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Module 8 Points, Lines, Angles, and Triangles  
Lesson 7 Right Triangles

# Challenge Problems

## 8.7

### Set 1

- 1 A triangle has sides measuring  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\sqrt{7}$ , and  $\sqrt{10}$ . Is the triangle a right triangle?
- 2 A Pythagorean Triple is a list of three integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  for which  $a$  squared plus  $b$  squared equals  $c$  squared. Show that 3, 4, 5 is a Pythagorean Triple.
- 3 If you multiply each number of a Pythagorean Triple by the same number, you get another Pythagorean Triple. For example, multiplying the Pythagorean Triple 3, 4, 5 by two would give the Pythagorean Triple 6, 8, 10. Use the Pythagorean Triple 5, 12, 13 to find three other Pythagorean Triples.
- 4 In any right isosceles triangle, the length of the hypotenuse can be found by multiplying the length of a leg by  $\sqrt{2}$ . Show that this method gives the same result as the Pythagorean Theorem for a right isosceles triangle with a leg length of six.

## Possible Answers

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1. It is a right triangle.

$$(\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{7})^2 \stackrel{?}{=} (\sqrt{10})^2$$

$$3 + 7 = 10$$

$$10 = 10$$

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

$$3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$$

$$9 + 16 = 25$$

$$25 = 25$$

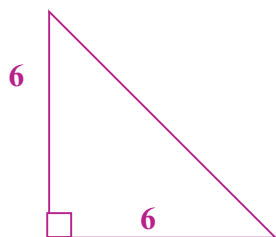
3. 5, 12, 13

$$\times 2: 10, 24, 26$$

$$\times 3: 15, 36, 39$$

$$\times 10: 50, 120, 130$$

- 4.



$$6 \times \sqrt{2} \approx 8.49$$

$$6^2 + 6^2 = c^2$$

$$36 + 36 = c^2$$

$$72 = c^2$$

$$8.49 \approx c$$