

# Similarity Notes #1

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## Ratios and Proportions

The ratio of x to y is the number obtained by dividing x by y.

Example:  $\frac{x}{y}$

A ratio can be represented in the following ways:

1.  $1:2$
2.  $\frac{1}{2}$
3. 1 to 2

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \cancel{13}xy \\ 3 \cancel{39}x \\ \hline y \\ 3 \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad y:3$$

### Examples:

1. Give each ratio in simplest form:

(a)  $8:2$   
 $4:1$

(b)  $\frac{24}{36}$   $\boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$

(c)  $13xy : 39x$

A proportion is an equation stating that two ratios are equal.

Example:  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{6}$

### To Solve for an Unknown in a Proportion:

Cross Multiply.

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \text{ then } ad = bc$$

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$$\frac{2}{x-3} = \frac{6}{x+5}$$

2. Solve for x.

(a)

$$3x = 4(6)$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{24}{3} \quad \boxed{x=8}$$

(b)  $3:5 = 6:x$

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{x} \quad \boxed{x=10}$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{30}{3}$$

(b) Solve for x.

$$\frac{6}{18} = \frac{8}{x}$$

$$6x = 8(18)$$

$$\frac{6x}{6} = \frac{144}{6}$$

$$\boxed{x=24}$$

(c)  $2:(x-3) = 6:(x+5)$

$$2(x+5) = 6(x-3)$$

$$2x+10 = 6x-18$$

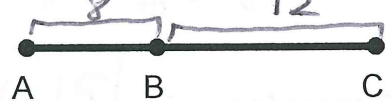
$$\frac{28}{4} = \frac{4x}{4} \quad \boxed{x=7}$$

(c) Solve for x.

$$\frac{3}{(x+3)} = \frac{2}{(x+1)}$$

$$3(x+1) = 2(x+3) \quad \boxed{x=3}$$

$$3x+3 = 2x+6$$



**Now you try!**

3. (a) Reduce:  $\frac{15}{60} = \frac{3}{12}$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$$

**Examples:**

4. Given:  $AB = 8$  and  $BC = 12$ ; State the following ratios.

(a)  $AB:BC$

$$\frac{8:12}{2:3} \quad \boxed{2:3}$$

(b)  $AC:BC$

$$\frac{20}{12} = \boxed{\frac{5}{3}}$$

(c)  $AB:AC$

$$\frac{8}{20} = \boxed{\frac{2}{5}}$$

5. Will the following ratios form a proportion?

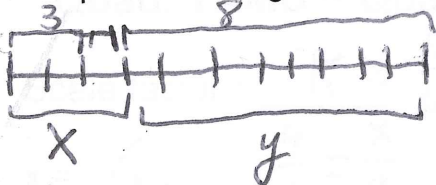
(a)  $\frac{6}{24}$  and  $\frac{4}{16}$  yes

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

(b)  $\frac{2}{9} = \frac{3}{10}$  no

$$20 \neq 27$$

6. A segment is divided in the ratio of 3 : 8. If the segment is 44 cm long, find the length of each part of the segment.



$$\frac{11}{44} = \frac{3}{x}$$

$$11x = 132$$

$$\frac{11}{44} = \frac{8}{y}$$

$$11y = 352$$

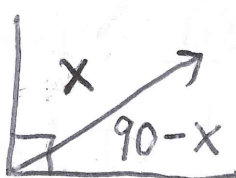
$$\underline{x=12\text{cm}}$$

$$\underline{y=32\text{cm}}$$

7. Two complementary angles are in the ratio of 2 : 7. Find the measure of each angle.

\*Add to be  $90^\circ$

$$\frac{9}{90} = \frac{2}{x}$$



$$\frac{2}{7} = \frac{x}{90-x}$$

$$7x = 2(90-x)$$

$$7x = 180 - 2x$$

$$\frac{9x}{9} = \frac{180}{9}$$

$$x = 20$$

$$\underline{20^\circ}$$

$$\underline{70^\circ}$$

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Similar Polygons

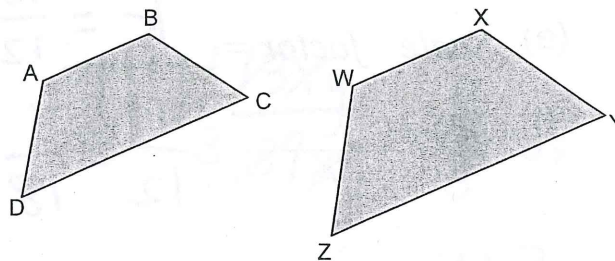
Two polygons are similar ( $\sim$ ) if their vertices can be matched so that:

- Corresponding angles are congruent.
- Ratios of lengths of corresponding lengths are proportional.

