

# PYTHAGORAS THEOREM

## Exercise 15

Q.NO.1. Verify that the  $\Delta$ s having the following measure of sides are right angled.

(i).  $a = 5\text{cm}, b = 12\text{cm}, c = 13\text{cm}$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{Hyp})^2 &= (\text{Prep})^2 + (\text{Base})^2 \\(13)^2 &= (12)^2 + (5)^2 \\169 &= 144 + 25 \\169 &= 169\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the triangle is right angled.

(ii).  $a = 1.5\text{cm}, b = 2\text{cm}, c = 2.5\text{cm}$

Answer.

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{Hyp})^2 &= (\text{Prep})^2 + (\text{Base})^2 \\(2.5)^2 &= (1.5)^2 + (2.5)^2 \\6.25 &= 2.25 + 4 \\6.25 &= 6.25\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the triangle is right angled.

(iii).  $a = 9\text{cm}, b = 12\text{cm}, c = 15\text{cm}$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{Hyp})^2 &= (\text{Prep})^2 + (\text{Base})^2 \\(15)^2 &= (12)^2 + (9)^2 \\225 &= 144 + 81 \\225 &= 225\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the triangle is right angled.

(iv).  $a = 16\text{cm}, b = 30\text{cm}, c = 34\text{cm}$

Answer.

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{Hyp})^2 &= (\text{Prep})^2 + (\text{Base})^2 \\(34)^2 &= (30)^2 + (16)^2 \\1156 &= 900 + 256 \\1156 &= 1156\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the triangle is right angled.

Q.NO.2. Verify that  $a^2 + b^2, a^2 - b^2$  and  $2ab$  are the measures of the sides of a right angled triangle where  $a$  and  $b$  are any two real numbers ( $a > b$ ).

Answer:

In the angled triangle

$$\begin{aligned}H^2 &= P^2 + B^2 \\(a^2 + b^2)^2 &= a^4 + b^4 + 2a^2b^2 \rightarrow (i) \\(a^2 - b^2)^2 &= a^4 + b^4 - 2a^2b^2 \rightarrow (ii) \\(2ab)^2 &= 4a^2b^2 \rightarrow (iii)\end{aligned}$$

Adding (ii) and (iii) we get

$$\begin{aligned}(a^2 - b^2)^2 + (2ab)^2 &= a^4 + b^4 - 2a^2b^2 + 4a^2b^2 \\&= a^4 + b^4 + 2a^2b^2 \rightarrow (iv)\end{aligned}$$

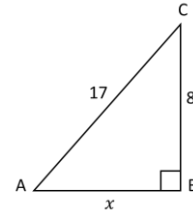
comparing (i) and (iv), we get

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

hence  $a^2 + b^2, a^2 - b^2$  and  $2ab$  are measures of the sides of a right angled triangle where  $a^2 + b^2$  is hypotenous.

Q.NO.3. The three sides of a triangle are of measure  $8, x$  and  $17$  respectively. For what value of  $x$  will it becomes base of a right angle triangle?

Answer:



Consider a right angled triangle

$$\begin{aligned}\text{with } \overline{AB} &= x \\ \overline{BC} &= 8\end{aligned}$$

and  $\overline{AC} = 17$

If  $x$  is the base of right angled  $\Delta ABC$  then we know by Pythagoras theorem that

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{Hyp})^2 &= (\text{Prep})^2 + (\text{Base})^2 \\(17)^2 &= (8)^2 + (x)^2 \\289 &= 64 + x^2 \\x^2 &= 289 - 64 \\x^2 &= 225 \\x &= \sqrt{225}\end{aligned}$$

As  $x$  is measure of sides

So  $x = 15$  units.

