

Scale Factor & Similarity

- Figures that are similar have the same shape but not necessarily the same size.
- Two polygons are similar if and only if their corresponding angles are congruent and their corresponding sides are proportional.
- A similarity ratio (scale factor) is the ratio of the lengths of the corresponding sides of two similar polygons.
- Scale factor: $k = \frac{\text{scale factor}}{\text{new/old}}$
- We denote similarity with the symbol: \sim .

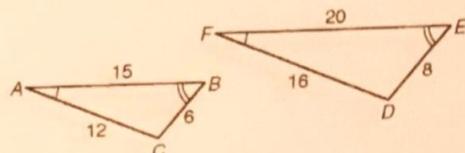
Use the figure at the right. The triangles are similar.

Name the pairs of congruent angles.

$$\angle A \cong \angle F$$

$$\angle B \cong \angle E$$

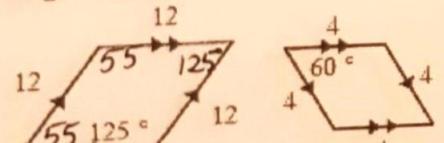
$$\angle C \cong \angle D$$



Write the corresponding side lengths in the proportion. $\frac{AB}{FE} = \frac{CB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{FD}$

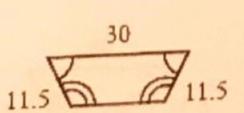
Are these figures similar?

1.



$125^\circ \neq 120^\circ$ not \cong NO!

2.

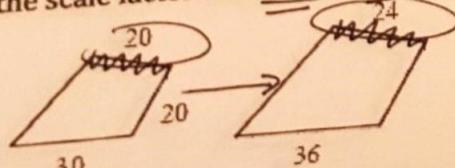


$LS \cong \checkmark$

$$\frac{11.5}{13.8} = \frac{11.5}{13.8} = \frac{30}{36} = \frac{20}{24} \quad \text{Yes : } \frac{5}{11} = \frac{5}{11} = \frac{3}{3} = \frac{5}{11}$$

What is the scale factor from left to right?

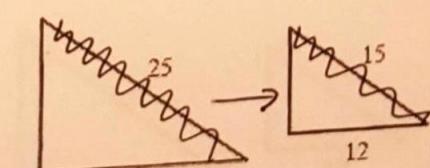
3.



$$\frac{24}{20} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$K > 1$ (gets bigger)

4.



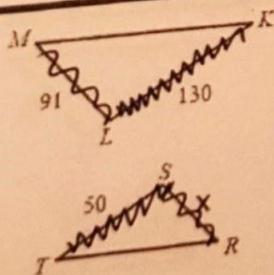
$$\frac{15}{20} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$K < 1$ (gets small)

Solve for x.

5. $\triangle KLM \sim \triangle TSR$

$$\frac{91}{130} = \frac{x}{50}$$

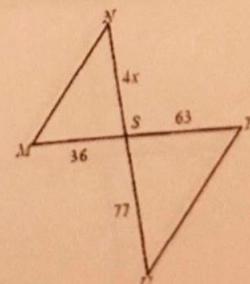


6. $\triangle STU \sim \triangle SMN$

$$\frac{36}{4x} = \frac{63}{77}$$

$$252x = 2772$$

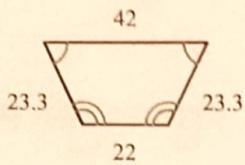
$$x = 11$$



3.1 PRACTICE - Scale Factor & Similarity

State if the polygons are similar.

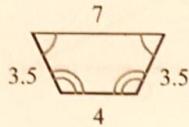
1)

 \angle s are \cong

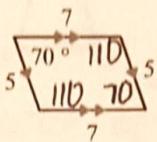
$$\frac{42}{7} =$$

$$\frac{23.3}{3.5} =$$

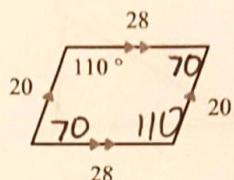
$$\underline{23.3}$$



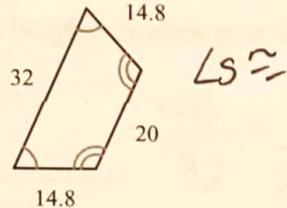
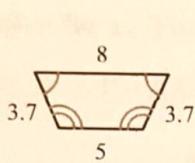
2)



