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### **U15 CWK #3** The Converse of the Pythagorean Theorem

Mr. Riley’s 8th grade class has been studying the Pythagorean Theorem. One day, he asked his class to find numbers a, b, and c where and draw triangles with those side lengths.

Oscar determined that the numbers 5, 12, and 13 satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem as shown below:

Mr. Riley then said, “OK, so you have found three numbers that satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem. Now, show me that the triangle formed with these side lengths is a right triangle.”

Oscar continued working on the problem. He constructed a segment with a length of 12 cm and labeled the segment *.* From the endpoint *B*, he constructed a segment with a length of 5 cm and labeled the segment *BC* as shown in the picture below. Using a ruler, verify the lengths of the segments below.



Then, he thought to himself, “I need to make the third side length equal to 13 because I know the triple 5, 12, 13 satisfies the Pythagorean Theorem.” He connected as shown below. He measured the length of and determined it did not measure 13 cm. Using a ruler, verify that does not measure 13 cm.



Then, he thought to himself, “What if I rotate around point *B* until measures 13 cm?” He began to rotate clockwise about *B* in increments as shown below. Help Oscar to find the location of *C* on the circle below that will give him a triangle with side lengths 5, 12, and 13.



What type of triangle is formed when *AC* equals 13 cm?

Lucy also found a set of numbers that satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem: 3, 4 and 5. Verify in the space below that Lucy’s numbers satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem.

Based on the problems above, what type of triangle is formed with side lengths that satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem? Write down the Converse of the Pythagorean Theorem.

Practice: Do the side lengths given below satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem? Remember to distinguish between legs, the shorter sides (a or b) and the hypotenuse, the longest side (c), and enter them into the equation correctly. Write the equation and each step.

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| 1. 11, 60, 61 | 1. 2, 4, 6 |
| 1. 14, 50, 48 | 1. 1, 3, ; |
| 1. 2, 4, and . | 1. 5, 6, 8 |

1. Mr. Garcia then asks the class, “What if the side lengths in Lucy’s picture are each 2 cm instead of 1 cm? What are the measures of the side lengths that form the right triangle? Do they satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem?”
2. What if the tick marks in Lucy’s picture are each 3 cm? 0.1 cm? 10 cm? What are the measures of the side lengths that form the right triangles given these different scales and do they satisfy the Pythagorean Theorem?

### Finding Distance Between Two Points

1. Find the lengths of the segments below. Assume that each horizontal and vertical segment connecting the dots has a length of 1 unit.



**Directions:** Label the coordinates of each point. Then, find the distance between the two points shown on each grid below.

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*The Coordinate Distance Formula*

1. Find the distance between the two points given on the graph below.



1. Find the distance between the two points given below. Leave your answers in simplest radical form.

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