Q.NO.4. In an isosceles  $\Delta$  the base  $\overline{BC} = 28\text{cm}$

and  $\overline{AB} = \overline{AC} = 50\text{cm}$ .

if  $\overline{AD} \perp \overline{BC}$ , then find

- Length of  $\overline{AD}$
- Area of  $\Delta ABC$

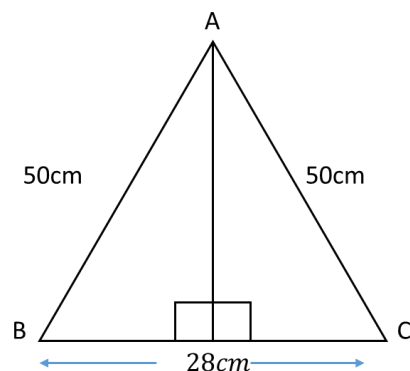
Given:

$$\begin{aligned}m\overline{AC} &= m\overline{AB} = 50\text{cm} \\m\overline{BC} &= 28\text{cm} \\ \overline{AD} &\perp \overline{BC}\end{aligned}$$

To prove:

$$m\overline{AD} = ?$$

Area of  $\Delta ABC = ?$



**Proof**

Statements	Reasons
In right angled triangle $m\overline{CD} = 14\text{cm}$ $m\overline{AC} = 50\text{cm}$ $(m\overline{AD})^2 = (m\overline{AC})^2 - (m\overline{CD})^2$ $= (m\overline{AD})^2 = (50)^2 - (14)^2$ $= 2500 - 196$ $= 2304$ $\sqrt{(m\overline{AD})^2} = \sqrt{2304}$ $m\overline{AD} = 18\text{cm}$ (ii). Area of $\Delta ABC = \frac{\text{Base} \times \text{Altitude}}{2}$ $= \frac{28 \times 48}{2}$ $= 14 \times 28$ $= 672\text{sq. cm}$	$\overline{CD} = \frac{1}{2} m\overline{BC}$ Given $(m\overline{AC})^2 = (m\overline{AD})^2 - (m\overline{CD})^2$ by Pythagoras theorem Taking square root of both sides

**Q.NO.5.** In a quadrilateral ABCD, the diagonals  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{BD}$  are perpendicular to each other.

Prove that

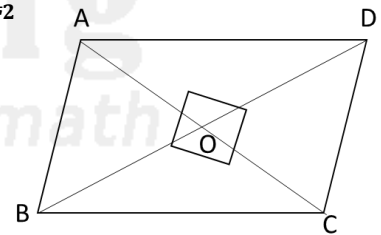
$$m\overline{AB}^2 + m\overline{CD}^2 = m\overline{AD}^2 + m\overline{BC}^2$$

Given:

Quadrilateral ABCD diagonal  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{BD}$  are perpendicular to each other.

To prove:

$$m\overline{AB}^2 + m\overline{CD}^2 = m\overline{AD}^2 + m\overline{BC}^2$$



Proof:

Statements	Reasons
In right triangle AOB	
$m(\overline{AB})^2 = m(\overline{AO})^2 + m(\overline{OB})^2 \rightarrow (i)$	By Pythagoras theorem
In right triangle COD	
$m(\overline{CD})^2 = m(\overline{OC})^2 + m(\overline{OD})^2 \rightarrow (ii)$	By Pythagoras theorem
In right triangle AOD	
$m(\overline{AD})^2 = m(\overline{AO})^2 + m(\overline{OD})^2 \rightarrow (iii)$	By Pythagoras theorem
In right triangle BOC	
$m(\overline{BC})^2 = m(\overline{OB})^2 + m(\overline{OC})^2 \rightarrow (iv)$	By Pythagoras theorem
$m(\overline{AB})^2 + m(\overline{CD})^2 = m(\overline{AO})^2 + m(\overline{OB})^2 + m(\overline{OC})^2 + m(\overline{OD})^2 \rightarrow (v)$	By adding (i) and (ii)
$m(\overline{AD})^2 + m(\overline{BC})^2 = m(\overline{AO})^2 + m(\overline{OD})^2 + m(\overline{OB})^2 + m(\overline{OC})^2 \rightarrow (vi)$	By adding (iii) and (iv)
$m(\overline{AB})^2 + m(\overline{CD})^2 = m(\overline{AD})^2 + m(\overline{BC})^2$	By adding (v) and (vi)

**Q.NO.6.** In the  $\Delta ABC$  as shown in the figure.  $m\angle ACB = 90^\circ$

and  $\overline{CD} \perp \overline{AB}$ . find the length  $a, h,$  and  $b$  if  $m\overline{BD} = 5$  units and  $m\overline{AD} = 7$  units.

