

# **“They’ll Need It for High School”**

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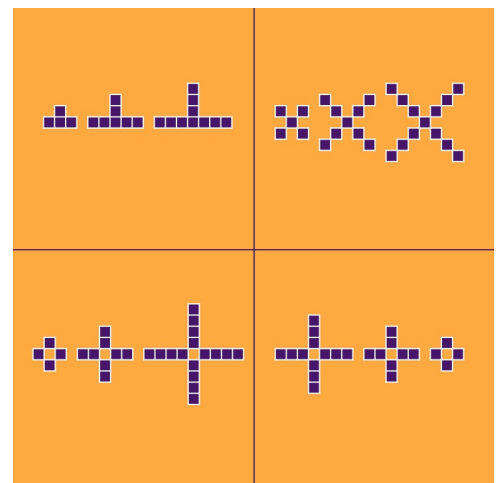
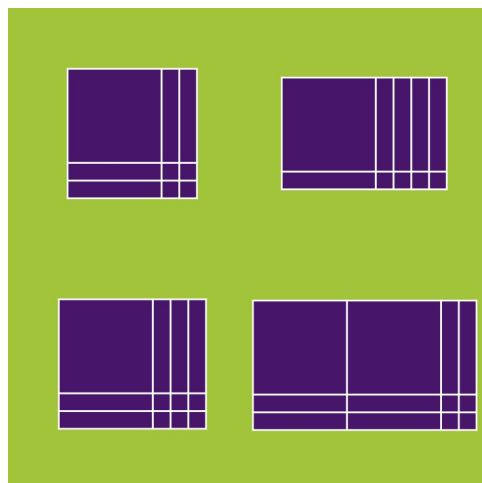
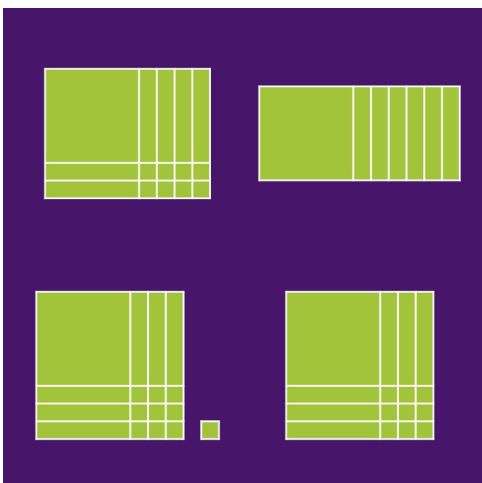
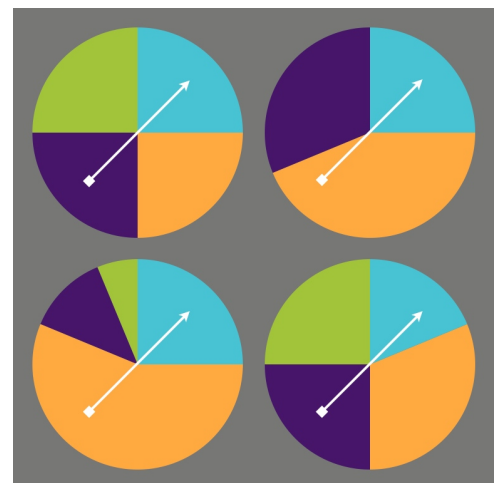
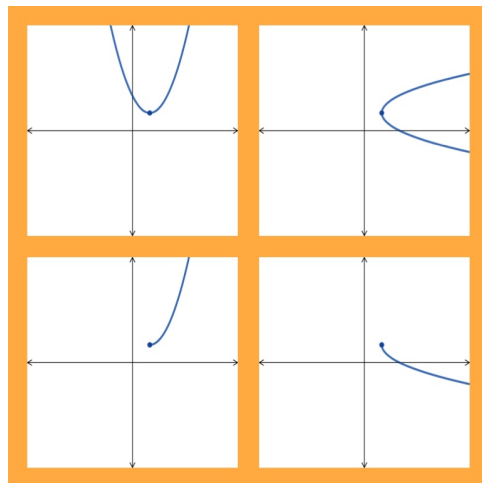
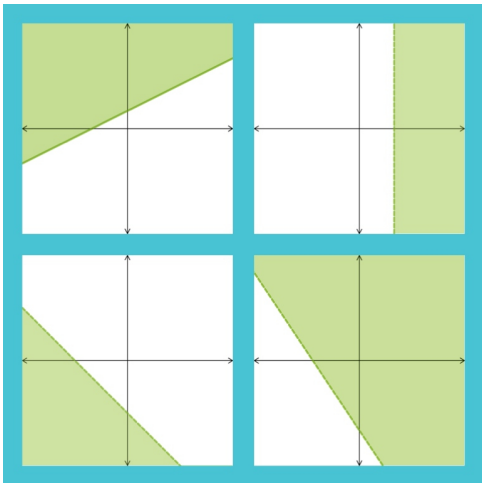
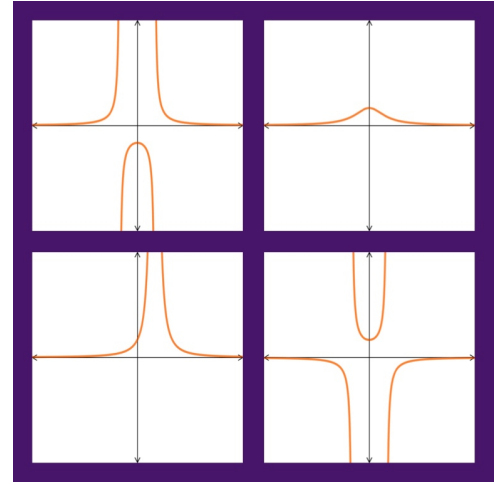
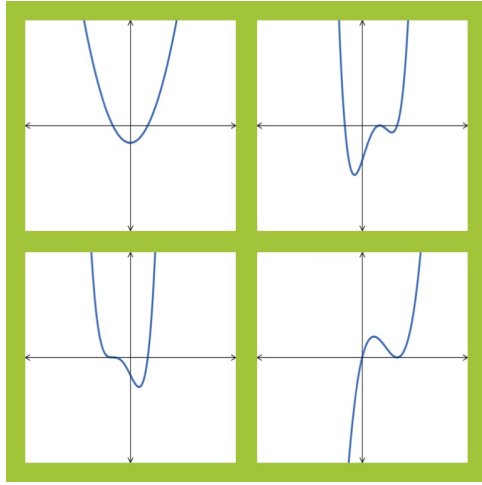
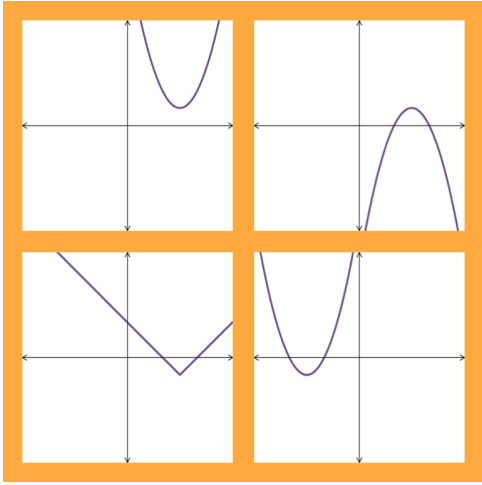
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# Which One Doesn't Belong?



