

# Excellent Notes

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**Section I Arithmetic Sequence and Geometric Sequence**

**© Concept 1: Comprehensive Application of Arithmetic and Geometric Sequence**

For higher-degree arithmetic problems in Part 15, most of the time, both arithmetic and geometric sequences are tested comprehensively. However, the problem-solving approach still relies on the general rule formula.

The periodicity of a sequence refers to a pattern where the elements of the sequence repeat at regular intervals, meaning that the value occurs in a loop.

**Math Exploration 1**

1 You have been requested to start adding each term of a four-term arithmetic sequence of positive integers by decomposing the first four-term geometric sequence of positive integers. The first three terms of the resulting four-term arithmetic sequence are 10, 15, and 20. What is the fourth term? (Adapted from 2022 AMC 10A Problems, Question #20)

A. 25 B. 30 C. 110 D. 200 E. 250

Workout:

10, 15, 20  
 $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}$   
 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = 2$   
 $\frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{2} = 4$   
 $\frac{5}{2} + x = 6$   
 $x = 1$   
 $10, 15, 20, 21$

2 If  $m$  and  $n$  are integers such that  $1 < m < n < 5$ , what is the sum of all 10 least values of  $m+n$  that are divisible by 3? (Adapted from 2021 AMC 10 Problems, Question #22)

A. 16 B. 20 C. 24 D. 28 E. 300

Workout:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
 $1+2=3$   
 $1+3=4$   
 $1+4=5$   
 $1+5=6$   
 $2+3=5$   
 $2+4=6$   
 $2+5=7$   
 $3+4=7$   
 $3+5=8$   
 $4+5=9$

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# Lesson 6

# Coordinate Bash

# and Euclid's

# Theorem

## Announcement

Parent's Meeting (Brief QA Session) at the end of the class  
Answer questions about exam registration, mock exam and more.



## Concept 1

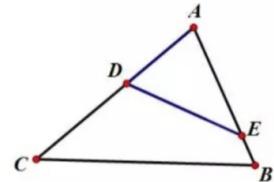
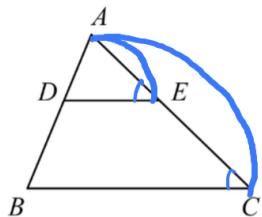
# Comprehensive Applications of Congruence and Similarity



## Review – "A" Model

If  $\overline{DE} \parallel \overline{BC}$ , we have  $\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$ , and then

$$\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{DE}{BC}, \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}, \frac{DB}{AB} = \frac{EC}{AC}.$$

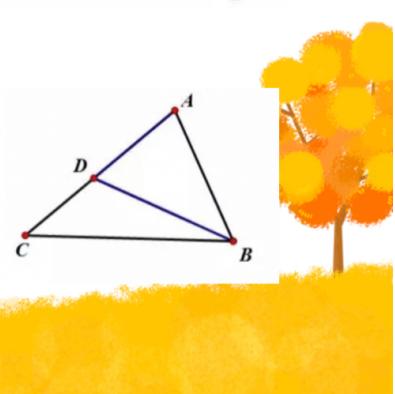


### Reverse A Model

$$m\angle AED = m\angle C \Rightarrow \triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$$

### Reverse A Model (Common Side)

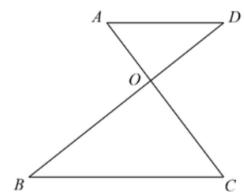
$$m\angle ABD = m\angle C \Rightarrow \triangle ADB \sim \triangle ABC$$



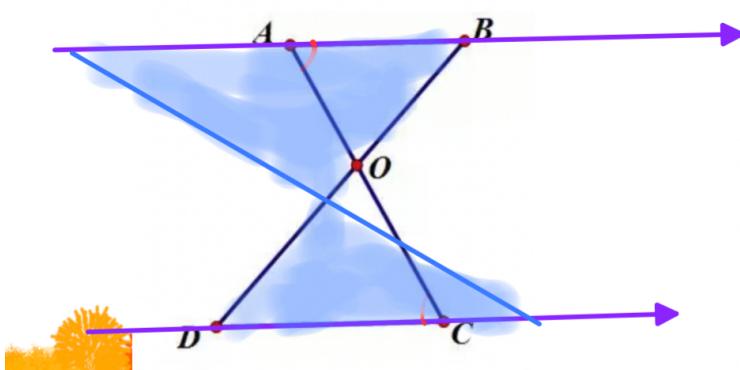
## Review – "8" Model

If  $\overline{AD} \parallel \overline{BC}$ , we have  $\triangle OAD \sim \triangle OCB$ , and then

