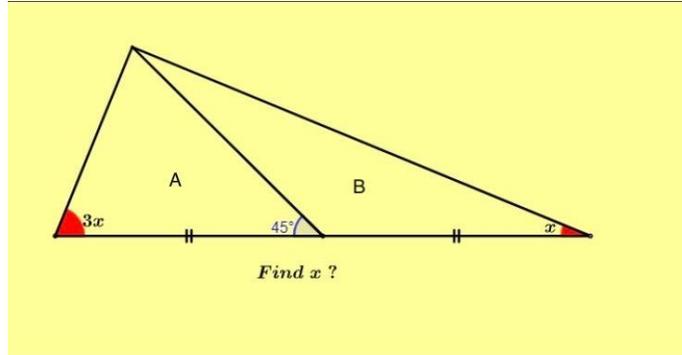


## Extension of an imaginary triangle through Complex Variables Thomas Halley

**Abstract:** Complex Variables has a link to general geometry in placing the geometry of squares. Given is a problem in geometry where a short-cut is taken to solve what the angle is in the given situation.



**Question:** If the angle opposite  $45^\circ$  and the angle opposite  $x^\circ$  when added is equal to  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = (a + b)$  given that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \sqrt{\pi}$  and  $x + y + z = 0$ , find  $x^\circ$  and organize the triangles to form a proof of the Pythagorean Theorem.

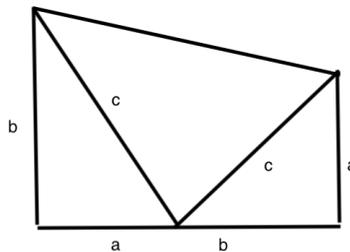
**Answer:** Given a sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$ , where  $r = \pi^{1/4}$  we have  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \sqrt{\pi}$   
 If  $x + y + z = 0$ , what is  $(a + b)$  from  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = (a + b)$ , if we use understanding from complex variables we know that  $\pi$  exists in a square root. By correlating the imaginary or complex component  $iv$ , we can take  $z = w = 0$ , so  $w = u + iv \rightarrow \sqrt{\sqrt{\pi}/\sqrt{2}} = x, -\sqrt{\sqrt{\pi}/\sqrt{2}} = y, 0 = z$ , so  $x + y + z = 0$ , then  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} + 0 = \sqrt{\pi}$ , this satisfies the condition so  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} + 0 = \pi/2 = a + b$ . Complex Variables is used since  $u$  and  $v$  cancel, the  $i$  part implies negation.

Triangle A:  $45^\circ + 3x^\circ + a = 180^\circ$ , Triangle B:  $135^\circ + x^\circ + b = 180^\circ$ ,  $a + b = \pi/2 = 90^\circ$   
 Triangle B+Triangle A =  $270^\circ + 4x^\circ = 360^\circ$ , so  $x^\circ = \frac{90}{4}$  or  $\frac{45}{2}$ , then  $x^\circ = 22.5^\circ$

**Final Part 1 Answer:** Angle  $a + b = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , so  $x^\circ = 22.5^\circ$  or  $\frac{\pi}{8}$   
*How would we check this?*

**Check:** Triangle A =  $180^\circ = 45^\circ + 3 \cdot 22.5^\circ + a$ ,  $a = 67.5^\circ$ ,  $b = 22.5^\circ$ , Triangle B =  $135^\circ + 22.5^\circ + b = 180^\circ$

**Part 2 Proof:** Rearranging the structure of triangles (A and B), we create this diagram. An imaginary triangle (C) is inverted.



Using the law of similar trapezoid areas

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(a + b)(a + b) &= ab + \frac{1}{2}c^2 \\ \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + 2ab + b^2) &= ab + \frac{1}{2}c^2 \\ (a^2 + 2ab + b^2) &= 2ab + c^2 \\ a^2 + b^2 &= c^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the Pythagorean Theorem is proved by law of similar Trapezoids