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## SQUARE ROOT UNIT

*Calendar of Chapter: See the 'Homework' link on the webpage*

### **What You'll Learn:**

Square Roots – What a square root is, how it's related to squaring, and how to evaluate for whole numbers, decimals, fractions, and negative numbers

Estimating Square Roots – How to estimate the square root of any number, including fractions

Pythagorean Theorem – What the theorem is, and how it is evaluated

Research and describe an ancient use for the Pythagorean Theorem:

## Square Roots

Focus: To understand what a square root is and how it can be evaluated.

### Warmup:

Every operation in math has an opposite.

Complete the table:

Operation	Opposite Operation
+	-
-	+
x	÷
÷	x
squaring <sup>2</sup>	$\sqrt{\quad}$ sq root

What is the symbol for a square root?



Ex1 – Simplify

a)  $2^2$

b)  $5^2$

c)  $8^2$

Ex2 – Now, square

root the answer to each.

Can you predict what will happen?

Test on your calculator.

Ex3

A square rug has an area of  $9\text{m}^2$ .

a) Sketch the rug as a grid.

b) What is the side length of the rug?

c) How can you get the side length without using the picture?

d) Explain in a sentence how the side length and area of a square are related.

Ex4 –

a) Which numbers between 1 & 100 can you square root & get a whole number answer?

b) Do these numbers have only one square root?

a)  $2^2$

= 4

$\sqrt{4}$

= 2

b)  $5^2$

= 25

$\sqrt{25}$

= 5

c)  $8^2$

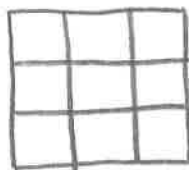
= 64

$\sqrt{64}$

= 8

*You get the base from your original power*

One application of square roots is when finding side lengths of squares:



b) 3m

c)  $\sqrt{9} = 3$

d) *- square root area to get side length  
- square side length to get area*

a) 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100

b) No, they have two!

for example,  $\sqrt{4} = 2$  and  $\sqrt{4} = -2$

b/c  $2 \times 2 = 4$  and  $-2 \times -2 = 4$

How can you square root a fraction?  
(very similar to the exponent law for squaring fractions!)

Ex5 - Simplify

a)  $\sqrt{\frac{81}{25}}$

b)  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{16}}$

Ex6 - Simplify without a calculator, then confirm with a calculator:

a)  $\sqrt{0.49}$

b)  $\sqrt{0.81}$

c)  $\sqrt{0.04}$

Can you explain the trend for square rooting decimals without a calculator?

Ex7 - Simplify without a calculator:

a)  $\sqrt{0.36}$

b)  $\sqrt{0.0036}$

c)  $\sqrt{0.0009}$

Ex8 -

- What is the square root of -49?
- Try to square root it on your calculator. What is the result?
- Why?

use  $\frac{4}{9}$  as an example:  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$$

a)  $\sqrt{\frac{81}{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{81}}{\sqrt{25}} = \frac{9}{5}$

b)  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{16}} = \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{16}} = \frac{1}{4}$

a)  $\sqrt{0.49} = 0.7$

(b)  $\sqrt{0.81} = 0.9$

c)  $\sqrt{0.04} = 0.2$

b/c  $0.7 \times 0.7 = 0.49$     b/c  $0.9 \times 0.9 = 0.81$     b/c  $0.2 \times 0.2 = 0.04$

However many digits are after the decimal in the multiplication is how many digits are after the decimal in the product.

a)  $\sqrt{0.36} = 0.6$

(b)  $\sqrt{0.0036} = 0.06$

c)  $\sqrt{0.0009} = 0.03$

$0.6 \times 0.6 = 0.36$      $0.06 \times 0.06 = 0.0036$

a)  $\sqrt{-49}$   
no answer

b) Error

c) You can't multiply two identical numbers and get a negative number.

pos x pos = pos, neg x neg = pos

neg x pos = neg

↑ ↑  
can't be identical

## Estimating Square Roots

Focus: Approximate the square roots of whole numbers, decimals, and fractions.

### Warmup

List all the numbers between 1 and 100 that you know the square root of.