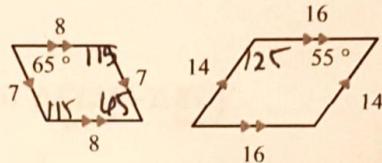
Similar



3)

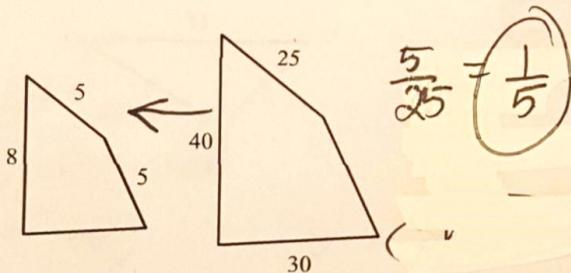
 \angle s \approx

4)

 \angle s are not \cong

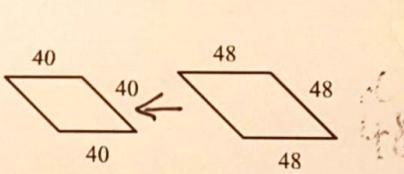
The polygons in each pair are similar. Find the scale factor of the larger to the smaller figure.

5)

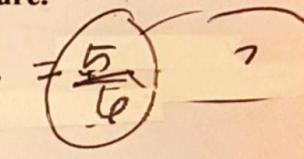


$$\frac{5}{25} = \frac{1}{5}$$

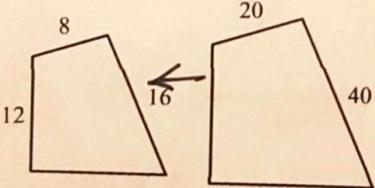
6)



$$\frac{40}{48} = \frac{5}{6}$$



7)



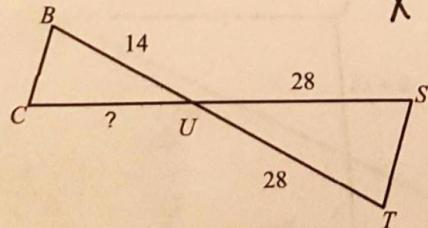
$$\frac{8}{20} = \frac{2}{5}$$

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

Find the missing length. The triangles in each pair are similar.

9) $\triangle UTS \sim \triangle UCB$

$$\frac{14}{X} = \frac{28}{28}$$

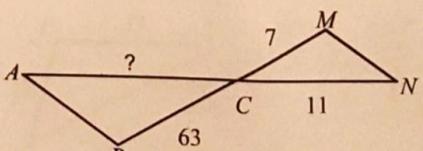


$$28X = 392$$

$$X = 14$$

10) $\triangle CBA \sim \triangle CMN$

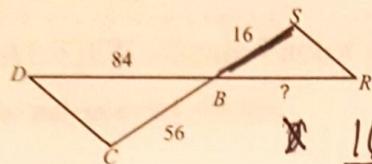
$$\frac{63}{X} = \frac{7}{11}$$



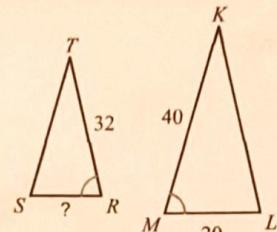
$$7X = 693$$

$$X = 99$$

11) $\triangle BCD \sim \triangle BSR$



12) $\triangle MLK \sim \triangle RST$

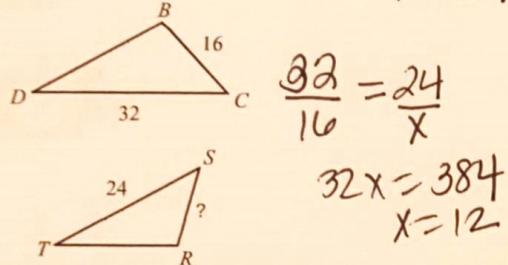


$$\frac{20}{40} = \frac{x}{32}$$

$$40x = 640$$

$$x = 16$$

13) $\triangle DCB \sim \triangle TSR$

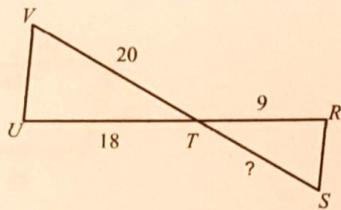


$$\frac{16}{x} = \frac{56}{84}$$

$$5.6x = 1344$$

$$x = 24$$

14) $\triangle TUV \sim \triangle TRS$



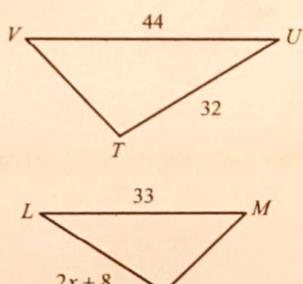
$$\frac{9}{x} = \frac{18}{20}$$

$$18x = 180$$

$$x = 10$$

Solve for x. The triangles in each pair are similar.