# PYTHAGOREAN MISTAKES

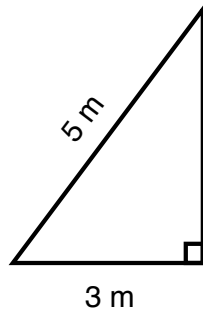
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$$3^2 + 5^2 = X^2$$

$$9 + 25 = X^2$$

$$34 = X^2$$

$$X = 5.83 \text{ m}$$



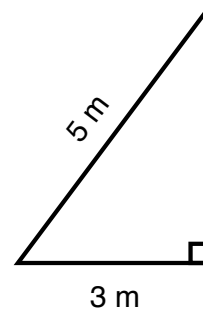
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$$X^2 + 3^2 = 5^2$$

$$X^2 + 6 = 25$$

$$X^2 = 19$$

$$X = 4.36 \text{ m}$$



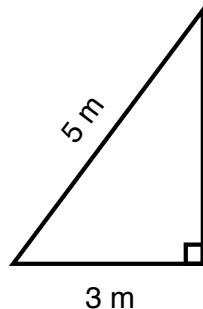
47. Find the missing side length.

$$X^2 = 5^2 - 3^2$$

$$X^2 = 25 - 9$$

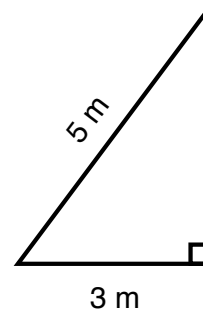
$$X^2 = 16$$

$$X = 8 \text{ m}$$



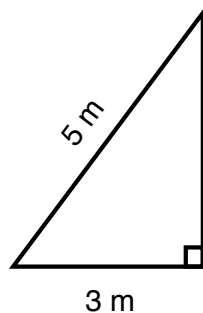
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$$5 - 3 = 2$$

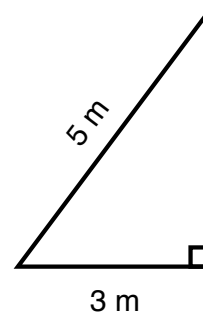


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# PYTHAGOREAN MISTAKES

**What math mistake did each student make?**

**What are some implications for our work?**

# How Are They The Same?

Addition	Subtraction
$231 + 145$	$1\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$
$2.31 + 1.45$	$5x - 2x$
$(2x^2 + 3x + 1) + (x^2 + 4x + 5)$	$5\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{8}$
Multiplication	Division
$23 \times 14$	$6 \div 3$
$2\frac{3}{10} \times 1\frac{4}{10}$	$(-6) \div (+3)$
$(2x + 3)(x + 4)$	$\frac{6}{5} \div \frac{3}{5}$

# How Are They The Same?

**Evaluate, or simplify, each set of expressions**

**Make as many connections as you can:**

**conceptually & procedurally**

**pictorially & symbolically**

# Sharing Pairs

Three friends, Chris, Jeff, and Marc, go shopping for shoes. The store is having a *buy two pairs, get one pair free* sale.

Chris opts for a pair of high tops for \$75, Jeff picks out a pair of low tops for \$60, and Marc settles on a pair of slip-ons for \$45.

The cashier rings them up; the bill is \$135.

How much should each friend pay? Try to find the fairest way possible. Justify your reasoning.