

Geometry Notes S - 1: Similarity

Review

Rigid motion (aka *isometry*): a composition of transformations that

Basic rigid motions: Translations, Rotations, Reflections

Major properties: 1. Preserves length
2. Preserves angle measure

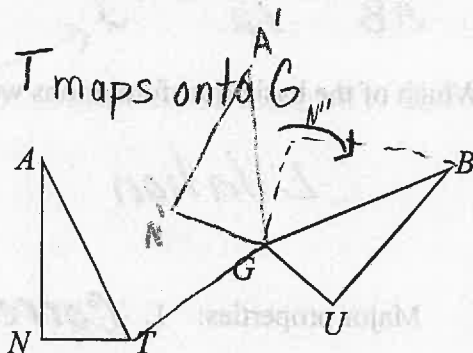
Congruent: two figures are congruent if there is a sequence of rigid motions that can map one onto the other.

Ex: a. Describe a sequence of basic rigid motions that could show $\triangle ANT \cong \triangle BUG$ (Remember, there is more than one correct answer.)

1) Translate $\triangle ANT$ along vector \vec{TG} until T maps onto G

2) Rotate $\triangle AN'T'$ clockwise around pt G until $A'G$ maps onto BG

3) Reflect $\triangle GN''B$ over line BG until $\triangle GN''B$ maps onto $\triangle BUG$



b. Are the two triangles congruent?

* $\triangle ANT \cong \triangle BUG$ b/c length and angle measure are preserved in Translations, Rotations and Reflections
Since we mapped $\triangle ANT$ onto $\triangle BUG$ using only these motions they

Congruence is nicely defined in terms of rigid motions. But rigid motions are not a convenient method to actually decide if two figures are congruent. So for triangles, we developed some congruence theorems: \cong .

$\triangle \cong \triangle$ if:

SAS

ASA

SSS

New

Similarity transformation: a composition of transformations that ^{changes} size

Ex: $\triangle ABC$ has $AB = 12$ and $BC = 18$.

a. After the transformation T , $A'B' = 18$ and $B'C' = 24$. Is T a similarity transformation?

$$\frac{\text{New}}{\text{old}} = \frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{18}{12} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{B'C'}{BC} = \frac{24}{18} = \frac{4}{3} \quad \text{No ratio is not the same.}$$

b. After the transformation S , $A'B' = 8$ and $B'C' = 12$. Is S a similarity transformation?

$$\frac{A'B'}{AB} = \frac{8}{12} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{B'C'}{BC} = \frac{12}{18} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{Yes ratios are the same.}$$

Which of the basic transformations we learned are similarity transformations?

Dilation

Major properties: 1. Corresponding angles are \cong
2. Corresponding sides are in proportion

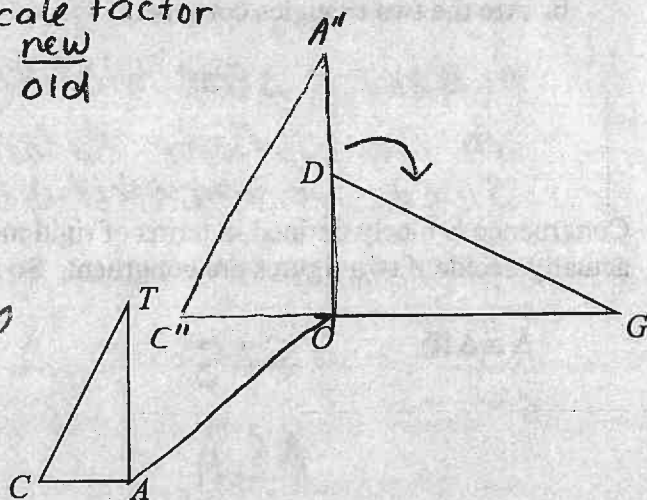
Similar: two figures are similar if there is a sequence of transformations that will map one onto the other

Ex: a. Describe a similarity transformation that could show $\triangle CAT \sim \triangle DOG$ (Note: There is more than one correct answer.)

1) Dilate $\triangle CAT$ by $r = \frac{DG}{CT}$

2) Translate $\triangle C'A'T'$ along vector \vec{AO} until A' maps onto O

3) Rotate $\triangle C''A''T''$ clockwise until A'' maps onto C''



b. Are the two triangles similar?

