

## Module 6a: Similar Triangles Review

### **Math Practice(s):**

- Attend to precision.
- Look for & make sense of structure.

### **Learning Target(s):**

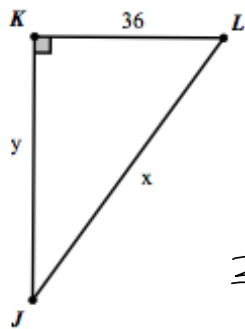
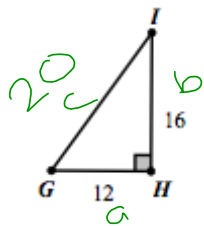
- Determine whether or not two triangles are similar & use similarity to solve for missing values in triangles.

### **Homework:**

HW#6: 6a #1-3

Warm-up

1. Given that the following two right triangles are similar, find the value of  $x$  and  $y$ .



$$\frac{IG}{JL} = \frac{GH}{LK} = \frac{HI}{KJ}$$

$$\frac{20}{x} = \frac{12}{36} = \frac{16}{y} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$12^2 + 16^2 = c^2$   
 $144 + 256 = c^2$   
 $c^2 = 400$

$$\frac{20}{x} = \frac{1}{3}$$

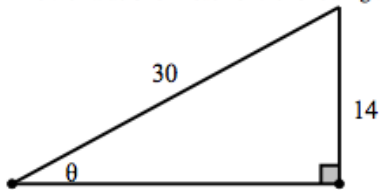
$$\frac{16}{y} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$x = 60 \text{ units}$

$y = 48 \text{ units}$

2. Determine the value of  $\theta$  in each of the following triangles.

A.

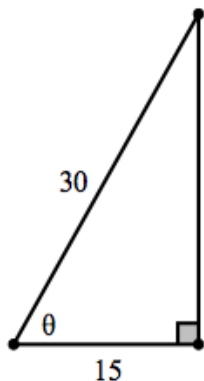


$$\sin \theta = \frac{14}{30}$$

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{14}{30}\right) = \theta$$

$$\theta \approx 28^\circ$$

B.

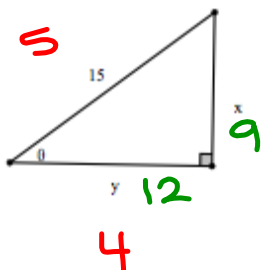


$$\cos \theta = \frac{15}{30}$$

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{15}{30}\right) = \theta$$

$$\theta = 60^\circ$$

3. In the triangle shown below,  $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ . Determine the value of  $\tan \theta$ .



$$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

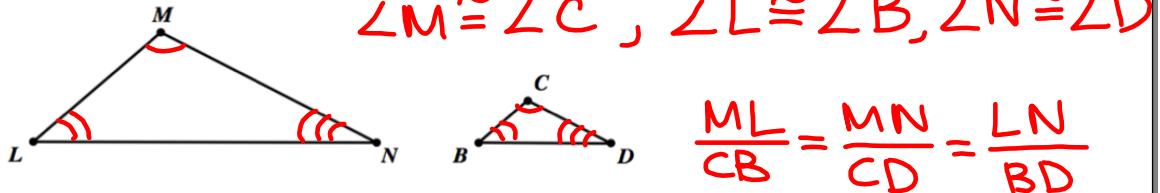
(erase to show)

Two triangles are said to be **SIMILAR** if

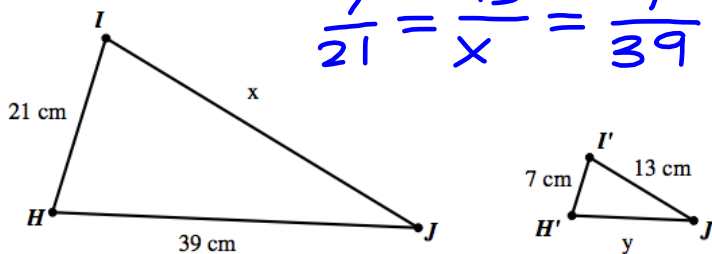
- all corresponding pairs of angles are congruent, and
- all corresponding pairs of sides are proportional.

○ The ratio of corresponding sides,  $k$ , is called the "scale factor" of the similar triangles.

