

## Secondary 2 - Congruence and Similarity Notes

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### Unit Enduring Understanding

1. **Diagrams** of figures help us to visualise their congruence or similarity.
2. Two figures are congruent if and only if their sides and angles remain **invariant** under translation, rotation and reflection.
3. Two similar figures have corresponding sides that are **proportional**.

### Unit Essential Questions

1. How do diagrams facilitate problem solving?
2. How do properties of congruent figures remain invariant under transformations?
3. How does proportionality undergird the concept of similarity?

### Unit Key words:

Ratio, proportion, corresponding, scale, enlargement, reduction, similarity, and congruency

### Knowledge & Skills (from O Level Syllabus)

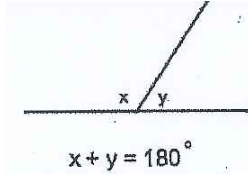
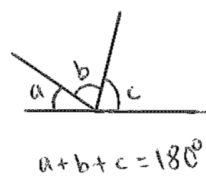
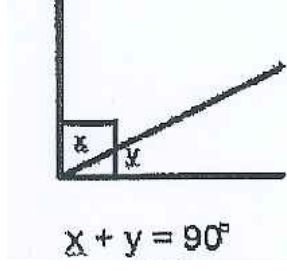
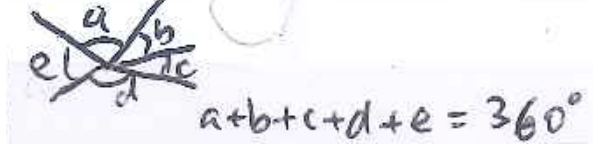
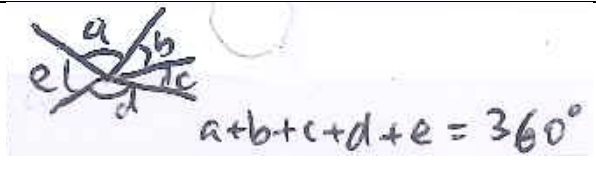
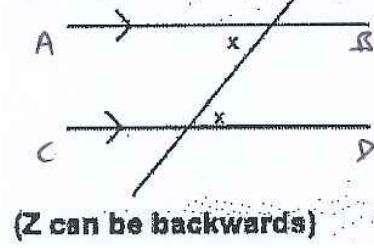
#### G2. Congruence and similarity

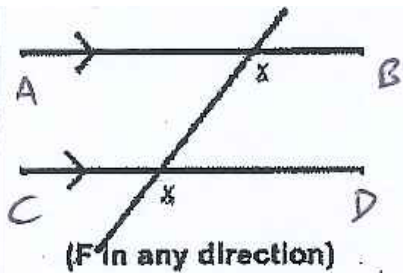
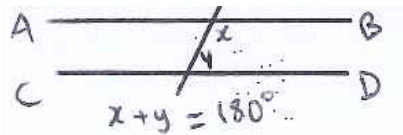
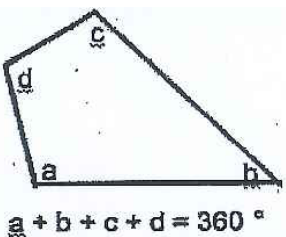
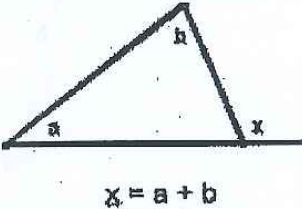
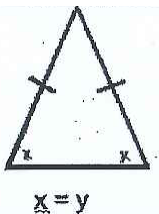
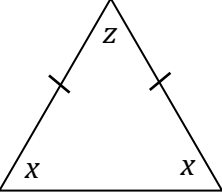
- 2.1. congruent figures
- 2.2. similar figures
- 2.3. properties of similar triangles and polygons:
  - corresponding angles are equal
  - corresponding sides are proportional
- 2.4. enlargement and reduction of a plane figure
- 2.5. scale drawings
- 2.6. solving simple problems involving congruence and similarity
- 2.7. determining whether two triangles are:
  - congruent
  - similar
- 2.8. ratio of areas of similar plane figures
- 2.9. ratio of volumes of similar solids

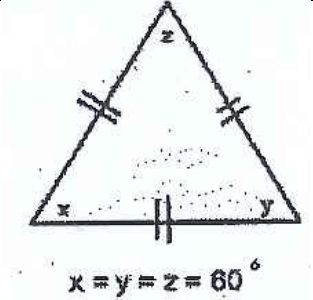
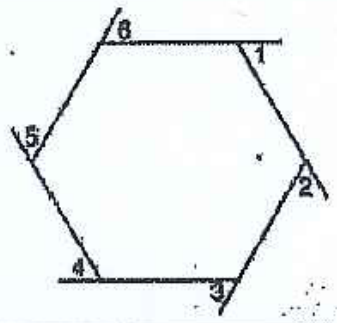
### Teaching To The Big Idea ...