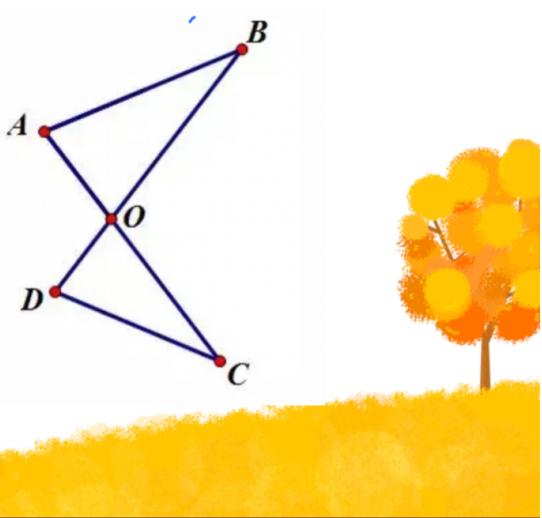
$$\frac{AD}{CB} = \frac{AO}{CO} = \frac{DO}{BO}, \frac{AO}{AC} = \frac{DO}{BD}, \frac{CO}{CA} = \frac{BO}{DB}.$$



### "8" Model



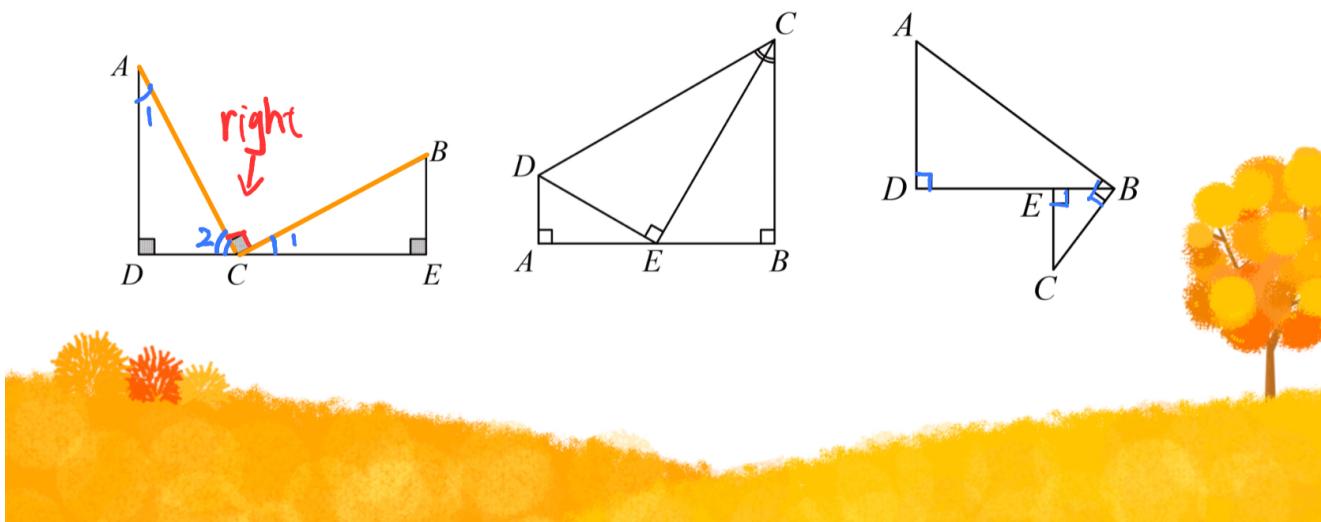
### Reverse "8" Model



## Review – K Model

Summary of "K" congruence models in congruent models:

- ① Signs of the Existence: The presence of an isosceles right triangle.
  - ② Conclusion: Two right triangles with their two legs as the hypotenuses are congruent.