If  $ABCD \sim WXYZ$ , then:

1.  $\angle A \cong \angle W, \angle B \cong \angle X, \angle C \cong \angle Y, \text{ and } \angle D \cong \angle Z$

2.  $\frac{WX}{AB} = \frac{XY}{BC} = \frac{YZ}{CD} = \frac{WZ}{AD}$



Conversely, if parts 1 & 2 are true, then you can conclude that  $ABCD \sim WXYZ$ .

The scale factor of two similar polygons is the ratio that will transform the first polygon to the second.

To find the scale factor between two figures, write a ratio using the length of one of the sides of the transformed figure (the second figure) over the length of the corresponding sides of the original figure.

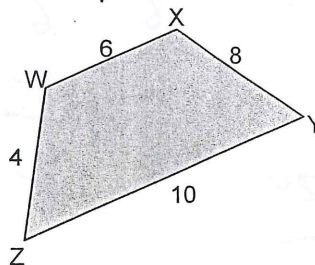
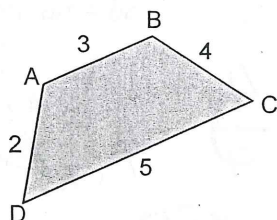
$$k = \frac{\text{transformed}}{\text{original}}$$

original transformed

**Example # 1:**

$ABCD \sim WXYZ$ .

Find the scale factor that will transform the first figure to the second figure.



$$k = \frac{6}{3} = \boxed{2}$$

original transformed

Example # 2: MATH ~ KIDS

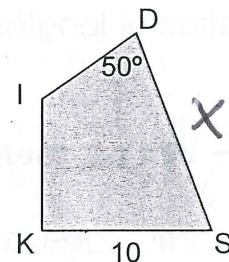
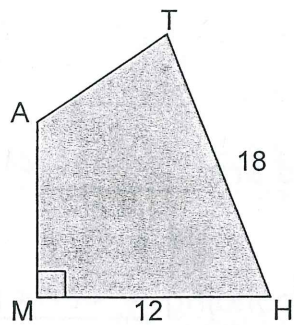
(a)  $\angle A \cong \angle I$   
 (b)  $m\angle K = \angle M = 90^\circ$

(c)  $m\angle T = 50^\circ$

(d)  $\frac{ID}{AT} = \frac{IK}{AM} \quad ? = \underline{AM}$

(e) Scale factor =  $k = \frac{10}{12} = \boxed{\frac{5}{6}}$

(f)  $DS = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \frac{10}{12} = \frac{x}{18}$   
 $\frac{12x}{12} = \frac{180}{12} \quad \boxed{x=15}$



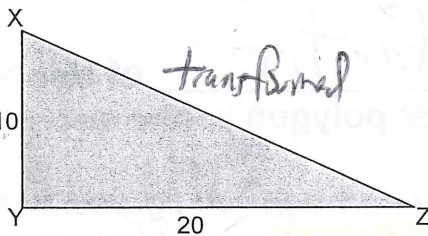
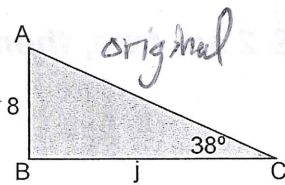
Now you try!

