

ORMC Olympiad Group  
Spring: Week 1  
Geometry: Similarity and Triangles

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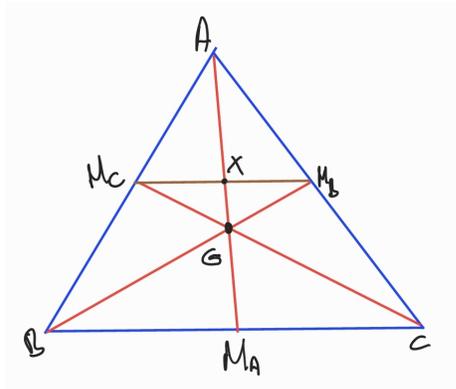
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**Theorem 1 (Basic Similarity and Congruence Rules).** *There are a number of ways to find similarity.*

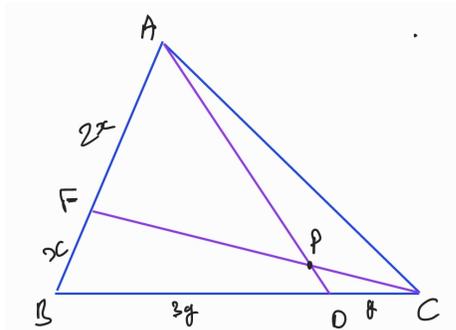
1. *AA*
2. *SAS*
3. *SSS*

## Problems

1. (**Prasolov 1.6 - modified**) A point  $P$  is taken on side  $AD$  of parallelogram  $ABCD$  so that  $AP : AD = 1 : 7$ ; let  $Q$  be the intersection point of  $AC$  and  $BP$ . Find  $AC : AQ$ .
2. Let  $M_A, M_B, M_C$  be the midpoints of the sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  respectively in triangle  $ABC$ .  $AM_A$  and  $M_B M_C$  intersects at  $X$ . Find  $AX : XG : GM_A$ . Here  $G$  is centroid of  $ABC$ . In particular, what is  $AG/GM_A$ ?



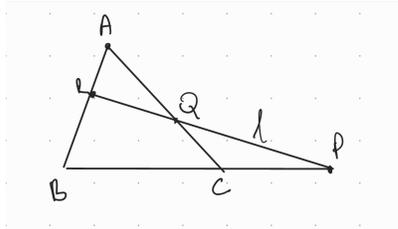
3. Points  $F$  and  $D$  are chosen on the sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  of triangle  $ABC$ .  $AD$  and  $CF$  intersect at the point  $P$ . It is given that  $AB/BF = BD/DC = 3$ .
- (a) what is  $AP/PD$ ?
- (b) What is  $CP/PF$ ?



4. The point  $D$  is chosen on the side  $AC$  of triangle  $ABC$ . If  $AB = 6$ ,  $AD = 4$ ,  $\angle BAC = 40^\circ$ ,  $\angle ACB = 60^\circ$ ,  $\angle DBC = 20^\circ$ , find  $DC$ .
5. (**Prasolov 0.5**) Square  $PQRS$  is inscribed into  $\triangle ABC$  so that vertices  $P$  and  $Q$  lie on sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  and vertices  $R$  and  $S$  lie on  $BC$ . Express the length of the square's side in terms of  $a$  and  $h_a$ .
6.  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle with side length 15. Points  $D, E, F$  are chosen on the sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  respectively so that  $BD = CE = AF = 7$ . When we draw  $AD, BE, CF$ , we create a smaller equilateral triangle in the middle of  $ABC$ , say that  $\triangle XYZ$ . Side length

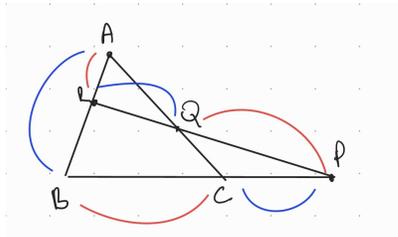
of  $\triangle XYZ$  can be represented as  $\frac{m}{n}$ , where  $m, n$  are relatively prime positive integers. Find  $m + n$ .

7. **(HMMT 2005 Guts)** Five people of different heights are standing in line from shortest to tallest. As it happens, the tops of their heads are all collinear; also, for any two successive people, the horizontal distance between them equals the height of the shorter person. If the shortest person is 3 feet tall and the tallest person is 7 feet tall, how tall is the middle person, in feet?
8. Let  $ABC$  be triangle with  $AB = 6, AC = 7, BC = 8$ , and  $P$  is a point on  $BC$  with  $BP = 3$ . Let  $Q$  and  $R$  be on sides  $AC$  and  $AB$  so that  $PQ \parallel AB$  and  $PR \parallel AC$ . The area of the parallelogram  $AQPR$  can be written as  $\frac{p\sqrt{q}}{r}$  where  $p$  and  $r$  are relatively prime and  $q$  is square-free integer. Find  $p + q + r$ .
9. **Menelaus' Theorem**  $ABC$  is a triangle. A line  $l$  cuts the segments  $AB$  and  $AC$  at  $R$  and  $Q$ , and cuts the extension of  $BC$  at  $P$ .



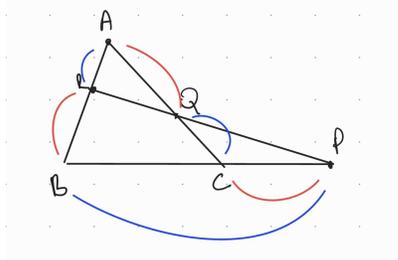
Then

$$\frac{AR}{AB} \cdot \frac{BC}{CP} \cdot \frac{PQ}{QR} = 1$$



and similarly

$$\frac{PC}{PB} \cdot \frac{BR}{RA} \cdot \frac{AQ}{QC} = 1$$



10. **Ceva's Theorem**  $ABC$  is a triangle and  $P$  is an interior point. The cevians  $AP, BP, CP$  cuts the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  at points at  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  respectively. Then

$$\frac{BA_1}{A_1C} \cdot \frac{CB_1}{B_1A} \cdot \frac{AC_1}{C_1B} = 1$$

11. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $BC = 70$  and points  $M$  and  $N$  are chosen on the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  so that  $MN \parallel BC$ . Segments  $CM$  and  $BN$  intersect at the point  $K$ . A line which passes through  $K$  and parallel to  $BC$  intersects with the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  at  $X$  and  $Y$ . Find  $MN$  if  $XY = 42$ .
12. **(Prasolov 1.13)** In  $\triangle ABC$  bisectors  $AA_1$  and  $BB_1$  are drawn. Prove that the distance from any point  $M$  of  $A_1B_1$  to line  $AB$  is equal to the sum of distances from  $M$  to  $AC$  and  $BC$ .
13. **(TJNMO-FR 2017-modified)** Point  $E$  is chosen in a parallelogram  $ABCD$  so that  $\angle AEB + \angle DEC = 180^\circ$ . Prove that  $\angle DAE = \angle DCE$