

Theorems

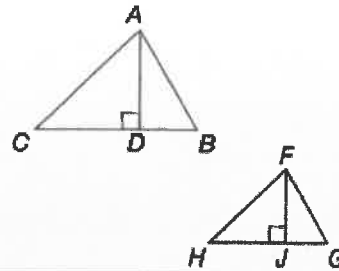
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Special Segments of Similar Triangles

7.8 If two triangles are similar, the lengths of corresponding altitudes are proportional to the lengths of corresponding sides.

Abbreviation $\sim\Delta$ s have corr. altitudes proportional to corr. sides.

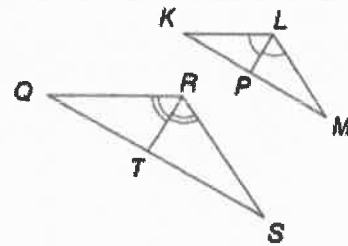
Example If $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta FGH$, then $\frac{AD}{FJ} = \frac{AB}{FG}$.



7.9 If two triangles are similar, the lengths of corresponding angle bisectors are proportional to the lengths of corresponding sides.

Abbreviation $\sim\Delta$ s have corr. \angle bisectors proportional to corr. sides.

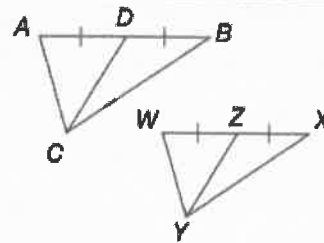
Example If $\Delta KLM \sim \Delta QRS$, then $\frac{LP}{RT} = \frac{LM}{RS}$.



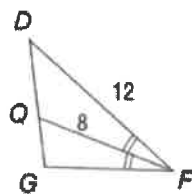
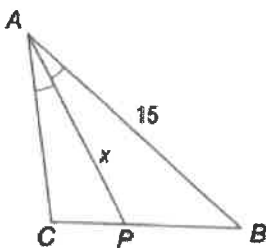
7.10 If two triangles are similar, the lengths of corresponding medians are proportional to the lengths of corresponding sides.

Abbreviation $\sim\Delta$ s have corr. medians proportional to corr. sides.

Example If $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta WXY$, then $\frac{CD}{YZ} = \frac{AB}{WX}$.



1. In the figure $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta FDG$. Find the value of x .

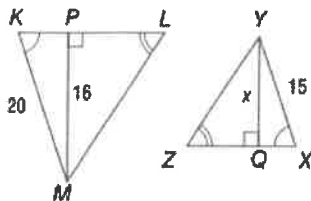


$$\frac{AP}{FQ} = \frac{AB}{FD}$$

$$\frac{x}{8} = \frac{15}{12}$$

$x = 10$

2. The triangles below are similar. Find the value of x .



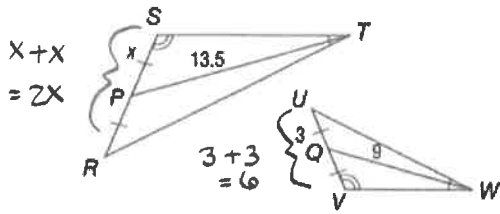
$$\frac{MP}{YQ} = \frac{MK}{YX}$$

$$\frac{16}{x} = \frac{20}{15}$$

$$20x = 240$$

$x = 12$

3. The triangles below are similar. Find the value of x .



$$\frac{TP}{WQ} = \frac{SR}{UV}$$

$$\frac{13.5}{9} = \frac{2x}{6}$$

$$\frac{81}{9} = 2x$$

$$9 = 2x$$

$$4.5 = x$$

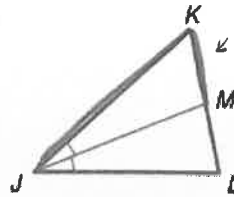
Theorem 7.11

Triangle Angle Bisector

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An angle bisector in a triangle separates the opposite side into two segments that are proportional to the lengths of the other two sides.

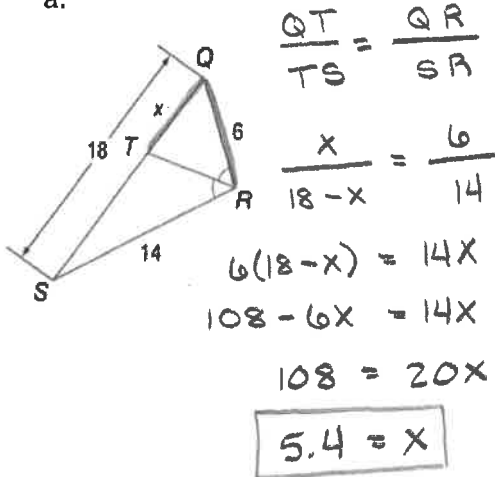
Example If \overline{JM} is an angle bisector of $\triangle JKL$,
then $\frac{KM}{LM} = \frac{JK}{LJ}$. ← segments with vertex K
← segments with vertex L



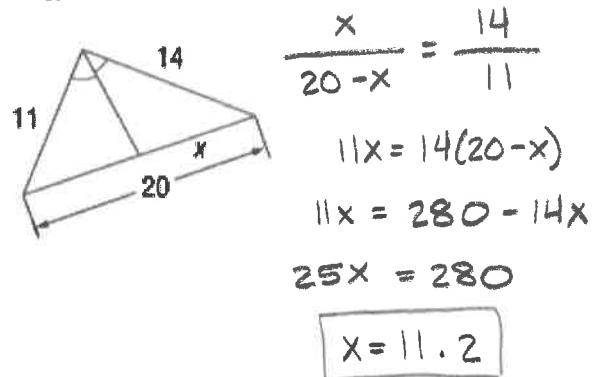
⇒ KJ needs to be in numerator of other ratio

4. Find x in the following diagrams:

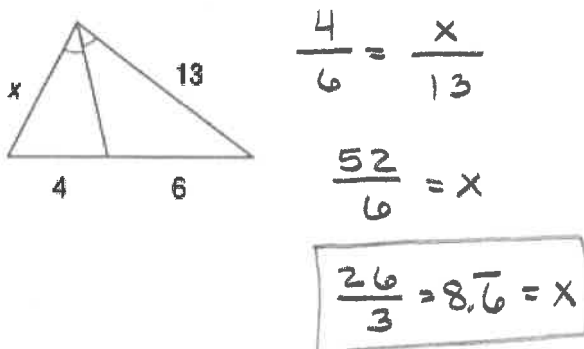
a.



c.



b.



d.

