

6.4-6.5: Triangle Similarity

Similar triangles have \angle Same angles
 \rightarrow Same scale factor

Similar Triangle Postulates:

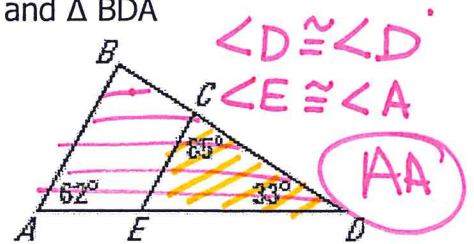
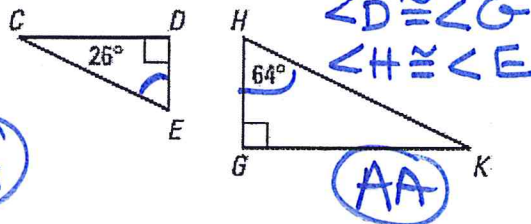
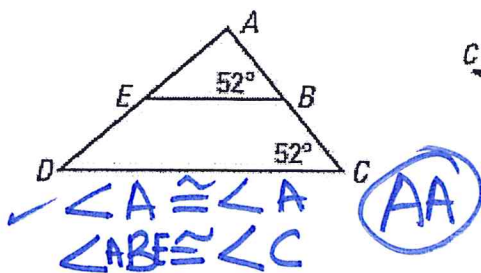
Postulate:	Example:	Practice with Hidden Tools:
AA: If two angles of one triangle are congruent to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are <u>Similar</u> .		Tools: ΔSVR and ΔUVT
SSS: If the corresponding side lengths of two triangles are <u>Proportional</u> , then the triangles are similar.		ΔRQU and ΔSQU
SAS: If an angle of one triangle is congruent to an angle of a second triangle and the lengths of the sides including these angles are <u>proportional</u> , then the triangles are similar.		Match order!!

Ex. 1: Practice with AA: Determine if the two triangles are similar by AA.

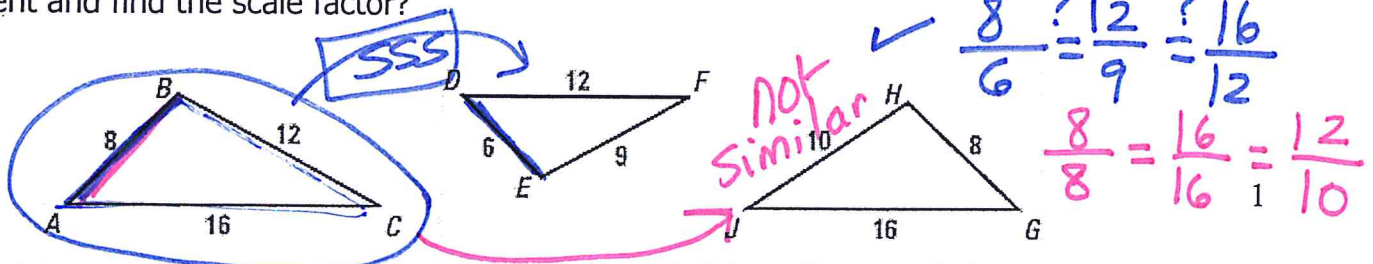
a. ΔABE and ΔACD

b. ΔDEC and ΔGHK

c. ΔCDE and ΔBDA

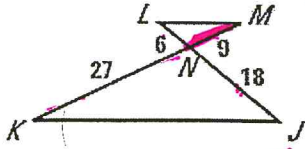


Ex. 2: Practice with SSS: Determine which triangle is similar to ΔABC by SS. Write a similarity statement and find the scale factor?



Ex. 3: Practice with SAS: Determine if the two triangles are similar by SAS.

a. $\triangle LNM$ and $\triangle JNK$

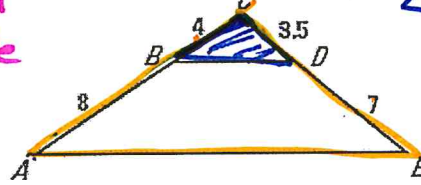


$\angle KNJ \cong \angle LNM$
Vertical angle

$\frac{9}{27} = \frac{6}{18}$

SAS

b. $\triangle CDB$ and $\triangle CEA$



$\angle C \cong \angle C$
Shared angle

~~$\frac{4}{8} = \frac{3.5}{7}$~~

Ex. 4: Mixed Practice: Determine whether the triangles are similar. If they are, state what postulate or theorem you used and write a similarity statement.