Yes the $\triangle s$ are similar b/c $\triangle CAT$ maps onto $\triangle DOG$ by a sequence of transformations

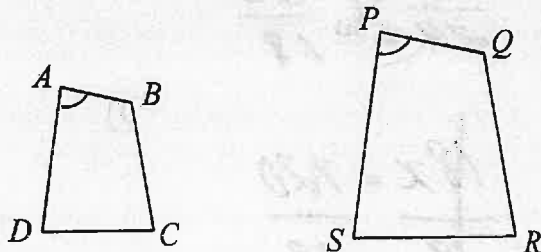
Properties of similar polygons:

- a. All pairs of corresponding (matching) angles are \cong
- b. All pairs of corresponding (matching) sides are in proportion

NOTE: Just like for congruent polygons, similarity statements are written so that corresponding vertices are in the **same order**.

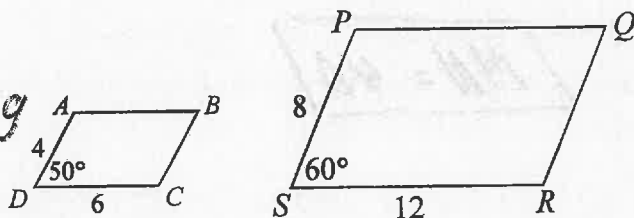
Ex: If $ABCD \sim PQRS$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \angle A &\cong \angle P & \frac{AB}{PQ} &= \frac{BC}{QR} \\ \angle B &\cong \angle Q & \frac{AD}{PS} &= \frac{DC}{SR} \\ \angle C &\cong \angle R & & \\ \angle D &\cong \angle S & & \end{aligned}$$



Ex: Is $ABCD \sim PQRS$?

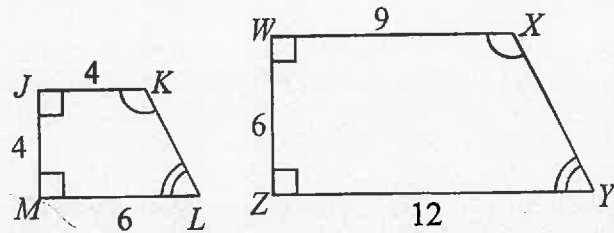
No because corresponding angles are not \cong
 $\angle D \neq \angle S$



Ex: Is $ABCD \sim PQRS$?

* All corresponding \angle s are \cong

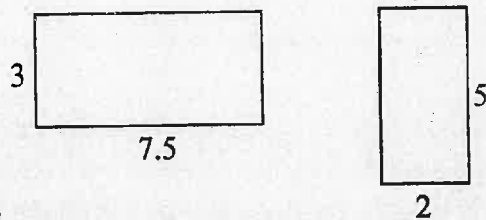
$$\frac{JM}{WZ} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{JK}{WX} = \frac{4}{9} \quad \frac{ML}{ZY} = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$$



* Corresponding sides are not in proportion

Ex: a. Are the two rectangles shown similar?

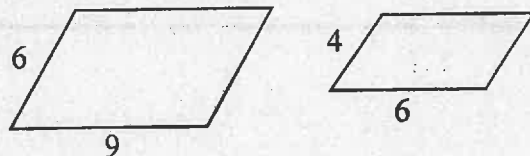
* All corresponding \angle s are \cong because they are all right \angle s



$$\frac{3}{2} \neq \frac{7.5}{5} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{* Yes they are similar because corresponding sides are in proportion}$$

b. Are the two parallelograms shown similar?

$$\frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{9}{6} = \frac{3}{2}$$



* Sides are in proportion

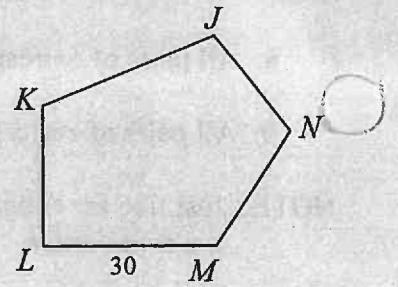
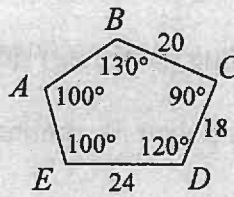
But we know nothing about the angles so can not tell if similar

Ex: In the diagram, $\underline{ABCDE} \sim \underline{JKLMN}$

a. Find $m\angle K$.

