

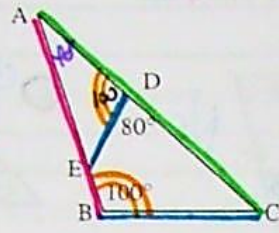
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Geometry Worksheet: **8.3.3 Ways to Prove Triangles Similar**

① The book states that if two angles of a triangle are congruent to two angles of a second triangle, then the two triangles are similar by AA-.

a. Complete the similarity statement:  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle ADE$

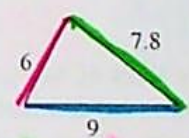
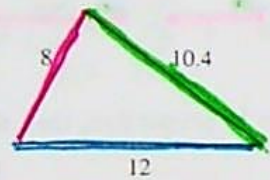
Question:  
Why don't you need the third pair  $\cong$ ?



$\angle ADE \cong \angle B$   
 $\angle A \cong \angle A$   
AA~

(all three pairs)  
② The book states that if the corresponding sides of two triangles reduce to the same ratio, then the two triangles are similar by SSS-.

a. Can the two triangles shown be proved similar by SSS- (yes or no)? Yes



SSS~

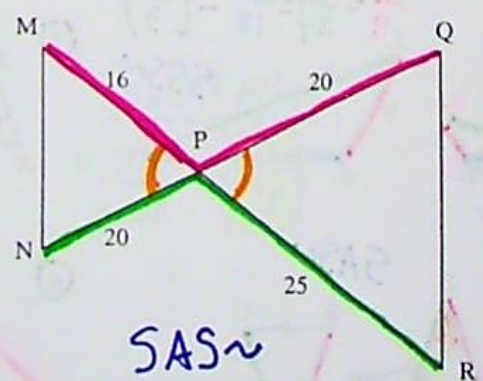
$$\frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3} = 1.\bar{3}$$

$$\frac{10.4}{7.8} = \frac{4}{3} = 1.\bar{3}$$

$$\frac{12}{9} = \frac{4}{3} = 1.\bar{3}$$

③ The book states that if two pairs of corresponding sides of two triangles reduce to the same ratio and the included angles are congruent, then the two triangles are similar by SAS-.

a. Complete the similarity statement:  $\triangle MPN \sim \triangle QPR$



SAS~

$$\frac{MP}{PQ} = \frac{NP}{PR}$$

$$\frac{16}{20} = \frac{20}{25}$$

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

8.3

**1 AA Similarity Postulate** If two angles of one triangle are congruent to two angles of another triangle, then the triangles are similar.

Tell whether the triangles are similar or not similar. If you can't reach a conclusion, write *no conclusion is possible*.

① **No**

② **Yes**

③ **Yes**

④ **NEI**

⑤ **No**

⑥ **could be**  
**NEI**

**3 SAS Similarity Theorem** 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.

If  $\angle B \cong \angle Y$  and  
 $\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{XY}{YZ}$   
 then  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle XYZ$ .

*Handwritten calculation:*  
 $\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$   
 $\frac{XY}{YZ} = \frac{6}{8} = 0.75$

**2 SSS Similarity Theorem** If the sides of two triangles are in proportion, then the triangles are similar.

If  $\frac{AB}{XY} = \frac{BC}{YZ} = \frac{AC}{XZ}$   
 then  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle XYZ$ .

*Handwritten calculation:*  
 $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{2.5}{5} = \frac{1}{2}$

Can the two triangles shown be proved similar? If so, state the similarity and which similarity postulate or theorem you would use.

① **SAS~**

② **SSS~**

③ **AA~**

④ **NO**  
*Angle NOT included!*

⑤ **SAS~**

⑥ **SAS~**

**Geometry: 8.3, 8.4 - Proving  $\Delta$ s  $\sim$**

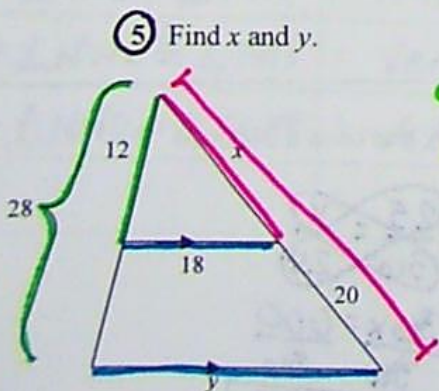
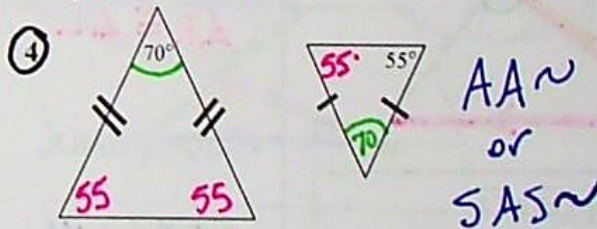
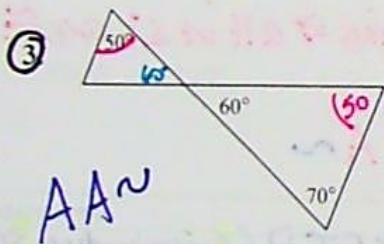
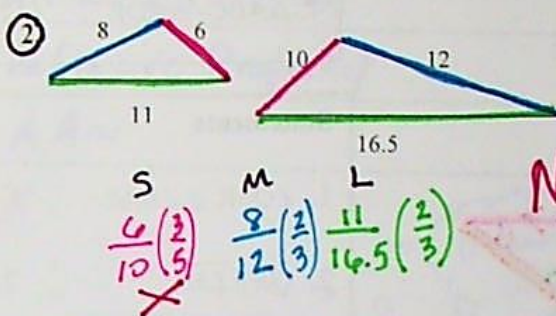
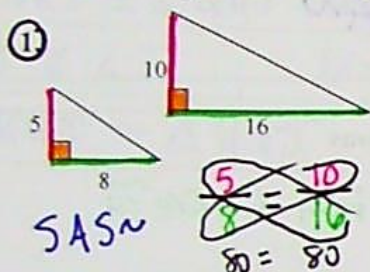
There are three ways to prove triangles similar:

