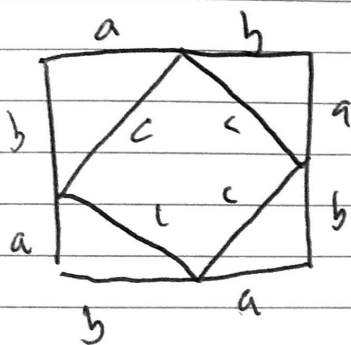
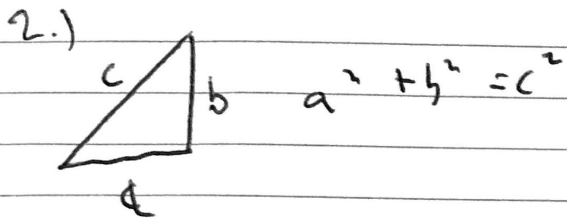


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1.) Joke: Pythagoras writes into a book mattering "If a right angled triangle has a short side  $x$ , long side  $y$ , and hypotenuse  $z$ , then the square of  $z$  must equal the sum of the square of  $x$  and of  $y$ , ... um ... [The Baron says "Y, the long face"]



$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \quad \text{--- Area}$$

$$\text{Area} = 4\Delta + \square$$

$$= 4\left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) + c^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{area of square}$$

$$= 2ab + c^2 \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

Set ~~(A)~~ = to (B)

$$a^2 + \cancel{2ab} + b^2 = \cancel{2ab} + c^2$$

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

3.) Final proof of formula for Pythagorean triplets,

Note  $(m^a)^b = m^{(ab)}$

$$(m^2 - n^2)^2 = (m^2)^2 - 2(m^2)(n^2) + (n^2)^2$$

$$A^2 = m^4 - 2m^2n^2 + n^4$$

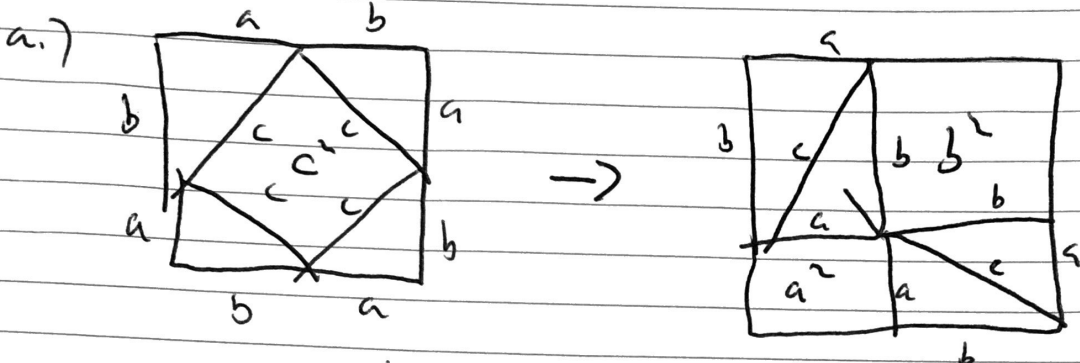
$$B = 2mn \quad B^2 = 4m^2n^2$$

$$C = m^2 + n^2 \quad C^2 = m^4 + 2m^2n^2 + n^4$$

$$A^2 + B^2 = (m^4 - 2m^2n^2 + n^4) + 4m^2n^2 = m^4 + 2m^2n^2 + n^4 = C^2$$

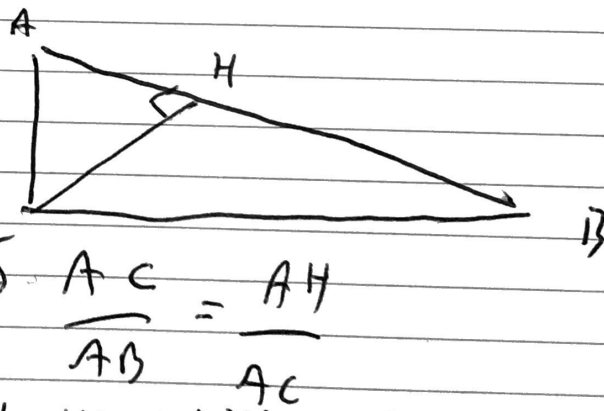
Part 2

1.)  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$



~~the~~ the two large squares shown in each figure contain 4 identical triangles, and only the difference between the 2 large squares is that the triangles are arranged differently, therefore, the white space within each of the 2 squares must have equal area. Equating the area of the white space yields the Pythagorean theorem

b.) ~~proof~~



$$\frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{BH}{BC} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{AH}{AC}$$

The first result equates the cosines of angle B, whereas the second result equates their sines

these ratios can be written as

$$BC^2 = AC \times BH \quad \text{and} \quad AC^2 = AB \times AH$$

summing these 2 equalities result in

$$BC^2 + AC^2 = AB \times BH + AB \times AH = AB \times (AH + BH) = AB^2$$

which, after simplification, explains the Pythagorean theorem

$$BC^2 + AC^2 = AB^2$$

- 2.) (5, 12, 13), (21, 20, 29), (15, 8, 17)