15) $\triangle TUV \sim \triangle KLM$



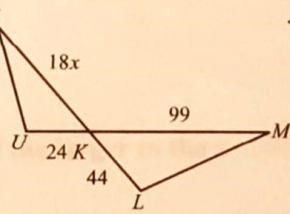
$$\frac{44}{32} = \frac{33}{2x+8}$$

$$1056 = 88x + 352$$

$$704 = 88x$$

$$x = 8$$

16) $\triangle KLM \sim \triangle KUY$

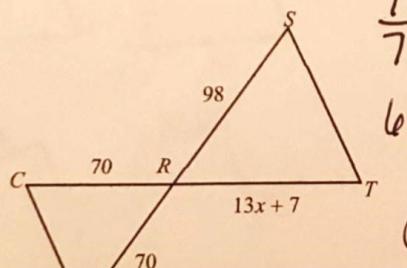


$$\frac{18x}{24} = \frac{99}{44}$$

$$792x = 2376$$

$$x = 3$$

17) $\triangle RST \sim \triangle RDC$



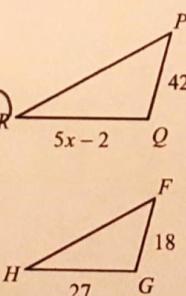
$$\frac{70}{70} = \frac{13x+7}{98}$$

$$6860 = 910x + 490$$

$$6370 = 910x$$

$$x = 7$$

18) $\triangle PQR \sim \triangle FGH$



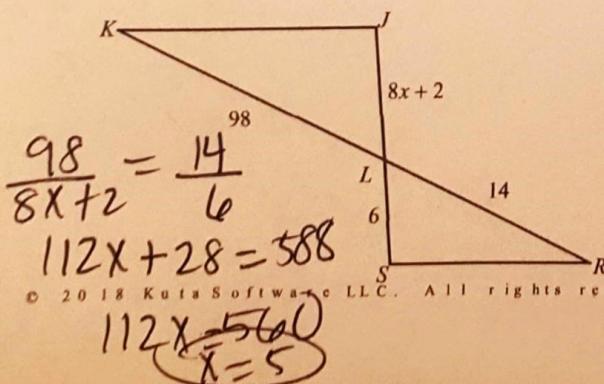
$$\frac{42}{5x-2} = \frac{18}{27}$$

$$90x - 36 = 1134$$

$$90x = 1170$$

$$x = 13$$

19) $\triangle LKJ \sim \triangle LRS$



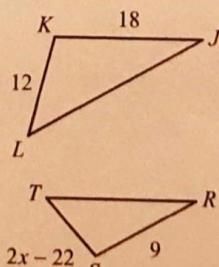
$$\frac{98}{8x+2} = \frac{14}{6}$$

$$112x + 28 = 588$$

$$112x = 560$$

$$x = 5$$

20) $\triangle JKL \sim \triangle RST$



$$\frac{18}{12} = \frac{9}{2x-22}$$

$$108 = 36x - 396$$

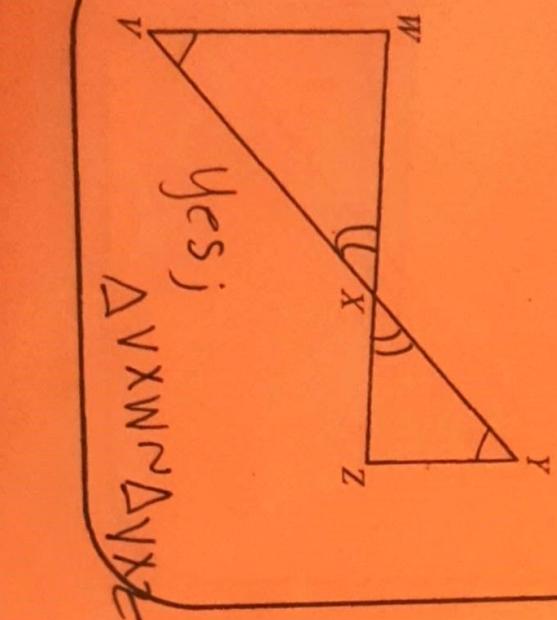
$$504 = 36x$$

$$x = 14$$

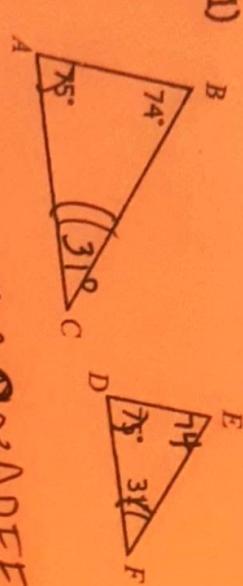
AA~

Angle-Angle Similarity