**AA** - If 2  $\angle$ s of a  $\Delta$  are  $\cong$  to 2 corr.  $\angle$ s of another  $\Delta$ , then the  $\Delta$ s are  $\sim$ .

**SSS** - If the sides of a  $\Delta$  are *proportional* to the corr. sides of another  $\Delta$ , then they are  $\sim$ .

**SAS** - If 2 sides of a  $\Delta$  are proportional to 2 corr. sides of another  $\Delta$ , and the included  $\angle$ s are  $\cong$ , then the  $\Delta$ s are  $\sim$ .

Can the triangles shown be proved similar? If so, state which theorem supports it.



Scale Factor

$$\frac{12}{28} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\frac{x}{x+20} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$7x = 3x + 60$$

$$4x = 60$$

$$x = 15$$

$$\frac{3}{7} = \frac{18}{y}$$

$$3y = 7 \cdot 18$$

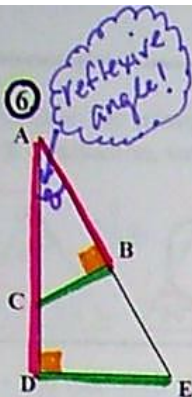
$$3y = 126$$

$$y = 42$$

$$\frac{15}{15+20} = \frac{15}{35} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\frac{18}{42} = \frac{3}{7}$$

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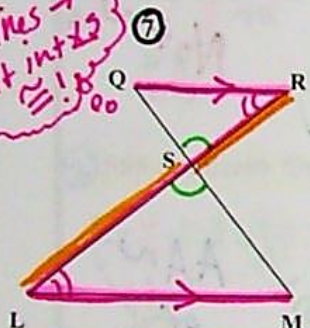


**Given:**  $\overline{AD} \perp \overline{DE}$   
 $\overline{CB} \perp \overline{AE}$

**Prove:**  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle ADE$

Statements	Reasons
1. $\overline{AD} \perp \overline{DE}$	1. Given
2. $\angle D$ is a rt. $\angle$	2. $\perp$ segs form Rt $\angle$ 's
3. $\overline{CB} \perp \overline{AE}$	3. Given
4. $\angle ABC$ is a rt. $\angle$	4. Same as #2
5. $\angle ABC \cong \angle D$	5. All Rt $\angle$ s are $\cong$
6. $\angle A \cong \angle A$	6. Reflexive Property
7. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle ADE$	7. AA $\sim$

11 lines  $\rightarrow$   
 alt int  $\angle$ 's  
 $\cong$ !



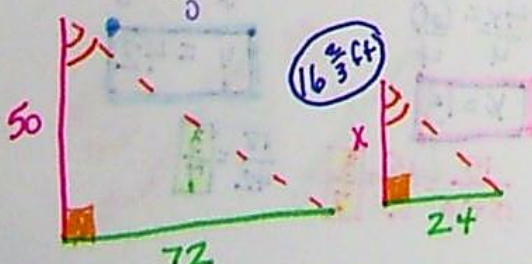
**Given:**  $\overline{QR} \parallel \overline{LM}$

**Prove:**  $QR \cdot LS = ML \cdot RS$

Statements	Reasons
1. $\angle QSR \cong \angle MSL$	1. Vertical $\angle$ 's are $\cong$
2. $\overline{QR} \parallel \overline{LM}$	2. Given
3. $\angle R \cong \angle L$	3. $\parallel$ lines $\Rightarrow$ alt int $\angle$ 's are $\cong$
4. $\triangle QRS \sim \triangle MLS$	4. AA $\sim$
5. $\frac{QR}{RS} = \frac{ML}{LS}$	5. CSSTP (corresponding sides of similar triangles are proportional)
6. $QR \cdot LS = ML \cdot RS$	6. Means-Extremes Products Thm

