

# Euler's project problem 9

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## Problem statement

A Pythagorean triplet is a set of three natural numbers,  $a < b < c$ , for which,  
 $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  For example,  $3^2 + 4^2 = 9 + 16 = 25 = 5^2$ .

There exists exactly one Pythagorean triplet for which  $a + b + c = 1000$ . Find the product  $abc$ .

## Answer

The product  $abc = 31875000$  and the numbers that got it are  $a = 200$ ,  $b = 375$   $c = 425$

## Idea

Since  $a < b < c$  loop through all possible combinations of those numbers where  $a + b + c < 1000$ . Then if  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  you have your pythagorean triplet under those conditions.

## Python code

```
def pythTriplet(sumLessThan):  
    for a in range(1, sumLessThan + 1, 1):  
        for b in range(a + 1, sumLessThan + 1, 1):  
            c = sumLessThan - a - b  
            if (a * a) + (b * b) == c * c:  
                return a*b*c, str(a) + ", " + str(b) + ", " + str(c)  
  
print(pythTriplet(1000))
```