

Remote Learning Packet

April 27 - May 1, 2020

Course: 9 Geometry

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Weekly Plan:

Monday, April 27

- Review Book V Answer Keys
- Book V Definitions and Propositions Review
- Read Notation/Marking Guide

Tuesday, April 28

- Bell Work 1
- Review VI.1 Answer Key, and answer questions

Wednesday, April 29

- Bell Work 2
- VI.2 Two-Column and Questions

Thursday, April 30

- Bell Work 3
- VI.3 Two-Column and Questions

Friday, May 1

- Bell Work 3
- VI.4 in Two-Column

Statement of Academic Honesty

I affirm that the work completed from the packet is mine and that I completed it independently.

I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, my child completed this work independently

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Dear Students,

Welcome to another week of Geometry! I hope you all are well, and that you are finding ways to make your time at home the very best that it can be. As a wise man once said, “*An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered; an adventure is an inconvenience rightly considered.*”¹ Though surely this remote learning could be called more than an inconvenience, I think we can rightly consider it an adventure.

Last week, we acquired the tools of ratio and proportion from Book V, which we will need for mastery of Book VI. These concepts are difficult, to be sure; if you struggled with them, you are in good company. I urge you to persevere nonetheless. Thinking in ratio and proportion requires a significant shift in the way you’re used to thinking, so do not be surprised if it takes you time to get the hang of it.

At the end of last week, we put our Book V skills into action in the first proposition of Book VI. This proposition was very difficult, and I assume you probably will need to do a lot of correcting. For that reason, I am including an answer key to VI.1 in this packet. Learn from your mistakes!

This week, we will forge ahead to VI.2-4. While these proofs are difficult, I think you will be relieved to find that they are not as difficult as VI.1, especially since your understanding of ratio and proportion will continue to strengthen as you go along. I will also be including some partial answer keys to these so that you have some immediate feedback and confirmation that you are on the right track.

To help you solidify and strengthen your ratio and proportion skills, I am also including “Bell Work” each day as a quick review of the basics. Please note that, in the interest of saving paper, I combined the Bell Work with some other questions that I want you to answer that day. Pay attention to my daily instructions though, for the order in which you should complete them (usually it is Bell Work, then something else, then back to the other questions.)

I think that is all I need to say. I miss you all very much, but I take comfort in knowing that you are continuing steadfastly to persevere on the path to wisdom and Truth. Keep fighting the good fight.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mooney

¹ G.K. Chesterton was the wise man who said it.

Monday, April 27

Today, let's focus simply on polishing our work from last week. I would like you to:

- 1) Review the Answer Keys for the questions on Book V Definitions and Propositions, which I have included in this packet. Learning from your mistakes here will help you, not only on the review worksheets today, but also on everything else we do in Book VI.
- 2) Complete the Book V Definitions Review and the Book V Propositions Review, to be found directly after the answer keys in this packet. I've made sure to label them correctly this time :)
- 3) Read the two pages entitled "A Few Words about Notation and Marking." This, I hope, will be very helpful to you in all of the work you do in Book VI.

Tuesday, April 28

Today, we will revisit the glorious and difficult VI.1. I would like you to:

- 1) Complete Bell Work 1.
- 2) Review the VI.1 Two-Column Answer Key, included in this packet.
- 3) Answer "VI.1 Questions," which can be found on the same page as your Bell Work.

Wednesday, April 29

Today, we move forward in Book VI to Proposition 2--one of my very favorites! I would like you to:

- 1) Complete Bell Work 2
- 2) Read VI.2 and write it out in two-column notes. The answer key for the converse (part 2) is included. Please do not look at it until after you have completed it on your own. Then you may go back and make corrections as needed.
- 3) Answer the "VI.2 Questions," which can be found on the same page as your Bell Work.

Thursday, April 30

Today, I would like you to:

- 1) Complete Bell Work 3.
- 2) Read VI.3 and write it out in two-column notes. The answer key for the converse (part 2) is included. Please do not look at it until after you have completed it on your own. Then you may go back and make corrections as needed.
- 3) Answer "VI.3 Questions," which can be found on the same page as your Bell Work.

