

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

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Subject:p5

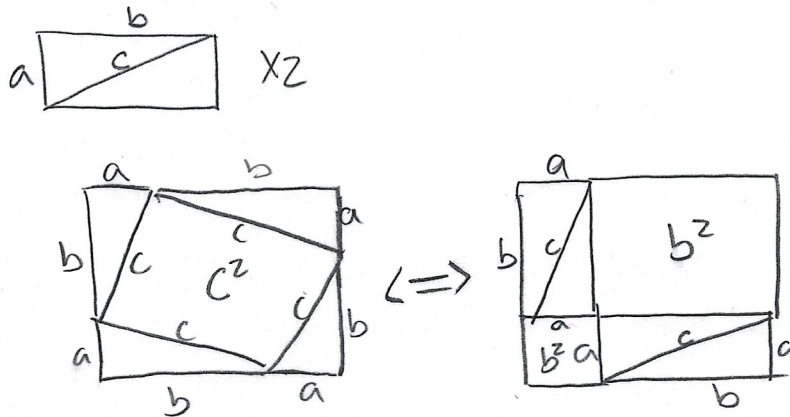
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Part I: List all the "attendance questions" during the lecture, followed by your answers.

Part II:

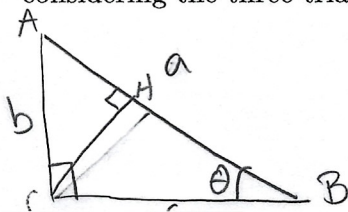
1. State the Pythagorean Theorem and prove it in two ways

(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 ,



Both orientations have the same area
 so from this: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

(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' .



All 3 triangles are similar right triangles so all of their areas are proportional to each other by α and the sum of the 2 smaller triangles must be equal to the larger one:
 $\alpha a^2 + \alpha b^2 = \alpha c^2 \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

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

We know a Pythagorean triplet follows from

$$P(m,n) = [(m^2-n^2), (2mn), (m^2+n^2)]$$

For m and n are integers greater than zero and $m > n$

$$P(2,1) = [3, 4, 5]$$

$$P(3,2) = [5, 12, 13]$$

$$P(4,3) = [7, 24, 25]$$

AQ 1: Find a Pythagorean joke

When Einstein meets Pythagoras

Einstein: $E = mc^2$ } Therefore

Pythagoras: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ } $E = m(a^2 + b^2)$

AQ 2: Finish the proof

Show: $(m^2 - n^2)^2 + (2mn)^2 = (m^2 + n^2)^2$

$$\cancel{(m^2 - n^2)^2} + (m^2 - n^2)^2 + (2mn)^2 - (m^2 + n^2)^2 = 0$$

$$(m^2 - n^2)^2 = m^4 - 2m^2n^2 + n^4$$

$$(2mn)^2 = 4m^2n^2$$

$$(m^2 + n^2)^2 = m^4 + 2m^2n^2 + n^4$$

$$(m^4 - 2m^2n^2 + n^4) + 4m^2n^2 - (m^4 + 2m^2n^2 + n^4) = 0$$

$$\cancel{m^4} - 2\cancel{m^2n^2} + \cancel{n^4} + 4m^2n^2 - \cancel{m^4} - 2\cancel{m^2n^2} - \cancel{n^4} = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m^2 - n^2)^2 + (2m^2n^2)^2 - (m^2 + n^2)^2 = 0$$