

# Lesson 13 : Similar Figures

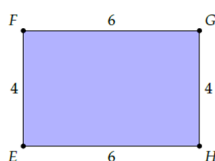
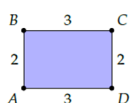
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## Discovery / Recall Activity :

### 1 Similar Figures

#### 1.1 Activity

Consider the following two rectangles:



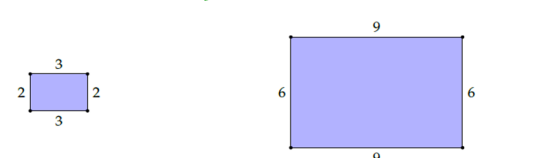
not the same rectangle!  
the rectangles are not congruent!  
BUT they are similar.

Answer the following questions:

- i. What is the proportion between the sides of the rectangles ABCD and EFGH?  
ratio, fraction  $\frac{4}{2} = 2$  }  $4 : 2$   
 $2 : 1$
- ii. What is the perimeter of rectangle ABCD?  
 $P = 2 + 2 + 3 + 3 = 10$  units
- iii. What is the perimeter of rectangle EFGH?  
 $P = 4 + 4 + 6 + 6 = 20$  units
- iv. What is the proportion between the perimeters of the rectangles? What do you notice?  
 $\frac{20}{10} = 2$
- v. What is the area of rectangle ABCD?  
 $A = l \cdot w = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$  units<sup>2</sup>
- vi. What is the area of rectangle EFGH?  
 $A = l \cdot w = 4 \cdot 6 = 24$  units<sup>2</sup>
- vii. What is the proportion between the areas of the rectangles? Now find the proportion between the area of the following two rectangles. Do you notice a pattern?  
 $\frac{24}{6} = 4$

∴ we can say, rectangle EFGH is 2 times larger than ABCD.

side lengths:  
 $\frac{9}{3} = 3$



$$A = 2 \cdot 3 = 6 \text{ units}^2$$

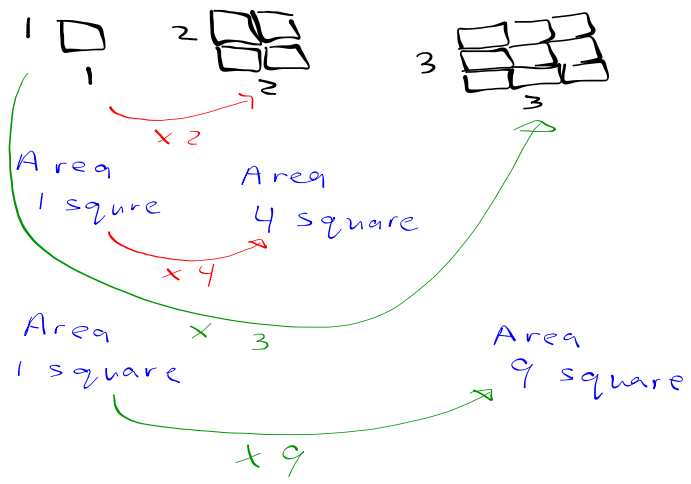
$$A = 6 \cdot 9 = 54 \text{ units}^2$$

$$\frac{A}{A} = \frac{54}{6} = 9$$

(next pg for pattern) →

Notice:

- When the length of a similar figure is  $2x$ , the Area is  $4x$ .
- When the length of a similar figure is  $3x$ , the Area is  $9x$ .
- " " " " is  $4x$ , the Area is  $16x$
- " " " " is  $5x$ , the Area is  $25x$
- " " " " is  $6x$ , the Area is  $36x$
- " " " " is  $7x$ , the Area is  $49x$
- " " " " is  $kx$ , the Area is  $k^2x$



• sides:

