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Problem. Pythagoras Tree

The growth of an isosceles Pythagoras tree has the following pattern: In the first year, the tree grows its trunk, which is a square. In the second year, an isosceles right-angled triangle grows on top such that its hypotenuse is the top side of the square, and then the first two branches, also square in shape, grow from the legs of the triangle. Then this pattern repeats every year, that is, an isosceles right triangle grows on top of each branch and its legs grow two new square branches. Given that the trunk (i.e. the first square) is 8 meters wide, calculate the height and width of the tree at the end of the fourth year.

