

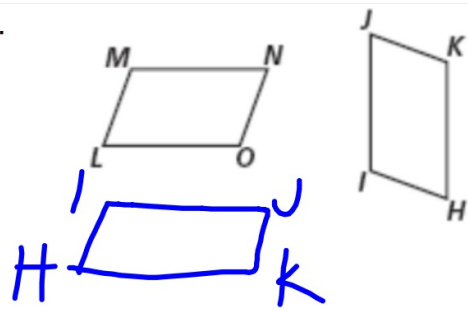
Complete the proportions and congruence statements.

1.  $\angle M \cong ?$   $\angle I$  2.  $\angle K \cong ?$   $\angle O$  3.  $\angle N \cong ?$   $\angle J$

4.  $\frac{MN}{IJ} = \frac{?}{JK}$  NO

5.  $\frac{HK}{?} = \frac{HI}{LM}$   $\angle O$

6.  $\frac{IJ}{MN} = \frac{HK}{?}$   $\angle O$

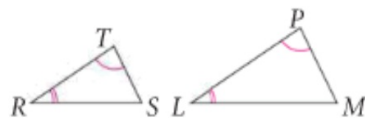


#### Postulate 7-1

#### Angle-Angle Similarity (AA ~) Postulate

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

$$\triangle TRS \sim \triangle PLM$$



**Theorem 7-1****Side-Angle-Side Similarity (SAS ~) Theorem**

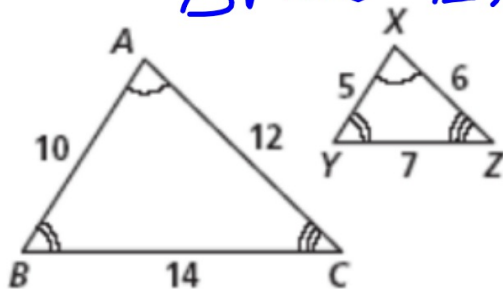
If an angle of one triangle is congruent to an angle of a second triangle, and the sides including the two angles are proportional, then the triangles are similar.

**Theorem 7-2****Side-Side-Side Similarity (SSS ~) Theorem**

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

Are the polygons similar? If they are, write a similarity statement, and give the similarity ratio. If they are not, explain.

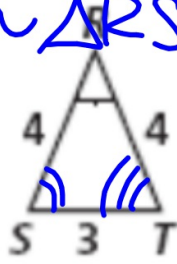
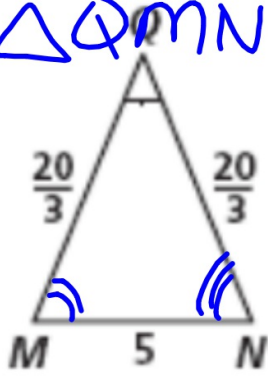
7.



$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle XYZ$  (1) Corresponding sides are  $\propto$ .

$$(2) \frac{10}{5} = \frac{12}{6} = \frac{14}{7} = 2:1$$

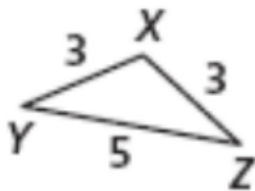
8.  $\triangle QMN \sim \triangle RST$  (1) angles are



$$(2) \frac{\frac{20}{3}}{4} = \frac{\frac{20}{3}}{4} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{5}{3}$$

9.



$$\frac{5}{3} \neq \frac{3}{5}$$

Not similar

## 7.3 Proving Triangles Similar

### G-SRT.A.2, G-SRT.A.3

**Content Objective:** Students will apply AA, SAS, and SSS similarity statements to solve triangles.

**Language Objective:** Students will compare and contrast AA, SAS, and SSS by using a map to describe when each is used with similar triangles.

Geometry

7-3: Proving Similar Triangles

**Objective 1: I can use AA, SAS, and SSS to prove triangles similar**

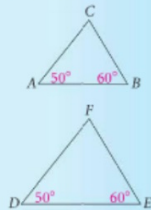
**Activity: Triangles with Two Pairs of Congruent Angles**

- Draw two triangles of different sizes, each with a  $50^\circ$  angle and a  $60^\circ$  angle.
- Measure the sides of each triangle to the nearest millimeter.
- Find the ratio of the lengths of each pair of corresponding sides.

1. What conclusion can you make about the two triangles?

2. Complete this conjecture:

If two angles of one triangle are congruent to two angles of another triangle, then the triangles are ?.