Given:

A  $\Delta ABC$  as shown.

$$m\angle ACB = 90^\circ$$

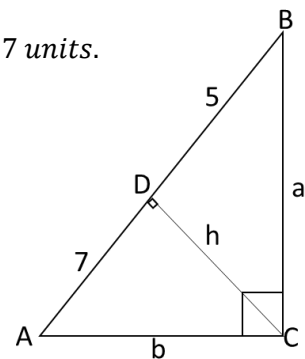
and  $\overline{CD} \perp \overline{AB}$

To prove:

$a, h,$  and  $b$  in right angled  $\Delta BDC$

$$a^2 = 25 + h^2 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$b^2 = 49 + h^2 \rightarrow (ii)$$



In right angled  $\Delta ABC$   
 $a^2 + b^2 = 144 \rightarrow (iii)$

Adding (i) and (ii)  
 $a^2 + b^2 = 74 + 2h^2 \rightarrow (iv)$

From (iii) and (iv)

$$74 + 2h^2 = 144$$

$$2h^2 = 144 - 74$$

$$2h^2 = 70$$

$$h^2 = 35$$

$$h = \sqrt{35}$$

Now we will find  $a$  and  $b$

Put  $h^2 = 35$  (in eq (i))

$$a^2 = 25 + 35$$

$$a^2 = 60$$

$$a = \sqrt{60}$$

$$a = \sqrt{4 \times 15}$$

$$a = 2\sqrt{15}$$

Now put

$$h^2 = 35 \text{ (in eq (ii))}$$

$$b^2 = 49 + 35$$

$$b^2 = 84$$

$$b^2 = \sqrt{4 \times 21}$$

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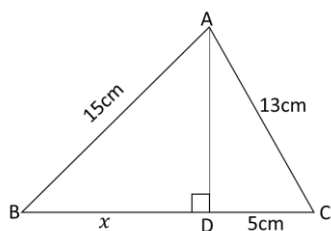
$$b = 2\sqrt{21}$$

So  $a = 2\sqrt{15}$

$$h = \sqrt{35}$$

$$b = 2\sqrt{21}$$

(ii). Find the value of  $x$  in the shown in the figure.



In right angle triangle ADC

$$m(\overline{AC})^2 = m(\overline{AD})^2 + m(\overline{DC})^2$$

$$(13)^2 = (AD)^2 + (5)^2$$

$$169 = (AD)^2 + 25$$

$$(AD)^2 = 169 - 25$$

$$(AD)^2 = 144$$

$$AD = \sqrt{144}$$

$$AD = 12\text{cm}$$

In right angled triangle ABD

$$(AB)^2 = (AD)^2 + (BD)^2$$

$$(15)^2 = (12)^2 + x^2$$

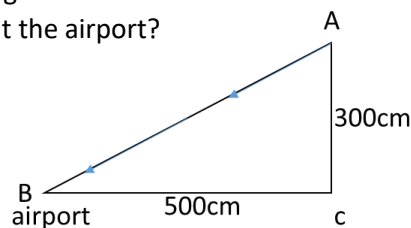
$$225 = 144 + x^2$$

$$x^2 = 225 - 144$$

$$x^2 = 81$$

$$x = 9\text{cm}$$

Q.NO.7. A plane is at height of 300m and is 500m away from the airport as shown in the figure. How much distance will it travel to land at the airport?



