Refiguring Pythagoras

Math Domain				
Number/Quantity	✓ Shape/Space	Function/Pattern		
Chance/Data	Arrangement			
Math Actions (possible weights: 0 through 4)				
0 Modeling/Formulating	2 Manipulating/Transforming			
3 Inferring/Drawing Conclusions	2 Communicating			
Math Big Ideas				
✓ Scale	Reference Frame	Representation		
Continuity	Boundedness	✓ Invariance/Symmetry		
✓ Equivalence	General/Particular	Contradiction		
Use of Limits	Approximation	Other		

- 1. The areas are respectively $\frac{1}{2}\pi a^2$, $\frac{1}{2}\pi b^2$, and $\frac{1}{2}\pi c^2$. Since $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, it is also true that $\frac{1}{2}\pi a^2 + \frac{1}{2}\pi b^2 = \frac{1}{2}\pi c^2$.
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- 3. It is in fact true that for any set of similar figures, the sum of the areas of the figures on the two legs will equal the area of the figure on the hypotenuse.

	partial level (1 or 2)	full level (3)
Modeling/ Formulating (weight: 0)		
Transforming/ Manipulating (weight: 2)	For 1 and 2 , performs numerical computations for a chosen example (for example, arbitrarily chooses a set of numbers for <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , and <i>c</i> , and bases answer solely on the result for that set of numbers).	For 1 and 2 , correctly performs the algebra needed to fully justify the answers.
Inferring/ Drawing Conclusions (weight: 3)	Makes correct comparisons in 1 and 2 but does not achieve a correct generalization in response to 3 .	Makes correct comparisons in 1 and 2 . Achieves a correct generalization in response to 3 .
Communicating (weight: 2)	Gives answers that are not consistently clear.	Answers all questions clearly.