Friday, May 1

You made it! Happy Friday, and happy first of May! You also made it to VI.4 which, as you'll soon see, is a very wonderful proposition. I would like to:

- 1) Complete Bell Work 4.
- 2) Read VI.4 Note (on the same page as the Bell Work).
- 3) Read VI.4 and write it out in two-column notes.

ANSWER KEY: BOOK V DEFINITIONS QUESTIONS (DAY 1)

1. part; measures
2. b, d, e
3. B is the *third* part of A
4. Answers may vary: lines, figures, areas, solids, numbers, etc.
5. Diagrams may vary:

AB is a part of CD	
EF is a multiple of GH	
PQ measures RS three times	
AB is the fourth part of XY	
CD is the second multiple of QR	

6. A ratio is a sort of relation in respect of size between two magnitudes of the same kind.
7. relation
8. They are being related in respect of *size*.
9. Check: Two finite lines; two angles in a triangle; two finite areas
X: A finite line and an infinite line; The number 5 and the number 0; A line and a circle
10. Answers may vary: It means the magnitudes involved compare to each other in the same way. It is kind of like an analogy: my height compares to a 2nd grader's height *in the same way* that the height of Mt. Everest compares to the height of Mt. Whitney (roughly double).
11. d
12. It means the same multiple of two or more different magnitudes. For example 10 and 15 are equimultiples of 2 and 3 respectively (that is, they are the *same multiple*—i.e. the fifth multiple—of each magnitude, 2 and 3).
13. a,b,e (Note: although f might appear correct, notice that the ratios are in the wrong order. *Order matters in ratios and proportions!* If we flipped one of the ratios around it would be true.)
14. third, first, second, first, first, first
15. It fails the "alike equal" test (notice that the multiples of the first and second are equal, but the multiples of the 3rd and 4th are *not*). This means that the ratios are *not* the same, so this is a *false proportion*.
16. As A is to B, so C is to D (Or, As A is to B, so is C to D)
17. $AB:CD :: EF:GH$
18. 2:3 is greater than 3:5

ANSWER KEY: BOOK V DEFINITIONS QUESTIONS (DAY 2)

19.

A ____

B ____|____|____|____

C _____|_____|_____|_____

(Since A seems to be the fourth part of B, make C such that B is the fourth part of C)

20. Alternate $A:C :: B:D$

Inverse $B:A :: D:C$

Componendo $A + B:B :: C + D:D$

Separando $(A - B):B :: (C - D):D$

Convertendo $B:(A - B) :: D:(C - D)$

21. Original $A:B :: C:D$

Inverse $B:A :: D:C$

Alternate $B:D :: A:C$

Componendo $B + D:D :: A + C:C$

Separando $B:D :: A:C$

Alternate $B:A :: D:C$

22. $AB:EF :: GH:MN$

ANSWER KEY: BOOK V PROPOSITIONS QUESTIONS

1. $AB:BC :: AC:BC$ (The equal lines AB and AC have the same ratio to the same thing, BC)
2. $AB = AC$ (This is true by V.9, which says if two magnitudes AB and AC have the same ratio to the same thing BC, then they will be equal.)
3. $AB:DE :: BC:EF$
4. $BC:AB :: EF:DE$
5. $DF:EF :: AC:BC$
6. $BC:AB :: EF:DE$
7. Answers may vary: $A:B :: 2A:2B$, $A:B :: 3A:3B$, $A:B :: 100A:100B$
8. Answers may vary: For example, $A:100A :: B:100B$
9. $AB:BC :: GH:HI$ (Notice that both of these ratios are the same with the same ratio $DE:EF$, so we can use V.11, the “common notion one of proportions”)
10. alternately $GH:DE :: HI:EF$
 inversely $HI:GH :: EF:DE$
 componendo $(GH + HI) :: HI :: (DE + EF):EF$
11. $A:B :: (A + C + E) :: (B + D + F)$
 (Instead of $A:B$, you can actually use any of the three ratios in the proportion and it would still be true)
12. $A:(A + C + E) :: B:(B + D + F)$
13. $AB:AC :: DE:DF$
14. $AB:DE :: AC:DF$
15. $A:B :: E:F$ (by V.11)
16. $2:3 :: (2 + 4 + 8):(3 + 6 + 12)$
 (We see here, calculating each sum, that we get $2:3 :: 14:21$, which we know to be true $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{14}{21}$)
17. $1:3 :: 2:6$
18. $(1 + 2):2 :: (3 + 6):6$
 (We see here calculating each sum, that we get $3:2 :: 9:6$, which we know to be true $(\frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{6})$).
19. $3:9 :: 2:6$
 (This, we see is also true—both ratios are the same as 1:2)
20. Answers may vary:
 $2:3 :: 4:6$ (taking the second multiples of each)
 $2:3 :: 10:15$ (taking the fifth multiples of each)
 $2:3 :: 24:36$ (taking the twelfth multiples of each)
21. $2:12 :: 4:24$
 (We see that the *ex aequali* proportion is true, both ratios being the same as a 1:6 ratio.)
22. $2:4 :: 12:24$

