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Set 1 --- Proof by Rearrangement [Solution]

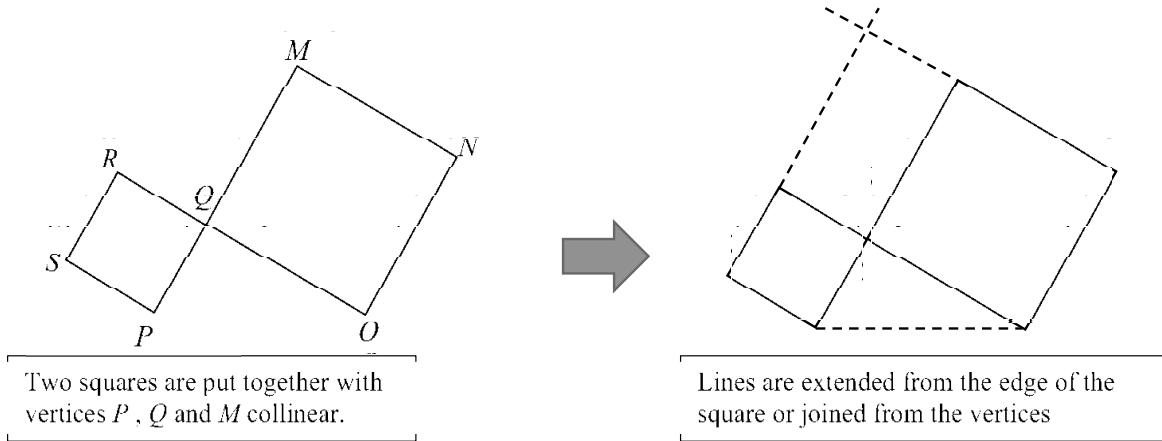
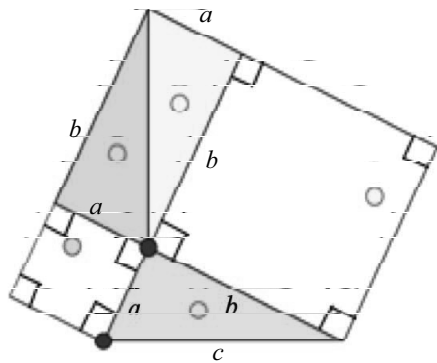


Figure 1 is then formed by cutting the top rectangle into two triangles. As shown.



Q1. Is $\angle PQO = 90^\circ$? Why?

$$\begin{aligned} \angle PQR &= 90^\circ \text{ and } \angle MQO = 90^\circ \text{ (square)} \\ \angle PQO &= 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ \text{ (adj. } \angle \text{s on st. line)} \end{aligned}$$

Q2. Are the three triangles congruent? Which reason (SSS, SAS, ASA, AAS, RHS) can explain the congruence?

Yes, SAS (the two sides with length a and b , the 90°).

Q3. Express the area of the whole figure in terms of a and b . [Hint: Three triangles + Two Square]

$$a^2 + b^2 + \frac{3ab}{2}$$

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Figure 1

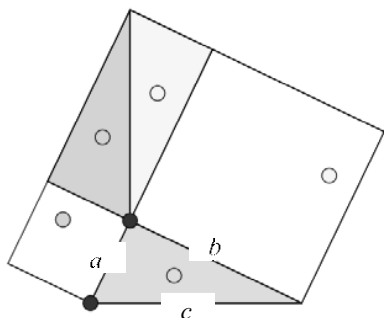
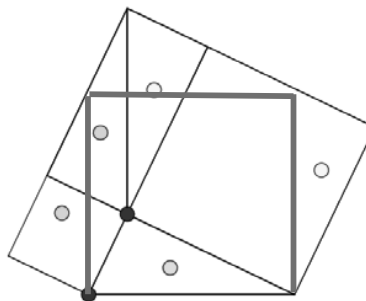


Figure 2



Q4. Following the GeoGebra, triangles are moved to new positions. Draw lines in **Figure 2** to show it.

Q5. Express the area of the whole figure in terms of a , b and c . [Hint: Three Triangles + One Square]

$$c^2 + \frac{3ab}{2}$$

Q6. Prove the Pythagoras' Theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$) using the areas in **Q3** and **Q5**.