MC(1)

## Math Exploration 1.1

$$(3a)^2 + a^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \left(a^2 = \frac{1}{10}\right)$$

A rectangle with side lengths **1** and **3**, a square with side length **1**, and a rectangle **R** are inscribed inside a larger square as shown. The sum of all possible values for the area of **R** can be written in the form  $\frac{m}{n}$ , where **m** and **n** are relatively prime positive integers. What is **m + n**? (2021 Fall AMC 10B Problems, Question #25)

A. 14

B. 23

C. 46

Use similar and congruent  $\triangle$ :

$$a+b+b+3a=3b+a \Rightarrow 3a=b$$

Yellow  $\Delta \sim$  Red  $\Delta$ : ①  $a=c$ , for R;

$$\frac{3c}{4a-c} \neq \frac{3a}{6a-3c}$$

$$\Rightarrow 18ac - 9c^2 = 12a^2 - 3ac$$

$$12a^2 - 21ac + 9c^2 = 0$$

$$4a^2 - 7ac + 3c^2 = 0$$

$$(4a - 3c)(a - c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a = 3c \text{ or } a = c$$

$$\text{length} = 3\sqrt{2} \cdot a$$

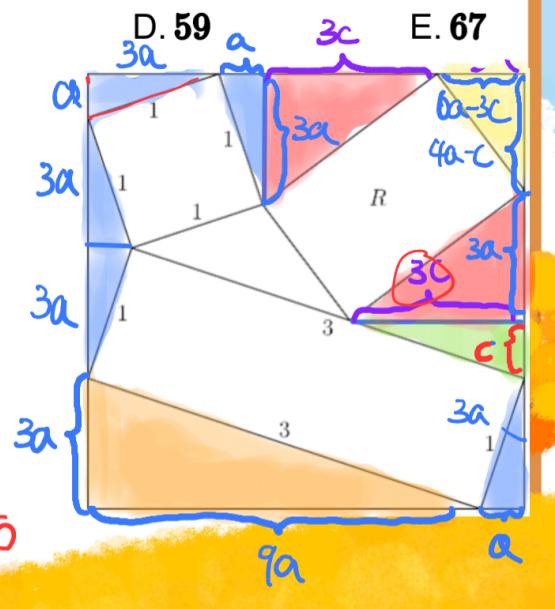
$$\text{Width} = 3\sqrt{2} \text{ a}$$

$$\text{Area} = 18a$$

$$\text{Amplitude} = \frac{50}{2} = 2$$

Ans = 12  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$- \frac{52}{15} \Rightarrow 67$$



### Practice 1.1

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the kite formed by joining two right triangles with legs 1 and  $\sqrt{3}$  along a common hypotenuse. Eight copies of  $\mathcal{K}$  are used to form the polygon shown below.

What is the area of triangle  $\Delta ABC$ ? (2024 AMC 10A Problems, Question #22)

A.  $2 + 3\sqrt{3}$

B.  $\frac{9}{2}\sqrt{3}$

C.  $\frac{10 + 8\sqrt{3}}{3}$

D. 8

E.  $5\sqrt{3}$

$\triangle ADE$  is  $30-60-90^\circ$   $\triangle$

$$AE = AD \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

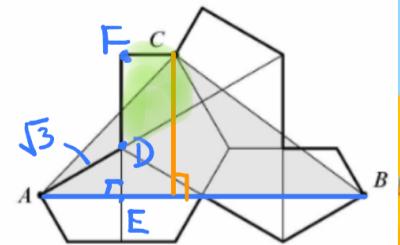
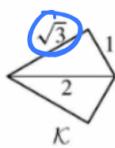
$$AB = 4AE = 6$$

$$\text{Also, } DE = AD \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{and } DF = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = EF = \sqrt{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$A_{\Delta ABC} = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2}$$