1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100

### Ex1

- Estimate the square root of 7
- How did you make your estimate?
- Let's estimate it using **benchmarks**

a)  $\sqrt{7}$   
answers will vary

b) answers will vary

c)  $\sqrt{4}$        $\sqrt{7}$        $\sqrt{9}$   
2      ↓      3  
2.6 or 2.7

actual  $\sqrt{7} = 2.64575...$

Ex2 – Estimate the square root using benchmarks. Show your work

- 55
- 79
- 20

a)  $\sqrt{49}$        $\sqrt{55}$       b)  $\sqrt{64}$       c)  $\sqrt{79}$        $\sqrt{81}$        $\sqrt{16}$        $\sqrt{20}$        $\sqrt{25}$   
7      ↓      8      8      ↓      4      ↓      5  
7.4      8.9      9      4.4 or 4.5

Ex3 - Check the square root of each using a calculator

$\sqrt{55} = 7.416...$        $\sqrt{79} = 8.888...$        $\sqrt{20} = 4.472...$

Ex4 - Construct a benchmark chart for numbers between 0 & 1

$\sqrt{0.01}$	$\sqrt{0.04}$	$\sqrt{0.09}$	$\sqrt{0.16}$	$\sqrt{0.25}$	$\sqrt{0.36}$	$\sqrt{0.49}$	$\sqrt{0.64}$	$\sqrt{0.81}$	$\sqrt{1}$
0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1

Ex5 – Estimate the square root using benchmarks. Show your work

- 0.14
- 0.4
- 0.05

a)  $\sqrt{0.09}$        $\sqrt{0.14}$        $\sqrt{0.16}$       b)  $\sqrt{0.36}$        $\sqrt{0.4}$        $\sqrt{0.49}$       c)  $\sqrt{0.04}$        $\sqrt{0.05}$        $\sqrt{0.09}$   
0.3      ↓      0.4      0.6      0.63      0.7      ↓      0.2      0.22

Ex6 – Check the square root of each using a calculator

$\sqrt{0.14} = 0.374...$        $\sqrt{0.4} = 0.632...$        $\sqrt{0.05} = 0.2236...$

Ex7 – Estimate without a calculator:

$$\sqrt{\frac{35}{50}}$$

Check with a calculator

Discuss strategies as a class as to how this was estimated:

Ex8 – Estimate without a calculator:

$$\sqrt{\frac{70}{13}}$$

Exchange estimations with a partner, then use your calculator and see who was closer. Discuss strategies used.

Ex9 – Evaluate  $2^3$ . Square rooting is the opposite of squaring. What do you think is the opposite of cubing?

Ex10 – Simplify

a)  $4^3$

b)  $5^3$

Ex11 – Now, cube root the answer to each and confirm using your calculator.

①  $\sqrt{\frac{35}{50}}$

close to  $\sqrt{\frac{36}{49}}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{36}}{\sqrt{49}}$$

$$= \frac{6}{7}$$

$$= 0.86$$

②  $\sqrt{\frac{35 \div 5}{50 \div 5}}$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{7}{10}}$$

$$= \sqrt{0.7}$$

$$\sqrt{0.64} \quad \dots \quad \sqrt{0.81}$$

$$0.8 \quad \downarrow \quad 0.9$$

0.83  
or  
0.84

① - keep in fraction form and find the nearest perfect square for both numerator and denominator

② change to decimal and use benchmarks

ACTUAL

$$\sqrt{\frac{35}{50}} = 0.83666\dots$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{70}{13}}$$

five 13s make 65

$$\sqrt{5 \frac{5}{13}} \approx \sqrt{5.4}$$

$$\sqrt{4} \quad \dots \quad \sqrt{5.4}$$

$$2 \quad \downarrow \quad 3$$

2.3  
estimate

$$\sqrt{9}$$

$$3$$

ACTUAL:

$$\sqrt{\frac{70}{13}} = 2.32\dots$$

$$2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$$

cube rooting:  $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$

a)  $4^3$

$$= 4 \times 4 \times 4$$

$$= 64$$

$$\sqrt[3]{64}$$

$$= 4$$

b)  $5^3$

$$5 \times 5 \times 5$$

$$= 125$$

$$\sqrt[3]{125}$$

$$= 5$$

## The Pythagorean Theorem

Focus: To understand what the Pythagorean Theorem is, and how it is used.

### Warmup:

- What is the Pythagorean Theorem?
- What is it used for?
- Are there any details about how the Theorem works mathematically that are important to know?