List the side lengths of the triangles below.

AB = \_\_\_\_\_ AC = \_\_\_\_\_ BC = \_\_\_\_\_

DE = \_\_\_\_\_ DF = \_\_\_\_\_ EF = \_\_\_\_\_

1) Conclusion about the triangles:

2) If two angles of one triangle are congruent to two angles of another triangle, then the triangles are \_\_\_\_\_.

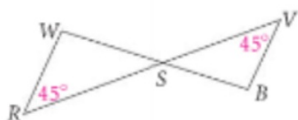
The above activity suggests the following postulate:

**Postulate 7-1: Angle-Angle Similarity (AA~) Postulate**

If two angles of one  $\triangle$  are  $\cong$  to two  $\angle$ 's in another  $\triangle$ , then the  $\triangle$ s are similar

$\triangle TRS \sim \triangle PLM$

Example 1: Explain why the triangles are similar. Write a similarity statement.



$\angle R \cong \angle V$  Given  
 $\angle WSR \cong \angle VSB$   
 $\triangle RSW \sim \triangle VSB$  by AA~

QC 1: In example 1, you have enough information to write a similarity statement. Do you have enough information to find the similarity ratio? Explain.

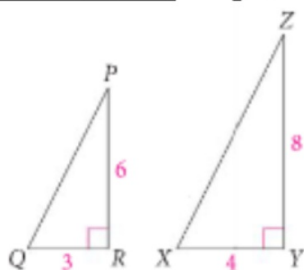
No, side lengths given

The next two theorems follow from the AA~ postulate.

**Theorem 7-1: Side-Angle-Side Similarity Theorem (SAS~)**

If an angle of one  $\Delta$  is  $\cong$  to an  $\angle$  of second  $\Delta$ , and sides including the two  $\angle$ s are prop, then the  $\Delta$ s are similar

Example 2A: Explain why the triangles below are similar.



angles are both  $90^\circ$

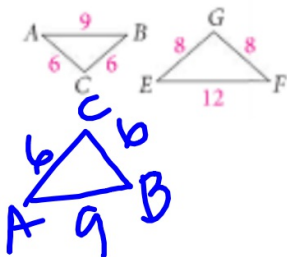
$$\frac{QR}{XY} = \frac{3}{4} = \frac{PR}{ZY} = \frac{6}{8} \checkmark$$

SAS~  $\triangle PQR \sim \triangle ZXY$

**Theorem 7-2: Side-Side-Side Similarity Theorem (SSS~)**

If corresponding sides of two  $\Delta$ s are proportional, then the  $\Delta$ s are  $\sim$ .

Example 2B: Explain why the triangles are similar. Write a similarity statement.



$$\frac{AC}{EG} = \frac{CB}{GF} = \frac{AB}{EF}$$
$$\frac{6}{8} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{9}{12}$$

SSS~  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle EFG$

(3/4)



QC 2: Explain why the triangles below are similar. Which Theorem did you use?

A)  $\frac{10}{12} = \frac{15}{18} = \frac{20}{24}$   
 $\Delta KLM \sim \Delta PQR$  (SSS)

B)  $\frac{10}{5} = \frac{8}{4} = \frac{12}{6}$   
 $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta A'B'C'$  (SSS)

(1) angles are  $\cong$   
 (2)  $\frac{10}{5} = \frac{8}{4} = \frac{12}{6}$   
 (3)  $\frac{10}{5} = \frac{8}{4} = \frac{12}{6}$   
 $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta A'B'C'$  (SAS)

### Practice Problems

Can you conclude the triangles are similar? If so, write a similarity statement and name the postulate or theorem that you used. If not, explain why.

1.

$\frac{2}{6} = \frac{3}{4.5} = \frac{4}{3}$   
 $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta FED$  (SSS)

$\frac{3}{6} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{6}{12}$   
 $\Delta GHI \sim \Delta RST$  (SSS)

$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{4}{8}$   
 $\Delta VWT \sim \Delta AYT$  (SSS)

4.

$\frac{18}{22} \neq \frac{16}{20} = \frac{20}{25}$   
 Not similar

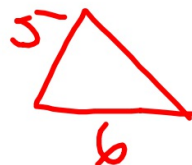
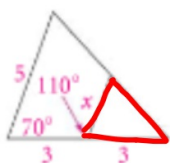
$\frac{6}{10} = \frac{12}{24}$   
 $\Delta DEF \sim \Delta LMN$  (SAS)

$\frac{3}{10} \neq \frac{4}{24}$   
 Not similar



Explain why the triangles are similar. Then find the value of x.

