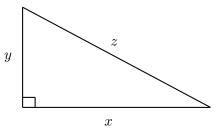
**2**. [9 points] Consider a right triangle with legs of length x ft and y ft and hypotenuse of length z ft, as in the following picture:



**a.** [2 points] Suppose that the perimeter of the triangle is 8 ft. Let A(x) give the area of the triangle, in ft<sup>2</sup>, as a function of the side length x. In the context of this problem, what is the domain of A(x)? Note that you do <u>not</u> need to find a formula for A(x).

## Answer:

- **b.** [7 points] Suppose instead that the perimeter of the triangle is allowed to vary, but the area of the triangle is fixed at 3 ft<sup>2</sup>. Let P(x) give the perimeter of the triangle, in ft, as a function of the side length x.
  - (i) In the context of this problem, what is the domain of P(x)?

## Answer:

(ii) Find a formula for P(x). The variables y and z should <u>not</u> appear in your answer. (This is the equation one would use to find the value(s) of x minimizing the perimeter. You should <u>not</u> do the optimization in this case.)

Answer: P(x) =