**Problem 1**) The area of the small square is  $(a - b)^2$ , that of the large square  $c^2$ . Adding the areas of the four triangles, 4ab/2, to that of the small square yields the area of the large square, as follows:  $c^2 = (a - b)^2 + 4ab/2 = a^2 + b^2$ . This completes the proof of the Pythagorean theorem.