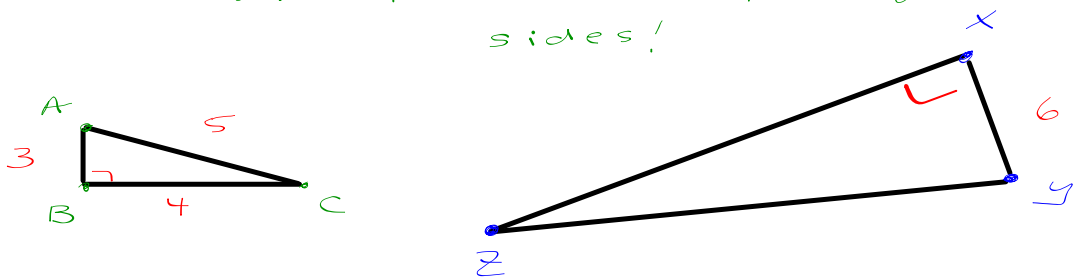
$$\frac{2}{1} = 2$$

• Areas:

$$\frac{2 \times 2}{1 \times 1} = 4$$

### Constructing Similar Ratios

→ how? use corresponding sides!



$$\frac{m \overline{XY}}{m \overline{AB}}$$

← smallest side in Big  $\Delta$

← smallest side in Little  $\Delta$

(corresponding sides)

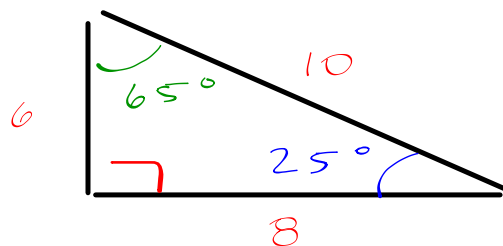
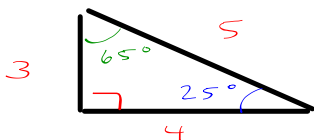
$$\frac{m \overline{ZY}}{m \overline{AC}}$$

← largest side in Big  $\Delta$   
(opposite 90°)

← largest side in Little  $\Delta$   
(opposite 90°)

## Definition of Similar Figures

e.x.



$$(180^\circ - 90^\circ - 25^\circ = 65^\circ)$$

Two figures (2D or 3D) are similar if:

→ their corresponding sides are proportional (not congruent)

→ their corresponding angles are congruent.

$$3 \neq 6 \quad 4 \neq 8 \quad 5 \neq 10 \quad (\text{not congruent})$$

$$\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = k$$

$$\frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2} = k$$

$$\frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2} = k$$

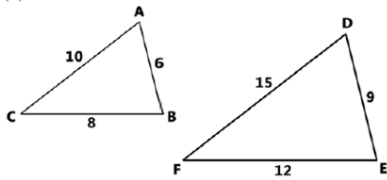
all ratios equal the same  $k$ .

where  $k$  is the similarity ratio (scale factor)

1.2.1 Example

Determine whether the following figures are similar. If they are similar, determine the scale factor  $k$ :

(a)



→ how? check all ratios are equal to same  $k$ .

$$\frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$$

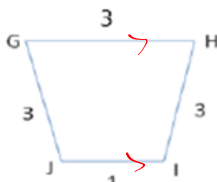
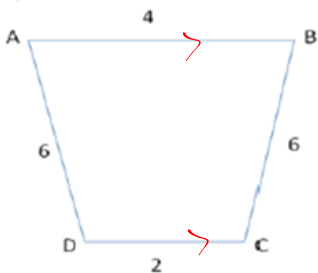
$$\frac{10}{15} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{8}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$$

∴ triangles are similar

$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$$

(b)



is similar to

$$\frac{m \overline{AB}}{m \overline{GH}} = \frac{4}{3} = k$$

$$\frac{m \overline{DC}}{m \overline{JI}} = \frac{2}{1} = k$$

not same  $k$

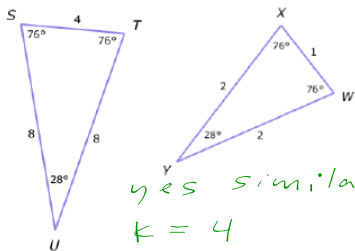
∴ trapezoids are not similar!

