

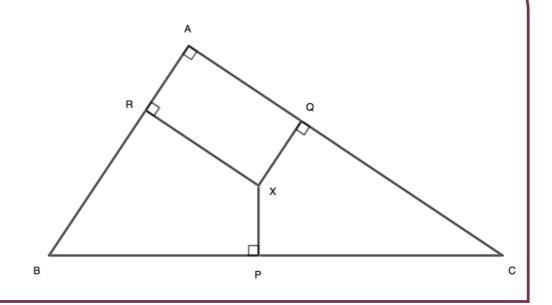
## MATH PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

**Fall 2021** 

## **Problem 4**

Let  $\triangle ABC$  be a right triangle with  $\angle A=90^\circ$  and X an arbitrary point inside the triangle. Let  $P,\ Q,\ {\rm and}\ R$  be the feet of the perpendicular lines from X to  $BC,\ AC,\ {\rm and}\ AB,\ {\rm respectively}.$  Prove that

$$BP^2 + CQ^2 + AR^2 = CP^2 + BR^2 + AQ^2$$
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We welcome solutions from everyone. The undergraduate participant from the NMSU main campus with the most correct solutions at the end of the semester will receive an award of \$500.

Solutions must be mathematically rigorous and originally obtained by the participants.

Deadline: Monday, October 18, 10 am