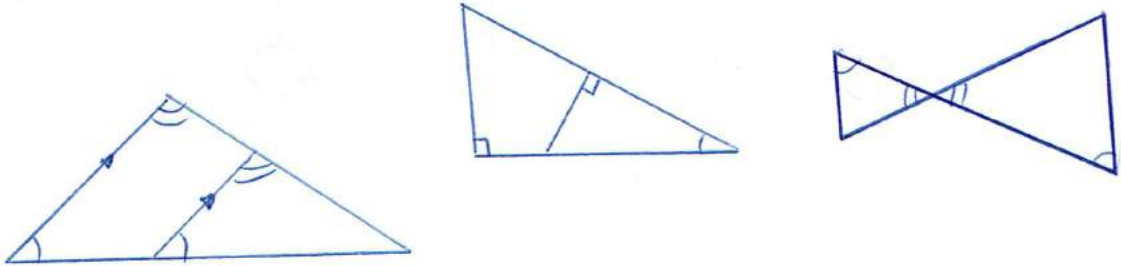


Notes: Determining if Triangles are Similar

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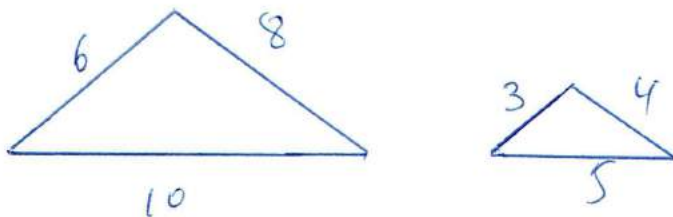
There are 3 shortcuts that allow us to determine if triangles are similar. Triangles are similar if they meet any of the 3 following conditions:

- $AA \sim$ • If 2 pairs of corresponding \angle s are \cong , then the triangles are similar.

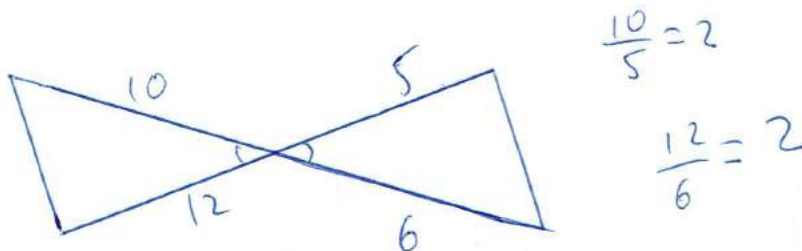


- $SSS \sim$ • If 3 pairs of corresponding sides are proportional, then triangles are similar.

short w/short
long w/long
med w/med



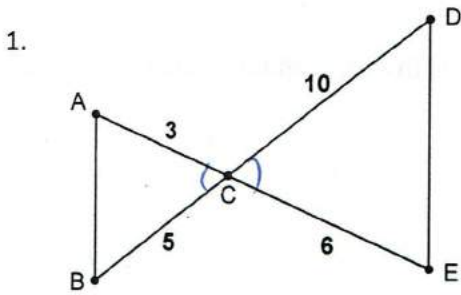
- $SAS \sim$ • If 2 pairs of corresponding sides are proportional and the \angle of included sides are \cong , then the triangles are similar.



Determining Similarity of Triangles

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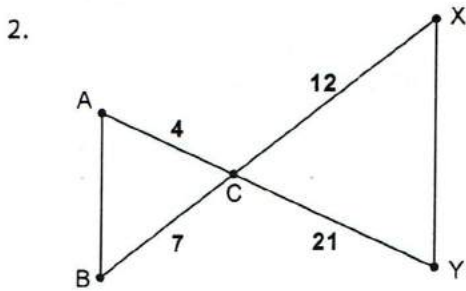
Examples: Are triangles similar? If so, write the similarity statement and justify.



