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## Math 1030 \#18c

Problem Solving in Geometry


Triangles


Pythagorean Theorem: In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sums of the squares of the two legs.

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a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}
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EX 1: Determine the acres in this piece of river front property. 1 acre $=43,560 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$.


## Similar Triangles

> Similar triangles have the same shape.
> Their corresponding angles are equal in measure. Their sides are proportional. That is, the ratios of corresponding sides are equal.


EX 2: If the sides of the smaller triangle above are (from shortest to longest) $8 \mathrm{~cm}, b \mathrm{~cm}, 12 \mathrm{~cm}$ and the sides of the larger triangle are $c^{\prime} \mathrm{cm}, 15 \mathrm{~cm}$ and 20 cm , find the measures of all sides of both triangles.

EX 3: The shadow cast by a 5 ft 8 inch person is 8 ft . How tall is the light post which casts a 12 foot shadow?

EX 4: If a skateboard ramp is to have a slope of $5 / 12$ and takes the skater from ground level to ten feet high, how long is the board necessary to do that?

