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**UNIT 7: SIMILARITY AND
TRANSFORMATIONS**

7.4: SIMILAR TRIANGLES

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WHAT'S THE POINT OF TODAY'S LESSON?

We will begin working on the Math 9 Specific Curriculum Outcome (SCO) "Shape and Space 3" OR "SS3" which states:

"Demonstrate an understanding of similarity of polygons."

WARM UP: Find the lengths of the missing sides ("x" and "y") in the proportional diagrams below. **Show all work.**

Method I

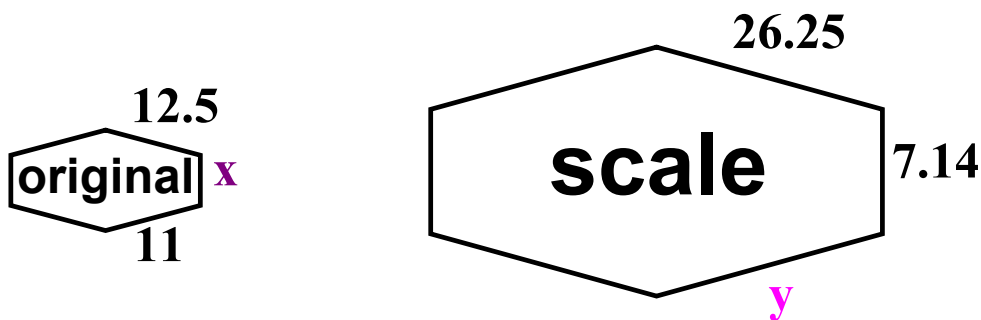
$$S.F. = \frac{S}{O} = \frac{26.25}{12.5} = 2.1$$

$$y = O(S.F.) = 11(2.1) = 23.1$$

$$x = \frac{S}{S.F.} = \frac{7.14}{2.1} = 3.4$$

Method II

$$\frac{x}{7.14} = \frac{12.5}{26.25} \Rightarrow x = \frac{12.5(7.14)}{26.25} = 3.4$$

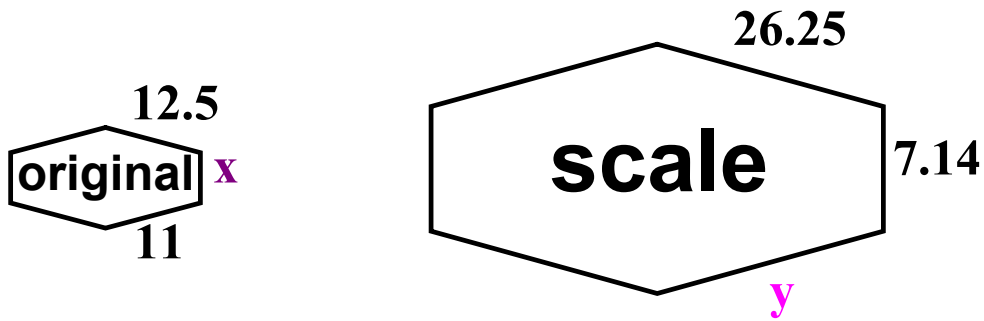
$$\frac{y}{11} = \frac{26.25}{12.5} \Rightarrow y = \frac{26.25(11)}{12.5} = 23.1$$


A SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Scale Factor} &= \text{scale/original} \\ &= 26.25/12.5 \\ &= 2.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 7.14 / 2.1 \\ x &= 3.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 11 \times 2.1 \\ y &= 23.1 \end{aligned}$$



ANOTHER SOLUTION:

$$\frac{26.25}{12.5} = \frac{7.14}{x} = \frac{y}{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{26.25}{12.5} &= \frac{7.14}{x} \\ 26.25x &= 89.25 \\ \frac{26.25x}{26.25} &= \frac{89.25}{26.25} \\ x &= 3.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{26.25}{12.5} &= \frac{y}{11} \\ 288.75 &= 12.5y \\ \frac{288.75}{12.5} &= \frac{12.5y}{12.5} \\ 23.1 &= y \end{aligned}$$

HOMEWORK QUESTIONS?

(pages 329 / 330 / 331, #4 to #6, #8 to #11 & #20)

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 316 IN *MMS9*.

This is a review of several properties you should already know about triangles.