If two corresponding angles are congruent, then the triangles are similar.



Yes; $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$

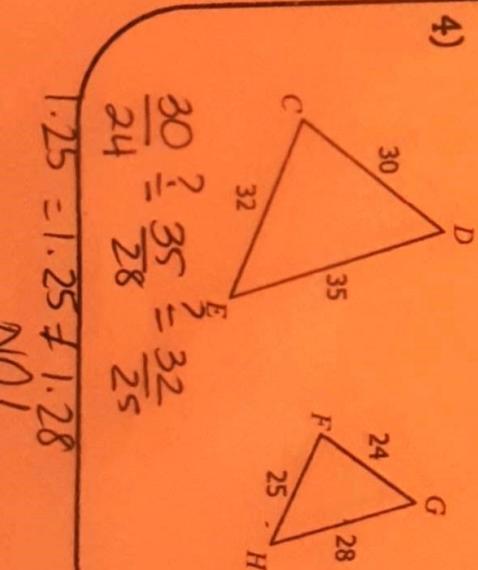


Determine if the examples below are similar by AA~. If yes, write a similarity statement.

SSS~

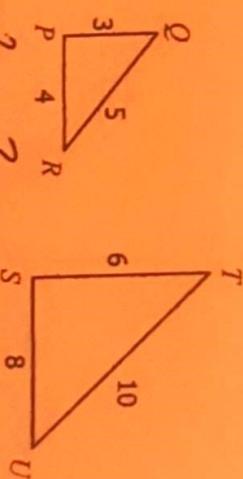
Side-Side-Side Similarity

If all corresponding sides are proportional, then the triangles are similar.



$$\frac{3}{6} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Yes; $\triangle PQR \sim \triangle STU$



$$\frac{30}{24} = \frac{35}{28} = \frac{5}{4}$$

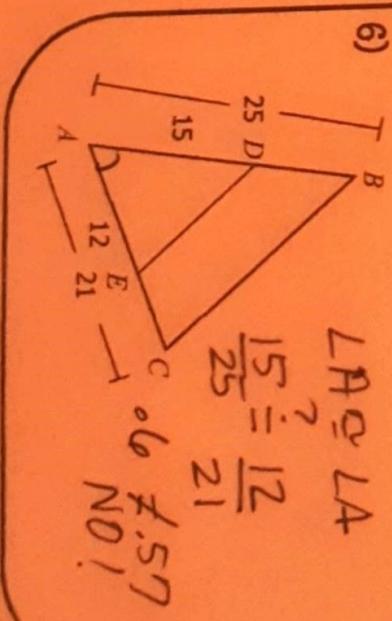
Yes; $\triangle PQR \sim \triangle STU$

Determine if the examples below are similar by SSS~. If yes, write a similarity statement.

SAS~

Side-Angle-Side Similarity

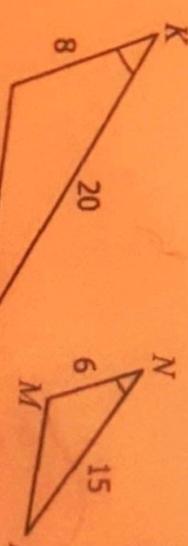
If two corresponding sides are proportional and the included angles are congruent, then the triangles are similar.



$$\frac{8}{15} = \frac{20}{30} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Yes!

Determine if the examples below are similar by SAS~. If yes, write a similarity statement.



