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Given that  $(2+3i)x+(1-2i)=(5+i)x-(4-3i)$ , let  $x=a+bi$  be the solution to this equation, and let  $C=a+b$ .

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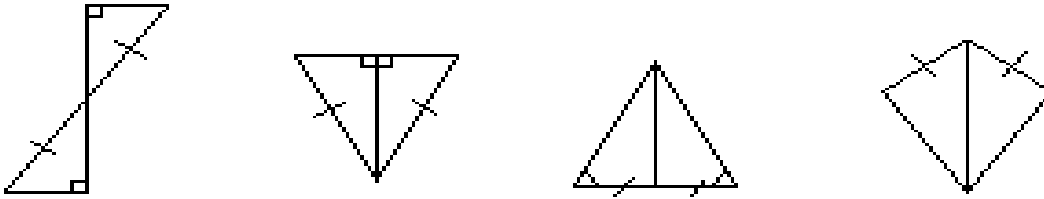
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Two vertical poles have heights of 6 and 12. A rope is stretch from the top of each pole to the bottom of the other. Let  $C =$  the height above the ground that the ropes cross.

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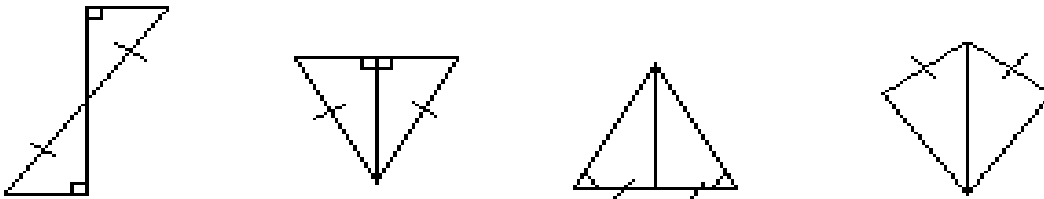
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Let  $D =$  the number of liters of 40% nitric acid solution that must be added to 175 liters of a solution that is 6% nitric acid to produce a 30% nitric acid solution.

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$h(t) = 15t - \frac{3}{4}t^2 + 4$ , where  $h(t)$  represents the height of the ball as a function of time  $t$ . Let

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Increasing the average speed of the Batmobile by 13 mph resulted in a 260 mile trip taking one hour less than before. Let  $B$  = the original average speed of the Batmobile, in mph.

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