**Start
Where You
Are**

What Should I Recall?

Suppose I have to solve this problem:
Determine the unknown measures of the angles and sides in $\triangle ABC$.
The given measures are rounded to the nearest whole number.

I think of what I already know about triangles.
I see that AB and AC have the same hatch marks; this means the sides are equal.
 $AC = AB$
So, $AC = 5$ cm

I know that a triangle with 2 equal sides is an isosceles triangle.
So, $\triangle ABC$ is isosceles.
An isosceles triangle has 2 equal angles that are formed where the equal sides intersect the third side.
I use 3 letters to describe an angle.
So, $\angle ACD = \angle AEB$
 $= 37^\circ$

Since $\triangle ABC$ is isosceles, the height AD is the perpendicular bisector of the base BC.
So, $BD = DC$ and $\angle ADB = 90^\circ$
I can use the Pythagorean Theorem in $\triangle ABD$ to calculate the length of BD.

$$AD^2 + BD^2 = AB^2$$

$$3^2 + BD^2 = 5^2$$

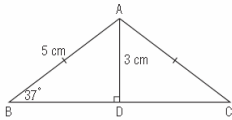
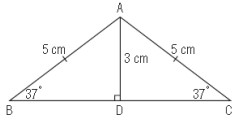
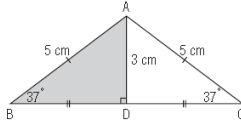
$$9 + BD^2 = 25$$

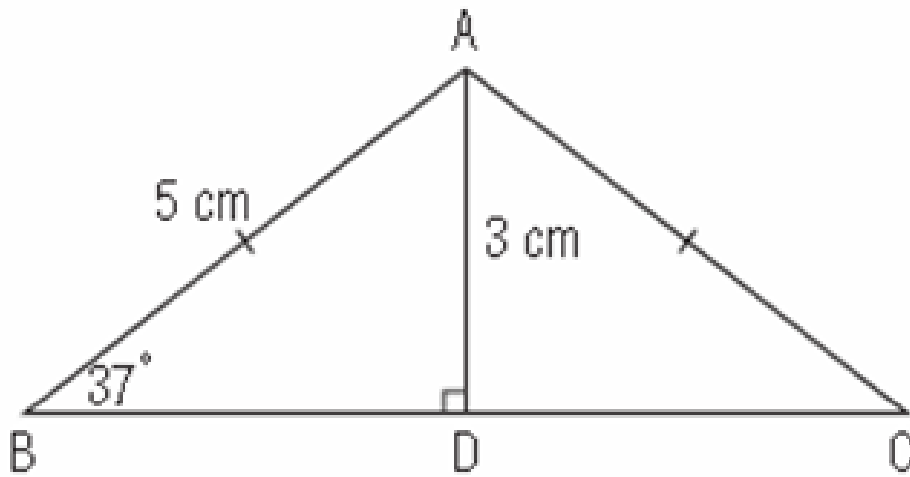
$$9 - 9 + BD^2 = 25 - 9$$

$$BD^2 = 16$$

$$BD = \sqrt{16}$$

$$BD = 4$$

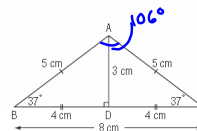






BD = 4 cm
 So, BC = 2 × 4 cm
 = 8 cm

I know that the sum of the angles in a triangle is 180°
 So, I can calculate the measure of ∠BAC.
 $\angle BAC + \angle ACD + \angle ABD = 180^\circ$
 $\angle BAC + 37^\circ + 37^\circ = 180^\circ$
 $\angle BAC + 74^\circ = 180^\circ$
 $\angle BAC + 74^\circ - 74^\circ = 180^\circ - 74^\circ$
 $\angle BAC = 106^\circ$

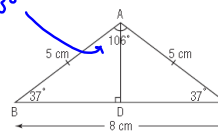
SATT



My friend Janelle showed me a different way to calculate.
 She recalled that the line AD is a line of symmetry for an isosceles triangle.
 So, ΔABD is congruent to ΔACD.