You do page 2  
and page 3  
★ take 5 mins

1.2.2 Practice

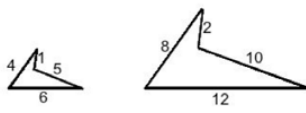
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(a)



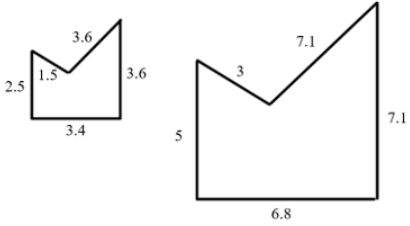
yes similar  
 $k = 4$   
 or  
 $k = \frac{1}{4}$

(b)



yes similar  
 $k = 2$   
 or  
 $k = \frac{1}{2}$

(c)



no they're not similar

$$\frac{5}{2.5} = 2$$

$$\frac{6.8}{3.4} = 2$$

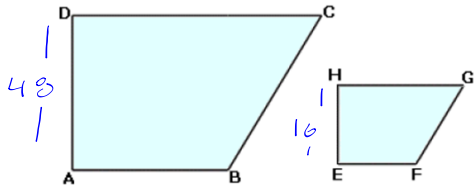
$$\frac{7.1}{3.6} = 1.97$$

$\therefore$  not the same  $k$   
 so: not similar

## How to Find $k$ , similarity ratio

### 1.3.1 Example

Determine the similarity ratio (scale factor)  $k$  between the following two similar figures:



- $m\overline{AD} = 48$  cm
- $m\overline{EH} = 16$  cm

ratio sides

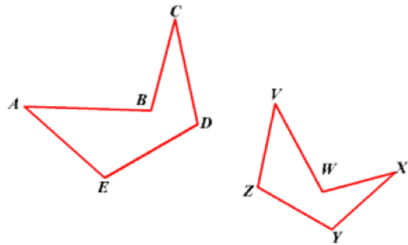
$$k = \frac{48}{16} = 3$$

or

$$k = \frac{16}{48} = \frac{1}{3}$$

### 1.3.2 Example

Determine the similarity ratio (scale factor)  $k$  between the following two similar figures:



- Perimeter of  $ABCDE$  is 108 m
- Perimeter of  $VWXYZ$  is 81 m

ratio of perimeters

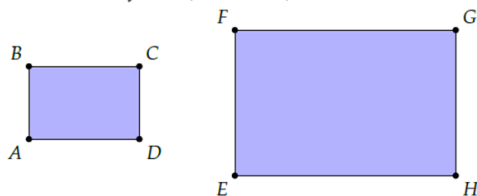
$$k = \frac{108}{81} = \frac{4}{3}$$

or

$$k = \frac{81}{108} = \frac{3}{4}$$

### 1.3.3 Example

Determine the similarity ratio (scale factor)  $k$  between the following two similar figures:



- Area of  $ABCD$  is 110 units<sup>2</sup>
- Area of  $EFGH$  is 990 units<sup>2</sup>

$$k = 3$$

$$\frac{\text{Area Big } \square}{\text{Area Small } \square} = k^2$$

$$\frac{990}{110} = k^2$$

$$9 = k^2$$

$$\sqrt{9} = \sqrt{k^2}$$

$$k = 3$$

Put on Memory Aid:

3 new equations.

If 2 figures (2D or 3D) are similar:

i. 
$$k = \frac{\text{corresponding side } \textcircled{1}}{\text{corresponding side } \textcircled{2}}$$

ii. 
$$k^2 = \frac{\text{area of figure } \textcircled{1}}{\text{area of figure } \textcircled{2}}$$

iii. 
$$k^3 = \frac{\text{volume of figure } \textcircled{1}}{\text{volume of figure } \textcircled{2}}$$



Determining Unknowns → Use equations.