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 + \frac{3ab}{2} &= c^2 + \frac{3ab}{2} \\ a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \end{aligned}$$

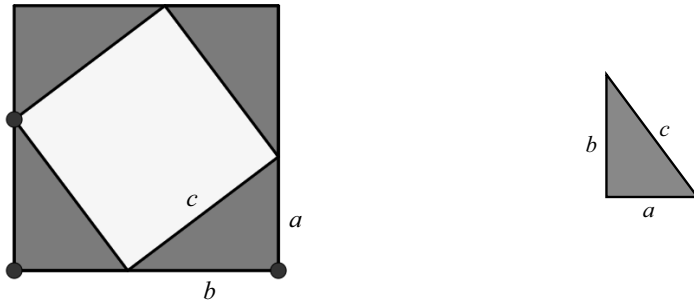
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Set 2 --- Proof by Rearrangement [Solution]

Figure 1



Q1. How is Figure 1 formed?

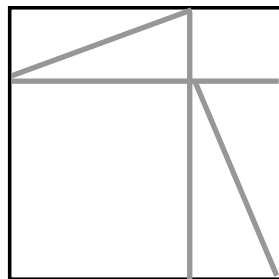
It is formed by rearranging four congruent triangles into a big square .

Q2. What kind of quadrilateral is formed in the yellow part?

A square (with length c)

[Obviously the 4 lengths are all equal to c ,
Can ask student to prove the angles are 90°]

Figure 2 Follow the slider in the Geogebra to draw the new figure obtained.



Q3. Two quadrilateral is formed in the yellow part now. What kind of quadrilaterals are they?

Squares.

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Set 3 --- Proof by Rearrangement [Solution]

At the beginning, two squares are placed side by side in **Figure 1**.

When you follow the slider in the GeoGebra, two white triangles are formed in **Figure 2**.

Figure 1

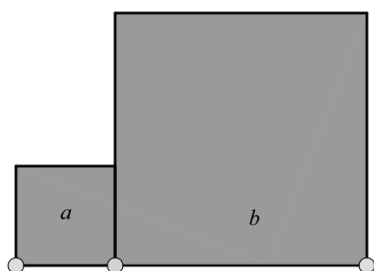
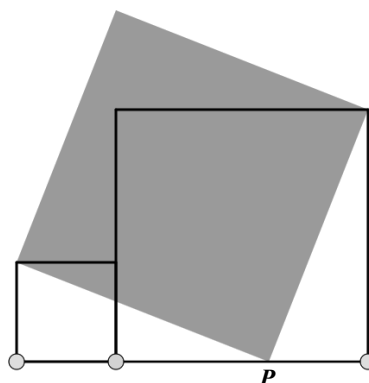
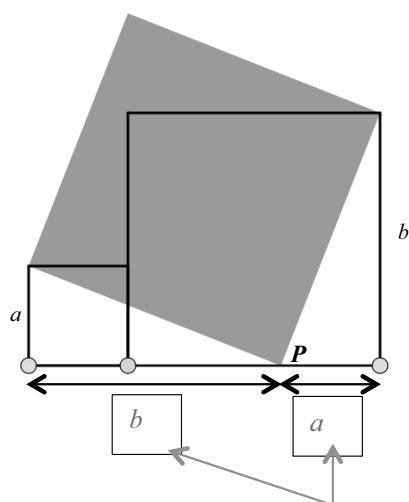


Figure 2



Move the green dot to change the size of the squares and observe the change in point P .

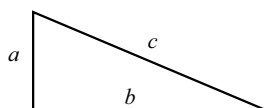
Figure 3



Question: Write down the length of these two line segments in terms of a and b .

Can you prove the Pythagoras' Theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$) using **Figure 1** and **Figure 3**?

Let a , b and c be the sides of the white triangles as shown.



In **Figure 1**, the purple parts are squares, the total area = $a^2 + b^2$

In **Figure 3**, the purple part is a square, the area = c^2

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

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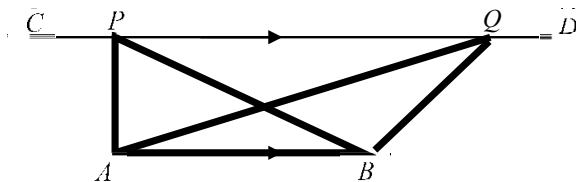
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Set 4 --- Proof by Area Relation [Solution]

Observation: Given two parallel line segments AB and CD .

