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Attendance Quiz 5

Part I.

① Look up a joke based on the Pythagorean Theorem.

Q: Why was Pythagoras not considered a suspect in the murder case?

A: No one knew what his angle was.

② Complete the full proof by hand showing that $(m^2 - n^2)^2 + (2mn)^2 = (m^2 + n^2)^2$

Left Hand Side: $(m^4 - 2m^2n^2 + n^4) + (4m^2n^2)$

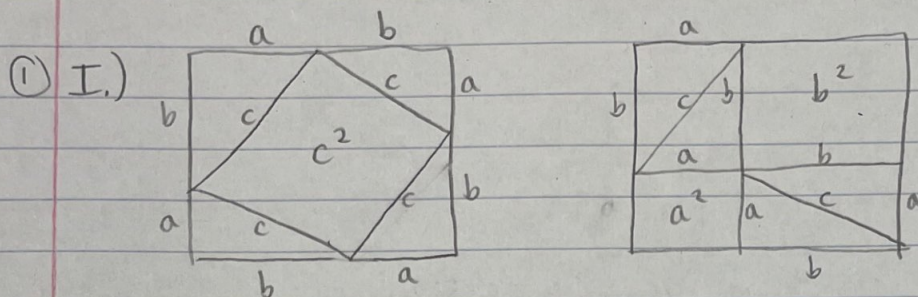
$$= m^4 + 2m^2n^2 + n^4$$

Right Hand Side: $(m^4 + 2m^2n^2 + n^4)$

This shows that both sides are equal.

Pythagorean Theorem: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Part II.



$$= 4\left(\frac{1}{2}ab\right) + c^2$$

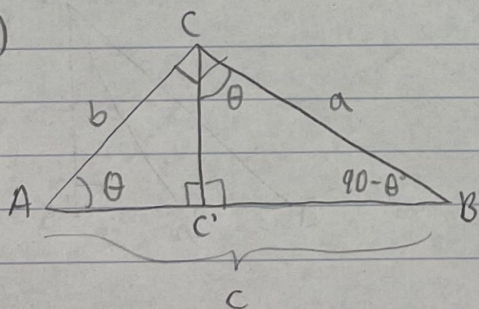
$$= c^2 + 2ab$$

Area of big square: $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

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

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

II.)



ABC , ACC' , and BCC' are similar since their angles are the same. Areas are proportional to the squares of the bases, so for some constant m ,

$$ma^2 + mb^2 = mc^2$$

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

② We use $a = m^2 - n^2$, $b = 2mn$, $c = m^2 + n^2$

If $m = 2$ and $n = 1$, we get $(3, 4, 5)$

If $m = 3$ and $n = 1$, we get $(8, 6, 10)$, however, it's not primitive.

If $m = 3$ and $n = 2$, we get $(5, 12, 13)$

If $m = 4$ and $n = 1$, we get $(15, 8, 17)$

So the first three smallest Pythagorean triples are

$(3, 4, 5)$; $(5, 12, 13)$; and $(8, 15, 17)$