Lesson sequence in the unit								
Student Learning Outcomes	Dimensions (Please tick the appropriate boxes)							
	FUNCTIONS	INVARIANCE	NOTATIONS	DIAGRAMS	MEASURES	EQUIVALENC E	PROPORTIONALITY	MODELS
	F	I	N	D	M	E	P	M
Congruent Figures, Tests for Congruent Triangles		√		√				
Similarity, Enlargement and Reduction of Plane Figure, Tests for Similar Triangles				√			√	
Ratios and Volumes of Similar Figures				√			√	

## Recap: Properties of Angles

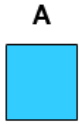
	Property	Abbreviation	Diagram (example)
1	Angles that are adjacent on a straight line add up to $180^\circ$ .  Note: supplementary angles refer to 2 angles only.	angles on a straight line	
2	Complementary Angles (Angles that are adjacent on a right angle. Complementary angles add up to $90^\circ$ )	complementary angles	
3	Angles in a triangle add up to $180^\circ$	angle sum of triangle/ sum of angles in a triangle	
4	Angles at a point add up to $360^\circ$	angles at a point	
5	Vertically opposite angles are equal	vertically opposite angles	
6	Alternate angles are equal (Look out for "Z" pattern)	alternate angles, <i>AB</i> parallel to <i>CD</i>	

7	Corresponding angles are equal (Look out for "F" pattern)	corresponding angles, $AB$ parallel to $CD$	 <p>(F in any direction)</p>
8	Interior angles of parallel lines add up to $180^\circ$ . (Look out for "C" pattern)	interior angles, $AB$ parallel to $CD$	 <p><math>x + y = 180^\circ</math></p>
9	Angles in a quadrilateral add up to $360^\circ$	angle sum of quadrilateral/ sum of angles in a quadrilateral	 <p><math>a + b + c + d = 360^\circ</math></p>
10	Exterior angles of a triangle add up to the sum of two opposite interior angles	exterior angle of triangle = sum of 2 interior opposite angles	 <p><math>x = a + b</math></p>
11	In an isosceles triangle, the base angles are equal.	base angles of isosceles triangle	 <p><math>x = y</math></p>
12	Sum of angles in an isosceles triangle add up to $180^\circ$	angle sum of isosceles triangle/ sum of angles in an isosceles triangle	 <p>Angle <math>x = \frac{180^\circ - z}{2}</math></p>

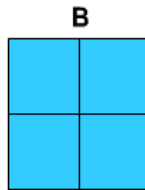
1 3	In an equilateral triangle, all the angles are equal (60°)	angles of equilateral triangle	
1 4	Sum of interior angles of an $n$ -sided polygon $= (n - 2) \times 180^\circ$  Sum of exterior angles of an $n$ -sided polygon $= 360^\circ$		

## 12. Areas of Similar Figures

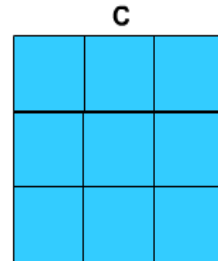
Consider a square A of side 2 cm. Notice what happens to the area when you double and **treble** its sides.



Area = 4 cm<sup>2</sup>



Area = 16 cm<sup>2</sup>



Area = 36 cm<sup>2</sup>

Ratio of the sides of squares A and B =  $\frac{2}{4}$

Ratio of the sides of squares A and C =  $\frac{2}{6}$

Ratio of the areas of squares A and B =  $\frac{4}{16}$

Ratio of the areas of squares A and C =  $\frac{4}{36}$

$$\frac{4}{16} = \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{4}{36} = \left(\frac{2}{6}\right)^2$$

Ratio of the areas of A and B = (Ratio of their sides)<sup>2</sup>

Ratio of the areas of A and C = (Ratio of their sides)<sup>2</sup>

When two figures are **similar**, the ratio of their areas is equal to the **square** of the

ratio of any two **Corresponding sides** of the two figures.

