

**Activity 1:**

Can you see it?

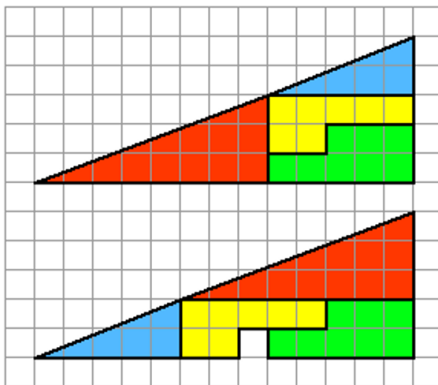
What mathematical assertion is being made?



Source: qedcat.com

You can see that the angle measures Red + Blue + Green = 180 degrees. If you then look at the triangle, we see the same statement. In other words, the sum of the angles in a triangle is 180 degrees.

**Activity 2:**



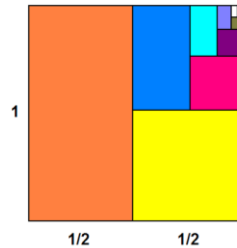
Two Congruent Triangles of Unequal Areas???

The top figure *appears* to be a triangle; that is the problem! (The red triangle runs 8 units across and 3 units high; the blue triangle runs 5 units across and 2 units high. If  $\frac{8}{3} = \frac{5}{2}$  (they are close but not equal!) then the above figure would be a triangle.)

**Activity 3:**

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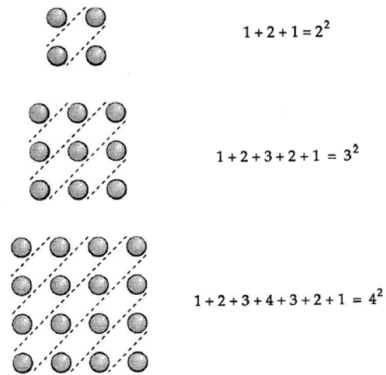
What mathematical assertion is being made?



The area of the entire square (all colors) is 1 (since the sides are 1 and 1 in length). Now find the area by calculating the areas of the individual pieces (orange, yellow, blue, etc.). This says that  $1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$ .

**Activity 4:**

Can you see it?



Source: Proofs Without Words

For example, look at the middle diagram. If you count in groups designated by the dotted lines, you see  $1 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 1$ . If you look at this a different way (as a 3 by 3 array), then you have  $3^2$  balls. These have to be equal since we just counted the same collection in two different ways.