$\angle K \cong \angle B$ $m\angle K = 130^\circ$

b. Find \underline{MN} .



Big
little

$$\frac{x}{24} \sim \frac{30}{18}$$

$$\frac{18x}{18} = \frac{720}{18}$$

$x = 40$

$MN = 40$

Geometry Notes S - 2: Proving Triangles Similar

Review: Two figures are similar if *there is a sequence of transformations that will map one onto the other*

In similar figures,

1. All pairs of corresponding angles are \cong
2. All pairs of corresponding sides are in proportion

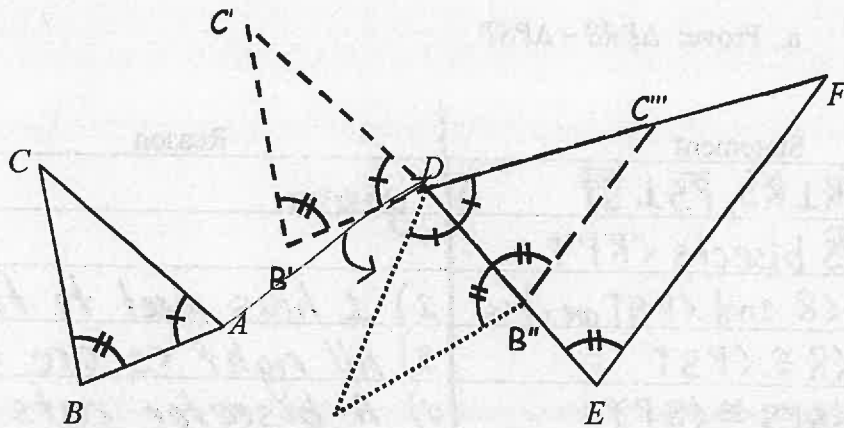
Similar Triangles

Theorem: If two angles of one triangle are congruent to two angles of a second triangle, then the triangles are similar.

Given: $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$
 $\angle A \cong \angle D, \angle B \cong \angle E$

Show via a similarity transformation that $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle ABC$.

$\triangle DEF$



- 1) Translate $\triangle ABC$ along vector \vec{AD}
- 2) Rotate $\triangle DB'C'$ CCW around D 90°
- 3) Reflect $\triangle DB''C''$ over DB''
- 4) Dilate $\triangle DB''C''$ by $r = \frac{EF}{BC}$

Ex: Write a similarity statement and give a reason why the triangles are similar.

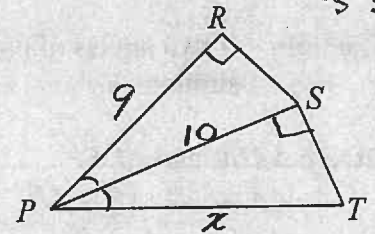
a.

$\angle R \cong \angle R$ Reflexive
 $\angle RST \cong \angle RPQ$
 If lines are // corresponding angles are \cong
 $\Delta SRT \sim \Delta PRQ$ AA

$\Delta ABE \sim \Delta DCE$
 $\angle B \cong \angle C$ All Right \angle s \cong
 $\angle BEA \cong \angle CED$ vertical \angle s \cong

Ex: Given: $\overline{PR} \perp \overline{RS}$, $\overline{PS} \perp \overline{ST}$, \overline{PS} bisects $\angle RPT$.

a. Prove: $\Delta PRS \sim \Delta PST$.



