

Key

Geometry Chapter 7.4 Notes and Problems #s 1-20

In this section you will be discovering similarity proportions within right triangles.

But first, we must understand the GEOMETRIC MEAN...

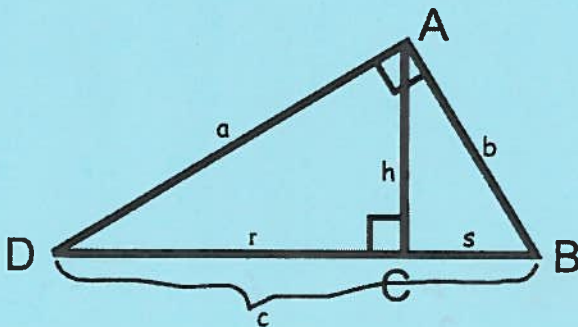
The number x that allows this proportion to be true: $\frac{a}{x} = \frac{x}{b}$.

Cross multiplying shows us that $x^2 = ab$. Therefore, $x = \sqrt{ab}$.

Problems 1-8:

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| $x^2 = 36$ $x = 6$ | $x^2 = 40$ $x = \sqrt{40} = 2\sqrt{10}$ | $x^2 = 48$ $x = \sqrt{48} = 4\sqrt{3}$ | $x^2 = 144$ $x = 12$ |
| $x^2 = 392$ $x = 14\sqrt{2}$ | $x^2 = 625$ $x = 25$ | $x^2 = 216$ $x = 6\sqrt{6}$ | $x^2 = 63$ $x = 3\sqrt{7}$ |

For problem #s 9-14, you will need to understand this diagram and chart.



| | small triangle | medium triangle | large triangle |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| small leg | s | h | b |
| medium leg | h | r | a |
| hypotenuse | b | a | c |

Algebra Refer to the figure to complete each proportion.

9. $\frac{r}{h} = \frac{h}{s}$

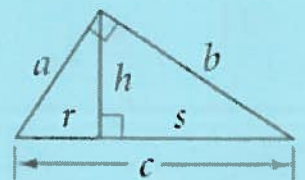
10. $\frac{c}{a} = \frac{a}{r}$

11. $\frac{c}{b} = \frac{b}{s}$

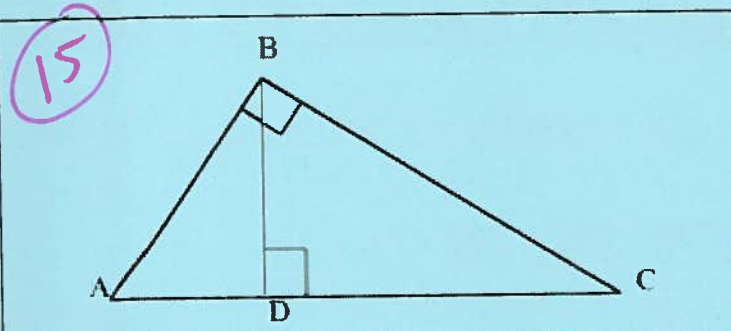
12. $\frac{r}{a} = \frac{a}{c}$

13. $\frac{r}{h} = \frac{h}{s}$

14. $\frac{s}{b} = \frac{b}{c}$

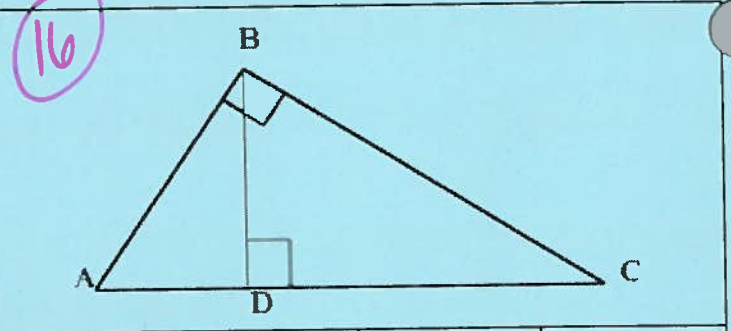


Practice Right Triangle Similarity Charts for problem #s 15-20:



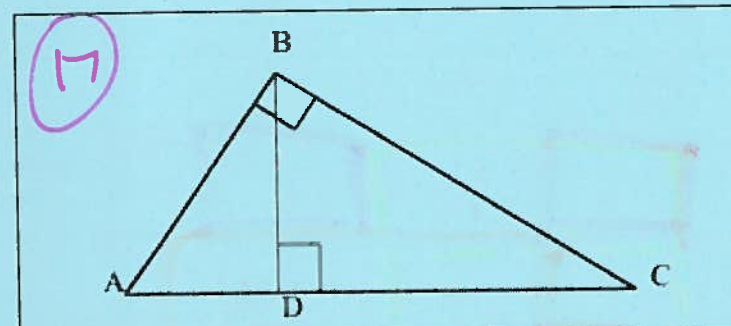
| 1.) | ST Δ | MT Δ | LT Δ |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SL | 4 | 6 | |
| ML | 6 | X | |
| H | | | X+4 |

$$\frac{4}{6} = \frac{6}{x} \quad 4x = 36 \quad \boxed{x=9}$$



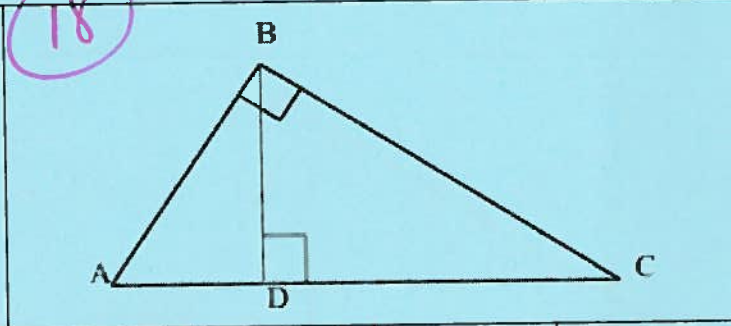
| 2.) | ST Δ | MT Δ | LT Δ |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SL | 10 | X | |
| ML | X | 40 | |
| H | | | 50 |

$$x^2 = 400 \quad \frac{10}{x} = \frac{x}{40} \quad \boxed{x=20}$$



| 3.) | ST Δ | MT Δ | LT Δ |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SL | 4 | | X |
| ML | | 21 | |
| H | X | | 25 |

$$\frac{4}{x} = \frac{x}{25} \quad x^2 = 100 \quad \boxed{x=10}$$



| 4.) | ST Δ | MT Δ | LT Δ |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SL | 3 | | X |
| ML | | 9 | |
| H | | X | 12 |

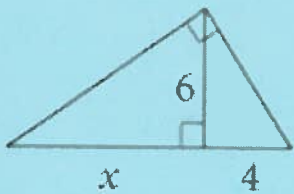
$$x^2 = 108 \quad \frac{9}{x} = \frac{x}{12} \quad \boxed{x=6\sqrt{3}}$$

54
27
333

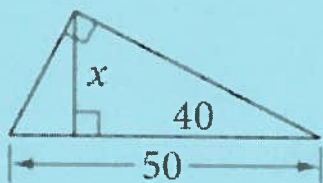
Problem #s 15-20.

Algebra Solve for x .

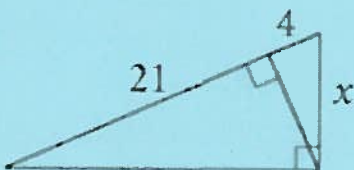
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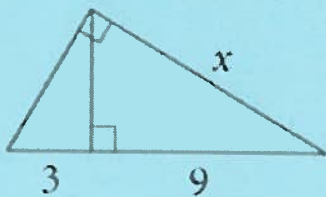
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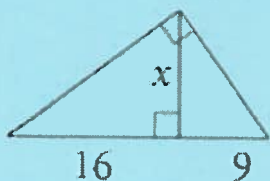
| | SΔ | MΔ | LΔ |
|---|----|----|----|
| S | 9 | x | |
| M | x | 16 | |
| L | | | 25 |

$$\frac{9}{x} = \frac{x}{16}$$

$$x^2 = 144$$

$$x = 12$$

19.



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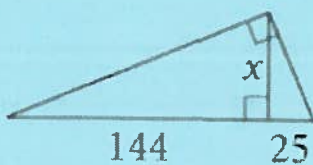
| | SΔ | MΔ | LΔ |
|---|----|-----|-----|
| S | 25 | x | |
| M | x | 144 | |
| L | | | 169 |

$$\frac{25}{x} = \frac{x}{144}$$

$$x^2 = 3600$$

$$x = 60$$

20.





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