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Pythagorean Triples.*

Given an integer  $x > 2$ , we propose a formula that allows one to find integers  $y > 0$  and  $z > 0$  in terms of  $x$  and a divisor either of  $x^2$  or of  $\frac{x^2}{4}$  so that  $(x, y, z)$  is a primitive Pythagorean triple. Moreover, for each positive integer  $x > 2$ , we show how to find a Pythagorean triple having  $x$  as one of its elements. (Received September 22, 2010)