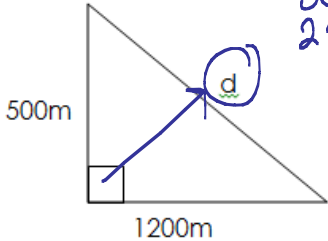


Unit 3 – Pythagorean Relationships
3.5 Applications

The Pythagorean relationship can be used to determine distances that might be -

difficult or impossible to measure.



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

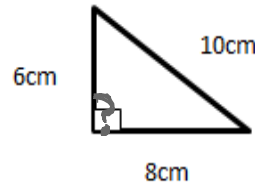
$$500^2 + 1200^2 = d^2$$

$$250000 + 1440000 = d^2$$

$$\sqrt{1690000} = \sqrt{d^2}$$

$$1300m = d$$

The Pythagorean theorem can be used to determine if the triangle is a right triangle.



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

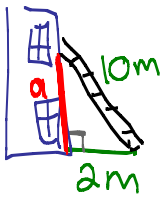
$$6^2 + 8^2 = 10^2$$

$$36 + 64 = 100$$

$$100 = 100$$

yes.

Brad places a 10m ladder up against a building so that it reaches the second floor window. The base of the ladder is 2m from the base of the house. How high is the second floor window?



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

$$a^2 + 2^2 = 10^2$$

$$a^2 + 4 = 100$$

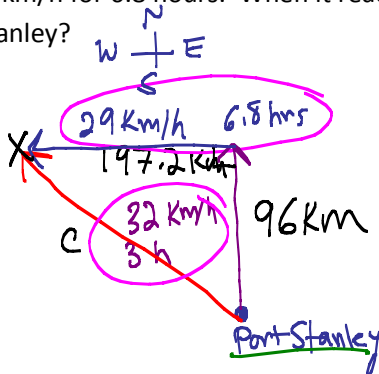
$$-4 \quad -4$$

$$\sqrt{a^2} = \sqrt{96}$$

$$a = 9.8m$$

The second floor window is 9.8m high.

A cruise ship travels from Port Stanley north at a speed of 32km/h for 3 hours. Then it turns 90° and travels west at 29km/h for 6.8 hours. When it reaches its final destination at that time, how far is the ship from where it started at Port Stanley?



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

$$197.2^2 + 96^2 = c^2$$

$$38887.84 + 9216 = c^2$$

$$\sqrt{48103.84} = \sqrt{c^2}$$

$$932.5km = c$$

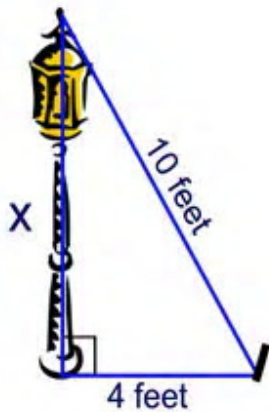
$$32km/h \times 3h = 96km$$

$$29km/h \times 6.8h = 197.2km$$

The ship is 932.5km away

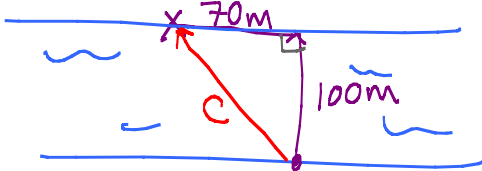
Using the picture below, determine the height of the lamp pole.

The lamp is 9.17 feet tall.



$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \\ x^2 + 4^2 &= 10^2 \\ x^2 + 16 &= 100 \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{84} \\ x &= 9.17 \text{ feet} \end{aligned}$$

Brooke wants to swim across a river that is 100m wide. As she begins to swim the current carries her 70m downstream. How far did she actually swim?



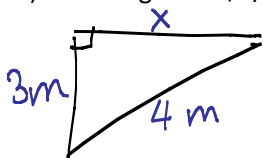
$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \\ 70^2 + 100^2 &= c^2 \\ 4900 + 10000 &= c^2 \\ \sqrt{14900} &= c \\ 122.1 \text{ m} &= c \end{aligned}$$

She swims 122.1m.

Frances wants to put a fence around her vegetable garden to keep out the rabbits. Her garden is in the shape of a right triangle.

a) If the hypotenuse is 4m and one side is 3m, what is the total length of fence she'll need?

b) If fencing costs \$3/m, how much will it cost in total?



$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \\ x^2 + 3^2 &= 4^2 \\ x^2 + 9 &= 16 \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{7} \\ x &= 2.65 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total fence} &= 2.65 \text{ m} + 4 \text{ m} + 3 \text{ m} \\ &= 9.646 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) \quad 9.646 \text{ m} \times \$3/\text{m} \\ &= \$28.94 \end{aligned}$$