Book V Definitions Review

1. Looking at the diagram to the right, which of the following statements is true (circle all that apply):

- a) A is part of B
- b) B is part of A
- c) A measures B
- d) B measures A
- e) A is a multiple of B
- f) B is a multiple of A

A _____

B _____

2. In particular, B is the _____ multiple of A.

3. Draw diagrams to the right to match the statements in the left column. Use line segments for all of your magnitudes, and make sure you are neat enough to make your meaning clear.

EF is the fourth part of KL	
AB is the second multiple of CD	
MN is the third part of PQ	

4. Write out the definition of *ratio* word for word:

5. A ratio is a type of _____.

6. When two magnitudes are related in a ratio, in what respect are they being related?

7. Which of the following are said to *have a ratio* to one another? Put a check next to those that *can*, and an X next to those that cannot.

_____ Two finite lines

_____ Three finite lines

Book V Definitions Review

_____ The number 100 and ∞ (infinity)

_____ Two triangles

_____ A triangle and a line

_____ A point and a circle

8. Looking at the magnitudes below, which of the ratios *appear* to be the same?

A _____

C _____

E _____

B _____

D _____

F _____

- a) A:B and C:D
- b) C:D and E:F
- c) A:B and E:F
- d) B:A and E:F

9. Write the proportion that indicates that they (from #8 directly above) are the same:

10. Write the following proportion out in words: $AB:CD :: EF:GH$

11. Write the following proportion in each of the following forms:

$$PQ:RS :: CD:EF$$

Alternate: _____

Inverse: _____

Componendo: _____

12. Given the following two proportions, what new proportion would arise *ex aequali*?

$$AB:CD :: GH:KL$$

$$CD:EF :: KL:MN$$

\therefore _____

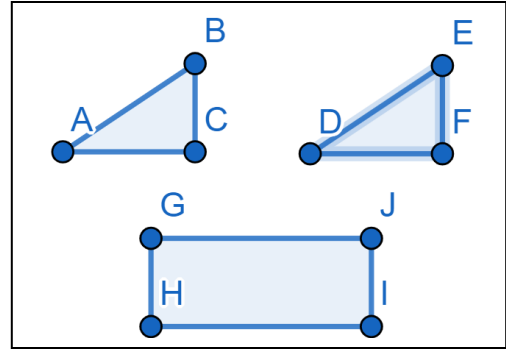
Book V Propositions Review

1. If $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ are equal, and there is some third area $\square GHIJ$

then (by V.7) _____

2. Referring to the same diagram,
If $\triangle ABC : \square GHIJ :: \triangle DEF : \square GHIJ$

then (by V.9) _____

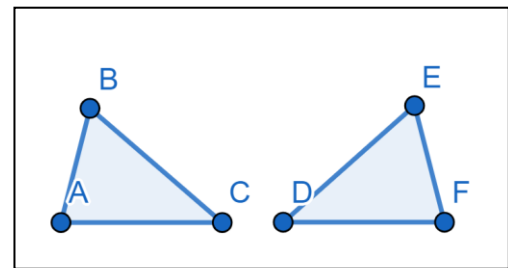


3. If in triangle ABC and DEF,
 $AB : BC :: EF : DE$,

then alternately _____

4. Referring to the same diagram
If $AC : BC :: DF : EF$,

then inversely _____



5. If $\triangle DAC = \triangle ECA$, and $\triangle ABC$ is a third area,

then _____

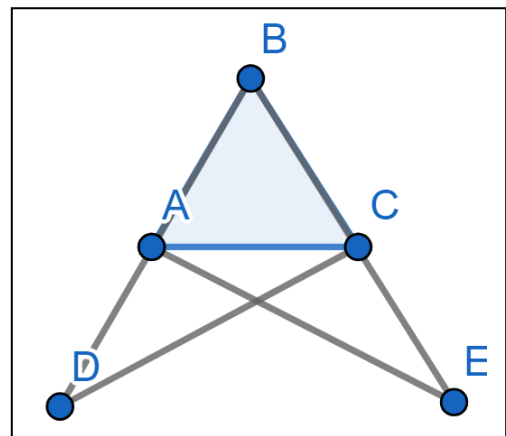
6. If $BA : AD :: BC : CE$,

then alternately _____

and componendo _____