Two triangles APB and AQB are drawn with AB as their common base.



What is the relation of the Area of $\triangle APB$ and $\triangle AQB$?

Hint: Two triangles have the same base AB , how about the heights?

The height is the same. Therefore, the area are equal.

Following the slider in the Geogebra, Figures are obtained. Lengths a , b and c are marked as shown.

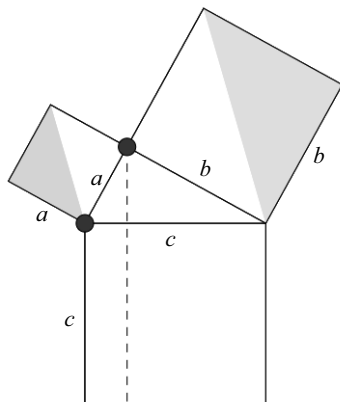


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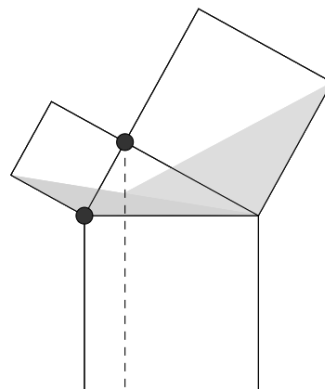


Figure 2

Q1. In Figure 1, find the area of the green triangle and blue triangles in terms of a and b .

$$\text{Area of Green Triangle} = \frac{a^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Area of Blue Triangle} = \frac{b^2}{2}$$

Q2. In Figure 2, find the area of the green triangle and blue triangles in terms of a and b .

(Hint: Use the **Observation**. How are the new triangles related to those in **Figure 1**?)

$$\text{Area of Green Triangle} = \frac{a^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Area of Blue Triangle} = \frac{b^2}{2}$$

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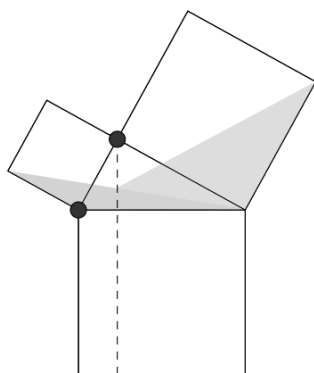


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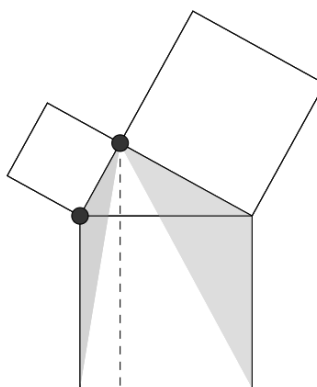


Figure 3

Q3. In **Figure 3**, the two triangles are transformed.

What kind of transformation is it? Will the area be changed after the transformation?

Rotation. The area (~~will~~/ will not) be changed.

$$\text{Area of Green Triangle} = \frac{a^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Area of Blue Triangle} = \frac{b^2}{2}$$

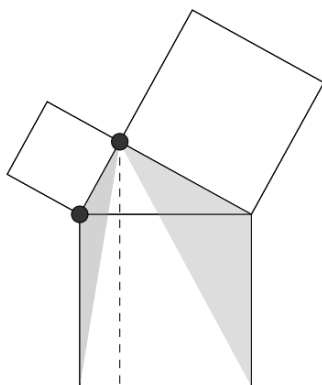


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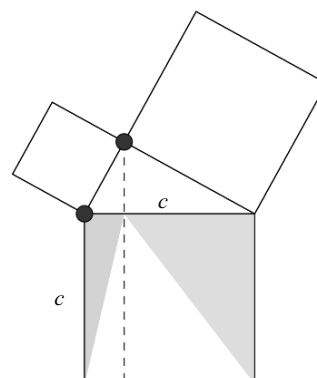


Figure 4

Q4. In **Figure 4**, find the area of the green triangle and blue triangle in terms of a and b .

(Hint: Use the **Observation**. How are the new triangles related to those in Figure 3?)

$$\text{Area of Green Triangle} = \frac{a^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Area of Blue Triangle} = \frac{b^2}{2}$$

Q5. In **Figure 4**, the two triangles are now inside the square with side c .

