



Make a proof of Pythagora's theorem



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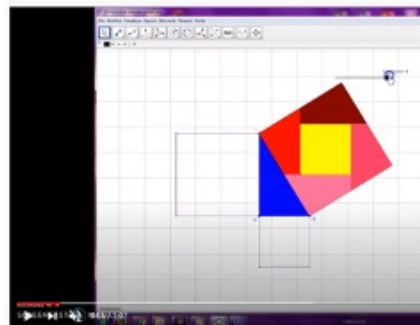
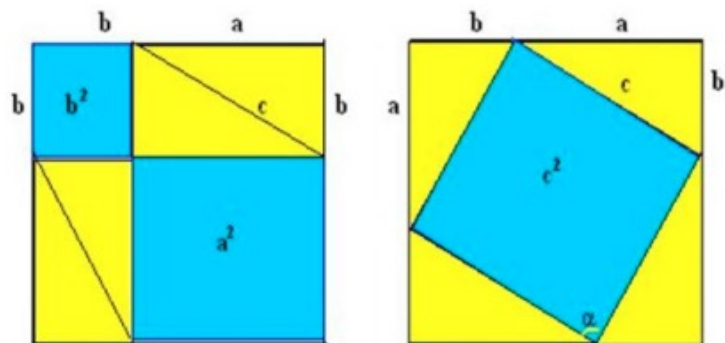


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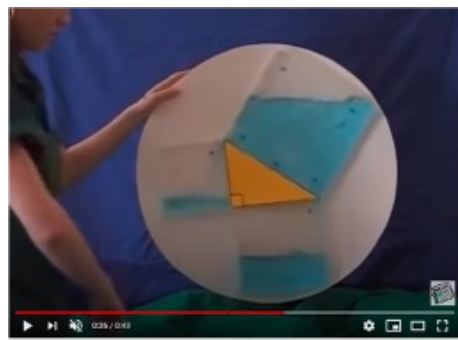
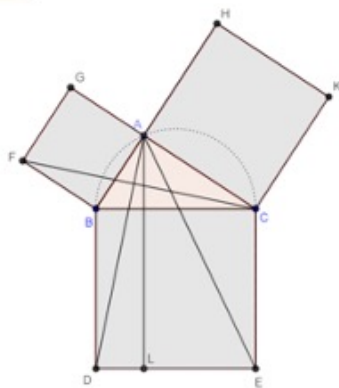
## Lab activity

Write a proof of the Pythagorean Theorem.

Share your proposal.



Dimostrazione Pitagora con GeoGebra PERGAL

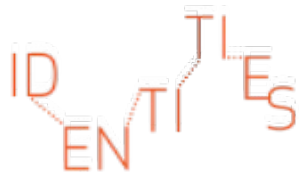


Teorema di Pitagora: dimostrazione con acqua

## Dimostrazione

Per dimostrare il risultato vogliamo sfruttare il **primo teorema di Euclide**. Quindi tracciamo l'altezza, oppure detta la **perpendicolare** o **proiezione**, dal vertice  $B$  sul lato  $\overline{AC}$ . Chiamiamo il punto d'incontro con l'ipotenusa,  $AC$ ,  $H$  e lo prolunghiamo in modo tale che il quadrato sull'ipotenusa sia suddiviso in due rettangoli di area rispettivamente:

$$(\overline{AH})(\overline{AC}) \text{ e } (\overline{HC})(\overline{AC})$$

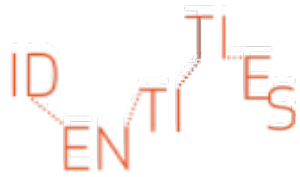


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Are those explanations all proofs? What you “prefer”? Why?

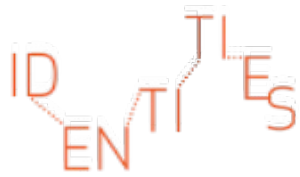


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Are there differences? Which proof is more convincing? Why?

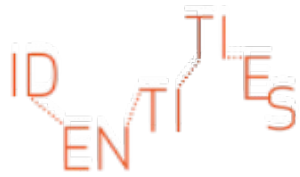


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Are all the proposed proofs “mathematical proofs”?  
What do you mean by “mathematical proof”?



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Do you think that proofs can be found also in Physics?  
If so, what are the common aspects and main differences between proofs in  
mathematics and Physics?

## The MU puzzle

LETTERS: M, I, U

OUR SOUL POSSESSION: MI

RULE I: If you possess a string whose last letter is I, you can add on a U at the end.

RULE II: Suppose you have Mx. then you may add Mxx to your collection.

RULE III: If III occurs in one of the strings in your collection, you may make a new string with U in place of III.

RULE IV: If UU occurs inside one of your strings, you can drop it.

Can you derive MU?



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