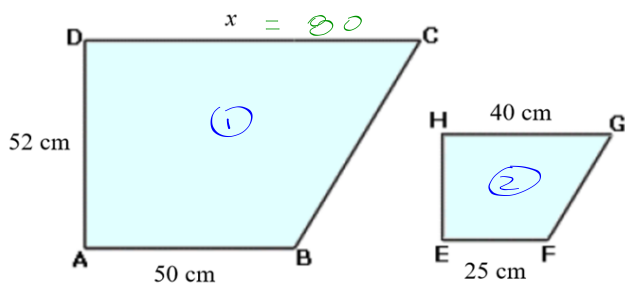
$$k = \frac{\text{side}}{\text{side}}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{\text{area}}{\text{area}}$$

$$k^3 = \frac{\text{vol}}{\text{vol}}$$

1.4.1 Example: Determine the missing measurement(s) given that the two figures are similar.

(a)



WANT:  $x$  (1 unk)  
(side)

TOOL: 1 eq.

$$k = \frac{\text{side}}{\text{side}}$$

label:

$$k = \frac{x}{40}$$

figure ①

figure ②

INFO:  $x = ?$   
 $40 = 40$  ✓

$$k = ?$$

figure ②

or  $k = \frac{40}{x}$  → then  $k = \frac{25}{50}$   
figure ①

WANT:  $k$

TOOL:  $k = \frac{\text{side}}{\text{side}}$

$$\textcircled{1} k = \frac{50}{25}$$

and all info

find  $x$ :

$$\textcircled{2} k = \frac{x}{40}$$

sub ① into ②  
 $k = \frac{50}{25}$

$$\frac{50}{25} = \frac{x}{40}$$

← 1 eq / 1 unk → solvable  
· solve w/ o.o.

· make it easy  
by cross multiplying

$$\frac{(50 \times 40)}{25} = \frac{x \cdot 25}{25}$$

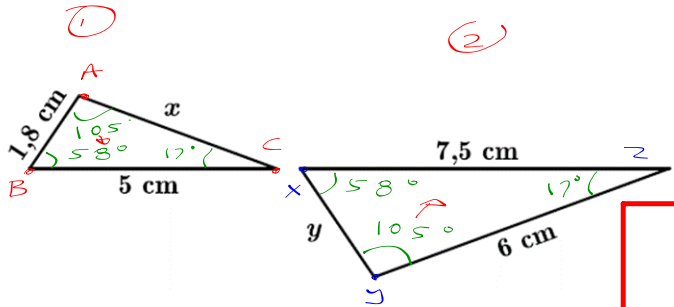
$$x = 80$$

→ check w/ graph if that makes sense

Find  $x$  and  $y$ .

b)

tips:  
label  
and  
measure angles.



find  $x$ :

$$k = \frac{\text{side}}{\text{side}}$$

$$k = \frac{7.5}{5}$$

$$\frac{7.5}{5} = \frac{x}{6}$$

figure ①  
~~os~~  
figure ②

$$\frac{7.5}{5} = \frac{6}{x}$$

$$\frac{7.5 \times x}{7.5} = \frac{(6 \times 5)}{7.5}$$

$$x = 4$$

figure ②  
figure ①

find  $k$ :

$$k = \frac{\text{side}}{\text{side}}$$

$$k = \frac{7.5}{5}$$

figure ②  
figure ①

find  $y$ :

