

Postulate 15: If the three angles of one triangle are congruent to the three angles of a second triangle, then the triangles are similar (AAA).

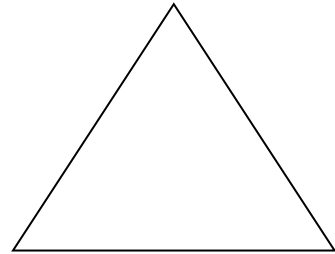
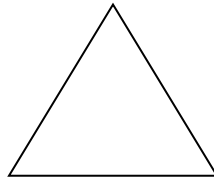
Corollary 5.3.1: If two angles of one triangle are congruent to the two angles of another triangle, then the triangles are similar (AA).

**(AA):**

If two angles of one triangle are congruent to two angles of another triangle, then the triangles are similar.

**Example 1:**

Given:  $\angle A \cong \angle P$ ,  
 $\angle C \cong \angle R$



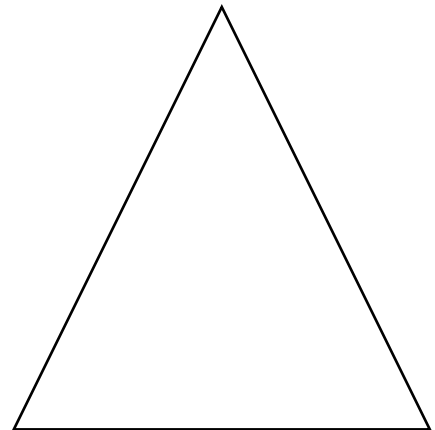
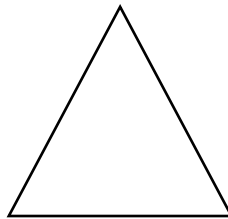
*Conclusion:*

**(SSS):**

If each side of one triangle and the corresponding side of another triangle are proportional, then the triangles are similar.

**Example 2:**

Given  $\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{AC}{PR}$



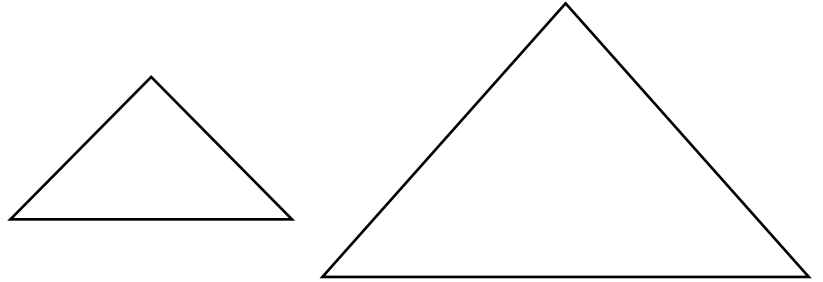
*Conclusion:*

**(SAS):**

If the measures of two sides of one triangle are proportional to the corresponding sides of another triangle AND the included angles are congruent, then the triangles are similar.

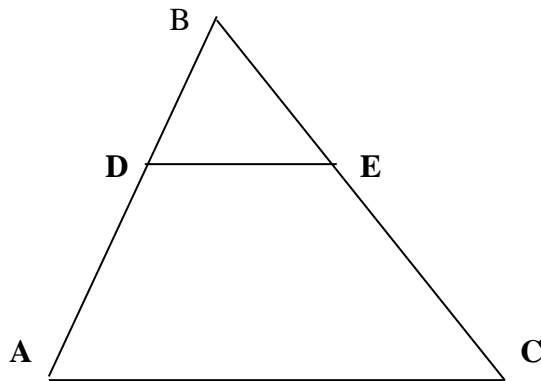
**Example 3:**

Given:  $\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR}$  and  $\angle B \cong \angle Q$



*Conclusion:*

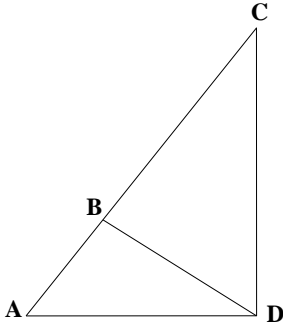
**Example 4:** In the figure below,  $AB \parallel DE$ ,  $DA = 2$ ,  $CA = 8$ , and  $CE = 3$ . Find  $CB$ .