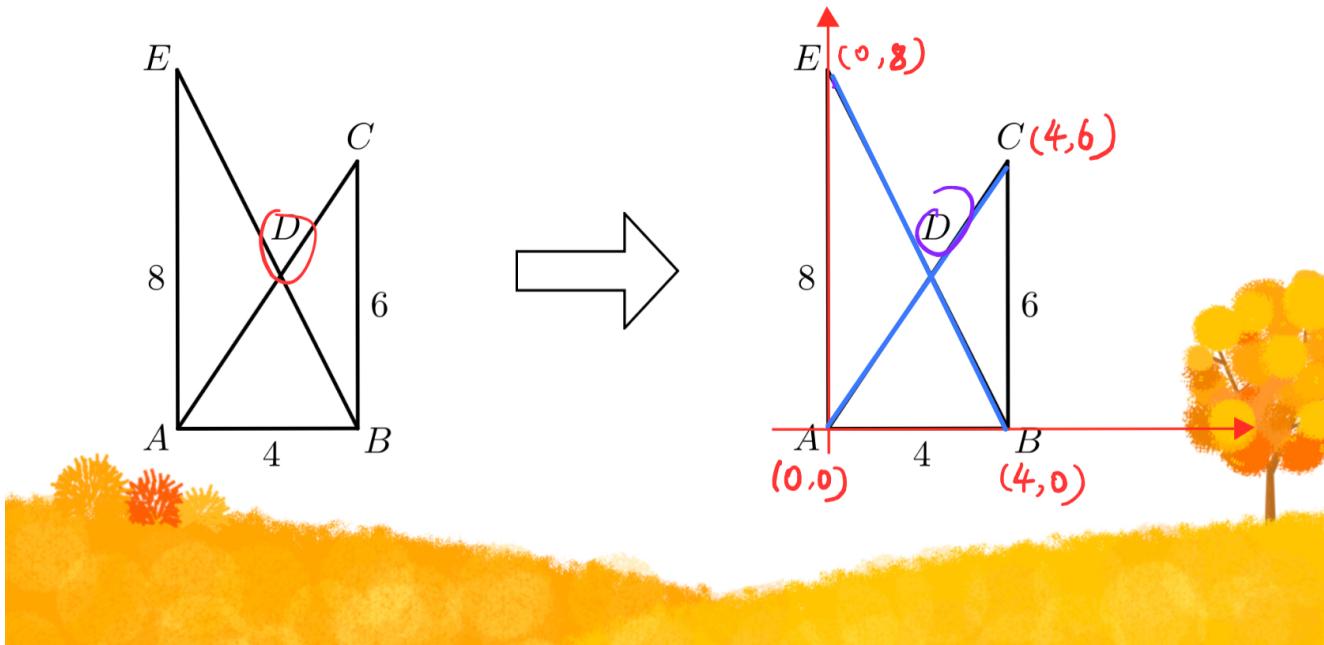
### Concept 2: Coordinate Bash

# Coordinate Bash



## Concept 2: Coordbash

Coordbash (Coordinate Bash) is a strategy in geometry where coordinate geometry is used to solve problems, especially when constructing auxiliary lines is difficult or when pure geometric methods are not straightforward.



MC(1)

### Math Exploration 2.1

In rectangle  $ABCD$ ,  $AB = 1$ ,  $BC = 2$ , and points  $E$ ,  $F$ , and  $G$  are midpoints of  $\overline{BC}$ ,  $\overline{CD}$ , and  $\overline{AD}$ , respectively. Point  $H$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{GE}$ . What is the area of the shaded region? (2014 AMC 10A Problems, Question #16)

- A.  $\frac{1}{12}$     B.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{18}$     C.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{12}$     D.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{12}$

~~E.  $\frac{1}{6}$~~

$FH=1$ , need to find  $IJ$

Set a coordinate plane:

$$D(0,0), H\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right), A(0,2), F\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Equation of } \overline{DH}: y = 2x$$

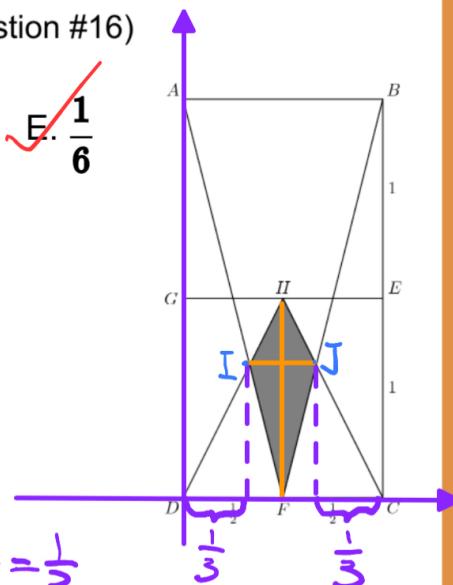
$$\text{Equation of } \overline{AF}: y = -4x + 2$$

$$\text{Find intersection point I: } \Rightarrow IJ = 1 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$2x = -4x + 2$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$