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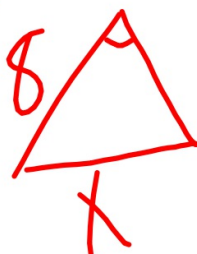
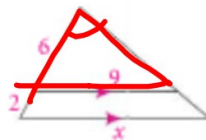


$$\frac{5}{x} = \frac{6}{3}$$

$$6x = 15$$

$$x = 2.5$$

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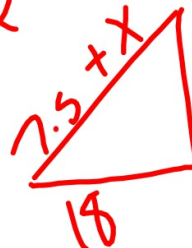
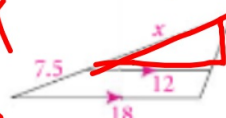


$$\frac{6}{8} = \frac{9}{x}$$

$$6x = 72$$

$$x = 12$$

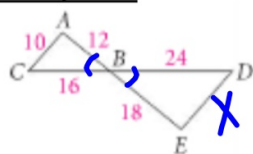
$$\frac{7.5+x}{x} = \frac{18}{12}$$



**Objective 2: I can use AA, SAS, and SSS similarity in real-world applications**

We can apply the AA~ postulate, SAS~ and SSS~ theorems to find missing sides in similar triangles.

Example 3: Assume the triangles are similar. Find DE.



$$\frac{AC}{DE} = \frac{CB}{BD}$$

$$\frac{10}{x} = \frac{16}{24}$$

$$16x = 240$$

$$x = 15$$

QC 3: Assume the triangles below are similar. Find the value of x.

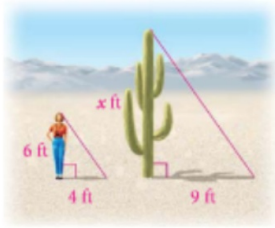


SAS -

$$\frac{6}{x} = \frac{8}{12}$$
$$x = 9$$

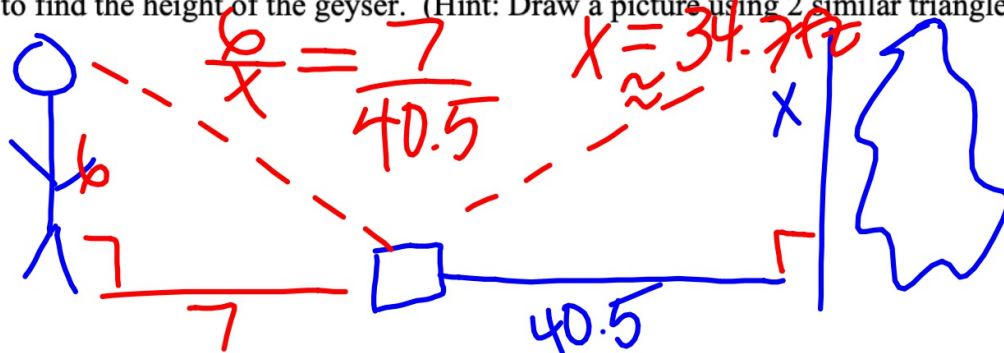
We can use similar triangles to find distances that are difficult to measure directly. This is called Indirect measurement. There are many methods of indirect measurement; the most common method using similar triangles formed by objects and their shadows. Another common method of indirect measurement, used in science, is using a light that reflects off of a mirror. The angle the light hits the mirror is the same angle it reflects back, forming vertical angles. (These are called \_\_\_\_\_.)

Example 4: In sunlight, a cactus casts a 9-ft shadow. At the same time, a person 6 ft tall casts a 4-ft shadow. Use similar triangles to find the height of the cactus.



$$\begin{aligned} &SAS \sim \\ &\frac{6}{x} = \frac{4}{9} \\ &x = 13.5 \text{ ft} \end{aligned}$$

QC 4: Ramon places a mirror on the ground 40.5 ft from the base of a geyser. He walks backwards until he can see the top of the geyser in the middle of the mirror. At that point, Ramon's eyes are 6 ft from the ground and he is 7 ft from the image in the mirror. Use similar triangles to find the height of the geyser. (Hint: Draw a picture using 2 similar triangles.)



IXL #2 - due Friday, March 1st

P.1 Similarity Ratios

P.2 Similarity Statements

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