If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  denote the areas of **similar figures**, and  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  denote their corresponding lengths, we have



dimensions  
 $l_1$  by  $w_1$



dimensions  
 $l_2$  by  $w_2$

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{l_1 \times w_1}{l_2 \times w_2}$$

since

$$\frac{l_1}{l_2} = \frac{w_1}{w_2}$$

then

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{l_1 \times l_1}{l_2 \times l_2} = \left(\frac{l_1}{l_2}\right)^2$$

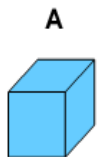


How to test that 2 **circles** are similar?  
If they are similar what would be the ratio of their surface area?

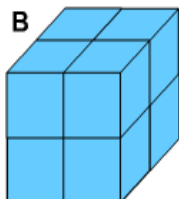
### 13. Volumes of Similar Figures

Use the same concept to derive the relationship between Volumes of similar figures.

Consider a solid A with side 2 cm. Notice what happens to the volume when you double and treble its sides



Volume =  $8 \text{ cm}^3$



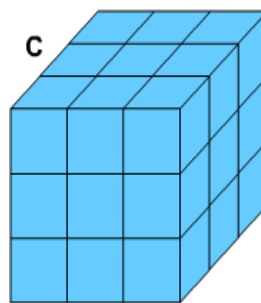
Volume =  $64 \text{ cm}^3$

Ratio of the sides of A and B =  $\frac{2}{4}$

Ratio of the volumes of A and B =  $\frac{8}{64}$

$$\frac{8}{64} = \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)^3$$

Ratio of the volumes of A and B = (Ratio of their sides)<sup>3</sup>



Volume =  $216 \text{ cm}^3$

Ratio of the sides of A and C =  $\frac{2}{6}$

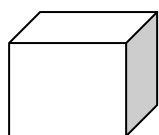
Ratio of the volumes of A and C =  $\frac{8}{216}$

$$\frac{8}{216} = \left(\frac{2}{6}\right)^3$$

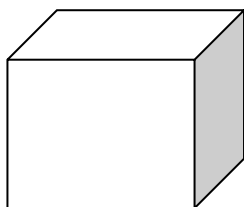
Ratio of the volumes of A and C = (Ratio of their sides)<sup>3</sup>

When two figures are **similar**, the ratio of their volumes is equal to the **cube** of the ratio of any two **Corresponding sides** of the two figures.

If  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  denote the volumes of **similar figures**, and  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  denote their corresponding lengths, we have



dimensions  
 $l_1$  by  $w_1$  by  $h_1$



dimensions  
 $l_2$  by  $w_2$  by  $h_2$

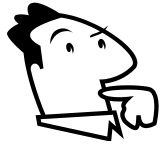
$$\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{l_1 \times w_1 \times h_1}{l_2 \times w_2 \times h_2}$$

since

$$\frac{l_1}{l_2} = \frac{w_1}{w_2} = \frac{h_1}{h_2}$$

then

$$\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{l_1 \times l_1 \times l_1}{l_2 \times l_2 \times l_2} = \left(\frac{l_1}{l_2}\right)^3$$



How to test that 2 **hemispheres** are similar?

If they are similar what would be the ratio of their (i) surface area and (ii) volume ?

### Summary: Areas and Volumes of Similar Figures

For two geometrically similar solids,

- $\frac{length_1}{length_2} = \frac{height_1}{height_2}$
- $\frac{area_1}{area_2} = \left(\frac{length_1}{length_2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{height_1}{height_2}\right)^2$
- $\frac{volume_1}{volume_2} = \left(\frac{length_1}{length_2}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{height_1}{height_2}\right)^3$
- $\frac{mass_1}{mass_2} = \frac{volume_1}{volume_2} = \left(\frac{length_1}{length_2}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{height_1}{height_2}\right)^3$ , if the two solids have same density.

Note:

Mass = density x volume

Question:

If 2 boxes of different sizes are made up of the same materials, what could you infer?

*How to remember:*

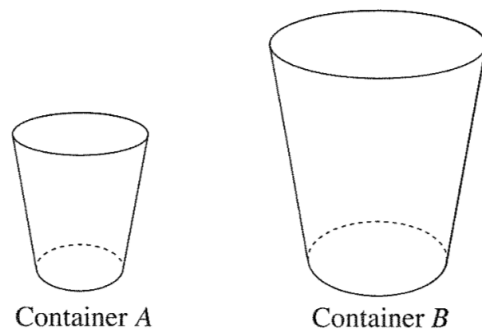
*Hint:*

*What is the unit for lengths?*

*what is the unit for areas?*

*what is the unit for volumes?*

### Example



The diagram shows two geometrically similar containers  $A$  and  $B$ . The base areas of the containers  $A$  and  $B$  are  $16 \text{ cm}^2$  and  $25 \text{ cm}^2$  respectively.