3.  $ABC \sim XYZ$

(a) Scale factor =  $k = \frac{16}{8} = \frac{5}{4}$

(b)  $j = 16$

(c)  $m\angle Z = 38^\circ$



$\frac{5}{4} = \frac{20}{j}$

$\frac{5j}{5} = \frac{80}{5}$

$\frac{360}{5} = 72$   
 $72 - 68 = 4$   
 $4 \cdot 5 = 20$   
 $20 + 80 = 100$

4. Quad. TAMU ~ Quad. T'A'M'U'

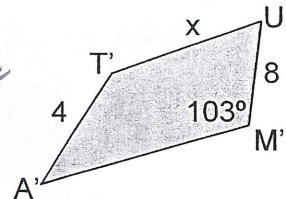
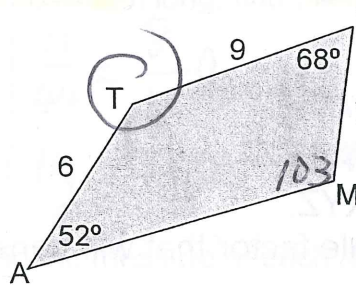
(a) Scale factor =  $k = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$

(b)  $x = 6 \quad \frac{4}{6} = \frac{x}{9} \quad \frac{6x}{6} = \frac{36}{6}$

(c)  $y = 12$

(d)  $m\angle U' = 68$

e)  $m\angle T = 137^\circ$



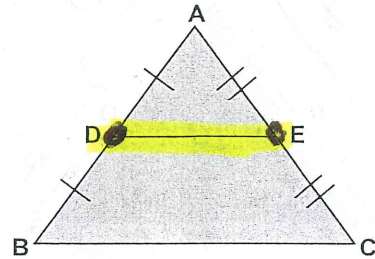
$\frac{4y}{4} = \frac{48}{4}$   
 $y = 12$

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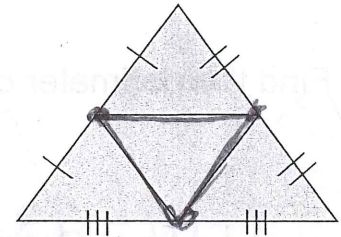
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**Midsegments of Triangles**

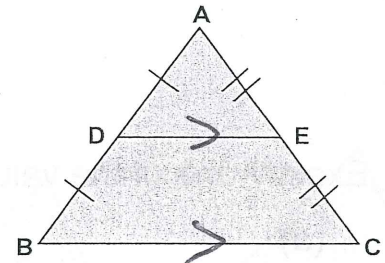
**Midsegment:** The segment connecting the midpoints of two sides of a triangle.



**Conjecture:** The three midsegments of a triangle divide the triangle into 4 congruent triangles.



**Conjecture:** A midsegment of a triangle is parallel to the 3rd side and one half the length of the third side.



Notation:  $\overline{DE} \parallel \overline{BC}$  and  $2(DE) = BC$

**Guided Practice:**

1. (a) If  $AC = 20$ , then  $DE =$  10.

(b) If  $DE = 6$ , then  $AC =$  12.

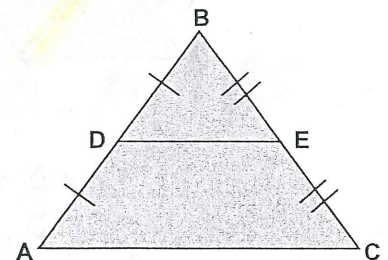
(c) If  $DE = x + 6$  and  $AC = 3x + 4$ , then  $x =$  8.

$$\begin{array}{l|l} 2(DE) = AC & 2x + 12 = 3x + 4 \\ 2(x + 6) = 3x + 4 & \begin{array}{l} -2x \\ -4 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$12 = x + 4$$

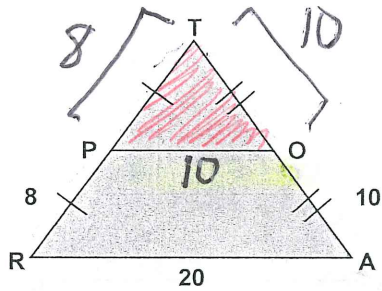
$$\begin{array}{l} -4 \\ -4 \end{array}$$

$8 = x$



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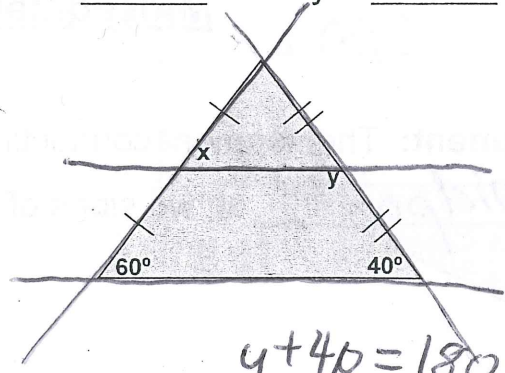
2. Find the perimeter of  $\triangle TOP$ .



