

Unit 37 Other Interesting Formulas

1. Celsius (C) to Fahrenheit (F) and Fahrenheit to Celsius

A. Fahrenheit = $\frac{9}{5}C + 32$ and Celsius = $\frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$

B. Example:

Find the Fahrenheit boiling point of water which boils at 100° Celsius.

Given: C = 100 degrees

Unknown: boiling point in Fahrenheit

$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$$

→ Substitute 100 for C

$$= \frac{9}{5}(100) + 32$$

→ Do the math in the parentheses first (divide by 5)

$$= 9(20) + 32$$

→ Multiply by 9

$$= 180 + 32$$

→ Add

$$= 212^\circ \text{ degrees}$$

2. Pythagorean Theorem: $H = a^2 + b^2$

A. In a right triangle

1. The sides forming the right angle are called the **legs** of the triangle.

2. The side opposite the right angle (the longest side) is called the **hypotenuse**.

B. Pythagorus, a Greek mathematician, found that the square of the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of its two legs.

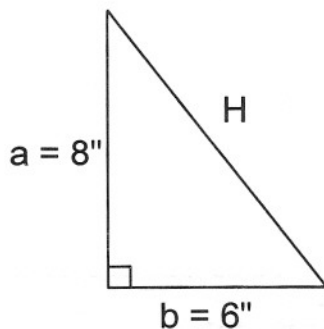
C. Example:

Calculate the hypotenuse of a right triangle with a base of 6 inches and a height of 8 inches.

Unknown: hypotenuse

$$H^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

Check your answer



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

$$H^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$= 64 + 36$$

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

$$H^2 = 100$$

$$100 = 64 + 36$$

$$H = 10 \text{ inches}$$

$$100 = 100$$

Note: The opposite operation of squaring is taking the square root.