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Pythagorean Theorem

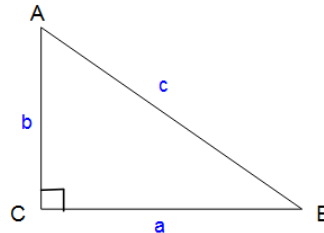
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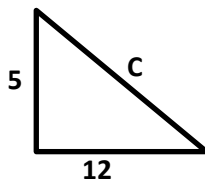
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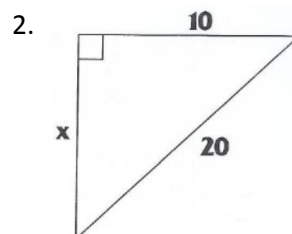
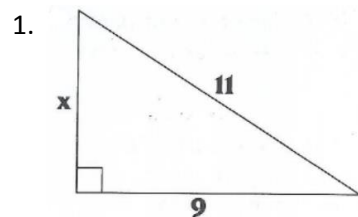


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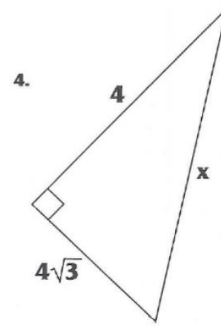
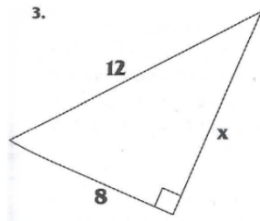
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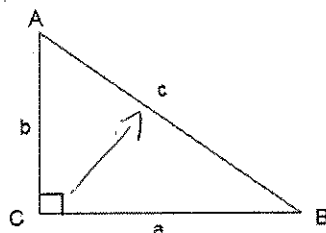
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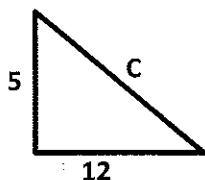


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$$3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2 \quad 9 + 16 = 25 \\ 25 = 25$$

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$$5^2 + 12^2 = c^2 \\ 25 + 144 = c^2 \\ 169 = c^2 \\ c = 13$$

13 is whole

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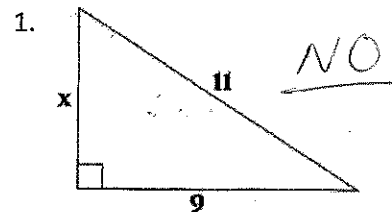
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$$9^2 + 40^2 = 41^2 \\ 81 + 1600 = 1681 \\ 1681 = 1681$$

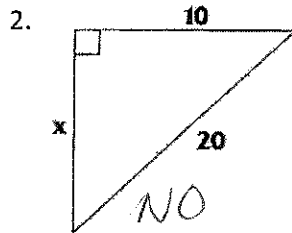
b. 10, 49, 50 NO

$$10^2 + 49^2 = 50^2 \\ 100 + 2401 = 2500 \\ 2501 \neq 2500$$

Example #4: Find the unknown side length. Do the lengths form a Pythagorean triple?



$$x^2 + 9^2 = 11^2 \\ x^2 + 81 = 121 \\ x^2 = 40 \\ x = \sqrt{40} = \boxed{2\sqrt{10}}$$

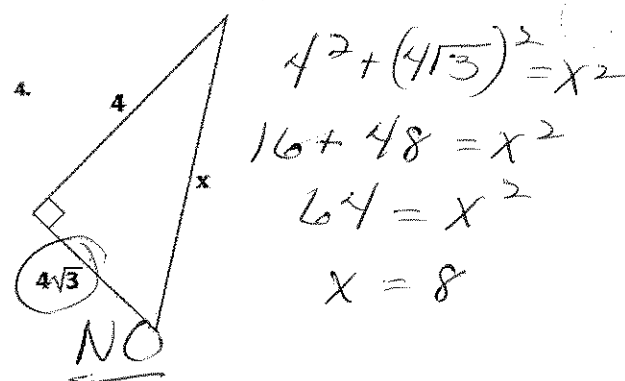
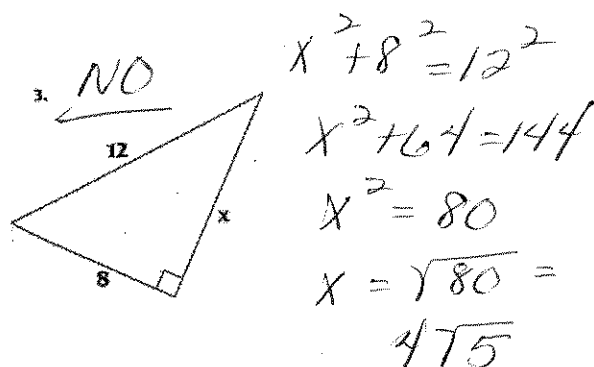


$$x^2 + 10^2 = 20^2 \\ x^2 + 100 = 400 \\ x^2 = 300 \\ x = \sqrt{300} = \boxed{10\sqrt{3}}$$

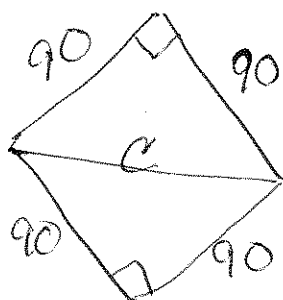
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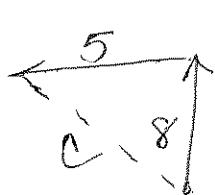


$$90^2 + 90^2 = c^2$$

$$16200 = c^2$$

$$c = 127.3 \text{ ft.}$$

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$$5^2 + 8^2 = c^2$$

$$25 + 64 = c^2$$

$$89 = c^2$$

$$c = \sqrt{89} = 9.4 \text{ miles}$$