

any triangle (not only a right triangle) is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the product of its base and height. Show that because a trapezoid is composed of two triangles with the same height but different <sup>bases</sup> bases, its area is equal to  $(\frac{1}{2}h(b+b'))$

$$GC \times FB = A \text{ (Area)}$$

$$\frac{Gb}{BD} = \frac{FG}{BC}$$

$$b' + b = 2B$$

$$2B = GC = FD$$

$$2B \times \frac{1}{2} = A$$

$$2B \times G = A$$

$$2B \times FD = A$$

$$\frac{1}{2}h(b+b')$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}h(b+b') = \frac{1}{2}hb + \frac{1}{2}hb' = A$$



$$GB \times h = \frac{1}{2}A$$

$$bD \times b = \frac{1}{2}A$$

$$A + A = 2A$$

$$\frac{1}{2}h(2A) = A$$

9. A Triangle with 3 equal sides (Equilateral) also has 3 equal angles. Since the sum of the angles of any triangle is  $180^\circ$ , each angle is  $60^\circ$ . A perpendicular dropped from any vertex to the opposite side (an altitude) bisects that side and the angle from which it is drawn producing two  $30^\circ-60^\circ$  right triangles. Apply the Pythagorean theorem to the  $30^\circ-60^\circ$  right triangles to show that its sides are in the ratio  $1:2:\sqrt{3}$  and, therefore, that the altitude of any equilateral triangle is  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  times the length of a side.

$$\angle A = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle B = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle C = 60^\circ$$

$$\angle A' = 30^\circ$$

$$\angle O = \frac{180^\circ}{2} = 90^\circ$$

$$CO = \frac{1}{2} \quad CA = 2$$

$$OA^2 = 2^2 - 1^2$$

$$OA = \sqrt{3}$$

$$2^2 = 1^2 + b^2$$

$$b^2 = 2^2 - 1^2$$

$$b = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{CO}{CA} = \frac{BO}{BA}$$

$$CA^2 = CO^2 + OA^2$$

$$2^2 = 1^2 + OA^2$$

$$B = \sqrt{3}$$

$$OA = \sqrt{2^2 - 1^2}$$

$$OA = \sqrt{4 - 1}$$

$$OA = \sqrt{3} = (\sqrt{3})$$

$$2^2 = 1^2 + \sqrt{3}^2$$

$$4 = 1 + 3$$

$$\sqrt{12.75} = \sqrt{3} \times 5$$



$$s^2 = \left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^2 + b^2$$

$$b^2 = \frac{s^2}{4} + 25$$

$$b = \sqrt{2.5}$$

$$OA = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \times 2 = \sqrt{3}$$

$$s^2 = 2.5^2 + b^2$$

$$b^2 = 25 - 6.25$$

$$b = \sqrt{18.75} = 4.33$$

10. Find the area of an equilateral triangle in terms of the length of a side. (See problem 3).  $A = (\frac{1}{2}s) \times (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}s)$

$$A = (\frac{1}{2} \times 5) \times 2 = 5, A = (\frac{1}{2} \times 2) \times (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times 2) = \sqrt{3}$$