$$k = \frac{\text{side}}{\text{side}}$$

$$k = \frac{7.5}{5}$$

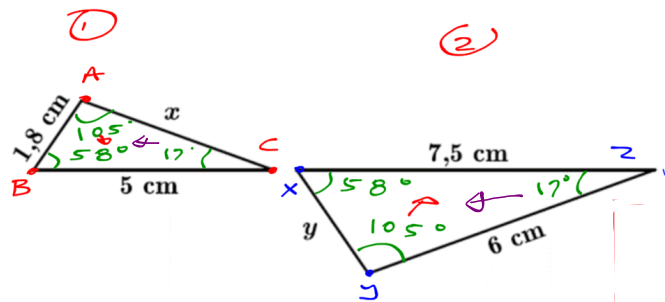
Big  $\Delta$   
Small  $\Delta$

$$\frac{y}{1.8} = \frac{7.5}{5}$$

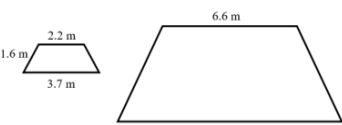
$$5 \times y = (7.5 \times 1.8)$$

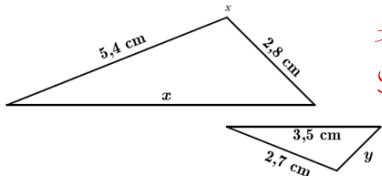
$$y = 2.7$$

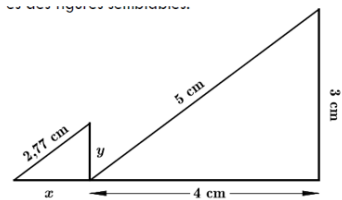
check  $\approx$  graph  
you do pg 4 and 5  
try the  
BONUS.



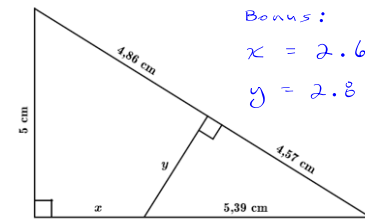
1.4.2 Practice: Determine the missing measurement(s) given that the two figures are similar.

(a)   $x = 11.1 \text{ m}$

(b)   $x = 7 \text{ cm}$   
 $y = 1.4 \text{ cm}$

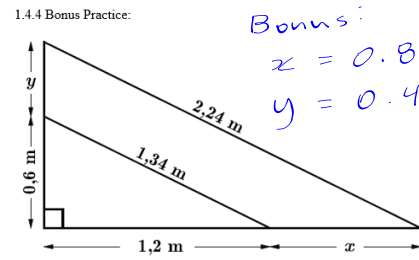
(c)   $x = 2.216 \text{ cm}$   
 $y = 1.662 \text{ cm}$

1.4.3 Bonus Example:



Bonus:  
 $x = 2.6 \text{ cm}$   
 $y = 2.86 \text{ cm}$

1.4.4 Bonus Practice:



Bonus:  
 $x = 0.806$   
 $y = 0.403$

Mini - Tasks (20)

2.1.1 Example: The two triangles are similar. Line segment XY is 0.3 times line segment AC. Find y. *direct translation*

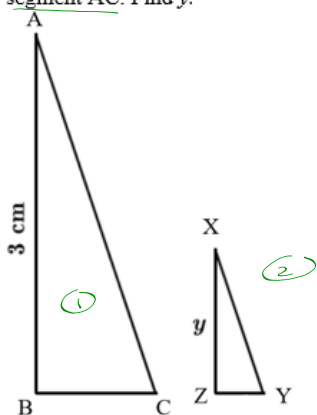


figure ② →  
figure ① →

$$\overline{XY} = 0.3 \times \overline{AC}$$

$$\frac{\overline{XY}}{\overline{AC}} = \frac{0.3 \times \overline{AC}}{\overline{AC}}$$

$$\frac{\overline{XY}}{\overline{AC}} = 0.3 \quad \therefore k = 0.3$$

∴ find y:

$$\frac{y}{3} = k$$

$$3 \times \frac{y}{3} = 0.3 \times 3$$

$$y = 0.9$$

TIP:

similar:

#1  $k = \frac{\text{side}}{\text{side}}$

$k^2 = \frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Area}}$

$k^3 = \frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{Volume}}$

#2 Translate sentences into equations

#3. LABEL

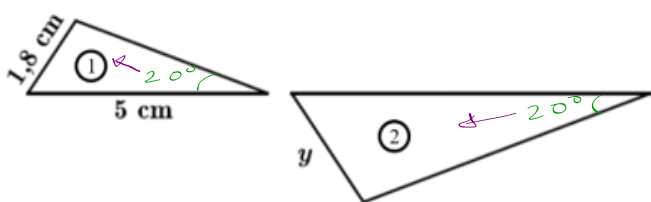
↳ construct ratio/proportion

nota bene:

• if  $k < 1$ , small figure / big figure

• if  $k > 1$ , big figure / small figure

2.1.2 Example: The two triangles are similar. The area of the large triangle is 4 times greater than the area of the small triangle. Find  $y$ .



$$k = \frac{\text{side}}{\text{side}}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Area}}$$

translate:

$$A_2 = 4 \times A_1$$

find  $y$

$$\frac{\text{side}}{\text{side}} = k$$

$$\frac{y}{1.8} = k$$

$$1.8 \times \frac{y}{1.8} = 2 \times 1.8$$

$$y = 3.6 \text{ cm}$$

ratio of areas!

$$\frac{A_2}{A_1} = \frac{4 \times A_1}{A_1}$$

$$\frac{A_2}{A_1} = 4 \Rightarrow \therefore k^2 = 4$$

solve for  $k$

$$\sqrt{k^2} = \sqrt{4}$$

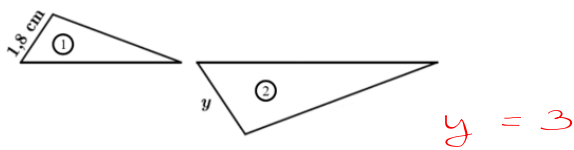
$$k = 2$$

You do

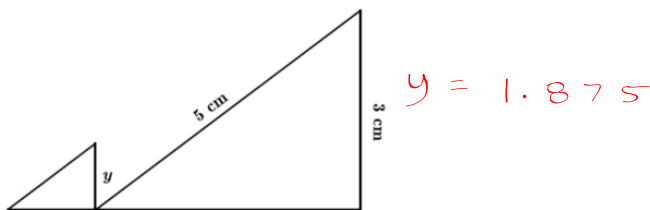
2.1.3

2.1.4

2.1.3 Practice: The two triangles are similar. The area of the triangle 1 is 0.36 times the area of triangle 2. Find  $y$ .



2.1.4 Practice: The two triangles are similar. The perimeter of the larger triangle is 1.6 times greater than the perimeter of the small triangle. Find  $y$ .

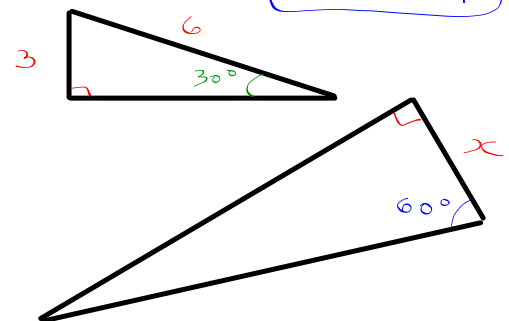


2.1.5. a) Practice

The 2  $\Delta$ 's are similar.  
The area of the larger  $\Delta$  is 9 times the area of the smaller  $\Delta$ .

Find  $x$ .

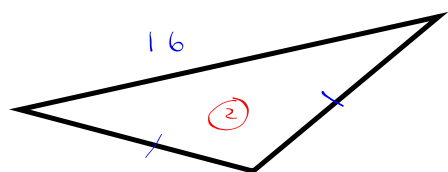
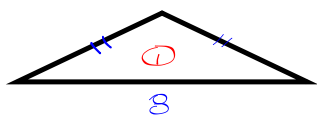
$x = 9$



2.1.5b) Practice.

The 2 triangles are similar. What's the area of triangle 2?

$$\text{Area } \textcircled{1} = 12 \text{ unit}^2$$



$$A_2 = 48 \text{ units}^2$$