Find the sum of the two triangles in terms of c .

$$\text{Area of Green Triangle} + \text{Area of Blue Triangle} = \frac{c^2}{2}$$

(Hint: What is the fraction of the area of two triangles compared to the square with side c .)

Q6. Can you prove the Pythagoras' Theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$) using the area relation?

$$\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2} = \frac{c^2}{2} \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

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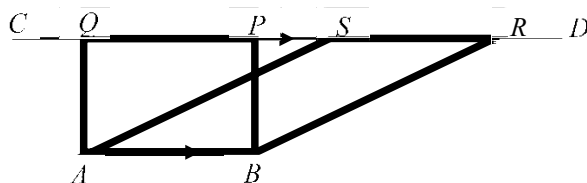
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Set 5 --- Proof by Area Relation [Solution]

Observation: Given two parallel line segments AB and CD .

A rectangle $ABPQ$ and parallelogram $ABRS$ are drawn with AB as their common base.



What is the relation of the **Area** of rectangle $ABPQ$ and parallelogram $ABRS$?

(Hint: They have the same base AB . How about the heights?)

The height is the same. Therefore, the area is equal.

Following the slider in the Geogebra, Figures are obtained. Lengths a , b and c are marked as shown.

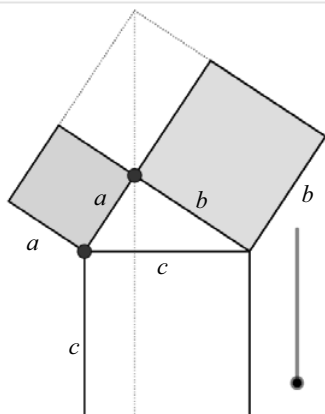


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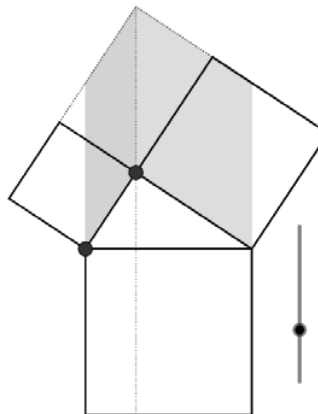


Figure 2

Q1. In **Figure 1**, find the area of the green part and blue part in terms of a and b .

Area of Green part = a^2

Area of Blue part = b^2

Q2. In **Figure 2**, find the area of the green parallelogram and blue parallelogram in terms of a and b .

(Hint: Use the **Observation**, how are the new parts related to those in **Figure 1**?)

Area of Green part = a^2

Area of Blue part = b^2

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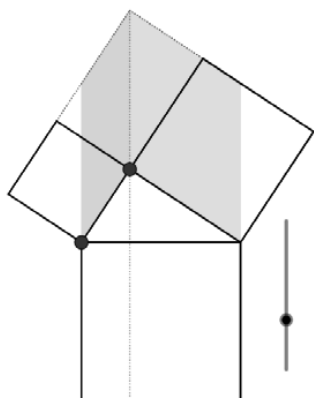


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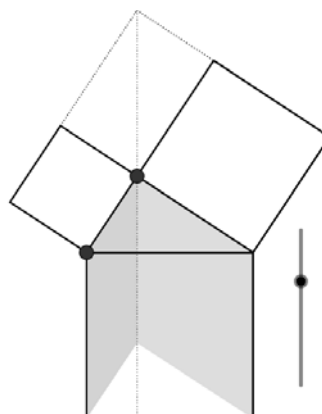


Figure 3

Q3. In Figure 3, the two parallelograms are transformed.

What kind of transformation is it? Will the area be changed after the transformation?

Translation. The area (~~will~~/ will not) be changed.

Area of Green part = a^2

Area of Blue part = b^2

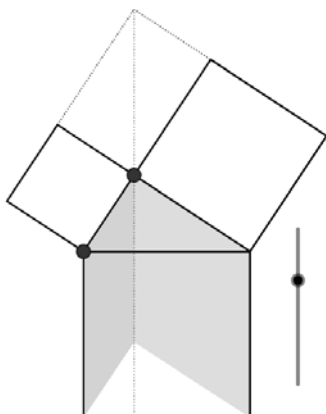


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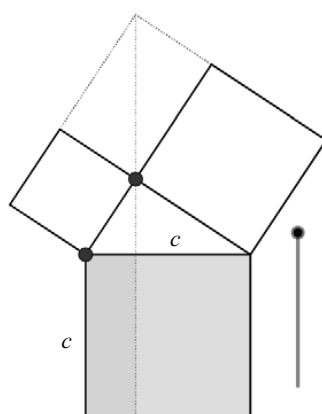


Figure 4

Q4. In Figure 4, find the area of the green rectangle and blue rectangle in terms of a and b .