Statement	Reason
1) $\overline{PR} \perp \overline{RS}$, $\overline{PS} \perp \overline{ST}$ \overline{PS} bisects $\angle RPT$	1) given
2) $\angle R$ and $\angle PST$ are rt \angle s	2) \perp lines meet to form right \angle s
3) $\angle R \cong \angle PST$	3) All right \angle s are \cong
4) $\angle RPS \cong \angle SPT$	4) A bisector cuts an \angle into 2 \cong \angle s
5) $\Delta PRS \sim \Delta PST$	5) AA

b. If $PR = 9$ and $PS = 10$, find PT .

$$\frac{x}{10} \sim \frac{10}{9}$$

$$\frac{100}{9} = \frac{9x}{9}$$

$$x = 11.1$$

$$\boxed{PT = 11.1}$$

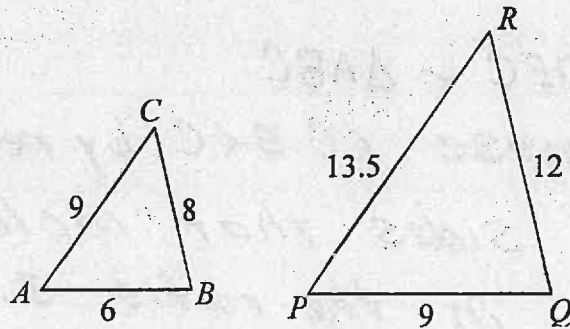
Geometry Notes S - 3: Proving Triangles Similar II

Theorem: If all three corresponding pairs of sides of two triangles are in proportion, then the triangles are similar. (Corresponding angles will automatically be congruent.)

Ex: Show the triangles at right are similar. **SSS**

$$\frac{9}{6} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{12}{8} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{13.5}{9} = \frac{3}{2}$$

All corresponding sides are in proportion



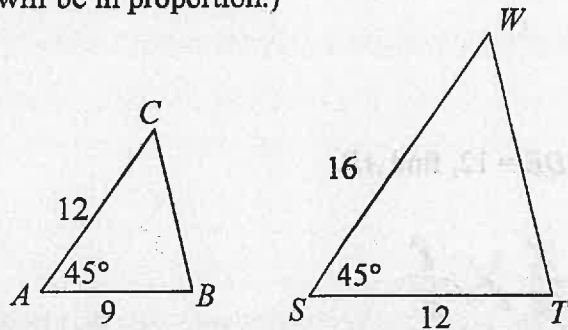
Theorem: If one pair of corresponding angles of two triangles is congruent and the sides that include those angles are in proportion, then the triangles are similar. (The other two pairs of corresponding angles will be congruent and the third pair of sides will be in proportion.)

Ex: Show the triangles at right are similar. **SAS**

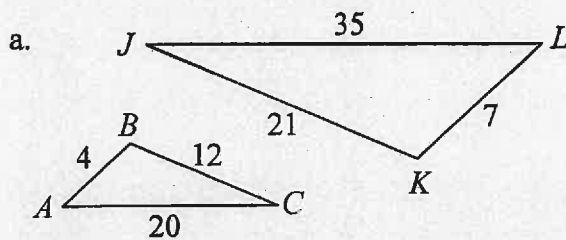
$$\frac{16}{12} = \frac{4}{3} \quad \frac{12}{9} = \frac{4}{3}$$

* One pair of corresponding \angle s are \cong

* Sides that include the \angle s are in proportion



Ex: Determine if the two triangles are similar.

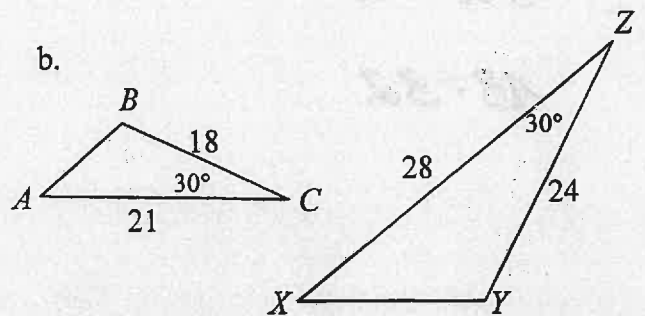


$$\frac{35}{20} = \frac{7}{4}$$

* Yes similar
all corresponding sides are in proportion

$$\frac{7}{4}$$

$$\frac{21}{12} = \frac{7}{4}$$



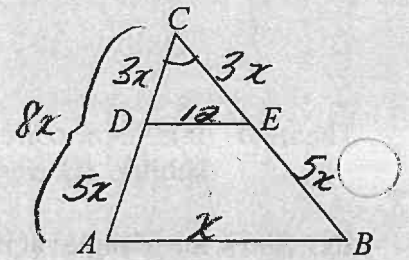
$$\frac{28}{21} = \frac{4}{3}$$

* Yes similar
one pair of corresponding are \cong

$$\frac{24}{18} = \frac{4}{3}$$

sides that include the \angle s are in proportion

Ex: Given: $\triangle ABC$, D divides \overline{CA} in the ratio 3:5 and E divides \overline{CB} in the ratio 3:5.



