## Lecture 3: Geometry I

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## Oral Discussion Topics

- History of Geometry
- Points, Lines, Circles
- Definition of Angle
- Definition of $\pi$.
- Angle measures: degrees and radians


## Euclid

- Born ca 325 BC, Died ca 265 BC (Alexandria, Egypt).
- The most prominent mathematician of antiquity.
- Wrote geometric treatise The Elements
- Long lasting nature (more than 2000 years) of The Elements must make Euclid the leading mathematics teacher of all time!
- Quotations by Euclid
- "There is no royal road to geometry."
- A youth who had begun to read geometry with Euclid, when he had learned the first proposition, inquired, "What do I get by learning these things?" So Euclid called a slave and said "Give him threepence, since he must make a gain out of what he learns."


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Note that if two figures are congruent, then they are automatically similar. The converse is not true.
(Sketch some figures on the board. Discuss congruence and similarity.)

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## Proof of Pythagorean Theorem



Consider four copies of the triangle, rotated by $0^{\circ}, 90^{\circ}, 180^{\circ}$, and $270^{\circ}$. The side length of the small, central square is $a-b$. The area of the large, outer square of side length $c$ can be calculated two ways:

$$
c^{2}=4\left(\frac{1}{2} a b\right)+(a-b)^{2}=2 a b+a^{2}-2 a b+b^{2}=a^{2}+b^{2}
$$



## Height and Area of Isosceles Triangle



1. Draw perpendicular bisector from base to opposite vertex.
2. From Pythagoras: $h^{2}+(b / 2)^{2}=a^{2}$ so that
3. $h=\sqrt{a^{2}-(b / 2)^{2}}$.
4. The area $A$ is then found using $A=\frac{1}{2} b h$.


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4. For general case of point $A:\left(x_{A}, y_{A}\right)$ and point $B:\left(x_{B}, y_{B}\right)$,

$$
\operatorname{distance}(A, B)=\sqrt{\left(x_{A}-x_{B}\right)^{2}+\left(y_{A}-y_{B}\right)^{2}}
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