

Homework: Email (Wednesday)  
(see Web)

1. Last Euclidean Theorem. (Pythagorean Theorem) (Hundreds of Proofs) .

2. Assignment: (Due Friday)

(i) Pick your favorite proof of Pythag. thm

(ii) Present this (virtual)

(a) create visual (Power point, Latex, Pencil/paper + CamScanner) (1 page)

(b) present this: Live (Friday)

or  
Record & submit

# Pythagorean Theorem

If  $\triangle ACB$  is a right  $\triangle$ , then  $AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$

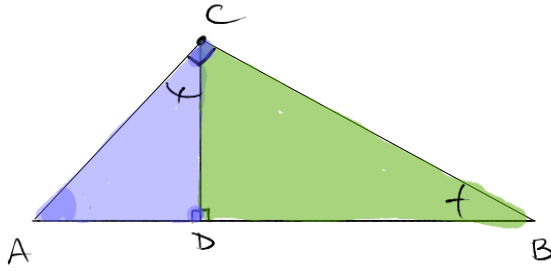
proof: uses similar  $\triangle$ 's.

1. Know  $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$
2. Drop  $\perp$  to  $AB$  from  $C$ ,  $\angle ADC \cong \angle BDC \cong 90^\circ$
3. So we have 3 similar  $\triangle$ 's.

$$\frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{leg}} = \frac{AC}{AD} = \frac{AB}{AC} \quad \& \quad \frac{BC}{DB} = \frac{AB}{BC}$$

$\triangle ACB \sim \triangle ADC$

$\triangle BDC \sim \triangle ACB$



cross mult.  $AC^2 = ADAB$

+  $BC^2 = DBAB$

$$AC^2 + BC^2 = ADAB + DBAB = AB(\overbrace{AD+DB}^{AB}) = AB^2$$

$\therefore AC^2 + BC^2 = AB^2$

## Similar $\triangle$ 's:

AAA:

- All right  $\angle$ 's  $\cong$
- $\angle A$  belongs to both  $\triangle ACB$  &  $\triangle ADC$

- Euclidean Geom:

small  $90 + \angle A + \angle ACD = 180$

large  $\angle A + 90 + \angle B = 180$   
assumption

$\Rightarrow \angle ACD = \angle B$

## Question:

Is Pythag. Thm a Euclidean Result

our proof uses similar  $\triangle$ 's. (this is a Eucl. result)  $\Rightarrow$  PY. Thm a Euclidean (dec.)