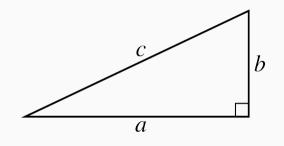
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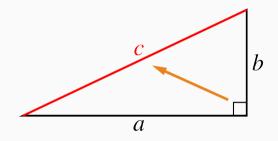
Quick Review





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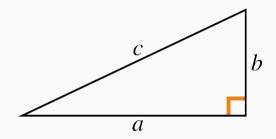
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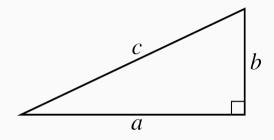
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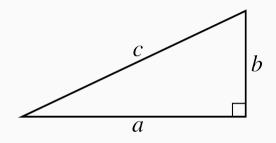
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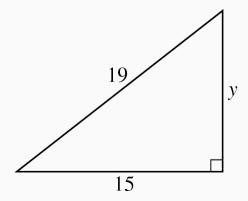


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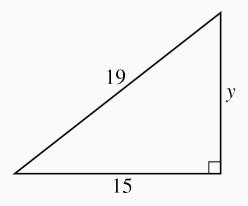
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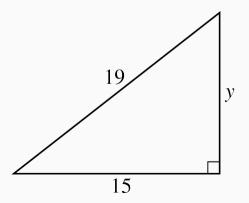


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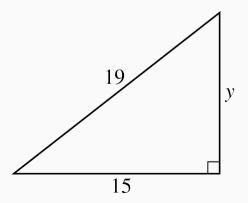
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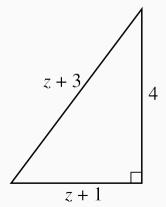
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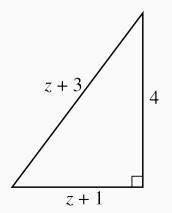
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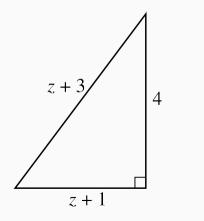
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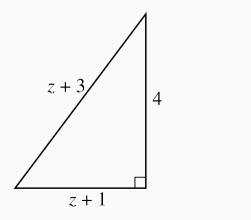


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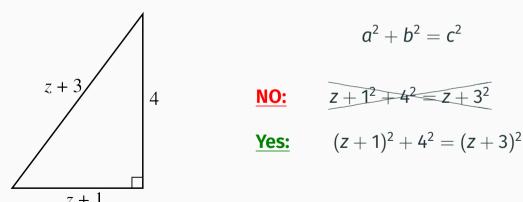
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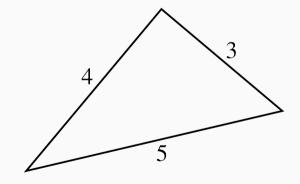
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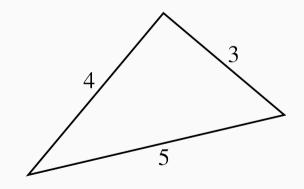
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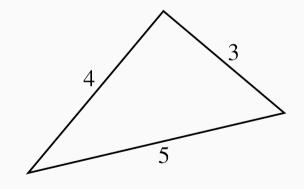


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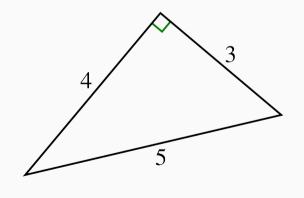
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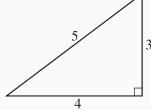
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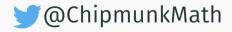
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Learn more in the video "Extra—Pythagorean Triples."

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