AA $\sim$

8) A 50 foot tall building casts a 72 foot shadow, while a nearby tree casts a 24 foot shadow. How tall is this tree?



$$\frac{Ht}{sh.} = \frac{50}{72} = \frac{25}{36} = \frac{x}{24}$$

$$36x = 600$$

$$\frac{36x}{36} = \frac{600}{36}$$

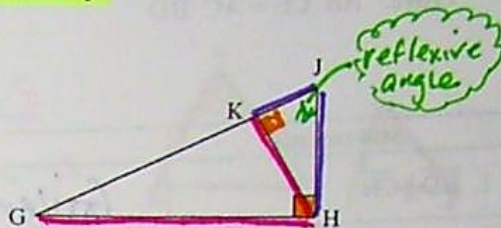
$$x = 16\frac{2}{3}$$

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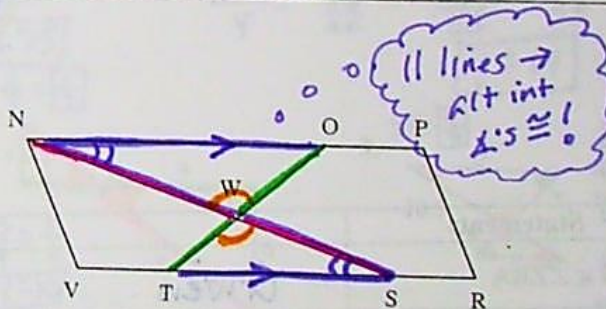
8.3/8.4 Proofs Involving Similarity

1. Given:  $\overline{KH}$  is the altitude to hypotenuse  $\overline{GJ}$   
 Prove:  $\triangle KHJ \sim \triangle HGJ$



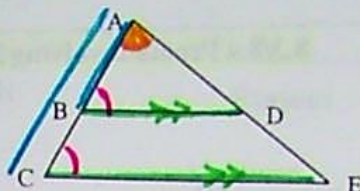
Statements	Reasons
1. $\overline{KH}$ is the altitude to hypotenuse $\overline{GJ}$	1. Given
2. $\angle HKJ$ is Rt $\angle$	2. $\triangle GKH$ forms Rt $\angle$ 's on opp side
3. $\triangle GHJ$ is Rt $\angle$	3. If $\triangle$ has a hypotenuse, then it is opposite to a Rt $\angle$ .
4. $\angle HKJ \cong \angle GHJ$ (A)	4. All Rt $\angle$ 's are $\cong$
5. $\angle J \cong \angle J$ (A)	5. Reflexive Property
6. $\triangle KHJ \sim \triangle HGJ$	6. AA $\sim$

2. Given:  $NPRV$  is a  $\square$   
 Prove:  $\triangle NWO \sim \triangle SWT$



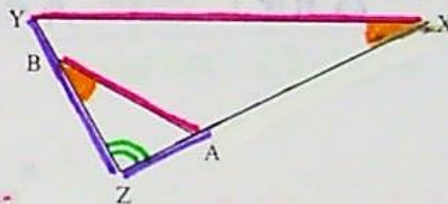
Statements	Reasons
1. $NPRV$ is a $\square$	1. Given
2. $\overline{NP} \parallel \overline{VR}$	2. If $\parallel$ gram, both pairs opp sides $\parallel$
(A) 3. $\angle ONS \cong \angle TSN$	3. $\parallel$ lines $\Rightarrow$ alt int $\angle$ 's are $\cong$
(A) 4. $\angle NWO \cong \angle SWT$	4. Vertical $\angle$ 's are $\cong$
5. $\triangle NWO \sim \triangle SWT$	5. AA $\sim$
6.	6.

3. Given:  $\overline{BD} \parallel \overline{CE}$   
 Prove:  $AB \cdot CE = AC \cdot BD$



Statements	Reasons
1. $\overline{BD} \parallel \overline{CE}$	1. Given
(A) 2. $\angle ABD \cong \angle ACE$	2. $\parallel$ lines $\Rightarrow$ corr $\Delta$ 's are $\cong$
(A) 3. $\angle A \cong \angle A$	3. Reflexive Property
4. $\triangle ABD \sim \triangle ACE$	4. AA $\sim$
5. $\frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{AC}{CE}$	5. CSSTP
6. $AB \cdot CE = AC \cdot BD$	6. Means-Extremes Products Th $\square$

4. Given:  $\angle X \cong \angle ZBA$   
 Prove:  $AZ \cdot XY = AB \cdot ZY$



Statements	Reasons
(A) 1. $\angle X \cong \angle ZBA$	1. Given
(A) 2. $\angle Z \cong \angle Z$	2. Reflexive Property
3. $\triangle BZA \sim \triangle XZY$	3. AA $\sim$
4. $\frac{AZ}{ZY} = \frac{AB}{XY}$	4. CSSTP
5. $AZ \cdot XY = AB \cdot ZY$	5. Means-Extremes Products Th $\square$
6.	6.