This means that ∠BAD = ∠CAD
 Janelle calculated the measure of ∠BAD in ΔABD.
 $\angle BAD + 37^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$
 $\angle BAD + 127^\circ = 180^\circ$
 $\angle BAD + 127^\circ - 127^\circ = 180^\circ - 127^\circ$
 $\angle BAD = 53^\circ$
 Then, ∠BAC = 2 × 53°
 = 106°

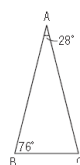
= 180 - 90 - 37
 = 53°



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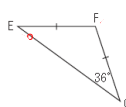
1. Calculate the measure of each angle.

a) ∠ACB



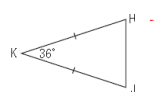
$\angle ACB = 180 - 76 - 28$
 $= 76^\circ$ SATT

b) ∠GEF and ∠GFE



$\angle GEF = 36^\circ$ ITT
 $\angle GFE = 180 - 36 - 36$
 $= 108^\circ$ SATT

c) ∠HJK and ∠KHJ



$\angle HJK = 180 - 36$
 $= 72^\circ$ SATT ITT
 $\angle KHJ = 72^\circ$ ITT

SIMILAR TRIANGLES

TO IDENTIFY SIMILAR TRIANGLES:

* the measures of the **3** pairs of corresponding angles must be **EQUAL**

OR

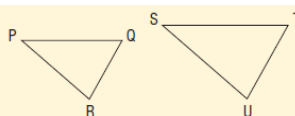
* the **ratios** of the lengths of the **3** pairs of corresponding sides must be **EQUAL**; in other words, corresponding sides are **proportional**

MMS9, Page 344:

Properties of Similar Triangles

To identify that $\triangle PQR$ and $\triangle STU$ are similar, we only need to know that:

- $\angle P = \angle S$ and $\angle Q = \angle T$ and $\angle R = \angle U$; or
- $\frac{PQ}{ST} = \frac{QR}{TU} = \frac{PR}{SU}$

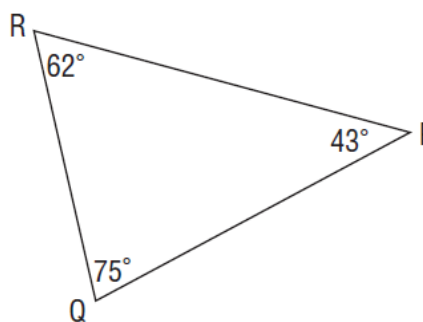
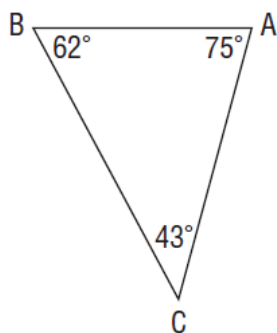


$\triangle PQR \sim \triangle STU$

$\angle P = \angle S$
 $\angle Q = \angle T$
 $\angle R = \angle U$

$\frac{PQ}{ST} = \frac{QR}{TU} = \frac{PR}{SU}$ or $\frac{ST}{PQ} = \frac{TU}{QR} = \frac{SU}{PR}$

ARE THESE TWO TRIANGLES SIMILAR?



$\angle A = \angle Q$ given

$\angle B = \angle R$ given

$\angle C = \angle P$ given

$\therefore \triangle ABC \sim \triangle QRP$ by AAA

So $\frac{AB}{QR} = \frac{AC}{QP} = \frac{BC}{RP}$

EXAMPLE -MMS9, PAGE 344:

These triangles are similar because:

$$\angle A = \angle Q = 75^\circ$$

$$\angle B = \angle R = 62^\circ$$

$$\angle C = \angle P = 43^\circ$$

When we name two similar triangles, we order the letters to match the corresponding angles.

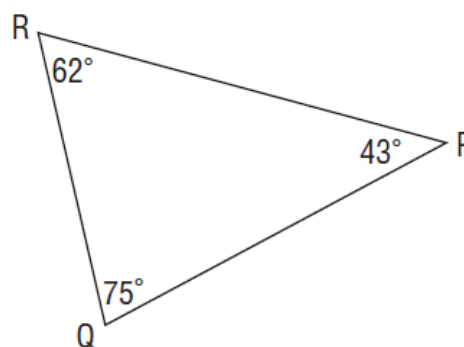
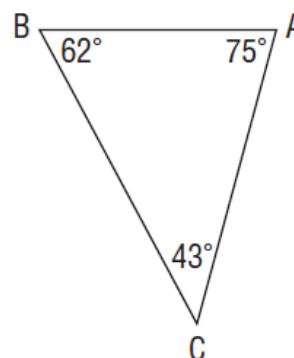
We write: $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle QRP$

Then we can identify corresponding sides:

AB corresponds to QR.