a. Prove: $\triangle DEC \sim \triangle ABC$.

$$\triangle DEC \sim \triangle ABC$$

because $\angle C \cong \angle C$ by reflexive
and sides that include $\angle C$
are in the ratio 3:8

b. If $DE = 12$, find AB .

$$\frac{x}{12} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\frac{96}{3} = \frac{3x}{3}$$

$$32 = x$$

$$AB = 32$$

Geometry Notes S - 4: Solving Similar Triangle Problems

Ex: In the diagram, $\overline{PQ} \parallel \overline{AB}$.

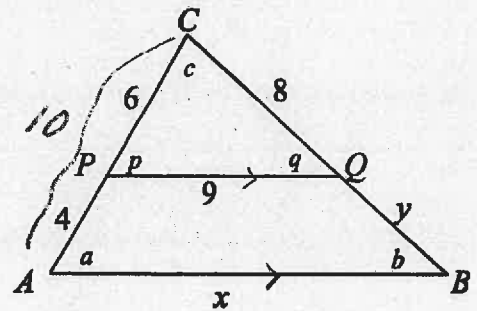
a. Is $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQC$?

Yes, $\angle C \cong \angle C$ reflexive

since lines are \parallel corresponding
 \angle s are $\cong \dots \angle p \cong \angle a, \angle q \cong \angle b$

* Since all corresponding \angle s are \cong \triangle s are similar

b. Find the values of x and y .



$$\frac{6}{8} \cancel{\downarrow} \frac{4}{y}$$

$$\frac{x}{9} \cancel{\downarrow} \frac{10}{6} \leftarrow \text{must have whole side}$$

$$\frac{6y}{6} = \frac{32}{6}$$

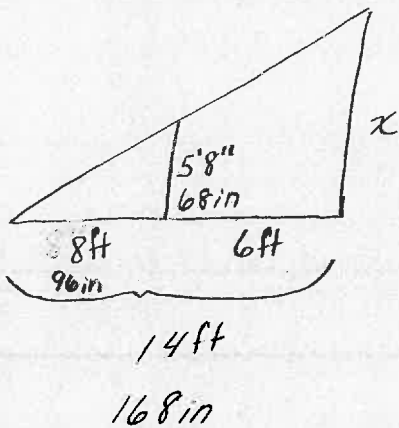
$$\frac{90}{6} = \frac{x}{6}$$

$$y = 5.3$$

$$15 = x$$

* when lines
 are \parallel you can
 set up sides across from each other

Ex: Amber stands up on stage trying out for a role in a play. A footlight shines on her from eight feet in front of her. Six feet behind her is a tall light colored backdrop. If Amber is five feet eight inches tall, how tall is her shadow on the backdrop?



$$\frac{168}{96} \cancel{\downarrow} \frac{x}{68}$$

$$\frac{11424}{96} = \frac{96x}{96}$$

$$119 \text{ in} = x$$

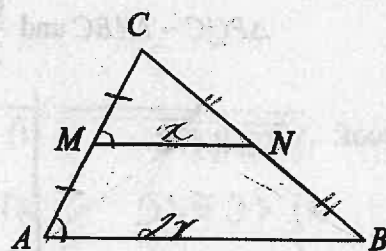


Geometry Notes S - 6: Midpoints and Parallel Lines

Theorem: If a segment joins the midpoints of two sides of a triangle then it is parallel to and half the length of the third side of the triangle.

Given: $\triangle ABC$, M is the midpoint of \overline{AC} and N is the midpoint of \overline{BC} .