(Hint: Use the **Observation**. How are the new triangles related to those in Figure 3?)

Area of Green part = a^2

Area of Blue part = b^2

Q5. In Figure 4, find the sum of the two rectangles in terms of c .

Area of Green Triangle + Area of Blue Triangle = c^2

Q6. Can you prove the Pythagoras' Theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$) using the area relation?

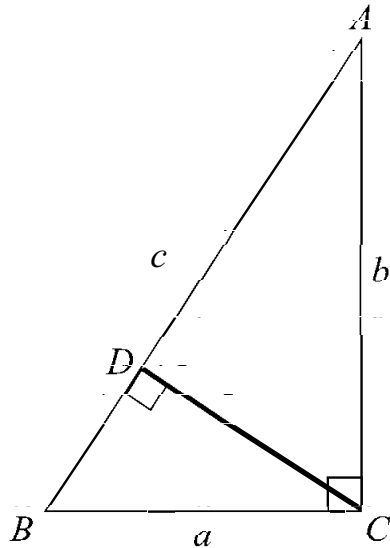
$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

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Set 6 --- Proof by Similar Triangles [Solution]



Let $AB = c$

Q1 What are the relations of the three triangles $\triangle BAC$, $\triangle BCD$ and $\triangle CAD$?

They are **similar** triangles.

Q2 Following the steps below, prove the Pythagoras' Theorem .

Step.1 Using $\triangle BAC \sim \triangle BCD$

$$\frac{BD}{BC} = \frac{BC}{BA}$$

$$\frac{BD}{a} = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$BD = \frac{a^2}{c}$$

Step.2 Using $\triangle BAC \sim \triangle CAD$

$$\frac{DA}{CA} = \frac{CA}{BA}$$

$$\frac{DA}{b} = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$DA = \frac{b^2}{c}$$

Step. 3 $c = BD + DA$

$$c = \text{---} + \text{---}$$

$$c = \frac{\text{---}}{c}$$

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

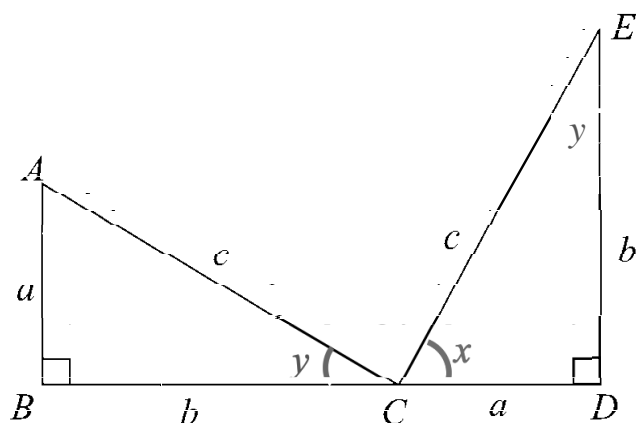
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Set 7 --- Garfield's proof [Solution]

*Garfield is the President of US in 1881.



Draw a line joining A and E. A trapezium ABDE is formed.

Q1 Is $\angle ACE = 90^\circ$? Why?

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + 90^\circ &= 180^\circ \text{ (}\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta \text{)} \\ x + y &= 90^\circ \\ x + y + \angle ACE &= 180^\circ \text{ (adj. } \angle \text{s of st. line)} \\ 90^\circ + \angle ACE &= 180^\circ \\ \angle ACE &= 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Q2 Following the steps below, prove the Pythagoras' Theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$).

