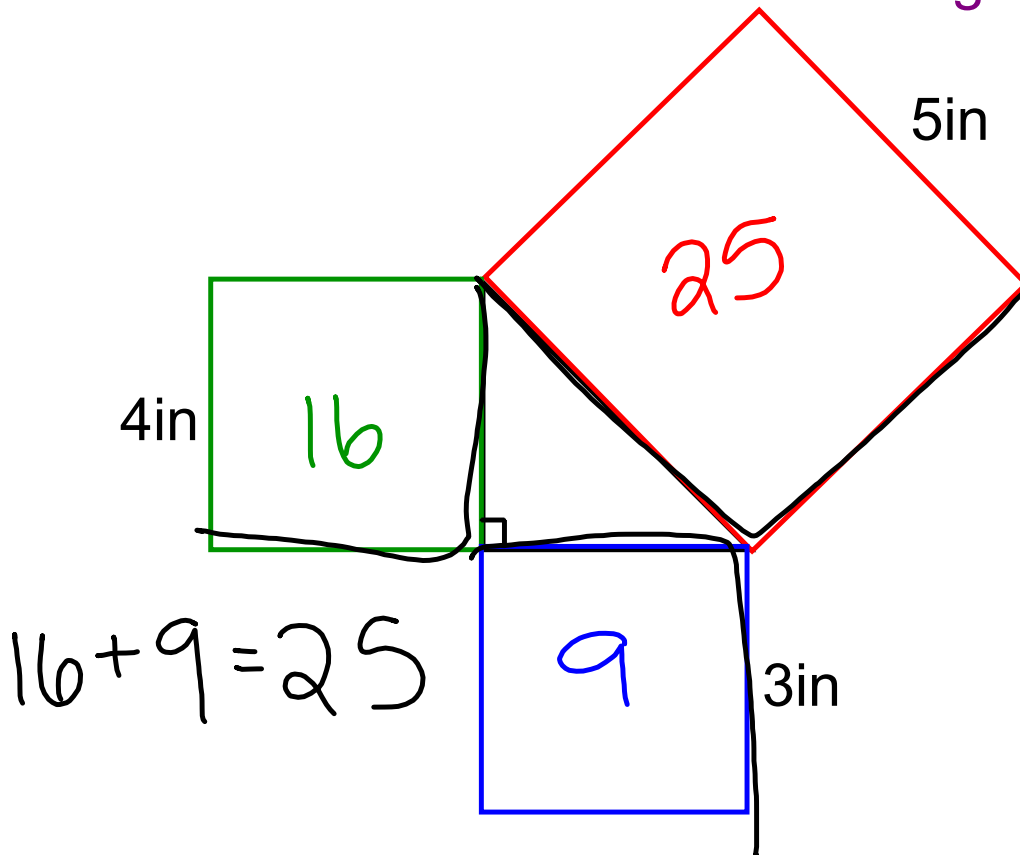


ACUTE
ISOSCELES

Right Triangle



Find the area of each rectangle

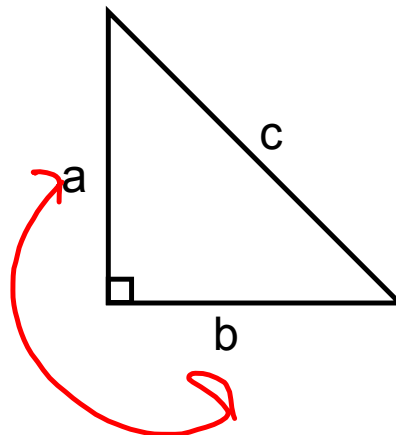


How are the areas of the green and blue squares related to the red square?

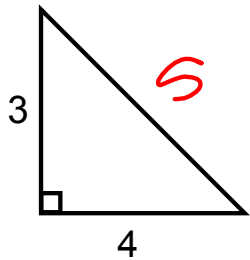
Pythagorean Theorem

In a right triangle where a and b are the legs and c is the hypotenuse,

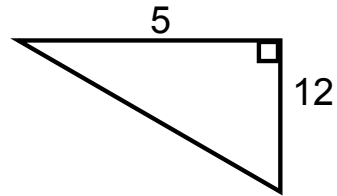
$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



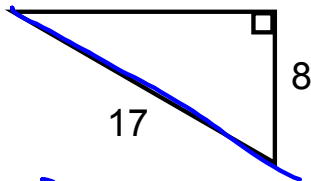
Find the missing side in the right triangle using the pythagorean theorem:



$$\begin{aligned}
 a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \\
 3^2 + 4^2 &= c^2 \\
 9 + 16 &= c^2 \\
 \sqrt{25} &= \sqrt{c^2} \\
 5 &= c
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \\
 5^2 + 12^2 &= c^2 \\
 25 + 144 &= c^2 \\
 \sqrt{169} &= \sqrt{c^2} \\
 13 &= c
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 8^2 + b^2 &= 17^2 \\
 \cancel{64} + b^2 &= 289 \\
 &\quad - 64 \\
 \sqrt{b^2} &= \sqrt{225} \\
 b &= 15
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between C and B.