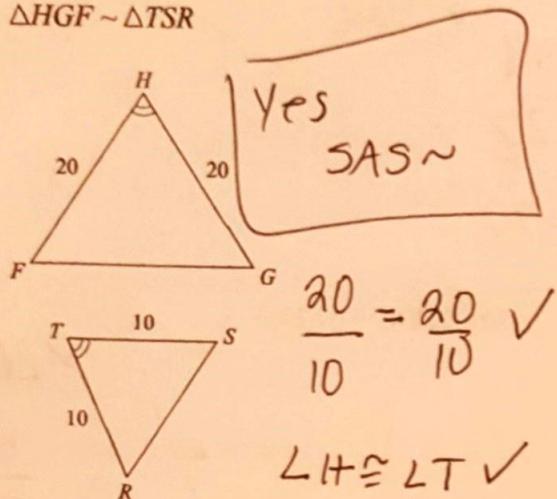
$$\frac{15}{12} = \frac{25}{21} = \frac{5}{4}$$

No!

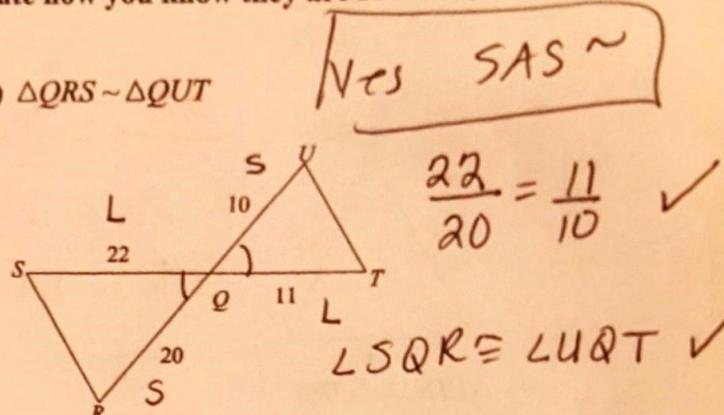
Triangle Similarity

State if the triangles in each pair are similar. If so, state how you know they are similar (AA, SAS, or SSS).

1) $\triangle HGF \sim \triangle TSR$

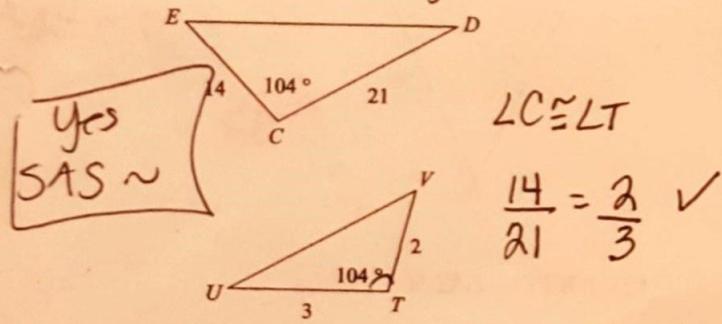


2) $\triangle QRS \sim \triangle QUT$



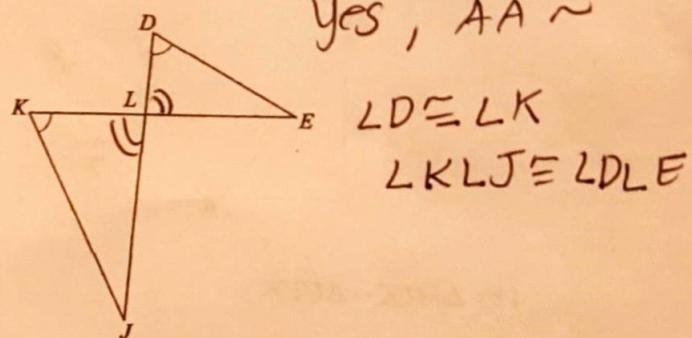
3) $\triangle CDE \sim \triangle TUV$

Yes

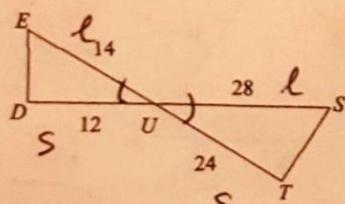


4) $\triangle LKJ \sim \triangle LDE$

Yes, AA ~



5) $\triangle UTS \sim \triangle UDE$

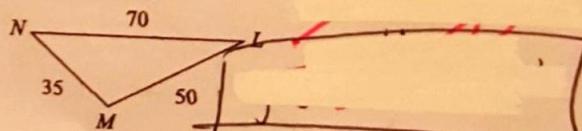
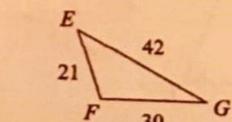