### The Pythagorean Theorem

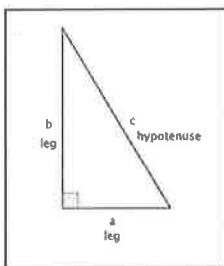
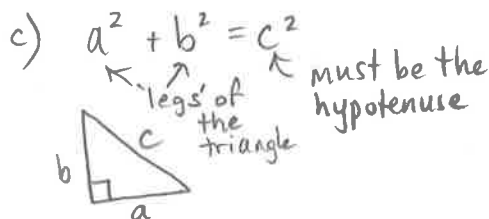
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To find out which path is faster, what do we need to know?

- distance of each pathway
- speed on cement
- speed on sand

a)  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

b) To find a missing side length on a right triangle if you already know the length of the other two sides

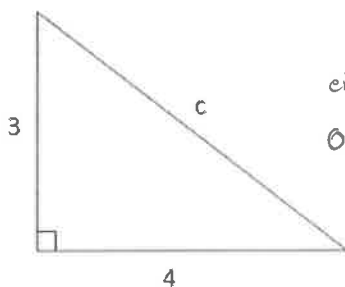
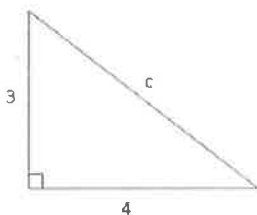


For any right triangle, the sides have the relationship

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the legs (non-hypot) and  $c$  is the hypotenuse

Ex1 - Find the length of the missing side:



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

either:  $a=3, b=4$  } doesn't matter  
OR:  $a=4, b=3$  }

$$3^2 + 4^2 = c^2$$

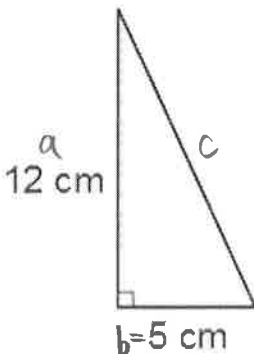
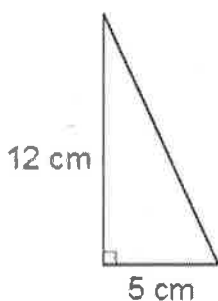
$$9 + 16 = c^2$$

$$25 = c^2$$

$$c = \sqrt{25}$$

$$c = 5$$

Ex2 - Find the length of the missing side:



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$12^2 + 5^2 = c^2$$

$$144 + 25 = c^2$$

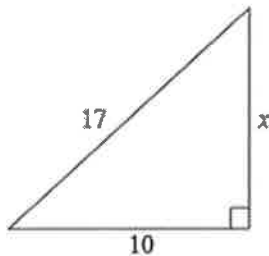
$$169 = c^2$$

$$c = \sqrt{169}$$

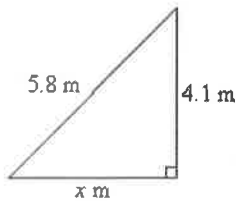
$$c = 13 \text{ cm}$$

Solve for the missing side length to the nearest tenth:

Ex4 – Find the missing side length to the nearest tenth:

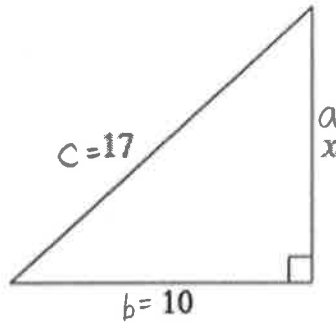
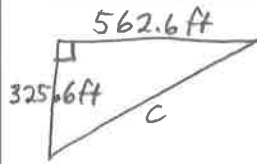


Ex5 – Find the missing side length to the nearest tenth:



Now, with a partner, find out which is the faster path for Dan & Ben:

Back to the 'TACO CART' – ACT 2 'DIMENSIONS'



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$x^2 + 10^2 = 17^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 100 = 289 \\ -100 \quad | \quad -100 \\ \hline x^2 = 189 \end{array}$$

$$x = \sqrt{189}$$

$$x = 13.7$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$x^2 + (4.1)^2 = (5.8)^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 16.81 = 33.64 \\ -16.81 \quad | \quad -16.81 \\ \hline x^2 = 16.83 \end{array}$$

$$x = \sqrt{16.83}$$

$$x = 4.1m$$

Back to the 'TACO CART' – ACT 2 'SPEED'

Sand: 2 feet per second  
Cement: 5 feet per second

'TACO CART' – ACT 3