- Prove: a. $\frac{MN}{AB} = \frac{1}{2}$
 b. $MN \parallel AB$



Statement	Reason
1) M midpt \overline{AC} N midpt \overline{BC}	1) given
2) $\overline{CM} \cong \overline{MA}$ $\overline{CN} \cong \overline{NB}$	2) A midpt cuts a segment into 2 \cong segments
3) $\angle C \cong \angle C$	3) Reflexive
4) $\triangle MCN \sim \triangle ACB$	4) SAS
5) $\frac{MN}{AB} = \frac{1}{2}$	5) In $\sim \Delta$ s corresponding sides are in proportion
6) $\angle CMN \cong \angle CAB$	6) Corresponding \angle s in $\sim \Delta$ s are \cong
7) $MN \parallel AB$	7) If corresponding \angle s are \cong lines are \parallel

Ex: In the diagram, P , Q and R are the midpoints of the sides of $\triangle ABC$. Find the perimeter of $\triangle ABC$.

$$2(3x-2) = 2(y+2)$$

$$6x - 4 = 2y + 4$$

$$\quad -4 \quad -4$$

$$\frac{6x-8}{2} = \frac{2y}{2}$$

$$3x - 4 = y$$

$$3(4) - 4 = y$$

$$12 - 4 = y$$

$$\boxed{8 = y}$$

$$x^2 + y = 2(y+4)$$

$$x^2 + y = 2y + 8$$

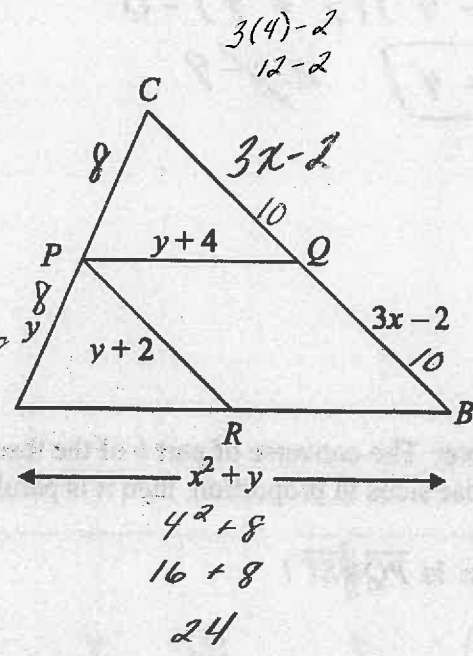
$$x^2 + 3x - 4 = 2(3x-4) + 8$$

$$x^2 + 3x - 4 = 6x - 8 + 8$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x-4)$$

$$x = -1 \quad \boxed{x = 4}$$

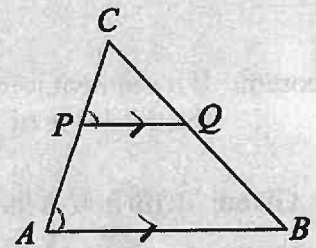


$$P = 8 + 8 + 10 + 10 + 24$$

$$\boxed{P = 60}$$

Theorem: If a line parallel to one side of a triangle intersects the other two sides, then

- it forms two similar triangles and
- it divides the intersected sides in proportion.



If $\overline{PQ} \parallel \overline{AB}$, then

$$\Delta PQC \sim \Delta ABC \text{ and } \frac{CP}{PA} = \frac{CQ}{QB}$$

Proof: 1) $\overline{PQ} \parallel \overline{AB}$	1) given
2) $\angle C \cong \angle C$	2) Reflexive
3) $\angle CPQ \cong \angle CAB$	3) If lines are \parallel corresponding \angle s \cong
4) $\Delta PQC \sim \Delta ABC$	4) AA
* 5) $\frac{CP}{PA} = \frac{CQ}{QB}$	5) \parallel lines divide intersecting sides in proportion

Ex: Solve for x and y in the diagram at right.