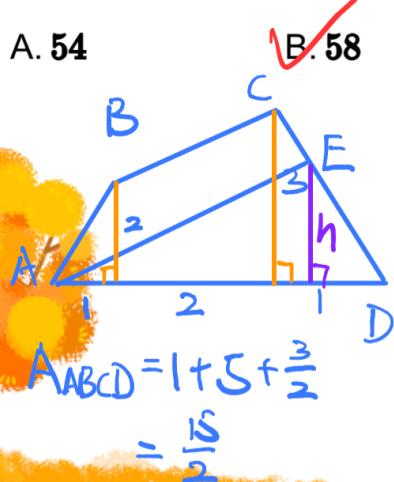
**Math Exploration 2.2**

$$m = \frac{0-3}{4-3} = -3$$

Let points  $A = (0, 0)$ ,  $B = (1, 2)$ ,  $C = (3, 3)$ , and  $D = (4, 0)$ . Quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is cut into equal area pieces by a line passing through  $A$ . This line intersects  $\overline{CD}$  at point  $\left(\frac{p}{q}, \frac{r}{s}\right)$ , where these fractions are in lowest terms. What is  $p + q + r + s$ ?

(2013 AMC 10A Problems, Question #18)

A. 54



B. 58

C. 62

$$A_{\Delta AED} = \frac{1}{2} A_{ABCD}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot h = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{15}{2}$$

$$h = \frac{15}{8}$$

Find equation of  $\overline{CD}$ ,

$$y = -3x + 12$$

D. 70

Find point E

$$\text{plug in } y = \frac{15}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{15}{8} = -3x + 12$$

$$x = \frac{27}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ans} &= 15 + 8 + 27 + 8 \\ &= 58 \end{aligned}$$

E. 75

**Math Exploration 2.3**

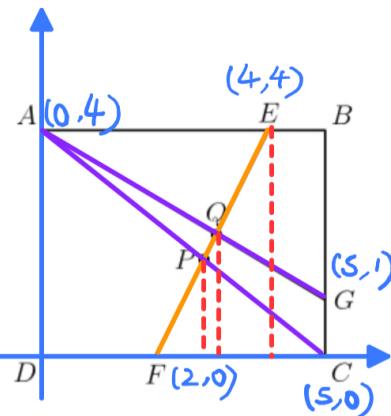
Rectangle  $ABCD$  has  $AB = 5$  and  $BC = 4$ . Point  $E$  lies on  $\overline{AB}$  so that  $EB = 1$ , point  $G$  lies on  $\overline{BC}$  so that  $CG = 1$ , and point  $F$  lies on  $\overline{CD}$  so that  $DF = 2$ .

Segments  $\overline{AG}$  and  $\overline{AC}$  intersect  $\overline{EF}$  at  $Q$  and  $P$ , respectively. What is the value of  $\frac{PQ}{EF}$ ? (2016 AMC 10B Problems, Question #19)

A.  $\frac{\sqrt{13}}{16}$ B.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{13}$ C.  $\frac{9}{82}$ D.  $\frac{10}{91}$ E.  $\frac{1}{9}$ 

$$\begin{cases} EF: y = 2x - 4 \\ AC: y = -\frac{4}{5}x + 4 \\ AG: y = -\frac{3}{5}x + 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{PQ}{EF} &= \frac{|x_P - x_Q|}{|x_E - x_F|} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{40}{13} - \frac{20}{7}\right)}{2} = \frac{10}{91} \end{aligned}$$



Intersection:

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Point } Q: 2x - 4 = -\frac{3}{5}x + 4 \quad \textcircled{2} \text{ Point } P: 2x - 4 = -\frac{4}{5}x + 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{13}{5}x &= 8 \\ x &= \frac{40}{13} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{14}{5}x &= 8 \\ x &= \frac{20}{7} \end{aligned}$$

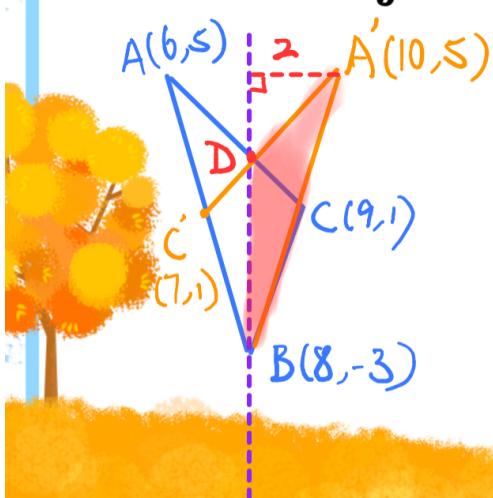
## Practice 2.1

A triangle with vertices  $(6, 5)$ ,  $(8, -3)$ , and  $(9, 1)$  is reflected about the line  $x = 8$  to create a second triangle. What is the area of the union of the two triangles? (2013 AMC 10A Problems, Question #16)

A. 9

B.  $\frac{28}{3}$ 

C. 10

D.  $\frac{31}{3}$ E.  $\frac{32}{3}$ 

Prove:  $A, C'$  and  $B$  are co-linear.