$\angle EUD \cong \angle SUT \checkmark$

$$\frac{14}{12} = \frac{28}{24}$$

Yes
SAS ~

6) $\triangle LMN \sim \triangle GFE$

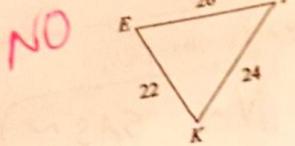


NO

$$\frac{50}{30} = \frac{70}{42} = \frac{35}{21}$$

NOT.
1.6

7) $\triangle KLM \sim \triangle KEF$



NO

$$\frac{33}{22} = \frac{36}{24} = \frac{39}{26}$$

$$1.5 \quad 1.5 \quad = 1.5$$

9) $\triangle EDC \sim \triangle ERS$

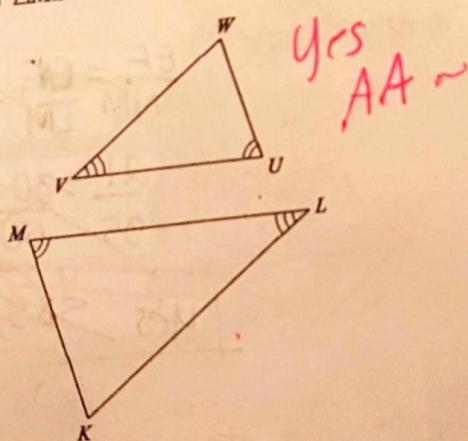
Yes
 $\angle DEC \cong \angle ERS$

$$\frac{84}{40} = \frac{66}{35}$$

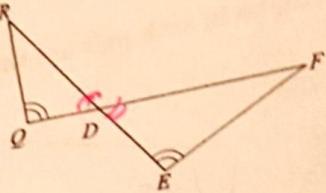
$$6 = 6$$

SAS ~

11) $\triangle MLK \sim \triangle UVW$

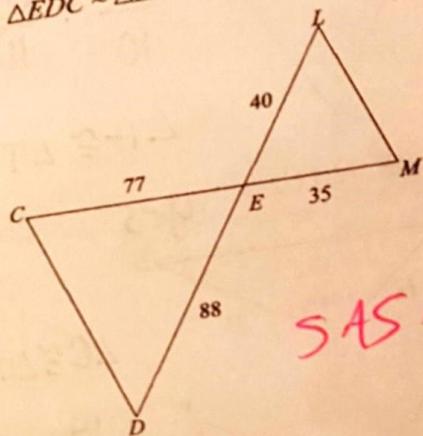
Yes
AA ~

8) $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle DQR$



AA ~

10) $\triangle EDC \sim \triangle ELM$

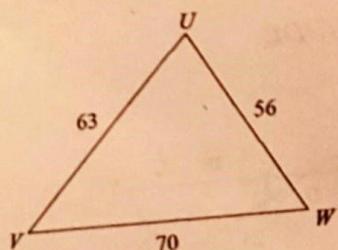
 $\angle CED \cong \angle MEL$

$$\frac{84}{40} = \frac{66}{35}$$

$$2.1 = 1.8$$

SAS ~

12) $\triangle WVU \sim \triangle KLM$



$$\frac{70}{63} = \frac{63}{56} =$$

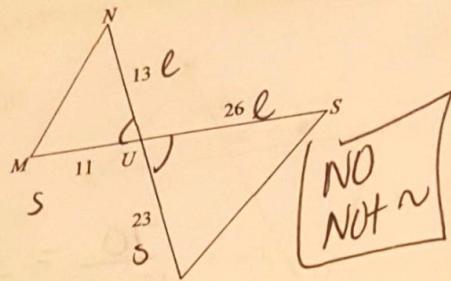
$$\frac{20}{16} = \frac{18}{18} = \frac{10}{10}$$

Yes.
SSS ~

Triangle Similarity

SSS ~

13) $\triangle UTS \sim \triangle UMN$

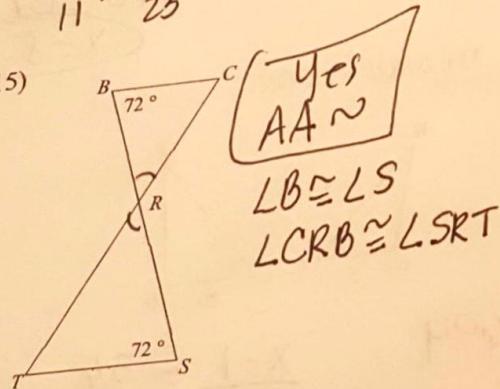


$$\angle N \cong \angle S \cong \angle T$$

$$\frac{13}{11} \neq \frac{26}{23}$$

NO!