- (a) Find the ratio of the heights of container  $A$  and container  $B$ .
- (b) Containers  $A$  and  $B$  are filled with flour. The mass of flour in container  $B$  is  $7.5 \text{ kg}$ . Find the mass of flour in container  $A$ .

1. what information provided?  
2. what key words used?  
3. any assumptions made?

(a)

$$\frac{h_A}{h_B} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}}$$

$$\frac{h_A}{h_B} = \frac{4}{5}$$

Height of container  $A$  : Height of container  $B$   
 $= 4 : 5$

*What is the concept ?*

(b)

$$\frac{m_A}{m_B} = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{m_A}{7.5} = \frac{64}{125}$$

$$m_A = \frac{64}{125} \times 7.5$$

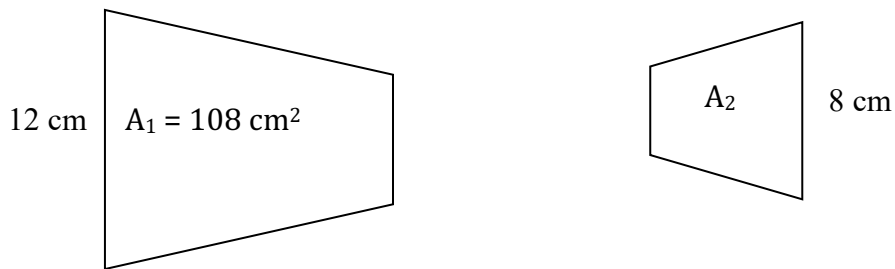
$$m_A = 3.84$$

mass of flour in container  $A$  is  $3.84 \text{ kg}$

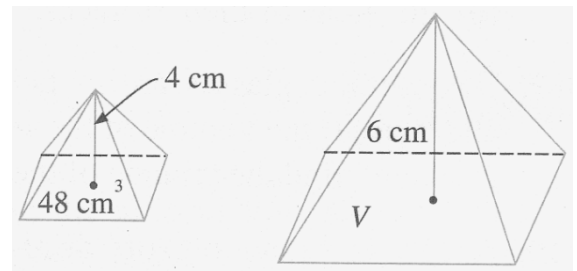


**Example 11**

Find the unknown area  $A_2$  given that the shapes are similar.

**Example 12**

Find the unknown volume  $V$  the following pairs of similar objects.

**Example 13**

Two similar cones of the same material have base diameters  $24\text{ cm}$  and  $16\text{ cm}$  respectively.

The volume of the larger cone is  $378\text{ cm}^3$  and the mass of the smaller cone  $928\text{ g}$ . Calculate

- (a) the volume of the smaller cone,
- (b) the mass of the larger cone.

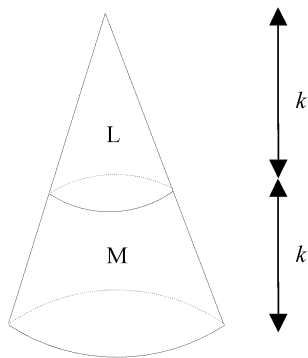
**Example 14**

A cylinder K has a volume of  $200 \text{ cm}^3$ . Calculate the volume of

- (a) a cylinder similar to K but with radius twice that of K,
- (b) a cylinder with height twice that of K and radius one quarter that of K.

**Example 15**

A right circular cone is divided into 2 portions, L and M, by a plane parallel to the base as shown in the diagram. The height of each portion is  $k$  units. Find the ratio of the volume of L to the volume of M.

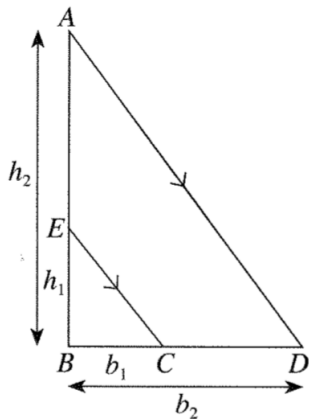


HINT

$$\frac{\text{Volume L}}{\text{Volume L+M}} = \left( \frac{k}{2k} \right)^3$$

## 14. Finding Areas of Triangles Using Ratios

### (I) Similar Triangles



Consider two similar triangles  $\triangle BCE$  and  $\triangle BDA$ .

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle BCE}{\text{Area of } \triangle BDA} = \left(\frac{b_1}{b_2}\right)^2$$

OR

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle BCE}{\text{Area of } \triangle BDA} = \left(\frac{h_1}{h_2}\right)^2$$

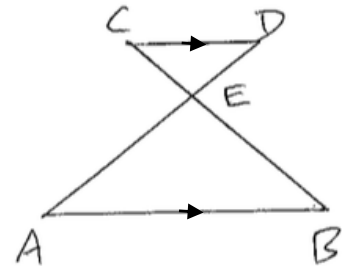
### Example

In the diagram,  $AED$  and  $BEC$  are straight lines. It is given that  $CD$  is parallel to  $AB$  and  $CD = \frac{2}{3} AB$ .