7. If $\triangle BDC : \triangle ABC :: \triangle ABE : \triangle ABC$,

then (by V.9) _____



8. Take the proportion in your answer to #7 above alternately: _____

A Few Words about Notation and Marking:

I want to take a moment to clarify some key notations that we will be using for the rest of the year. The sooner you get a handle on these, the easier it will be to read and understand Euclid, and to write out his proofs in two-column format.

How to Speak and Write Proportions

A proportion is simply a statement that two ratios are the same. So in the example below, the ratio $A : B$ is stated to be the same as the ratio $C : D$.

$$A : B :: C : D$$

To read this proportion out loud, we say “**As A is to B, so C is to D.**” Notice that we always start with the word “As” in front of the first ratio, and “so” in front of the second ratio. The colon between the magnitudes in a ratio is always read “is to.”

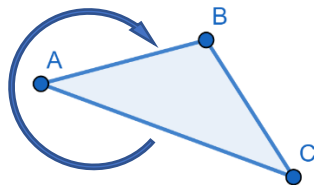
Conversely, if we read a ratio in Euclid, such as “as the base BC is to the base CD , so is the triangle ABC to the triangle ACD ” (taken from the prove statement of VI.1), we can simply follow the reverse process, and write

$$BC : CD :: \triangle ABC : \triangle ACD$$

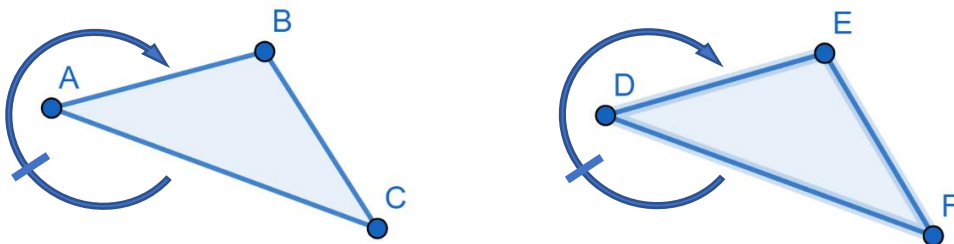
How to Mark Ratios and Proportions on Diagrams

Throughout the school year, I emphasized to you the importance of marking your diagram. *We want to do our thinking on the diagram.* Nowhere is this more important than in Book VI. It is difficult enough to think in ratios and proportions; if you do not mark them, you will much more easily become lost.

We will mark ratios with arrows. The direction of the arrow will indicate the direction of the ratio. For example, the arrow below is drawn *from* AC , going *to* AB . It thus represents the ratio $AC : AB$.



A proportion, as you recall, is a statement that *two ratios* are the *same*. Thus, our notation for proportions will be *two* ratio arrows, marked the *same* with tick marks. For example,



By marking both of these ratio arrows with one tick mark each, I am indicating that the ratio of AC to AB is the same as the ratio of DF to DE . That is, $AC : AB :: DF : DE$.

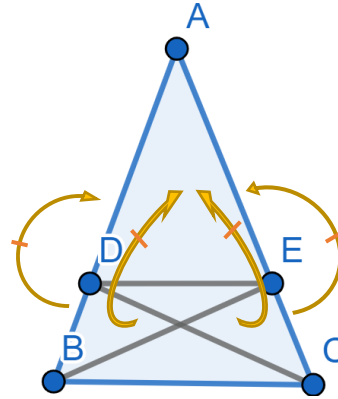
Why It Is So Important

In VI.2, you will see different areas and sides that are proportional, and you will want to mark them on the diagram. As you will see, the following claims will be made:

$$BDE: ADE :: CDE: ADE$$

and $BDE: ADE :: BD: DA$

and $CDE: ADE :: CE: EA$,



Let's mark them all on the diagram!