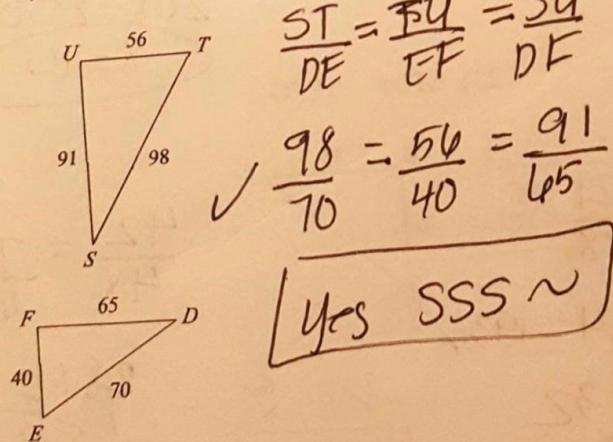
15)



$$\angle B \cong \angle S$$

$$\angle C \cong \angle R$$

17) $\triangle STU \sim \triangle DEF$

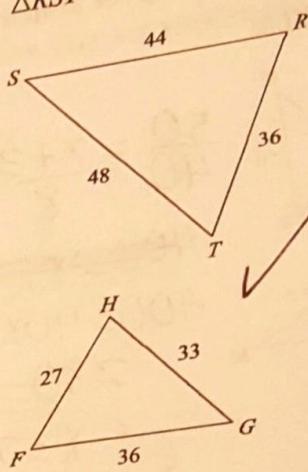


$$\frac{ST}{DE} = \frac{TU}{EF} = \frac{SU}{DF}$$

$$\frac{98}{70} = \frac{56}{40} = \frac{91}{65}$$

Yes SSS ~

14) $\triangle RST \sim \triangle HGF$

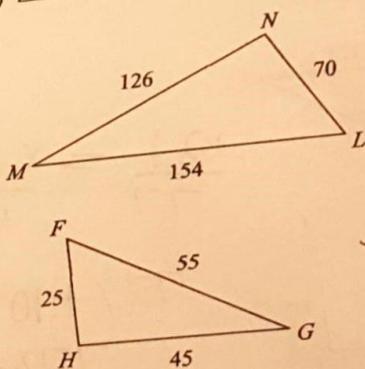


$$\frac{RS}{HG} = \frac{ST}{GF} = \frac{RT}{HF}$$

$$\frac{44}{33} = \frac{48}{36} = \frac{36}{27}$$

Yes, SSS ~

16) $\triangle LMN \sim \triangle FGH$



$$\frac{LM}{FG} = \frac{MN}{GH} = \frac{LN}{FH}$$

$$\frac{154}{55} = \frac{126}{45} = \frac{70}{25}$$

Yes, SSS ~

Triangle Similarity

Solve for x . Be sure to set up the proportion. The triangles in each pair are similar.

18) $\triangle UVW \sim \triangle KLM$

$$\frac{50}{40} = \frac{x+3}{8}$$

$$400 = x+3$$

$$400 = 40x + 120$$

$$280 = 40x$$

$$x = 7$$

20) $\triangle JKL \sim \triangle JFG$

$$\frac{121}{77} = \frac{x+14}{14}$$

$$77x + 1078 = 1694$$

$$77x = 616$$

$$x = 8$$

19) $\triangle BCD \sim \triangle BMN$

$$\frac{70}{12x-5} = \frac{10}{13}$$

$$910 = 120x - 50$$

$$960 = 120x$$

$$x = 8$$

21) $\triangle RQP \sim \triangle FGH$

$$\frac{x-1}{5} = \frac{36}{20}$$

$$20x - 20 = 180$$

$$20x = 200$$

$$x = 10$$

22) $\triangle QRS \sim \triangle QCD$

$$\frac{2x+8}{16} = \frac{121}{88}$$

$$176x + 704 = 1936$$

$$176x = 1232$$

$$x = 7$$

23) $\triangle TUV \sim \triangle EFG$

$$\frac{42}{4x} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$28x = 252$$

$$x = 9$$