Slope of  $AC'$  is  $\frac{5-1}{6-7} = -4$

Slope of  $C'B$  is  $\frac{1-(-3)}{7-8} = -4$

Find equation  $AC$ : slope  $= \frac{5-1}{6-7} = -\frac{4}{3}$

$$y = -\frac{4}{3}x + 13$$

Plug in  $x = 8 \Rightarrow D(8, \frac{7}{3}) \Rightarrow BD = \frac{7}{3} - (-3)$

$$\text{Area} = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{16}{3} \cdot 2\right) = \frac{32}{3}$$

## Practice 2.2

In rectangle  $ABCD$ ,  $AB = 6$ ,  $AD = 30$ , and  $G$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{AD}$ .

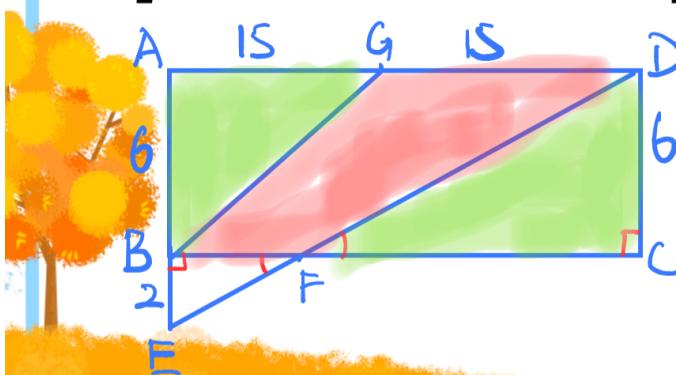
Segment  $AB$  is extended 2 units beyond  $B$  to point  $E$ , and  $F$  is the intersection of  $\overline{ED}$  and  $\overline{BC}$ . What is the area of quadrilateral  $BFDG$ ? (2012 AMC 10B Problems, Question #19)

A.  $\frac{133}{2}$ 

B. 67

C.  $\frac{135}{2}$ 

D. 68

E.  $\frac{137}{2}$ 

$\triangle BFE \sim \triangle DFC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BF}{FC} = \frac{BE}{DC} = \frac{2}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow FC = 3BF$$

$$FC = \frac{3}{4}BC = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 30 = \frac{45}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= 6 \times 30 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 15\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times \frac{45}{2}\right) \\ &= 180 - 45 - \frac{135}{2} \\ &= \underline{\underline{135}} \end{aligned}$$

### Concept 3: Euclid's Theorem

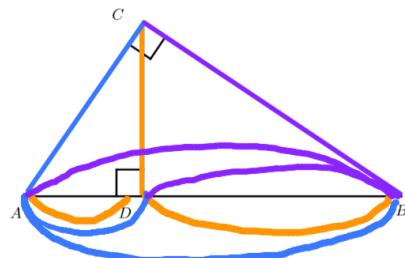
As shown in the figure below, if  $CD$  is the altitude drawn to the hypotenuse of right triangle  $ABC$ , then these conclusions can be deduced:

- ①  $CD^2 = AD \cdot BD$ ;
- ②  $AC^2 = AD \cdot AB$ ;
- ③  $BC^2 = BD \cdot AB$ ;
- ④  $AC \cdot BC = AB \cdot CD$ .

$$\triangle ADC \sim \triangle CDB$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CD}{DB} = \frac{AD}{CD} \Rightarrow CD^2 = AD \cdot BD$$

↑      ↑  
Longer leg    shorter leg



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### Math Exploration 5.1

As shown in the figure,  $AD$  is the height on the hypotenuse of  $\text{Rt}\triangle ABC$ .