1) $BDE: ADE :: CDE: ADE$

Notice that my ratio arrows for these two ratios are pointing to and from the *insides* of the triangles. By pointing to the *inside* of the shape, I am indicating that it is a ratio of their *areas*.

2) $BDE: ADE :: BD: DA$,

You'll notice in marking this proportion that one of the ratios($BDE: ADE$) was already marked from the first proportion. You do not need to make a new arrow for that one (nor should you), and actually, since $BD: DA$ is stated to be the *same* as $BDE: ADE$, you should still only mark one tick mark.

3) $CDE: ADE :: CE: EA$

Similarly, with your third proportion, the ratio $CDE: ADE$ is already marked, so just write in one arrow for $CE: EA$. Again, since $CE: EA$ is the same as $CDE: ADE$, keep just one tick mark.

And behold! Just from looking at the diagram, you can see clearly see four ratios that are the same, (they all have one tick mark) making the V.11 step—ratios that are the same with the same ratio are the same with one another—very easy to see!

$$\therefore BD: DA :: CE: EA$$

So, as I said, marking ratios and proportions on the diagram makes our lives much easier. It is a much clearer way to think about things. Just imagine if I gave you the following argument and asked you if you understood:

$$BDE: ADE :: CDE: ADE \text{ [v.7]}$$

but $BDE: ADE :: BD: DA$ [v.i.1]

and $CDE: ADE :: CE: EA$, [v.i.1]

$$\therefore BD: DA :: CE: EA \text{ [v.11]}$$

It's the exact same argument as above, of course, but how much more difficult (if not impossible) it is to follow without looking at the diagram and marking it up with ratio arrows.

I rest my case. *Mark your proportions on the diagram!*

Bell Work 1 and VI.1 Questions

Bell Work 1:

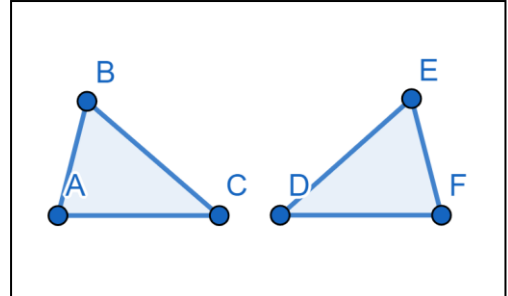
1. Define Ratio (V.Def.3):

2. Mark the following proportion on the diagram:

$$AB:BC :: EF:ED$$

Take the proportion alternately:

Now mark the alternate proportion on the diagram.



VI.1 Questions

1. Draw the diagram in the box on the right, including *only the given parts* (i.e. do not include anything that was constructed). Using ratio arrows, mark on the diagram what VI.1 sets out to prove.



2. In the second paragraph, Euclid says “...let any number of straight lines BG, GH be made equal to the base BC , and any number of straight lines DK, KL equal to the base CD .” In both cases, he makes two. Would it have worked if he had, for example, made five equal lines equal to BC and eleven lines equal to CD ? Explain.
3. The entire proof of VI.1 is one big set-up to use V.Def.5 (the definition of same ratio). One of the key moments is establishing “any equimultiples whatever of the first and third” and “any equimultiples whatever of the second and fourth.” How does the proof accomplish this?
4. The second key moment is establishing that, no matter what, the “former equimultiples *alike exceed, are alike equal to, or alike fall short of* the latter equimultiples respectively.” How does the proof show that this will certainly always be the case (thereby establishing same ratio)?

Answer Key

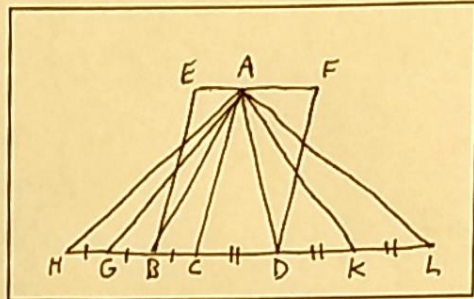
V.1 : Triangles and parallelograms which are under the same height are to one another as their bases.