BC corresponds to RP.

AC corresponds to QP.

**EXAMPLE - How you show PROOF OF SIMILARITY (AAA) in your work:**

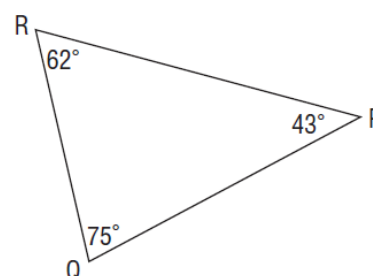
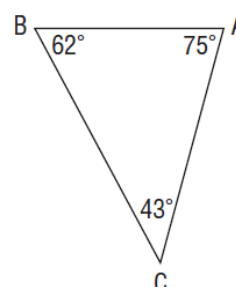
(NOTE: "AAA" = angle; angle; angle)

$$\angle A = \angle Q \text{ (GIVEN)}$$

$$\angle B = \angle R \text{ (GIVEN)}$$

$$\angle C = \angle P \text{ (GIVEN)}$$

$$\therefore \triangle ABC \sim \triangle QRP \text{ (AAA)}$$



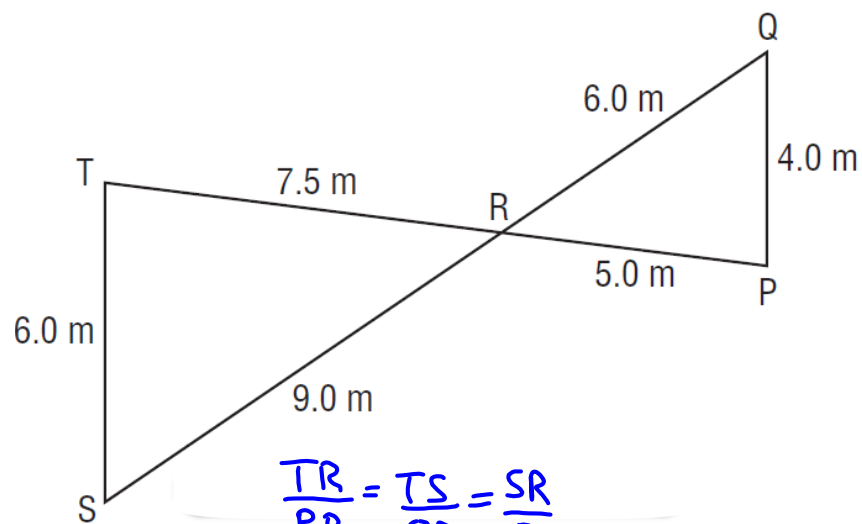
$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle QRP$$



SYMBOL FOR **SIMILAR TO**

THIS IS CALLED A
"SIMILARITY STATEMENT"

ARE THESE TWO TRIANGLES **SIMILAR?**



$$\frac{TR}{RP} = \frac{TS}{QP} = \frac{SR}{RQ}$$

$$\frac{7.5}{5.0} \quad \frac{6.0}{4.0} \quad \frac{9.0}{6.0}$$

$$1.5 \quad 1.5 \quad 1.5$$

$\therefore \triangle STR \sim \triangle QPR$ by ratio

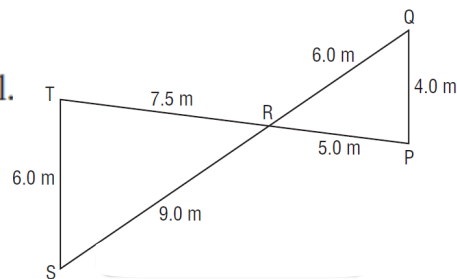
EXAMPLE -MMS9, PAGE 345:

Find out if the corresponding sides are proportional.

$$\frac{ST}{PQ} = \frac{6.0}{4.0} = 1.5$$

$$\frac{TR}{PR} = \frac{7.5}{5.0} = 1.5$$

$$\frac{RS}{QR} = \frac{9.0}{6.0} = 1.5$$



Since the corresponding sides are proportional, the triangles are similar.