$$\frac{6}{x+5} = \frac{x}{6}$$

$$x(x+5) = 36$$

$$x^2 + 5x - 36 = 0$$

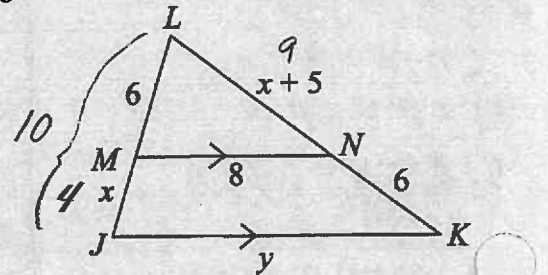
$$(x-4)(x+9) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=4} \quad x \neq -9$$

$$\frac{y}{8} = \frac{10}{6}$$

$$\frac{80}{6} = \frac{6y}{6}$$

$$\boxed{13.3 = y}$$

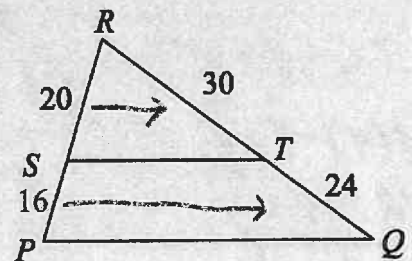


Note: The converse of part *b* of the theorem is also true: If a line intersects two sides of a triangle and divides those sides in proportion, then it is parallel to the third side.

Ex: Is $\overline{PQ} \parallel \overline{ST}$?

$$\frac{20}{30} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{16}{24} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Yes



Geometry Notes S - 7: Perimeters, Areas and Volumes of Similar Figures

Review: Lengths are measured in in ft

Areas are measured in in^2 ft^2

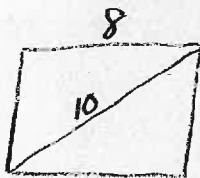
Volumes are measured in in^3 ft^3

Facts: If two figures are similar,

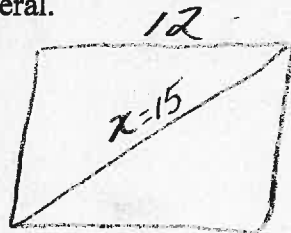
1. All pairs of corresponding segments (lengths) are in the same ratio.
This includes: sides, medians, altitudes, angle bisectors, diagonals, perimeters
2. The ratio of areas is the square of the ratio of the sides.
3. The ratio of volumes is the cube of the ratio of sides.

Ex: The lengths of the longest sides of two similar quadrilaterals are 8 and 12.

- a. If a diagonal of the smaller quadrilateral measures 10, find the length of the corresponding diagonal in the second quadrilateral.



$$A = 60$$



$$\frac{12}{8} = \frac{x}{10}$$

$$120 = 8x$$

$$x = 15$$

- b. if the area of the smaller quadrilateral is 60, find the area of the larger quadrilateral.

$$r = \frac{12}{8} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$A = 60 \times \frac{9}{4} = \frac{540}{4} = \boxed{135}$$

Ex: Joe A. Guy is 6 feet tall. He weighs 175 pounds and the total volume of his body is 2.8 cubic feet. In a science experiment gone horribly wrong, Joe manages to enlarge himself by a factor of 8; he is now 48 feet tall.

- a. What is Joe's new volume?

$$r = \frac{\text{new}}{\text{old}} = \frac{48}{6} = 8 \quad V = 2.8 \times 512$$

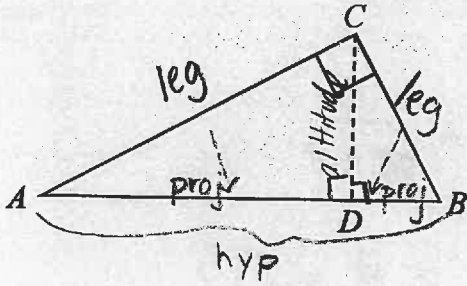
$$= 8^3 = 512 \quad = \boxed{1433.6 \text{ ft}^3}$$

- b. What is Joe's new weight?

$$175 \times 8 = 1400 \text{ lbs}$$

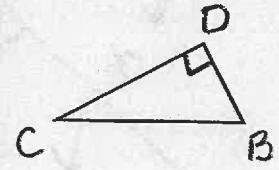
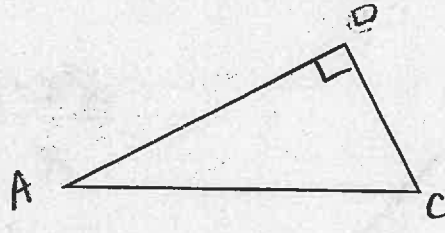
Geometry Notes S - 9: Similarity in Right Triangles

Theorem: The altitude to the hypotenuse of a right triangle forms three similar triangles.



