

Attendance for Dr. Z.'s MathHistory for Lecture 5 (due no later than 10 minutes after class)

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Subject:p5

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**Part I:** List all the "attendance questions" during the lecture, followed by your answers.

**Part II:**

1. State the Pythagorean Theorem and prove it in **two ways**

(I) Using the decomposition of an  $(a+b) \times (a+b)$  square into an  $a \times a$  square, a  $b \times b$  square, and four right-angled triangles with sides  $a, b$  and hypotenuse  $c$ , and comparing it with a decomposition consisting of a  $c \times c$  square and four right-angled triangles with sides  $a, b$  and hypotenuse  $c$ ,

(II) Using similar triangles, by taking a right-angled triangle  $ABC$  with such that  $|AC| = b$  and  $|BC| = a$ , and  $|AB| = c$ , such that  $AB$  is horizontal, calling the projection of  $C$  to  $AB$ ,  $C'$ , and considering the three triangles  $ABC$ ,  $ACC'$  and  $BCC'$ .

**2.** Find the first three smallest *primitive* Pythagorean triples.

## Part I

Once upon a time there ~~was~~ were three ladies of the First Peoples of America sitting around the campfire

On a reindeer skin sat a lady who was the mother of a fine young warrior who weighted 140 pounds

On a buffalo skin sat a lady who was the mother of a fine young warrior who weighted 160 pounds

The third lady, as well she might, was sitting on the skin of a hippopotamus, as she herself weighed a mighty 300 pounds

As you can see,

The squaw on the hippopotamus is equal to the ~~squaws~~ of the squaws on the other two hides.