Given:

$\triangle ABC, \triangle ACD, \square EC, \square CF,$
all under same height

To Prove:

$BC : CD :: \triangle ABC : \triangle ACD$
and $BC : CD :: \square EC : \square CF$



Statements	Reasons
1. <u>Extend $BD \rightarrow H, L$</u>	1. Post. 2
2. <u>Cut $BG, GH = BC$</u>	2. I. 3
3. <u>Cut $DK, KL = CD$</u>	3. I. 3
4. <u>Join AG, AH, AK, AL</u>	4. Post. 1
5. <u>$CB = BG = GH$</u>	5. step 2
6. <u>$\therefore \triangle ABC = \triangle AGB = \triangle AHG$</u>	6. I. 38 (being "under same height" is logically equivalent to "same parallels")
7. <u>$\therefore HC$ & $\triangle AHC$ are equimultiples of BC & $\triangle ABC$</u>	7. VI Def. 2
8. _____	8.
9. <u>$\therefore LC$ & $\triangle ALC$ are equimultiples of CD & $\triangle ACD$</u>	9. VI Similar argument (steps 5-7)
10. _____	10.
11. <u>If $HC = CL$, then $\triangle AHC = \triangle ACL$</u>	11. I. 38
12. <u>If $HC > CL$, then $\triangle AHC > \triangle ACL$</u>	12. I. 38
13. <u>If $HC < CL$, then $\triangle AHC < \triangle ACL$</u>	13. I. 38
★ 14. <u>$\therefore BC : CD :: \triangle ABC : \triangle ACD$</u>	14. V. Def. 5
15. <u>$\square EC = 2 \times \triangle ABC$</u>	15. I. 41
16. <u>$\square FC = 2 \times \triangle ACD$</u>	16. I. 41
17. <u>$\therefore \triangle ABC : \triangle ACD :: \square EC : \square FC$</u>	17. V. 15
★ 18. <u>$\therefore BC : CD :: \square EC : \square FC$</u>	18. V. 11 (steps 14, 17)
19. _____	19.
20. _____	20.

Bell Work 2 and VI.2 Questions

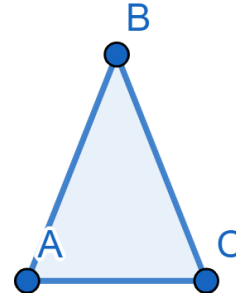
Bell Work 2:

1. Define Proportional (V.Def.6):

2. Mark the following proportion on the diagram:

$$AB:BC :: AC:BC$$

What, therefore, must be true by V.9?



3. Take $AB:BC :: AC:BC$ alternately: _____

4. If $EF:GH :: WX:YZ$ and $KL:MN :: WX:YZ$, then _____

VI.2 Questions

1. Draw the diagram in the box on the right, including *only the given parts* (i.e. do not include anything that was constructed). Mark the given and prove of part one (which will be the prove and given of part two).



2. In the last proposition, VI.1, there are two triangles and they are under the same height. Find the first use of VI.1 in this proposition and explain: what are the two triangles, and what are the same height they are under? (Hint: You might have to tilt your head to the side, or maybe erase some extraneous lines, in order to see the VI.1 in this diagram.)
3. Explain how V.11—the so-called “common notion one of proportions”—is used in this proposition.

_____ :

Given:

To Prove:

Statements	Reasons
1. _____	1.
2. _____	2.
3. _____	3.
4. _____	4.
5. _____	5.
6. _____	6.
7. _____	7.
8. _____	8.
9. _____	9.
10. _____	10.
11. _____	11.
12. _____	12.
13. _____	13.
14. _____	14.
15. _____	15.
16. _____	16.
17. _____	17.
18. _____	18.
19. _____	19.
20. _____	20.

Answer Key

Part 2

VI.2 (converse): If the sides of the triangle be cut proportionally, the line joining the points of section will be parallel to the remaining side of the triangle.