P and T are the vertices where the two shorter sides in each triangle meet, so $\angle P$ corresponds to $\angle T$.

Similarly, $\angle Q$ corresponds to $\angle S$ and $\angle TRS$ corresponds to $\angle QRP$.

So, $\Delta PQR \sim \Delta TSR$

EXAMPLE -MMS9, PAGE 345 (continued):

In *Example 1*, we can say that ΔTSR is an enlargement of ΔPQR with a scale factor of 1.5.

Or, since $1.5 = \frac{3}{2}$, we can also say that ΔPQR is a reduction of ΔTSR with a scale factor of $\frac{2}{3}$.

We can use the properties of similar triangles to solve problems that involve scale diagrams.

These problems involve lengths that cannot be measured directly.

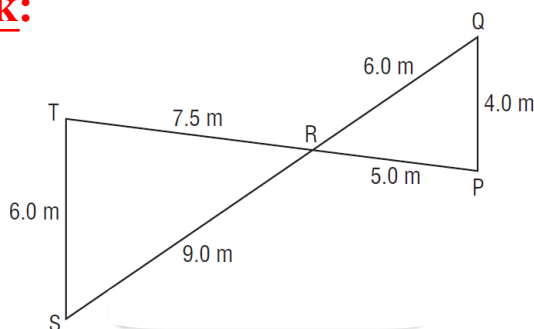
**EXAMPLE - How you show
PROOF OF SIMILARITY (RATIOS)**

in your work:

$$\frac{PQ}{TS} = \frac{QR}{SR} = \frac{PR}{TR} = \frac{2}{3}$$

OR

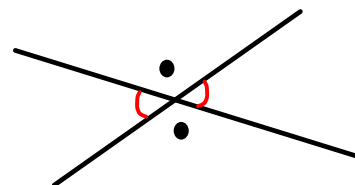
$$\frac{RS}{RQ} = \frac{ST}{QP} = \frac{RT}{RP} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$



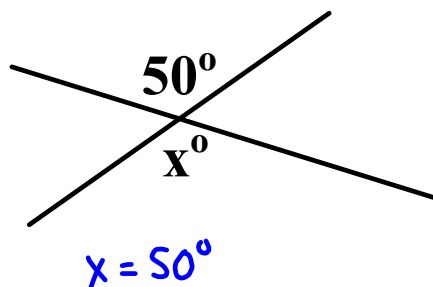
∴ $\triangle PQR \sim \triangle TSR$ (RATIOS)

There are two angle theorems that you will need for your similar triangles proofs:

**1. OPPOSITE ANGLES THEOREM (OAT):
opposite angles are EQUAL**

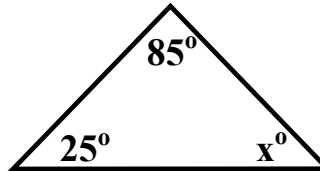


Ex.:



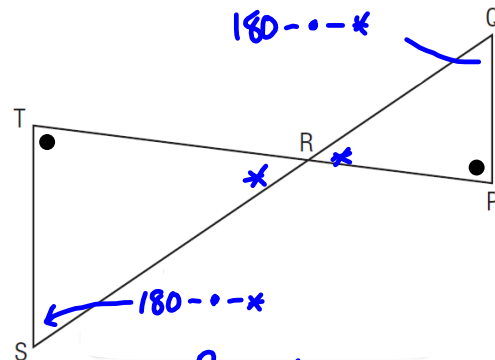
2. SUM OF THE ANGLES IN A TRIANGLE THEOREM (SATT) the sum of the angles in a triangle is 180 .

Ex.: Calculate the unknown angle measure.



$$\begin{aligned} x &= 180 - 85 - 25 \\ &= 180 - 110 \\ &= 70^\circ \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE: PROVE that the triangles in the diagram below are SIMILAR



- $\angle T = \angle P$ (given)
- $\angle TRS = \angle RQP$ (OAT)
- $\angle S = \angle Q$ (SATT)

∴ $\triangle TRS \sim \triangle RQP$ (AAA)

$\angle T = \angle P$ given
 $\angle TRS = \angle RQP$ OAT
 $\angle S = \angle Q$ SATT

∴ $\triangle TSR \sim \triangle PQR$ (AAA)