(similarity ratio)



Example 1 (solve for x and y)



$$\frac{7}{21} = \frac{13}{x} = \frac{y}{39} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{13}{x} = \frac{1}{3}$$

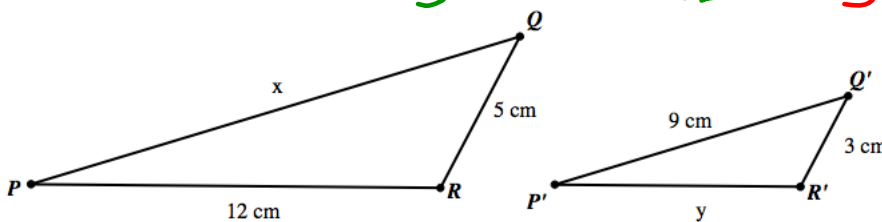
$$x = 39 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{y}{39} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3y = 39$$

$$y = 13 \text{ cm}$$

Example 2 (solve for x and y)



$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{9}{x} = \frac{y}{12} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\frac{9}{x} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$x = 15 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{y}{12} = \frac{3}{5}$$

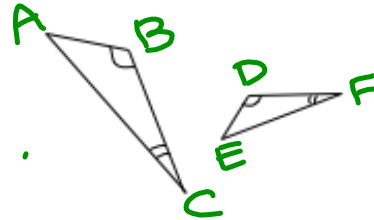
$$\cancel{5}y = \frac{36}{\cancel{5}}$$

$$y = \frac{36}{5} \text{ cm} = 7.2 \text{ cm}$$

Determining if two triangles are similar

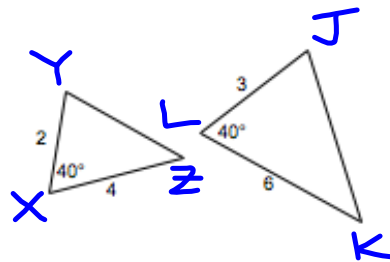
Angle-Angle Similarity Theorem (AA~) (#THM)

If  $\angle B \cong \angle D$  &  $\angle C \cong \angle F$ ,  
then  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle EDF$ .



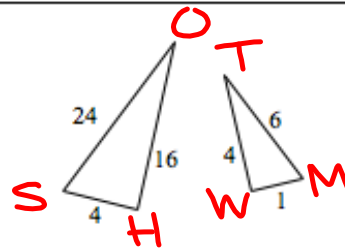
Side-Angle-Side Similarity Theorem (SAS~) (#THM)

If  $\angle X \cong \angle L$  &  
 $\frac{XY}{LJ} = \frac{XZ}{LK}$ ,  
then  $\triangle XYZ \sim \triangle LJK$ .



Side-Side-Side Similarity Theorem (SSS~ Theorem) (#THM)

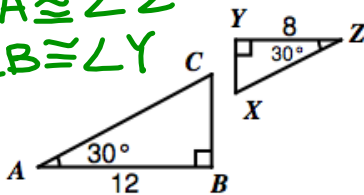
If  $\frac{SO}{MT} = \frac{SH}{MW} = \frac{OH}{TW}$ ,  
then  $\triangle SOH \sim \triangle MTW$ .



Are the triangles similar?

Example 3

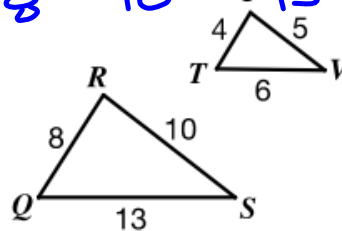
$\angle A \cong \angle Z$   
 $\angle B \cong \angle Y$



$\triangle CAB \sim \triangle XZY$   
by AA~

Example 4

$$\frac{4}{8} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{6}{13}$$



Not ~

**Example 5:** Determine if the two triangles shown below are similar. If they are similar, write the similarity statement and justify your answer.

A.  $\frac{12}{6} = \frac{10}{5}$

$\angle LNM \cong \angle PNO$

$\triangle LMN \sim \triangle PON$   
by SAS~

B.  $\angle E \cong \angle E$   
 $\angle G \cong \angle IHE$

$\triangle GEF \sim \triangle HEI$   
by AA~

**Example 6:** Each pair of triangles shown below is similar.

- First, indicate the theorem that justifies why the triangles must be similar.
- Then, determine the value of  $x$  shown in the diagram.

A. AA~

$\frac{4}{7} = \frac{x}{12}$

~~$7x = 48$~~

$x = \frac{48}{7}$  units  $\approx 6.857$  units

B.  $\frac{12}{6} = \frac{10}{5}$   
 $\angle LNM \cong \angle PNO$  SAS~

$\frac{12}{6} = \frac{x}{4}$   
 $6x = 48$

$x = 8$  units

C.

$m\angle B = 50^\circ$   
 $m\angle C = 100^\circ$   
 $m\angle D = 30^\circ$   
 $m\angle J = (x^2 + 1)^\circ$

$\frac{9}{6} = \frac{15}{10} = \frac{21}{14}$  SSS~  $\angle J \cong \angle B$

$m\angle J = m\angle B$

$x^2 + 1 = 50$

~~$x^2 = 49$~~

$x = \pm 7$

$x = 7$

(no units, because  $x$  does not represent  $\angle$  or side length.)