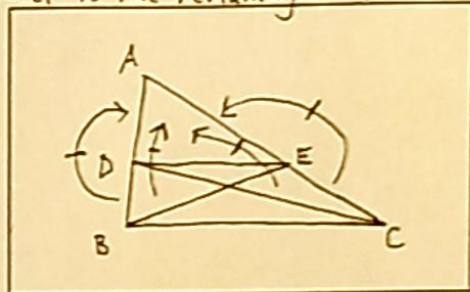
Given:

$$\triangle ABC, BD:DA :: CE:EA$$

DE joined

To Prove:

$$DE \parallel BC$$

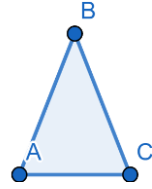


Statements	Reasons
1. <u>Same Construction (Join BE, CD)</u>	1. Post.1
2. <u>$BD:DA :: CE:EA$</u>	2. Given
3. <u>But $BD:DA :: \triangle BDE : \triangle ADE$</u>	3. VI.1
4. <u>And $CE:EA :: \triangle CDE : \triangle ADE$</u>	4. VI.1
5. <u>$\therefore \triangle BDE : \triangle ADE :: \triangle CDE : \triangle ADE$</u>	5. V.11
6. <u>$\therefore \triangle BDE = \triangle CDE$</u>	6. V.9
7. <u>$\therefore DE \parallel BC$</u>	7. I.39 (same base DE)
8. _____	8.
9. _____	9.
10. _____	10.
11. _____	11.
12. _____	12.
13. _____	13.
14. _____	14.
15. _____	15.
16. _____	16.
17. _____	17.
18. _____	18.
19. _____	19.
20. _____	20.

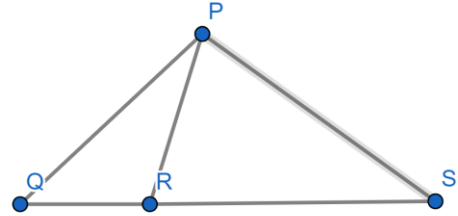
Bell Work 3 and VI.3 Questions

Bell Work 3:

1. If $AB = BC$,
then (by V.7) _____

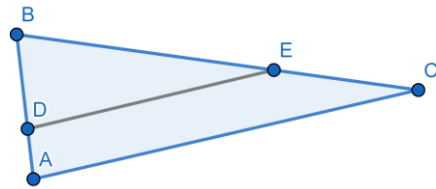


2. If $\triangle PQR$ and $\triangle PRS$ are under the same height,
then _____



3. Can you take that proportion (from #2) alternately?
Why not?

4. If in $\triangle ABC$, DE is parallel to BC ,
then _____



5. Mark your answer on the diagram.
6. Take that proportion (from #4) alternately: _____

VI.3 Questions

1. Draw the diagram in the box on the right, including *only the given parts* (i.e. do not include anything that was constructed). Mark the given and prove of part one (which will be the prove and given of part two).



2. Explain how VI.2 is used in the first part (i.e. not the converse) of this proposition. Which triangle is being considered, and what is the parallel line?
3. Explain how, again in part one, substitution is used to get from that VI.2 step (in question #2) to the conclusion.

_____ :

Given:

To Prove:

Statements	Reasons
1. _____	1.
2. _____	2.
3. _____	3.
4. _____	4.
5. _____	5.
6. _____	6.
7. _____	7.
8. _____	8.
9. _____	9.
10. _____	10.
11. _____	11.
12. _____	12.
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14. _____	14.
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20. _____	20.

Answer Key

Part 2

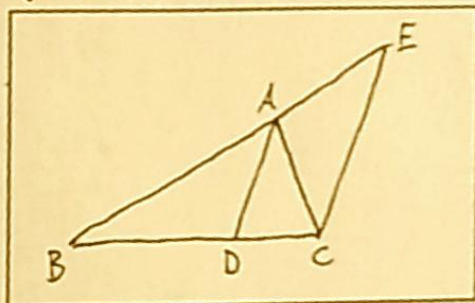
VI.3: ...and, if the segments of the base have the same ratio as the remaining sides of the triangle, the straight line joined from the vertex to the point of section will bisect the angle of the triangle.

Given: of section will bisect the angle of the triangle.