Given  $AB = 3$ ,  $CD = 8$ , try to use the Euclid's theorem to find the length of

other line segments  $BD = \underline{1}$ ,  $AD = \underline{2\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $AC = \underline{6\sqrt{2}}$ .

$$AB^2 = BD \cdot BC \quad AD^2 = BD \cdot DC$$

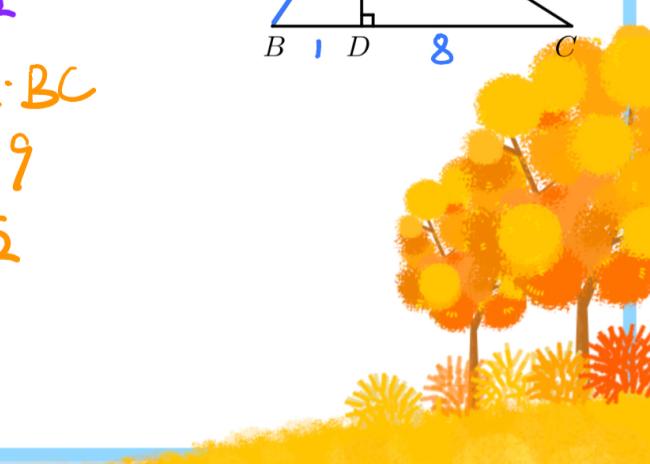
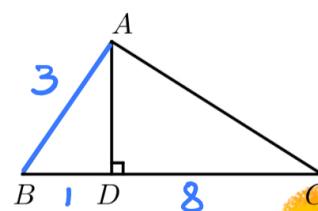
$$3^2 = BD \cdot (BD + 8) \quad AD^2 = 1 \cdot 8$$

$$BD^2 + 8BD - 9 = 0 \quad AD = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$(BD + 9)(BD - 1) = 0 \quad AC^2 = DC \cdot BC$$

$$BD = 1 \quad AD^2 = 8 \cdot 9$$

$$AC = 6\sqrt{2}$$



## Math Exploration 5.2

Quadrilateral  $ABCD$  satisfies  $\angle ABC = \angle ACD = 90^\circ$ ,  $AC = 20$ , and  $CD = 30$ . Diagonals  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{BD}$  intersect at point  $E$ , and  $AE = 5$ . What is the area of quadrilateral  $ABCD$ ? (2020 AMC 10A Problem, Question #20)

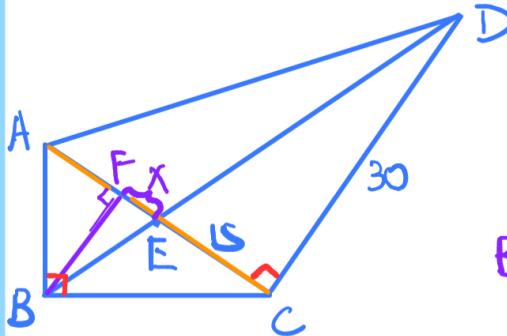
A. 330

B. 340

C. 350

D. 360

E. 370



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \triangle ACD &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot AC \cdot CD \\ &= 300 \end{aligned}$$

Find  $\triangle ABC$ .

Draw  $\overline{BF} \perp \overline{AC}$ , given  $AE=5$ ,  $CE=20-5=15$

$$\text{Let } EF=x, \frac{EF}{CE} = \frac{BF}{CD} \Rightarrow BF=2x$$

$$\Rightarrow AF=5-x \text{ and } CF=15+x$$

By Geometric Mean Theorem,

$$BF^2 = AF \cdot CF$$

$$(2x)^2 = (5-x)(15+x)$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$$

$$x=3$$

$$\Rightarrow BF=2x=6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= 300 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 20 \cdot 6 \\ &= 360 \end{aligned}$$

## Practice 5.1

Rectangle  $ABCD$  has  $AB = 3$  and  $BC = 4$ . Point  $E$  is the foot of the perpendicular from  $B$  to diagonal  $\overline{AC}$ . What is the area of  $\triangle AED$ ? (2017 AMC 10B Problem, Question #15)

A. 1

B.  $\frac{42}{25}$ C.  $\frac{28}{15}$ 

D. 2

E.  $\frac{54}{25}$ 

$$\text{In } \triangle ABC, AC=5 \text{ and } BE = \frac{3 \times 4}{5} = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AE \cdot AC$$

$$3^2 = AE \cdot 5$$

$$AE = \frac{9}{5}$$

$$\text{Similar triangles: } \frac{h}{DC} = \frac{AE}{AC}$$

$$h = \frac{9}{5} \div 5 \cdot 3$$

$$h = \frac{27}{25}$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ADE = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{27}{25}$$

$$= \frac{54}{25}$$

