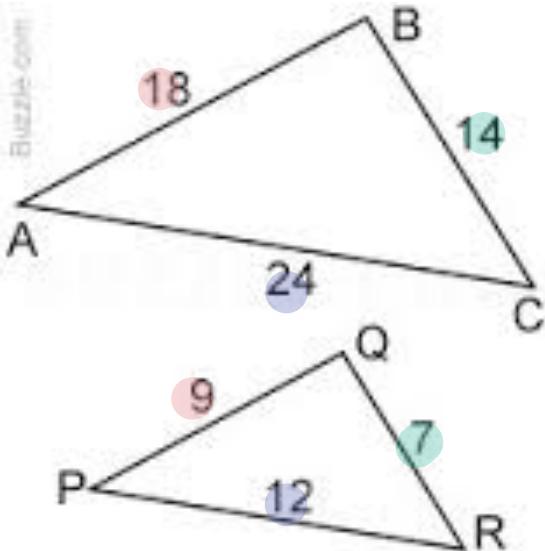


## 6.4

### Prove Triangles Similar by SSS and SAS

# Side-Side-Side (SSS) Similarity Postulate

- If the Corresponding sides of two triangles are proportional, then the triangles are similar.



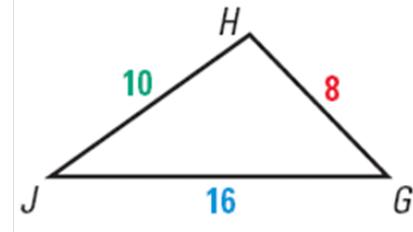
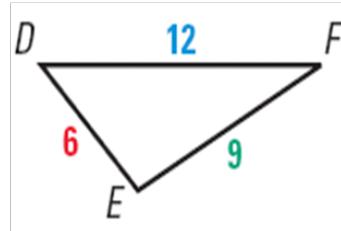
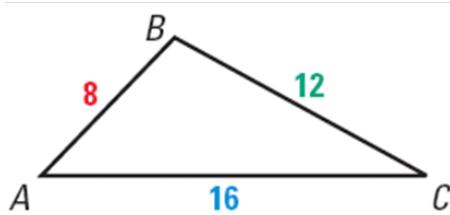
$$\frac{18}{9} = \frac{2}{1}$$

$$\frac{14}{7} = \frac{2}{1}$$

$$\frac{24}{12} = \frac{2}{1}$$

Proportional sides  
- all equal ratios

**EX:** Is either  $\triangle DEF$  or  $\triangle GHJ$  similar to  $\triangle ABC$ ?



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

$$\frac{12}{9} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\frac{16}{12} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\frac{8}{8} = 1$$

$$\frac{12}{10} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\frac{16}{16} = 1$$

Yes - all equal ratios

$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$

No - unequal ratios

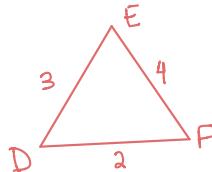
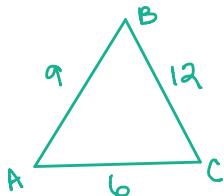


EX:

1. Verify that  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$  for the given information.

$\triangle ABC : AC = 6, AB = 9, BC = 12;$

$\triangle DEF : DF = 2, DE = 3, EF = 4$



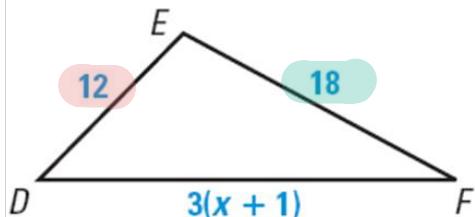
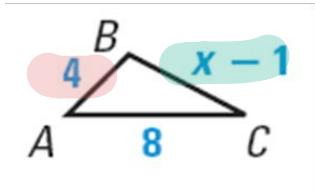
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{9}{3} &= \frac{3}{1} \\ \frac{12}{4} &= \frac{3}{1} \\ \frac{6}{2} &= \frac{3}{1}\end{aligned}$$

A curly brace on the right side of these three ratios groups them together, indicating they are all equal.

All equal ratios  
-triangles are similar

**Find the value of  $x$  that makes  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ .**

**EX:**



$$\frac{x-1}{18} = \frac{4}{12}$$

~~$$\frac{(x-1)}{18} \times \frac{4}{12}$$~~

\* Cross Multiply  
and Distribute

$$12(x-1) = 72$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 12x - 12 & = & 72 \\ +12 & & +12 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{12x}{12} = \frac{84}{12}$$

$$\boxed{x = 7}$$