**RULES:**

- 1) **If two triangles are similar, then the perimeters are proportional to the measures of corresponding sides.**
- 2) **If two triangles are similar, then the measures of the corresponding altitudes (form  $90^\circ$ ) are proportional to the measures of the corresponding sides.**
- 3) **If two triangles are similar, then the measures of the corresponding angle bisectors of the triangles are proportional to the measures of the corresponding sides.**
- 4) **If two triangles are similar, then the measures of the corresponding medians are proportional to the measures of the corresponding sides.**

**Example 5:**

$\triangle ABD \sim \triangle ADC$ . If  $AD=16$ ,  $AC=31$ , and  $DC=23$ , find the perimeter of  $\triangle ABD$ .



**CSSTP:** Corresponding sides of similar triangles are proportional.

**CASTC:** Corresponding angles of similar triangles are congruent.

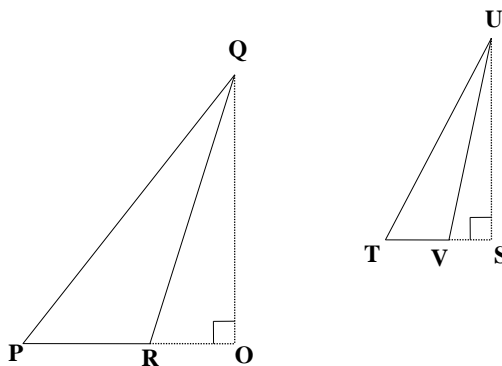
**Theorem 5.3.2:** The lengths of the corresponding altitudes of similar triangles have the same ratio as the lengths of any pair of corresponding sides.

**Example 6:**

$\triangle PQR \sim \triangle TUV$ . IF  $QO$  is an altitude of  $\triangle PQR$ , and  $US$  is an altitude of  $\triangle TUV$ , then complete the following:

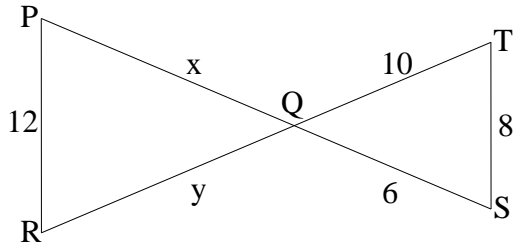
$$\frac{QO}{US} = \frac{QR}{?}$$

$$\frac{QO}{US} = \frac{?}{TU}$$



**Example 7: Find the value of x and y.**

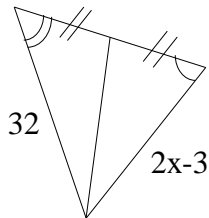
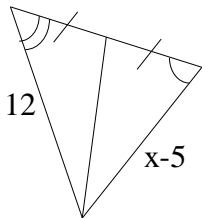
$$\triangle PQR \sim \triangle SQT$$



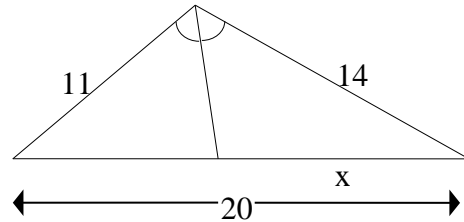
**Example 8:**

**a.**

x = \_\_\_\_\_



b) x = \_\_\_\_\_



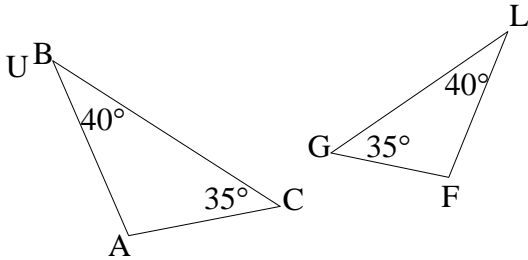
**Theorem 5.3.3: (SAS ~)** If an angle of one triangle is congruent to an angle of a second triangle and the pairs of sides including the angles are proportional, then the triangles are similar.

