


Personal Math Trainer 

17.4 Similarity in Right Triangles - Class & Homework



1. Find the geometric mean of the numbers. If necessary, give the answer in simplest radical form.

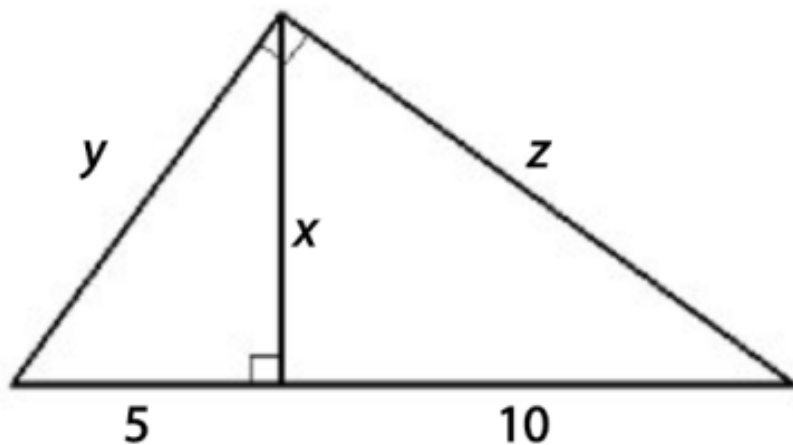
3 and 75

*Multiply the numbers together and then take a square root

The geometric mean is .

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{3 \cdot 75} \\ & \sqrt{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 25} \\ & \sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{25} \\ & = 3 \cdot 5 = \textcircled{15} \end{aligned}$$

2. Find x .



The value of x is $\sqrt{50}$.

You can use the Geometric Means Theorems

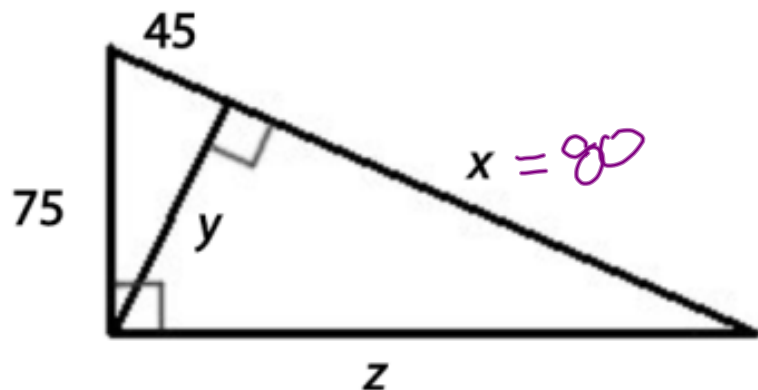
$$\frac{5}{x} = \frac{x}{10}$$

$$50 = x^2$$

$$\sqrt{50} = \sqrt{x^2}$$

$$\sqrt{50} = x$$

3. Find x , y , and z . Drag and drop the numbers into the boxes to show the value of each variable.



$x =$

$y =$

$z =$

take guess

$$\frac{45}{75} = \frac{80}{45+x}$$

$$\frac{45}{75} = \frac{75}{45+x}$$

$$45(45+x) = 75^2$$

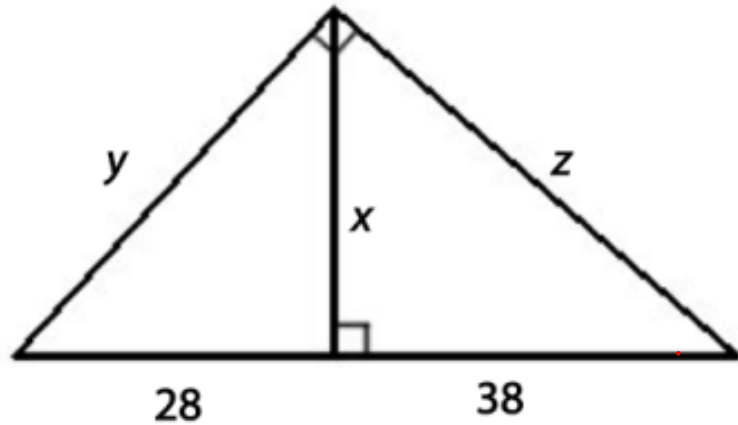
$$\begin{array}{r} 2025 + 45x = 5625 \\ -2025 \\ \hline 45x = 3600 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{45x}{45} = \frac{3600}{45}$$