Perimeter = 28 units

3. Find the missing angle measures.

$x = 60^\circ$        $y = 140^\circ$



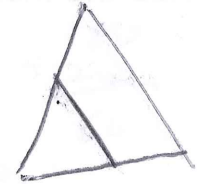
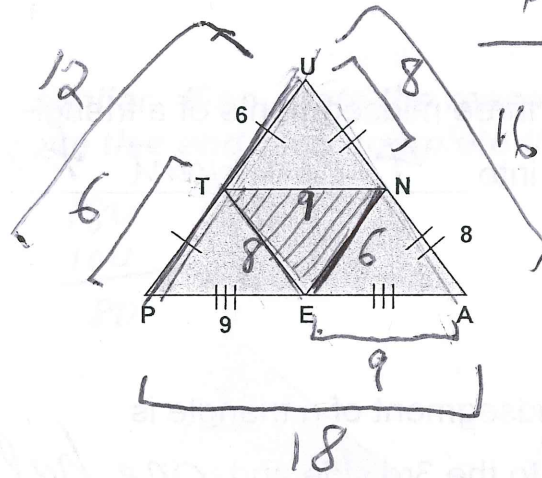
$$y + 40 = 180$$

$$\underline{-40} \quad \underline{-40}$$

$$140$$

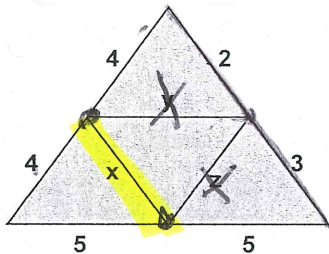
4. Find the perimeter of  $\triangle TEN$ .

$8 + 9 + 6 = 23$  units



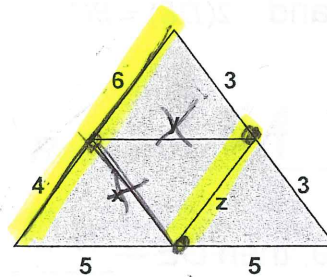
5. Exactly one of the values  $x$ ,  $y$ , or  $z$  can be determined. Find it.

(a)



$x = \frac{1}{2}(5) = 2.5$

(b)



$z = \frac{1}{2}(10)$

$z = 5$

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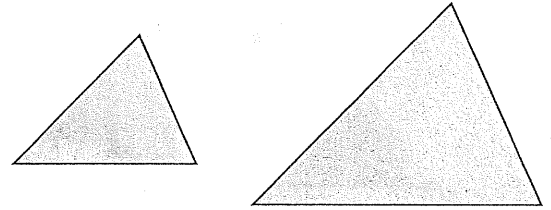
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## Triangle Similarity

### Angle Angle Similarity:

AA~

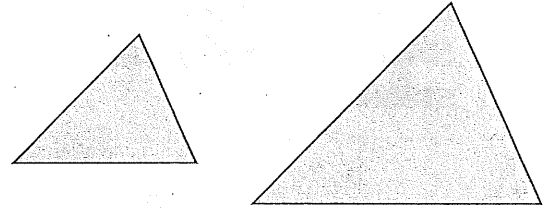
If 2 angles of one triangle are congruent to 2 angles of another triangle, then the triangles are similar.



### Side Side Side Similarity:

SSS~

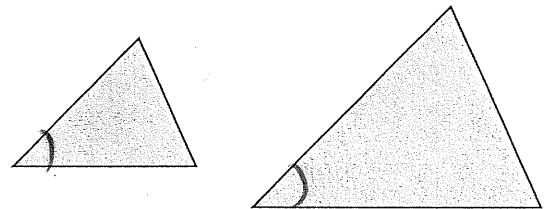
If corresponding sides of two triangles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar.