Hence A be the position of plane and B be the position of airport.

$$m\overline{AC} = 500\text{m}$$

$$m\overline{BC} = 300\text{m}$$

$$m\overline{AB} = ?$$

applying pythagoras theorem on right triangle ABC

$$|\overline{AB}|^2 = |\overline{AC}|^2 + |\overline{BC}|^2$$

$$= (500)^2 + (300)^2$$

$$= 250000 + 90000$$

$$= 340000$$

$$|\overline{AB}|^2 = 34 \times 10000$$

$$\text{so } |\overline{AB}| = \sqrt{34 \times 100 \times 100}$$

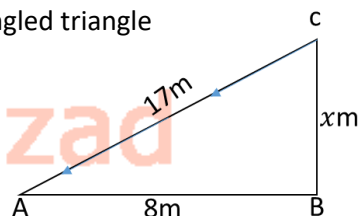
$$= 100\sqrt{34}\text{m}$$

so required distance is  $100\sqrt{34}\text{m}$

Q.NO.8. A ladder 17m long rests against a vertical wall. The foot of the ladder is 8m away from the base of the wall. How high up the wall will the ladder reach?

Answer: Let the height of ladder =  $x$  m

In right angled triangle



$$(\text{Hyp})^2 = (\text{Prep})^2 + (\text{Base})^2$$

$$(17)^2 = (x)^2 + (8)^2$$

$$289 = x^2 + 64$$

$$x^2 = 289 - 64$$

$$x^2 = 225$$

$$x = \sqrt{225} = 15\text{m}$$

Q.NO.9. A standard travels to his school by the route as shown in the figure. Find  $m\overline{AD}$  the direct distance from his house to school.

According to figure.

$$m\overline{AB} = 2\text{km}$$

$$m\overline{BC} = 6\text{km}$$

$$m\overline{CD} = 3\text{km}$$

Here  $m\overline{AB}$  and  $m\overline{CD}$  are  $\perp$

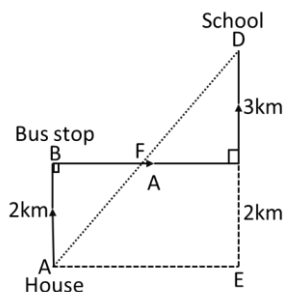
$$\text{perpendicular} = \overline{AB} + \overline{CD}$$

$$= 2 + 3$$

$$= 5\text{km}$$

According to Pythagoras theorem

$$(H)^2 = P^2 + B^2$$



$$\begin{aligned} (m\overline{AD})^2 &= (5)^2 + (6)^2 \\ &= 25 + 36 \\ (m\overline{AD})^2 &= 61 \\ m\overline{AD} &= \sqrt{61} \\ m\overline{AD} &= \sqrt{61} \text{ km} \end{aligned}$$

## Pythagoras Theorem

In a right angled, triangle, the square of the length of hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the lengths of the other two sides.

Formula:

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

## Converse of Pythagoras Theorem

If the square of one side of a triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides, then the triangle is a right angled triangle.

### Results:

Let  $c$  be the longest of the sides  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  of a triangle.

\* If  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , then the triangle is right.

\* If  $a^2 + b^2 > c^2$ , then the triangle is acute.

\* If  $a^2 + b^2 < c^2$ , then the triangle is obtuse.

## EXERCISE 15

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(i)  $a = 5 \text{ cm}, b = 12 \text{ cm}, c = 13 \text{ cm}$

Sol:

As given  $a = 5 \text{ cm}, b = 12 \text{ cm}, c = 13 \text{ cm}$

Using Pythagoras Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\ (13)^2 &= (5)^2 + (12)^2 \\ 169 &= 25 + 144 \\ 169 &= 169 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the given sides are the sides of right angle triangle.

(ii)  $a = 1.5 \text{ cm}, b = 2 \text{ cm}, c = 2.5 \text{ cm}$

Sol:

As given  $a = 1.5 \text{ cm}, b = 2 \text{ cm}, c = 2.5 \text{ cm}$

Using Pythagoras Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\ (2.5)^2 &= (1.5)^2 + (2)^2 \\ 6.25 &= 2.25 + 4 \\ 6.25 &= 6.25 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the given sides are the sides of right angle triangle.

