

Similarity Postulates

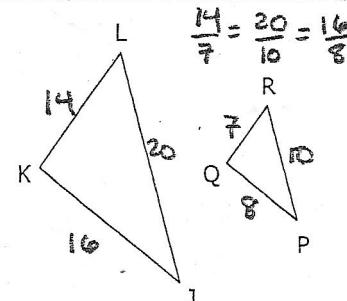
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In similar triangles, the angles are Congruent and the sides are proportional.
 Similar figures can be created by a dilation, possibly composed with rigid transformations.

SSS Similarity

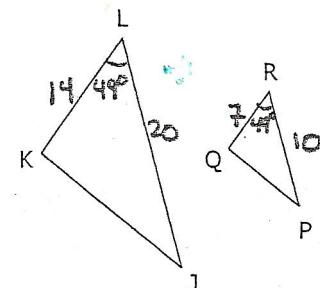
All 3 sets of corresponding sides are proportional.



$$\Delta JKL \sim \Delta PQR$$

SAS Similarity

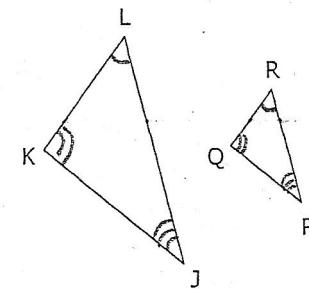
Two sets of corresponding sides are proportional, and the included angles are congruent.



$$\Delta JKL \sim \Delta PQR$$

AAA Similarity

All 3 pairs of corresponding angles are congruent.

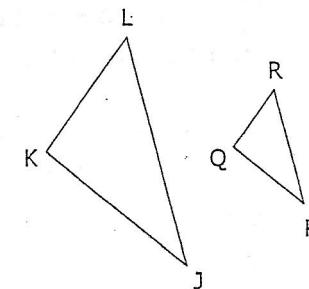


$$\Delta JKL \sim \Delta PQR$$

AA Similarity

(same as AAA)

Two pairs of corresponding angles are congruent (the third pair must also be congruent because all triangles have an angle sum of 180°)

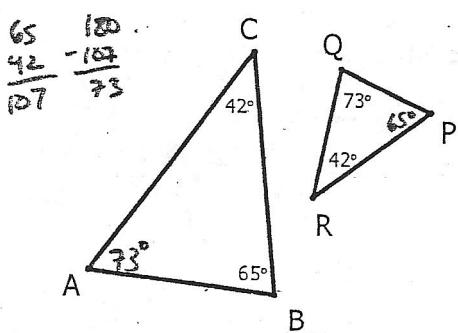


$$\Delta JKL \sim \Delta PQR$$

Determine whether there is enough information to conclude the two triangles are similar.

If so, explain how you know and fill in the blanks. If not, explain why not.

1.



Enough info? yes no

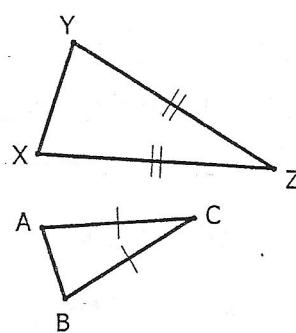
If yes: $\triangle ABC \sim \underline{\Delta PQR}$

by AA (or AAA)

If no: Why not?

not enough information

2.



Enough info? yes no

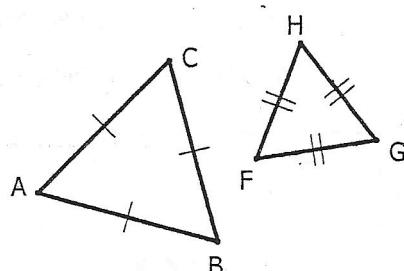
If yes: $\triangle ABC \sim \underline{\quad}$

by AAA

If no: Why not?

not enough information

3.



Enough info? yes no

If yes: $\triangle ABC \sim \underline{\Delta FGH}$

by SSS

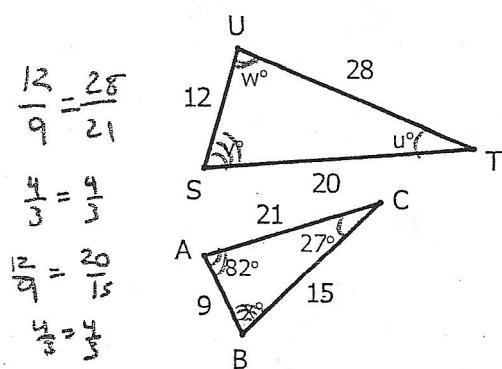
If no: Why not?

not enough information

Determine whether there is enough information to conclude the two polygons are similar.

If so, find the value of each variable.

4.



Enough info? yes no

If yes, find the value of each variable.

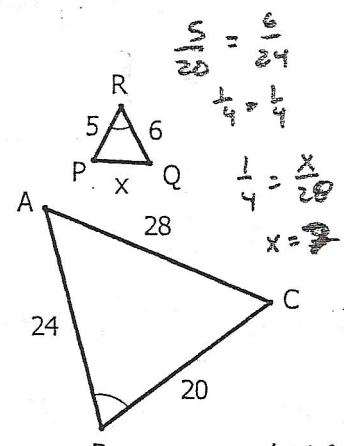
$$x = 71^\circ$$

$$w = 82^\circ$$

$$v = 27^\circ$$

$$u = 71^\circ$$

5.

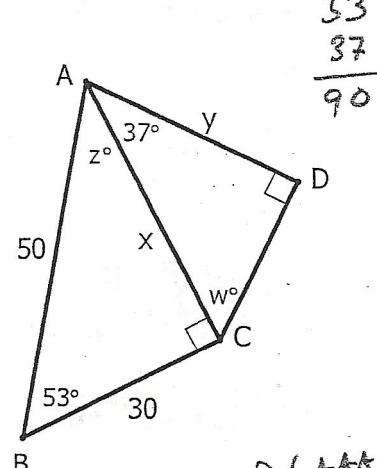


Enough info? yes no

If yes, find the value of each variable.

$$x = 7$$

6.



Enough info? yes no

If yes, find the value of each variable.

$$w = 53^\circ$$

$$x = 40$$

$$\frac{z}{4} = \frac{40}{53}$$

$$z = 37^\circ$$

$$y = \frac{160}{5} = 32$$

$$\frac{y}{5} = \frac{160}{40}$$