$$x = 80$$

$$y = \sqrt{45(80)} = 60$$

4. Find x , y , and z . Drag and drop the numbers into the boxes to show the value of each variable.



$$\frac{28}{x} = \frac{x}{38}$$

$$x^2 = 1,064$$

$$x = \sqrt{1,064}$$

$$x = 2\sqrt{266}$$

$$\frac{28}{y} = \frac{y}{66} = 28 + 38$$

$$y^2 = 1,848$$

$$y = \sqrt{1,848}$$

$$y = 2\sqrt{462}$$

$$\frac{38}{z} = \frac{z}{66} = 28 + 38$$

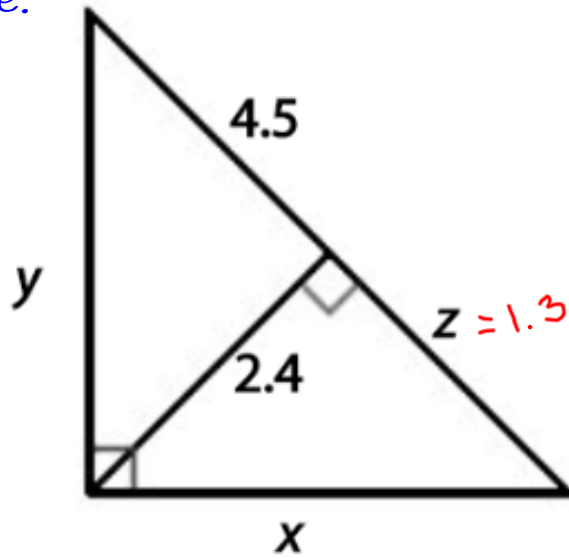
$$z^2 = 2,508$$

$$z = \sqrt{2,508}$$

$$z = 2\sqrt{627}$$

<http://www.mathwarehouse.com/arithmetic/square-root-calculator.php>

5. Find x , y , and z . Drag and drop the numbers into the boxes to show the value of each variable.



$$\frac{4.5}{2.4} = \frac{2.4}{z}$$

$$4.5z = 5.76$$

$$\frac{\cancel{4.5}z}{\cancel{4.5}} = \frac{5.76}{\cancel{4.5}}$$

$$z = 1.3$$

$$\frac{4.5}{y} = \frac{y}{4.5 + 1.3} = 5.8$$

$$y^2 = 4.5(5.8)$$

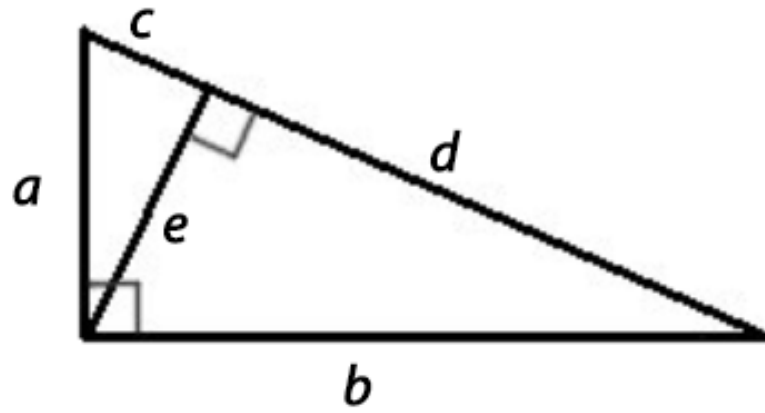
$$\sqrt{y^2} = \sqrt{26.1} = 5.1$$

$$\frac{1.3}{x} = \frac{x}{4.5 + 1.3} = 5.8$$

$$x^2 = 1.3(5.8)$$

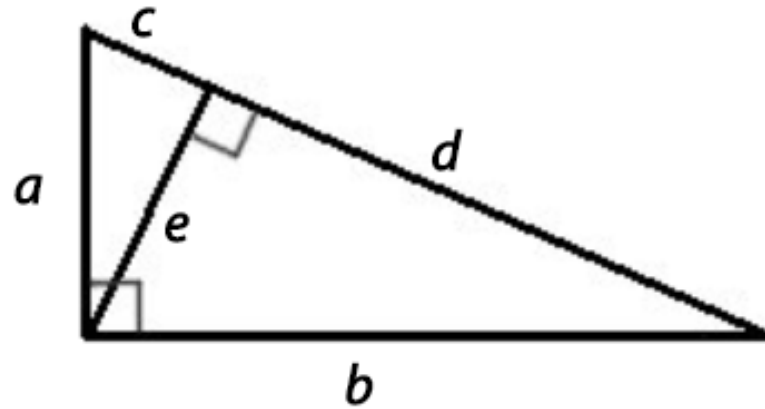
$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{7.54} = 2.7$$

