

# Practice

Form G

## Proportions in Triangles

Use the figure at the right to complete each proportion.

1.  $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{\boxed{d}}{f}$

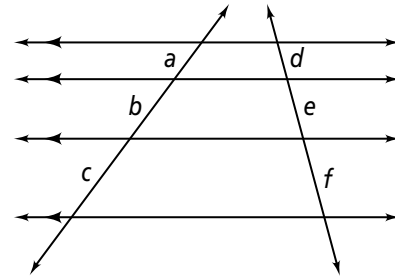
2.  $\frac{f}{e} = \frac{c}{\boxed{b}}$

3.  $\frac{\boxed{b}}{c} = \frac{e}{f}$

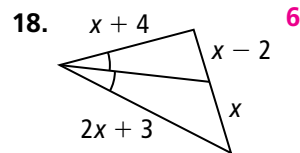
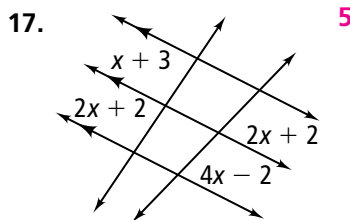
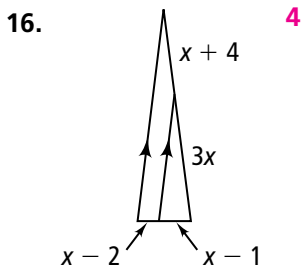
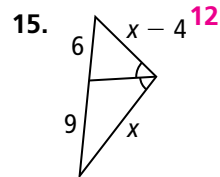
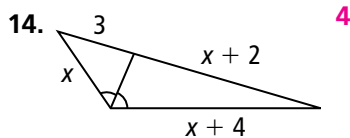
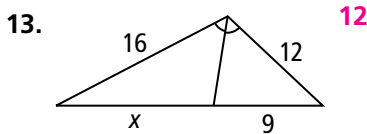
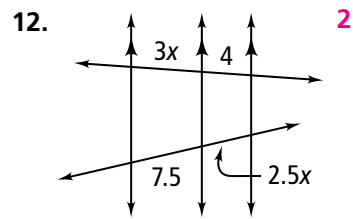
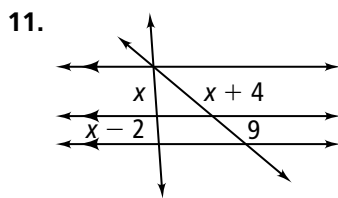
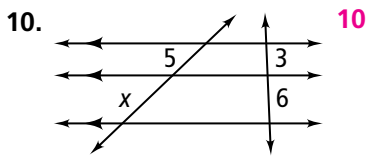
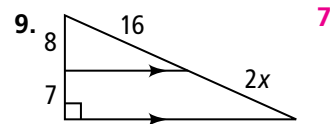
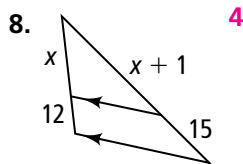
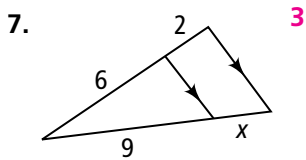
4.  $\frac{a}{\boxed{d}} = \frac{b}{e}$

5.  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\boxed{d}}{e}$

6.  $\frac{e}{\boxed{b}} = \frac{f}{c}$



Algebra Solve for  $x$ .



**Practice** (continued)

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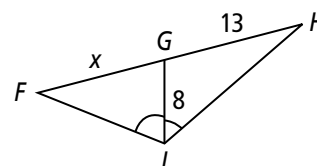
**19. Compare and Contrast** How is the Triangle-Angle-Bisector Theorem similar to Corollary 2 of Theorem 62? How is it different?

**Answers may vary. Sample:** Both relate to a line that intercepts an angle of a triangle and its opposite side. In both, the segments created by the intersecting line are related proportionally to the sides of the triangle. Corollary 2 of Theorem 62 is only true of right triangles with an altitude to the hypotenuse. The Triangle-Angle-Bisector Theorem relates to all triangles that contain an angle bisector that intersects the opposite side.

**20. Reasoning** In  $\triangle FGH$ , the bisector of  $\angle F$  also bisects the opposite side. The ratio of each half of the bisected side to each of the other sides is 1 : 2. What type of triangle is  $\triangle FGH$ ? Explain.

$\triangle FGH$  is an equilateral triangle. Because the side has been bisected, each segment is the same length. So, their sum is:  $x + x = 2x$ . This is the same as the length of a side.

**21. Error Analysis** Your classmate says you can use the Triangle-Angle-Bisector Theorem to find the value of  $x$  in the diagram. Explain what is wrong with your classmate's statement.



The classmate is confusing this Theorem with Corollary 1 to Theorem 62. You could only find the value of  $x$  if  $\triangle FHI$  were a right triangle with right  $\angle I$ , and  $\overline{IG}$  were an altitude to the hypotenuse.

**22. Reasoning** An angle bisector of a triangle divides the opposite side of the triangle into segments 3 in. and 6 in. long. A second side of the triangle is 5 in. long. Find the length of the third side of the triangle. Explain how you arrived at the correct length.

10 in.; The other possible side length is 2.5 in., but because  $2.5 \text{ in.} + 5 \text{ in.} < 9 \text{ in.}$ , it violates the Triangle Inequality Theorem.

**23.** The flag of Antigua and Barbuda is like the image at the right. In the image,  $\overline{DE} \parallel \overline{CF} \parallel \overline{BG}$ .

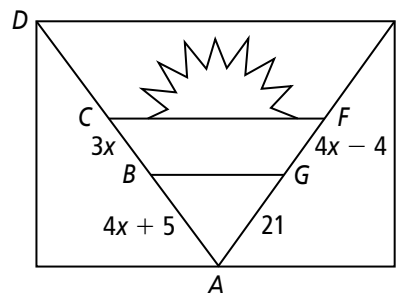
a. An artist has made a sketch of the flag for a mural. The measures indicate the length of the lines in feet. What is the value of  $x$ ? **4**

b. What type of triangle is  $\triangle ACF$ ? Explain.

$\triangle ACF$  is isosceles. Because  $x = 4$ ,  $\overline{CB} \cong \overline{FG}$  and  $\overline{BA} \cong \overline{GA}$ . Because  $CA = CB + BA$  and  $FA = FG + GA$ , by substitution  $\overline{CA} \cong \overline{FA}$ .

c. **Given:**  $\overline{DE} \parallel \overline{CF} \parallel \overline{BG}$

**Prove:**  $\triangle ABG \sim \triangle ACF \sim \triangle ADE$



**Statements:** 1)  $\overline{DE} \parallel \overline{CF} \parallel \overline{BG}$ ;  
 2)  $\angle EDC \cong \angle FCB \cong \angle GBA$ ;  
 3)  $\angle DEF \cong \angle CFG \cong \angle BGA$ ;  
 4)  $\triangle ABG \sim \triangle ACF \sim \triangle ADE$ ;

**Reasons:** 1) Given; 2) If lines are  $\parallel$ , corresponding  $\angle$ s are  $\cong$ ; 3) If lines are  $\parallel$ , corresponding  $\angle$ s are  $\cong$ ; 4) AA  $\sim$