### Side Angle Side Similarity:

SAS~

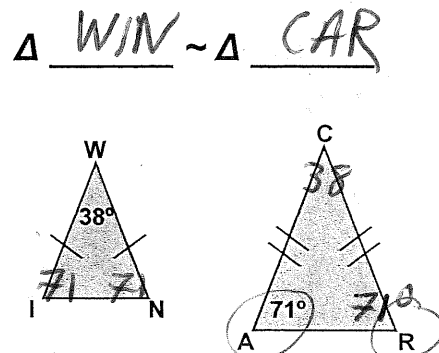
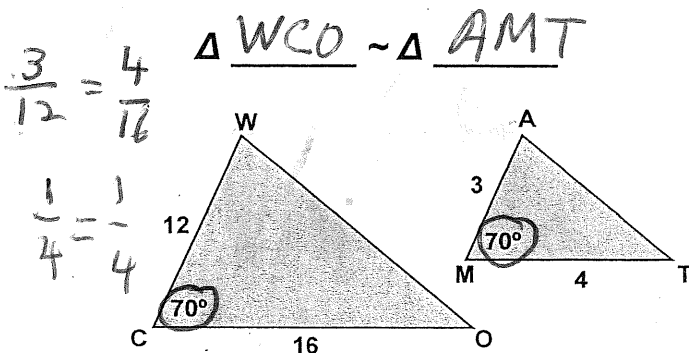
If an angle of one triangle is congruent to an angle of another triangle and the sides including those angles are in proportion, then the triangles are similar.



### Guided Practice

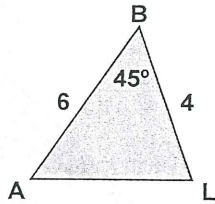
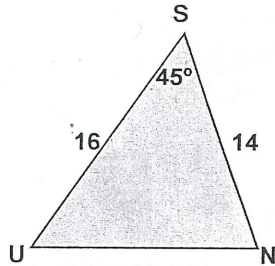
1. Reason: SAS

2. Reason: AA or SAS



3. Reason: 2 triangles are not similar

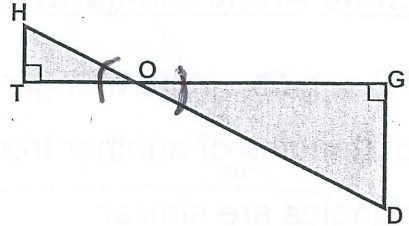
$\Delta$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\sim$   $\Delta$  \_\_\_\_\_



$$\frac{6}{16} = \frac{4}{14} \quad \frac{3}{8}$$

4. Reason: AA

$\Delta$  OTH  $\sim$   $\Delta$  OGD

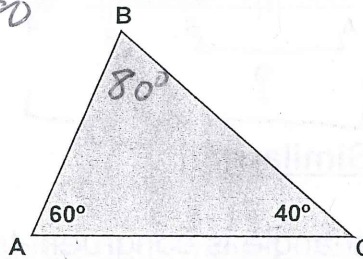


Determine if the triangles are similar. If so, state the reason (AA~, SAS~, or SSS~) that would prove this and then complete the similarity statement.

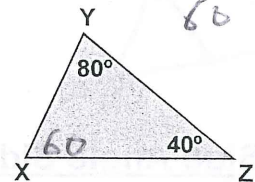
1. Reason: AA

$\Delta$  ABC  $\sim$   $\Delta$  XYZ

$$\frac{180}{-100} = 80$$



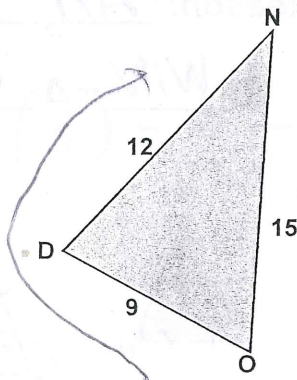
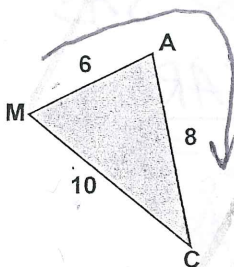
$$\frac{180}{-120} = 60$$



$$\frac{6}{9} = \frac{8}{12} = \frac{10}{15} = \frac{2}{3}$$

2. Reason: SSS

$\Delta$  MAC  $\sim$   $\Delta$  ODN



3. Reason: AA

$\Delta$  ADE  $\sim$   $\Delta$  ABC

