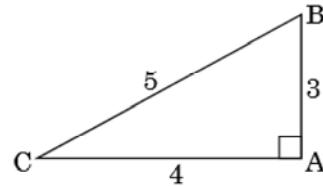


Similarity 7 – Similar Triangles

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- Copy  $\triangle ABC$  on a sheet of graph paper, making sure to label the sides and vertices as shown.
- Given  $\triangle ABC$ , draw  $\triangle XYZ$  on the same sheet of graph paper so that the sides of the new triangle are twice as long as those of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\angle X = 90^\circ$ .

2. Finally on the same sheet of graph paper draw a  $\triangle RST$  with  $\angle R = 90^\circ$  and with the sides three times as long as those of  $\triangle ABC$ .

3. Now complete the charts below using the three triangles. Simplify all ratios.

| $\triangle ABC$ | $\triangle XYZ$ | $\triangle RST$ |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| AB=             | XY=             | RS=             |
| BC=             | YZ=             | ST=             |
| AC=             | XZ=             | RT=             |

|                                       |                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle XYZ}$ | $\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle RST}$ | $\frac{\triangle XYZ}{\triangle RST}$ |
| $\frac{AB}{XY} =$                     | $\frac{AB}{RS} =$                     | $\frac{XY}{RS} =$                     |
| $\frac{BC}{YZ} =$                     | $\frac{BC}{ST} =$                     | $\frac{YZ}{ST} =$                     |
| $\frac{AC}{XZ} =$                     | $\frac{AC}{RT} =$                     | $\frac{XZ}{RT} =$                     |

|                 | Perimeter | Area |
|-----------------|-----------|------|
| $\triangle ABC$ |           |      |
| $\triangle XYZ$ |           |      |
| $\triangle RST$ |           |      |

|                                       | Ratio of Perimeters | Ratio of Areas |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| $\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle XYZ}$ |                     |                |
| $\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle RST}$ |                     |                |
| $\frac{\triangle XYZ}{\triangle RST}$ |                     |                |

- Are the 3 triangles similar?
- For each set of two triangles, how do the ratios of corresponding sides compare?
- For each set of two triangles, how do the ratios of corresponding sides compare to the ratios of perimeters?
- For each set of two triangles, how do the ratios of corresponding sides compare to the ratios of areas?