

Chapter 8 - Similarity

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Ratios, Proportions, and Similar Polygons

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Ratio - the comparison of a number "a" and a nonzero number "b"

can be written in three ways ...

- 1.) $\frac{a}{b}$
- 2.) $a:b$
- 3.) a to b

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Example 1

At a class fundraiser 18 girls and 14 boys worked the first shift.

a. find the ratio of girls to boys

$\frac{18}{14} = \frac{9 \cdot 2}{7 \cdot 2} = \frac{9}{7}$ c. girls to st

$\frac{18}{32} = \frac{9}{16}$

b. find the ratio of boys to girls

$\frac{14}{18} = \frac{7}{9}$

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Ex 2 Write the ratio.

An algebra class consists of 10 female students, 14 male students and 2 teachers

1. Female students : teachers $\frac{10}{2} = \frac{5}{1}$
2. Students : teachers $\frac{24}{2} = \frac{12}{1}$
3. Female : male $\frac{10}{14} = \frac{5}{7}$
4. Teachers : male students $\frac{2}{14} = \frac{1}{7}$

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The perimeter of a rectangle is 80 feet. The ratio of the length to the width is 7 to 3. Find the length and the width of the rectangle.

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$\frac{7x}{3x} = \frac{\text{length}}{\text{width}}$

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Length $7 \cdot 4 = 28$
Width $3 \cdot 4 = 12$

$7x + 3x + 7x + 3x = 80$
 $20x = 80$
 $x = 4$

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Ratios & Proportions

Proportion ... an equation that states two ratios are equal

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Using

Cross Product Property

To solve for side lengths of similar polygons

If $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$, then $ad = bc$ → only if =

We'll use this all unit long...

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1) Solve the proportion.

a.) $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{4}{x}$

$1 \cdot x = 4 \cdot 4$

$x = 16$

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b.) Solve the proportion.

$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{x}{9}$

$2 \cdot 9 = 3 \cdot x$

$3x = 18$

$x = 6$

$3 \cdot x = 2 \cdot 9$

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Solve the proportion.

a.) $\frac{5}{3} = \frac{y+2}{6}$

$5 \cdot 6 = 3(y+2)$

$30 = 3y + 6$

$24 = 3y$

$y = 8$

b.) $\frac{3}{x} = \frac{2}{x-6}$

$3(x-6) = 2x$

$3x - 18 = 2x$

$x = 18$

c.) $\frac{3}{x} = \frac{9}{x-4}$

$3(x-4) = 9x$

$3x - 12 = 9x$

$-12 = 6x$

$x = -2$

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Solve the proportion.

1. $\frac{4}{9} = \frac{10}{x}$

2. $\frac{5}{2} = \frac{6}{x}$

3. $\frac{5}{2} = \frac{2}{x}$

4. $\frac{21}{27} = \frac{x}{18}$

5. $\frac{15}{21} = \frac{20}{y}$

6. $\frac{26}{b} = \frac{39}{9}$

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8.1 Similar Polygons: two polygons are similar if corresponding angles are congruent and corresponding side lengths are proportional

Symbol for similar: \sim

What does proportional mean???

ratio of side lengths =

Similarity Statement:

$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$

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Scale Factor: If two polygons are similar, then the ratio of the lengths of two corresponding sides is the scale factor.

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These 2 triangles are similar

1. Scale Factor: $\frac{3}{30} = \frac{1}{10}$

2. Similarity Statement
 $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$
 left to right

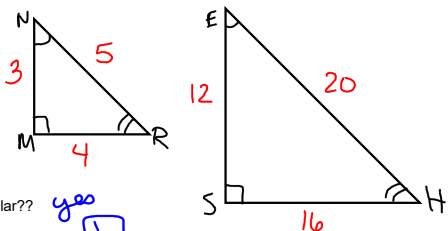
3. List congruent Angles & Proportional Side lengths

$\angle A \cong \angle D$
 $\angle B \cong \angle E$
 $\angle C \cong \angle F$

$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{BC}{EF}$
 Proportional sides

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1. Are these similar?



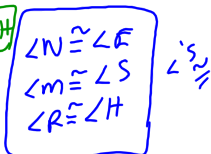
Similar?? *yes*
 Scale Factor? $\frac{1}{4}$

Similarity Statement? $\triangle NMR \sim \triangle ESH$

Test

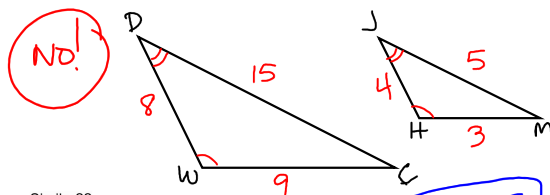
$$\frac{3}{12} = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{5}{20} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Sides Proportional



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2. Are these similar?

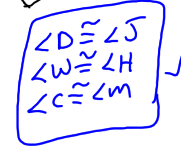


Similar??

Scale Factor?

Similarity Statement?

Test $\frac{8}{4} \neq \frac{15}{5} \neq \frac{9}{3}$



no!!!

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