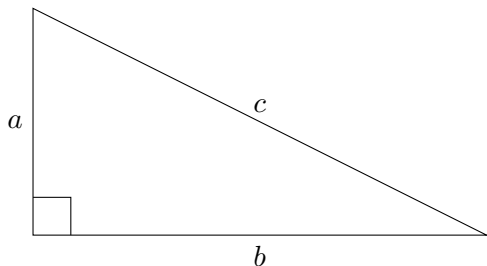


In lecture today, we are going to write three proofs.

1. If n is odd, then n^2 is odd.

2. Prove the Pythagorean Theorem:



3. A triple of natural numbers a, b , and c are called a *primitive Pythagorean triple* if a, b , and c have no common factors (other than 1) and satisfy $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.

Here are some primitive Pythagorean triples (this is not an exhaustive list):

(3, 4, 5) (5, 12, 13) (8, 15, 17)
(7, 24, 25) (20, 21, 29) (9, 40, 41)

Note that (6, 8, 10) is **not** a primitive Pythagorean triple.

Prove that a and b cannot both be odd in a primitive Pythagorean triple.

For partial credit, prove that a and b cannot both be even in a primitive Pythagorean triple.