**Theorem 5.3.4: (SSS ~)** If the three sides of one triangle are proportional to the three consecutive sides of one second triangle, then the triangles are similar.

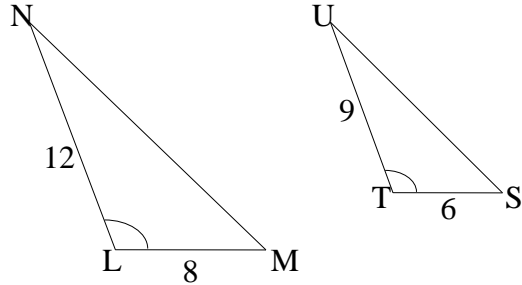
**Example 9:**

Determine if the triangles are similar and give a reason for your answer (AA, SSS, SAS).

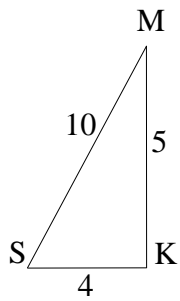
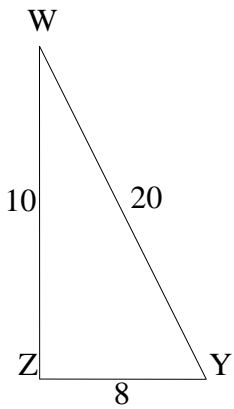
a. similar? \_\_\_\_\_  
reason \_\_\_\_\_



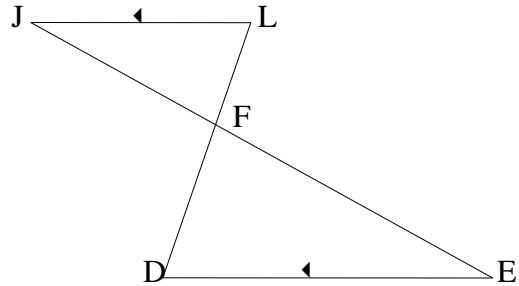
b. reason \_\_\_\_\_ similar? \_\_\_\_\_



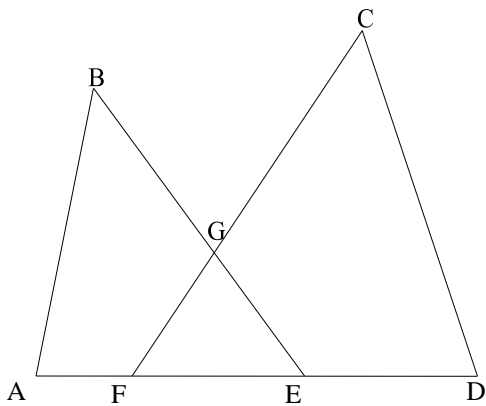
c. similar? \_\_\_\_\_  
reason \_\_\_\_\_



d. similar? \_\_\_\_\_ reason \_\_\_\_\_



**Example 10:** In the figure below,  $FG \cong EG$ ,  $BE = 15$ ,  $CF = 20$ ,  $AE = 9$ ,  $DF = 12$ . Determine which triangles in the figure are similar.

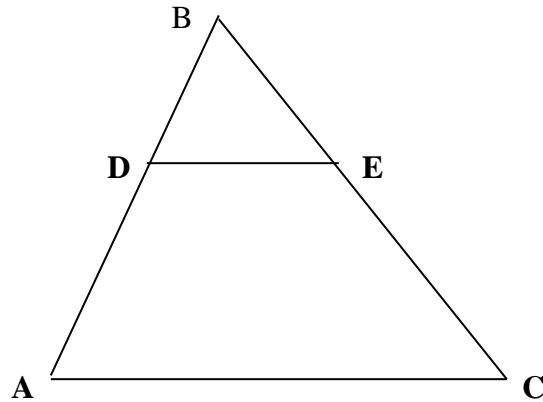


Lemma 5.3.5: If a line segment divides two side of a triangle proportionally, then this line segment is parallel to the third side.

**Example 11:**

Given  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DBE$

If  $AC = 10$ ,  $DE = 8$ ,  $AD = 4$ .  
Find  $DB$



**Example 12:**

Given  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DBE$

$CB = 12$ ,  $CE = 8$ ,  $AD = 4$ .

Find  $BD$