Step.1 Area of Trapezium ABDE = $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)(a+b) = \frac{1}{2}(a+b)^2$

Step.2 Area of $\triangle ABC$ + Area of $\triangle CDE$ + Area of $\triangle ACE$ (in terms of a , b and c)

$$= \frac{1}{2}ab + \frac{1}{2}ab + \frac{1}{2}(c^2)$$

Therefore, $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)^2 = \frac{1}{2}ab + \frac{1}{2}ab + \frac{1}{2}(c^2)$

$$(a+b)^2 = ab + ab + (c^2)$$

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

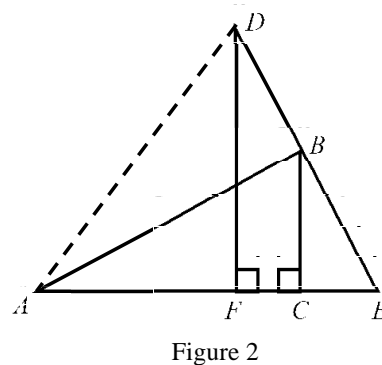
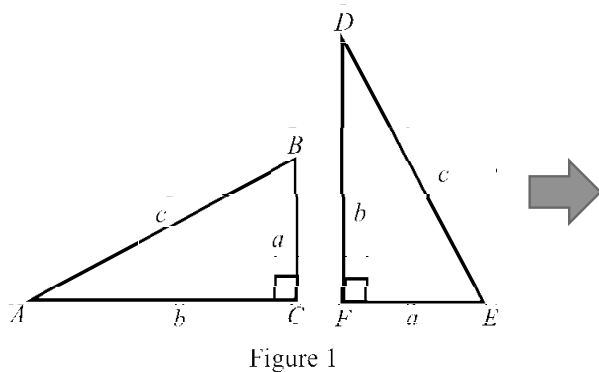
$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

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(Set 8 --- Proof by Similar Triangles [Solution]



Two congruent right-angled triangles ABC and DEF are shown. (Figure 1)

They are then placed such that B lies on DE and $AFCE$ forms a straight line. (Figure 2)

Step 1 In Figure 2, $DF \parallel BC$ (Reason: int. \angle s supp.)

Step 2 In Figure 2, Prove that $\triangle BCE \sim \triangle DFE$.

$$\begin{aligned}\angle BCE &= \angle DFE = 90^\circ && (\text{given}) \\ \angle BEC &= \angle DEF && (\text{common } \angle \quad) \\ \angle CBE &= \angle FDE && (3\text{rd } \angle \quad) \\ \therefore \triangle BCE &\sim \triangle DFE && (\text{A.A.A. })\end{aligned}$$

Step 3 Express the area of $\triangle ADE$ in terms of c .

Notice that $\angle ABE = 90^\circ$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ADE = \frac{1}{2} \times DE \times AB = \frac{c^2}{2}$$

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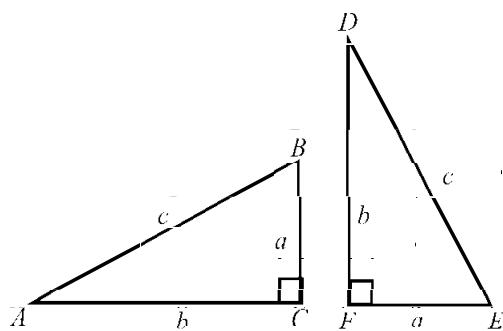


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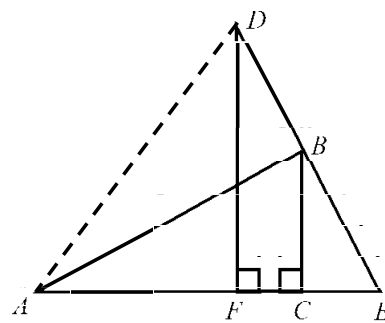


Figure 2

Step.4 Express the area of $\triangle ADE$ in terms of a and b .

$$\because \triangle BCE \sim \triangle DFE,$$

$$\frac{CE}{EF} = \frac{BC}{DF}$$

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

$$CE = \frac{a^2}{b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \triangle ADE &= \frac{1}{2} \times AE \times DF \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times (AC + CE) \times DF \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \left(b + \frac{a^2}{b}\right) \times b \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{b^2 + a^2}{b}\right) \times b \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (b^2 + a^2) \end{aligned}$$

Combining steps 3 and 4 , prove the Pythagoras' Theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$) .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c^2}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} (b^2 + a^2) \\ c^2 &= b^2 + a^2 \end{aligned}$$