Leg Rule

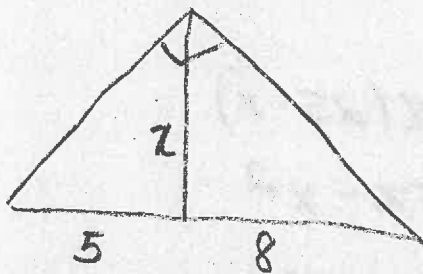
$$\frac{\text{Whole Hyp}}{\text{leg}} = \frac{\text{leg}}{\text{projection}}$$



Altitude Rule

$$\frac{\text{Part of hyp}}{\text{Alt}} = \frac{\text{Alt}}{\text{other part}}$$

Ex: The altitude to the hypotenuse of a right triangle divides the hypotenuse into segments of length 5 and 8. What is the measure of the altitude?



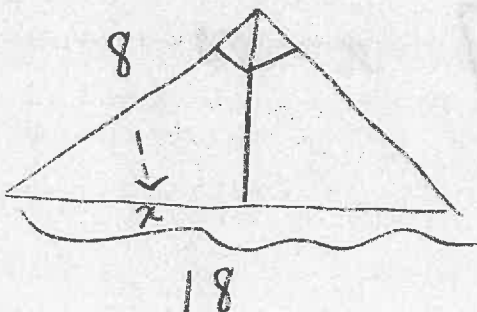
$$\frac{5}{x} = \frac{x}{8}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{40}$$

$$x = \sqrt{40}$$

$$\boxed{x = 2\sqrt{10}}$$

Ex: In a right triangle, the hypotenuse measures 18 and one leg measures 8. Find the length of the projection of that leg on the hypotenuse.

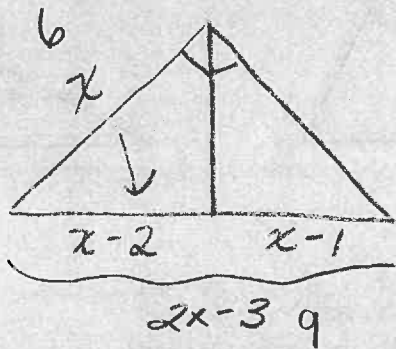


$$\frac{18}{8} = \frac{8}{x}$$

$$\frac{64}{18} = \frac{18x}{18}$$

$$\boxed{x = 3.56}$$

Ex: In a right triangle, the length of the projection of the shorter leg on the hypotenuse is two less than the length of the shorter leg. The length of the projection of the longer leg on the hypotenuse is one less than the length of the shorter leg. Find the lengths of all three sides of the triangle.



$$2x - 3$$

x	$2x^2$	$-3x$
-2	$-4x$	6

$$\frac{2x-3}{x} = \frac{x}{x-2}$$

$$x^2 = 2x^2 - 7x + 6$$

$$0 = x^2 - 7x + 6$$

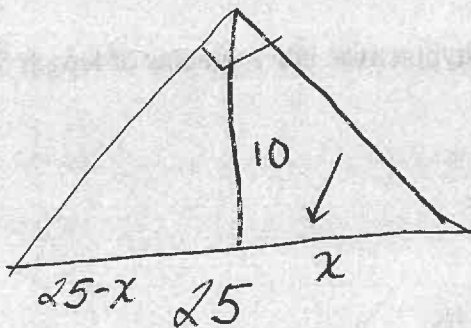
$$0 = (x-1)(x-6)$$

$$x \neq 1 \quad x = 6$$

$$6^2 + b^2 = 9^2$$

$$36 + b^2 = 81 \quad \sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{45} \quad b = \sqrt{45} = 6.7$$

Ex: In a right triangle, the hypotenuse measures 25 and the altitude to the hypotenuse measures 10. Find the length of the projection of the shorter leg on the hypotenuse.



$$\frac{25-x}{10} = \frac{10}{x}$$

$$100 = x(25-x)$$

$$100 = 25x - x^2$$

$$x^2 - 25x + 100 = 0$$

$$(x-5)(x-20) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=5} \quad x=20$$