Find the ratio  $\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABE}{\text{area of } \triangle DCE}$ .

Given

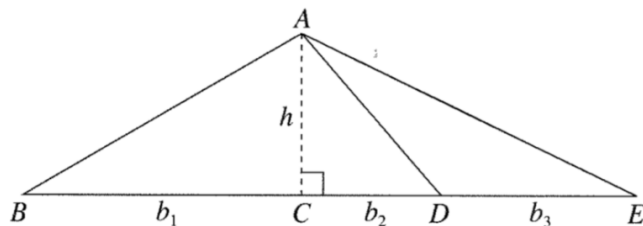
$$\frac{CD}{AB} = \frac{2}{3}$$



Solution:

## (II) Triangles Sharing Same Height/ Base

### Ratios of Areas of Triangles with Common Heights

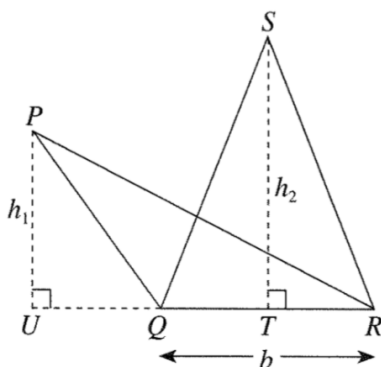


Consider  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\triangle ACD$ ,  $\triangle ADE$ ,  $\triangle ABD$ ,  $\triangle ACE$  and  $\triangle ABE$  with common height,  $h$ .

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ACD}{\text{Area of } \triangle ADE} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times b_2 \times h}{\frac{1}{2} \times b_3 \times h} = \frac{b_2}{b_3}$$

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{Area of } \triangle ACE} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times b_1 \times h}{\frac{1}{2} \times (b_2 + b_3) \times h} = \frac{b_1}{b_2 + b_3}$$

### Ratios of Triangles with Common Base



Consider  $\triangle PQR$  and  $\triangle SQR$  with common base,  $b$ .

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle PQR}{\text{Area of } \triangle SQR} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times h_1 \times b}{\frac{1}{2} \times h_2 \times b} = \frac{h_1}{h_2}$$

**Key concept:**

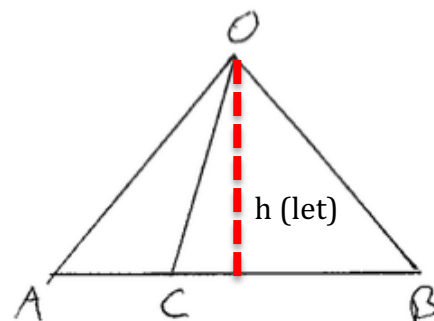
The triangles have a **COMMON (1) Height or (2) Base**.

### Example

In the diagram,  $OAB$  is a triangle.  $C$  is a point on  $AB$  such

that  $AC = \frac{2}{5} AB$ .

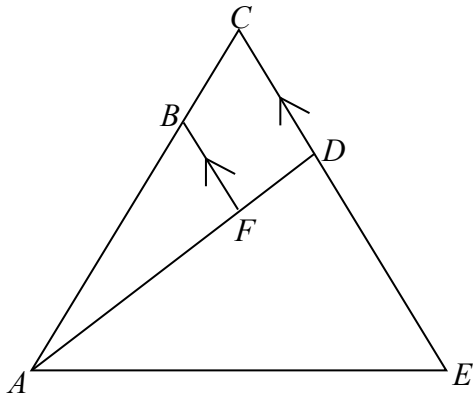
Find the ratio  $\frac{\text{area of } \triangle OAC}{\text{area of } \triangle OBC}$ .



Solution:

**Example 16**

In the diagram,  $ABC$ ,  $AFD$  and  $CDE$  are straight lines and  $BF$  is parallel to  $CD$ .



(a) Show that triangle  $ABF$  and triangle  $ACD$  are similar.

(b) Given that  $CD = \frac{1}{3}CE$  and

$BC = \frac{1}{2}AB$ , find  
 $\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABF}{\text{area of } \triangle ACD},$

(i)  $\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ACD}{\text{area of } \triangle ABF},$

(ii)  $\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ADE}{\text{area of } \triangle ABF}.$