6. Use the diagram to complete the equation.



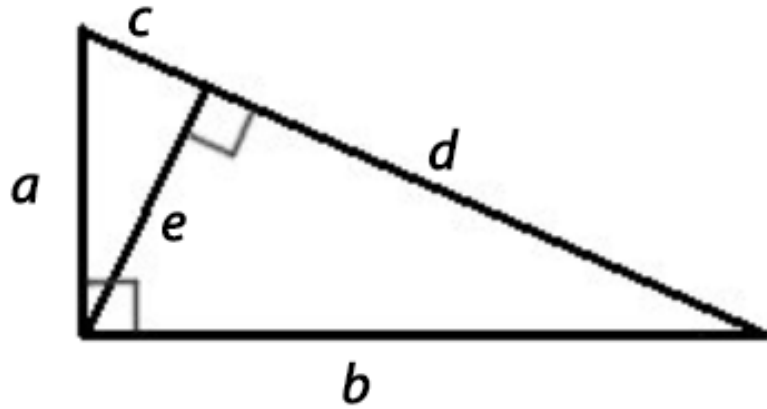
$$\frac{c}{e} = \frac{\boxed{e}}{d}$$

7. Use the diagram to complete the equation.



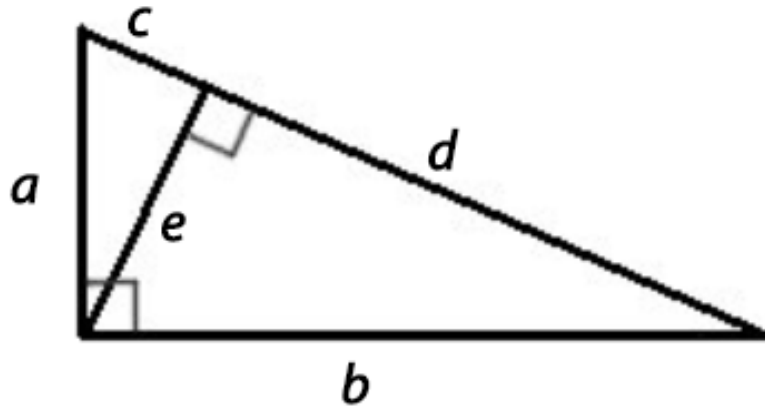
$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{a}{c+d}$$

8. Use the diagram to complete the equation.



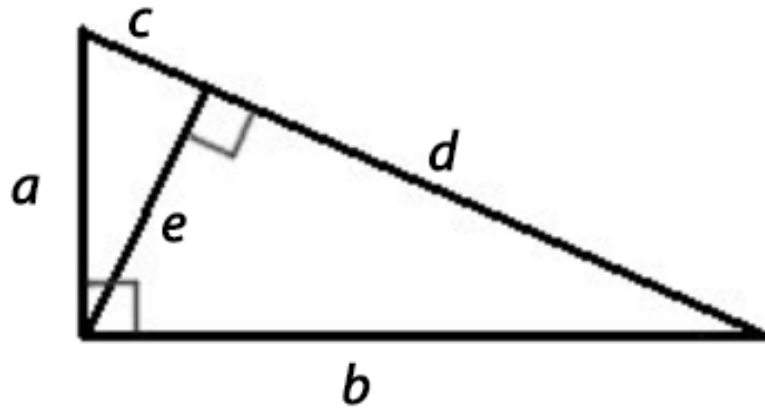
$$\frac{c + d}{b} = \frac{b}{\boxed{d}}$$

9. Use the diagram to complete the equation.



$$\frac{d}{\boxed{e}} = \frac{e}{c}$$

10. Use the diagram to complete the equation.



$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{a}{c+d}$$

$$c(c+d) = \boxed{a}^2$$