

Geo 6

ratio - comparison of two things, often written as a fraction

ex) The ratio of girls to guys is 2 to 3
or $\frac{2}{3}$

Proportions - when two ratios are equal.

ex) $\frac{x}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$x = 4$$

ex) $\frac{3}{x} = \frac{5}{20}$

$$20 \cdot 3 = 5x$$

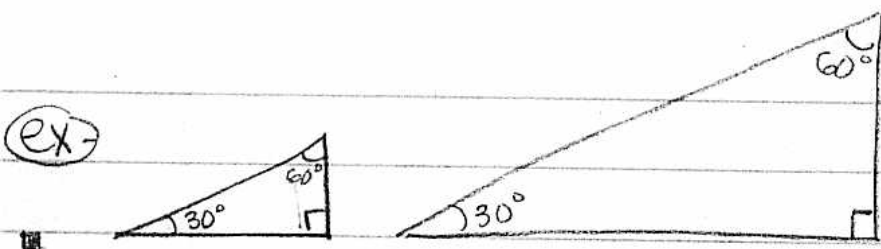
$$60 = 5x$$

$$12 = x$$

Similar Triangles

A model car and a real car are what we call similar figures (same shape but different sizes.)

Similar Δ - two triangles whose angles are congruent and whose sides are proportional.
denoted $\Delta 1 \sim \Delta 2$

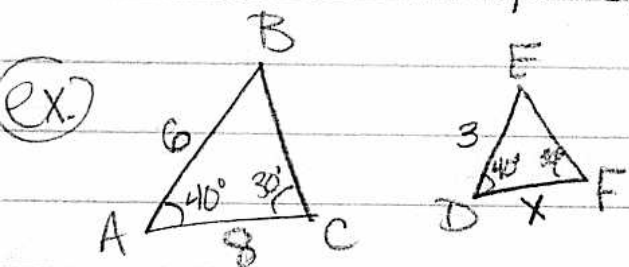


these are similar Δ s.

Postulate

If 2 angles are congruent in 2 Δ then the Δ are similar.

If 2 Δ are similar, their corresponding sides are proportional.



so $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ since two of their angles are congruent.

$$\frac{6}{8} = \frac{3}{x} \implies 6x = 3 \cdot 8$$

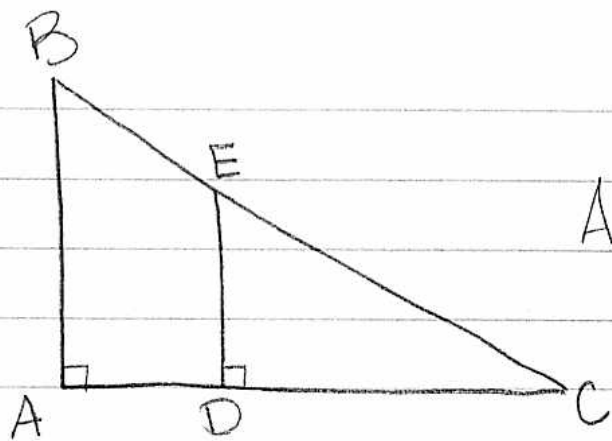
$$6x = 24$$

$$x = 4$$

Note: when naming similar Δ s be careful of the order of the letters!

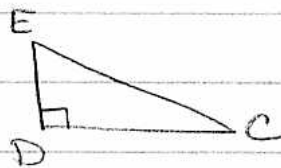
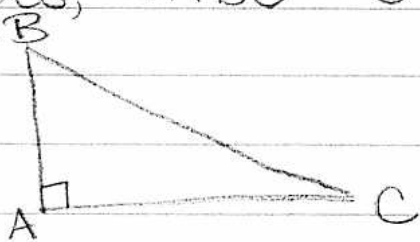
(ex) from above $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ but $\Delta ABC \not\sim \Delta DFE$

(ex)



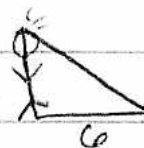
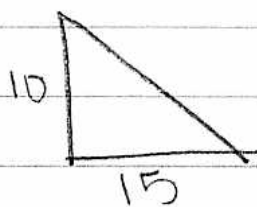
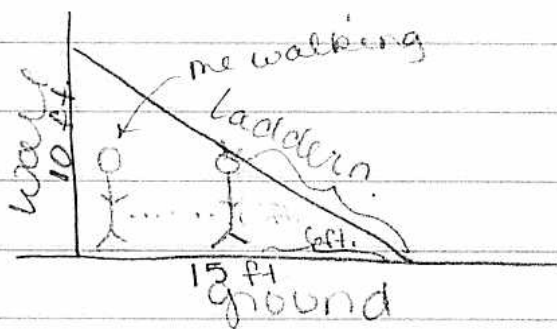
Are there any similar Δ s?

Yes, $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEC$ because



$m(\angle A) = m(\angle D)$ that's one matching angle.
 $m(\angle C) = m(\angle C)$ that's two!

(ex)



how tall am I?

$$\frac{10}{15} = \frac{x}{6}$$

$$60 = 15x$$

$$4 = x$$

I'm 4 foot