$\triangle ABC$, $BA:AC :: BD:DC$, AD joined

To Prove:

$\angle BAC$ is bisected by AD



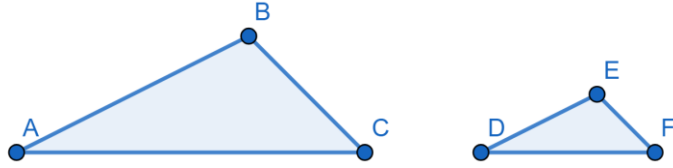
Statements	Reasons
1. <u>Same Construction ($CE \parallel AD$, $BA \rightarrow E$)</u>	1. (I.31, Post. 2)
2. <u>$BD:DC :: BA:AC$</u>	2. Given
3. <u>$AD \parallel CE$</u>	3. step I (construction)
4. <u>$\therefore BD:DC :: BA:AE$</u>	4. VI.2 ($\triangle BCE$, $AD \parallel CE$)
5. <u>$\therefore BA:AC :: BA:AE$</u>	5. V.11
6. <u>$\therefore AC = AE$</u>	6. V.9
7. <u>$\therefore \angle AEC = \angle ACE$</u>	7. I.5
8. <u>But $\angle AEC = \angle BAD$</u>	8. I.29 (Ext. \angle Opp int. \angle 's)
9. <u>And $\angle ACE = \angle CAD$</u>	9. I.29 (alternate \angle 's)
10. <u>$\therefore \angle BAD = \angle CAD$</u>	10. C.N.1 (steps 7, 8, 9)
11. <u>$\therefore \angle BAC$ is bisected by AD</u>	11. definition of bisection, step 10
12. _____	12.
13. _____	13.
14. _____	14.
15. _____	15.
16. _____	16.
17. _____	17.
18. _____	18.
19. _____	19.
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Bell Work 4:

1. Define “Similar Rectilinear Figures” (VI.Def.1): _____

2. If $AB:AC :: DE:DF$
and $AC:BC :: DF:FE$

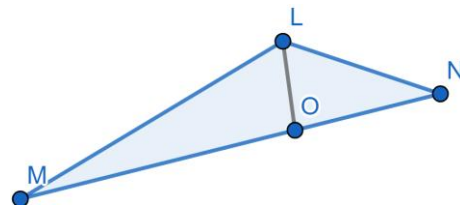
then *ex aequali* _____



3. Mark all three proportions (the two given ones, and the conclusion) on the diagram. Be sure to use different tick marks for different proportions!

4. If in $\triangle LMN$, LO bisects angle MLN,

then _____



5. Mark the proportion (from #4) on the diagram.

A Note on VI.4: AAA Similarity

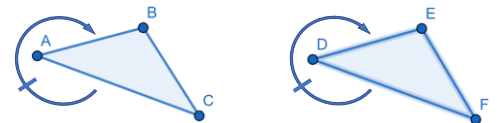
This proposition is our very first *Similarity* proposition. It proves that two triangles, under certain conditions, are *similar*. Similar figures are figures that have the same *shape*.

As VI.Def.1 says, in order for two figures to be *similar*, they must have 1) all angles equal respectively, or “severally”, and 2) all the sides about the equal angles proportional.

We will nickname VI.4 “Angle-Angle-Angle Similarity” or “AAA Similarity”¹, because it is given that all three angles of one triangle are respectively equal to all three angles in another triangle. Thus, the given itself fulfills the first condition of similarity.

The second condition of similarity is proportional sides about equal angles. Assuming BAC and EDF to be equal angles, this is what it looks like for “sides about the equal angles” to be proportional:

Furthermore, assuming angles ABC=DEF and BCA=EFD,
 $BA:BC :: DE:EF$ and $BC:CA :: EF:DF$.



If all three pairs of sides are thus proportional, and all three pairs of angles are equal, then the triangles are similar by VI.Def.1.

VI.4 shows that, in triangles, whenever the angles are all equal, the sides about those angles will be proportional (thus making the triangles similar). The symbol for similarity is \sim

When you read VI.4, you’ll notice that Euclid makes no mention of similarity. Since this is what is implied, however, let’s go ahead and make $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle CDE$ our prove statement.

¹ It is frequently called AA similarity, since if two triangles have two angles equal to two angles respectively, the third angles will also be equal by an application of I.32.

_____ :

Given:

To Prove:

Statements	Reasons
1. _____	1.
2. _____	2.
3. _____	3.
4. _____	4.
5. _____	5.
6. _____	6.
7. _____	7.
8. _____	8.
9. _____	9.
10. _____	10.
11. _____	11.
12. _____	12.
13. _____	13.
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