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

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

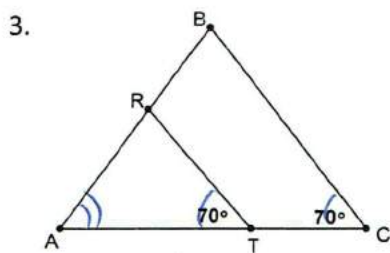
$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle EDC$
by SAS ~



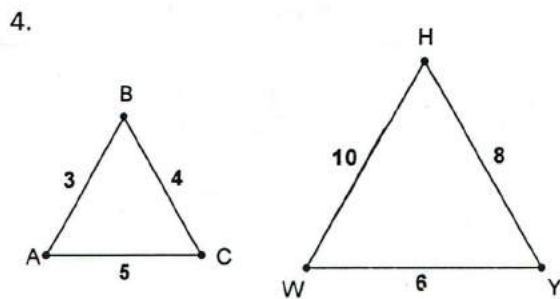
$$\frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{7}{21} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle XYC$
by SAS ~



$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle ART$
by AA ~

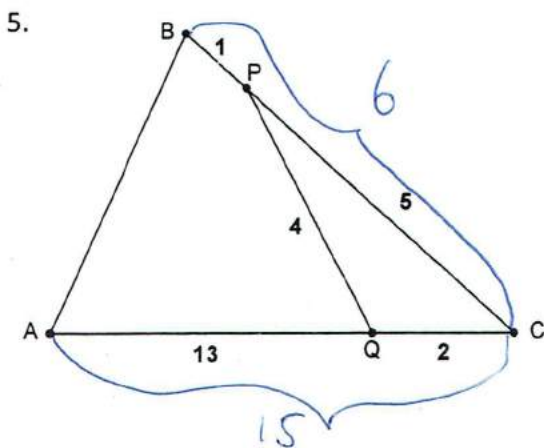


$$\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

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

$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle WYH$
by SAS ~



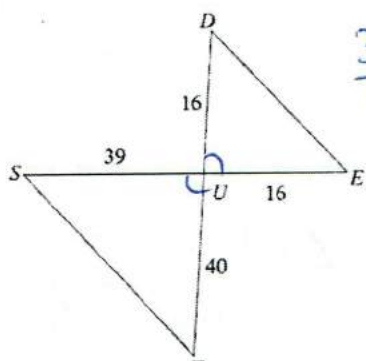
$$\frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$\frac{15}{5} = 3$$

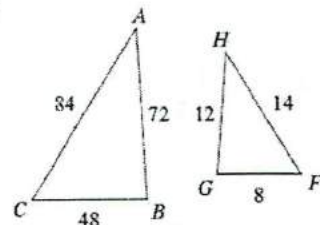
$\triangle PQC \sim \triangle ABC$
by SAS ~

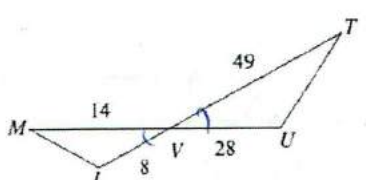
Similar Triangles

State if the triangles in each pair are similar. If so, state how you know they are similar and complete the similarity statement. Show work for checking proportional sides!

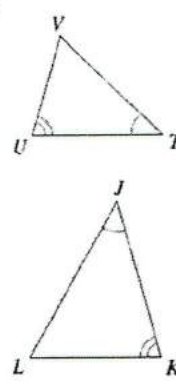
1)  $\frac{39}{16}$
 $\frac{40}{16} = \frac{5}{2}$

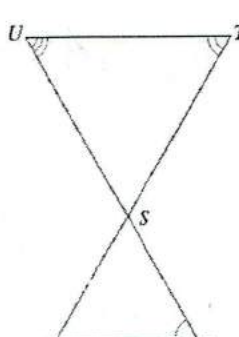
$\triangle UTS \sim$ none by none

2)  $\frac{48}{8} = 6$
 $\frac{84}{14} = 6$
 $\frac{72}{12} = 6$
 $\triangle CBA \sim \triangle FGH$ by SSS

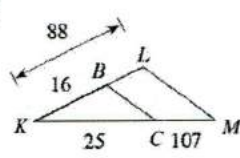
3)  $\frac{8}{28} = \frac{2}{7}$
 $\frac{14}{49} = \frac{2}{7}$

$\triangle VUT \sim \triangle VLM$ by SAS

4)  $\triangle JKL \sim \triangle UVW$ by AA

5) 

$\triangle STU \sim$ none by none

6)  $\frac{16}{88} = \frac{2}{11}$
 $\frac{25}{132}$
 $\triangle KLM \sim$ none by none