(iii)  $a = 9 \text{ cm}, b = 12 \text{ cm}, c = 15 \text{ cm}$

Sol:

As given  $a = 9 \text{ cm}, b = 12 \text{ cm}, c = 15 \text{ cm}$

Using Pythagoras Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\ (15)^2 &= (9)^2 + (12)^2 \\ 225 &= 81 + 144 \\ 225 &= 225 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the given sides are the sides of right angle triangle.

(iv)  $a = 16 \text{ cm}, b = 30 \text{ cm}, c = 34 \text{ cm}$

Sol:

As given  $a = 16 \text{ cm}, b = 30 \text{ cm}, c = 34 \text{ cm}$

Using Pythagoras Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\ (34)^2 &= (16)^2 + (30)^2 \\ 1156 &= 256 + 900 \\ 1156 &= 1156 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the given sides are the sides of right angle triangle.

## REVIEW EXERCISE 15

1. Which of the following are true and which are false?

(i) In a right angled triangle greater angle is of  $90^\circ$ . ... **T**

(ii) In a right angled triangle right angle is of  $60^\circ$ . **F**.....

(iii) In a right triangle hypotenuse is a side opposite to right angle. ... **T** ...

(iv) If  $a, b, c$  are sides of right angled triangle with  $c$  as longer side, then

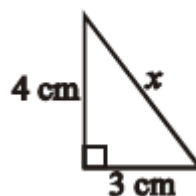
$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \text{ ... T ...}$$

(v) If 3 cm and 4 cm are two sides of a right angled triangle, then hypotenuse is 5 cm. ... **T**...

(vi) If hypotenuse of an isosceles right triangle is  $\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}$ , then each of other side is of length 2 cm. ... **F** ...

2. Find the unknown value in each of the following figures.

(i)

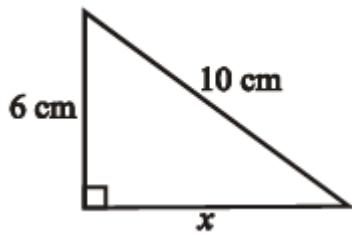


Sol: Let  $a = 3 \text{ cm}, b = 4 \text{ cm}, c = x \text{ cm}$

Using Pythagoras Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\ (x)^2 &= (3)^2 + (4)^2 \\ x^2 &= 9 + 16 \\ x^2 &= 25 \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{25} \\ x &= 5 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

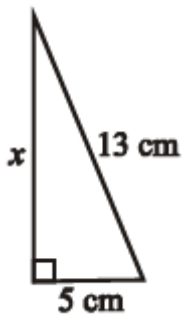


Sol: Let  $a = x \text{ cm}$ ,  $b = 6 \text{ cm}$ ,  $c = 10 \text{ cm}$

Using Pythagoras Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\(10)^2 &= (x)^2 + (6)^2 \\100 &= x^2 + 36 \\x^2 &= 100 - 36 \\x^2 &= 64 \\\sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{64} \\x &= 8 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

(iii)

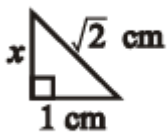


Sol: Let  $a = 5 \text{ cm}$ ,  $b = x \text{ cm}$ ,  $c = 13 \text{ cm}$

Using Pythagoras Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\(13)^2 &= (5)^2 + (x)^2 \\169 &= 25 + x^2 \\x^2 &= 169 - 25 \\x^2 &= 144 \\\sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{144} \\x &= 12 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

(iv)



Sol: Let  $a = 1 \text{ cm}$ ,  $b = x \text{ cm}$ ,  $c = \sqrt{2} \text{ cm}$

Using Pythagoras Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 \\(\sqrt{2})^2 &= (1)^2 + (x)^2 \\2 &= 1 + x^2 \\x^2 &= 2 - 1 \\x^2 &= 1 \\\sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{1} \\x &= 1 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$