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This presentation concerns right-angled triangles. In particular, we are interested in computing the length of its hypotenuse ( $h$ ) given the triangle's perimeter $(P)$ and area ( $A$ ). One method of determining $h$ involves the formula:

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h=\frac{P^{2}-4 A}{2 P}
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However, as we will demonstrate, this formula can lead to an incorrect result. To resolve this a condition between $A$ and $P$ was derived that dictates when the above formula can be used. Other interesting issues surrounding right-angled triangles will also be explored along the way.

