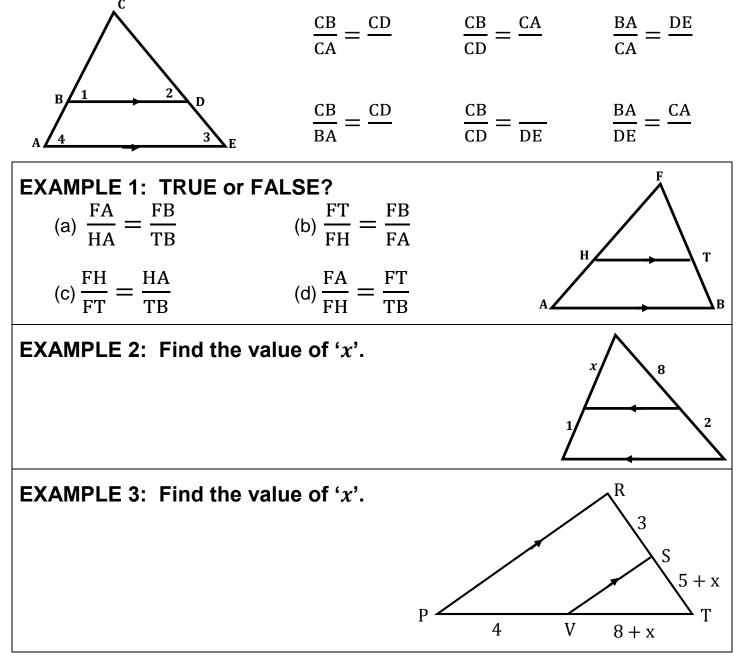
NOTES 8.4: PARALLEL LINES & PROPORTIONAL PARTS

Objective:_____

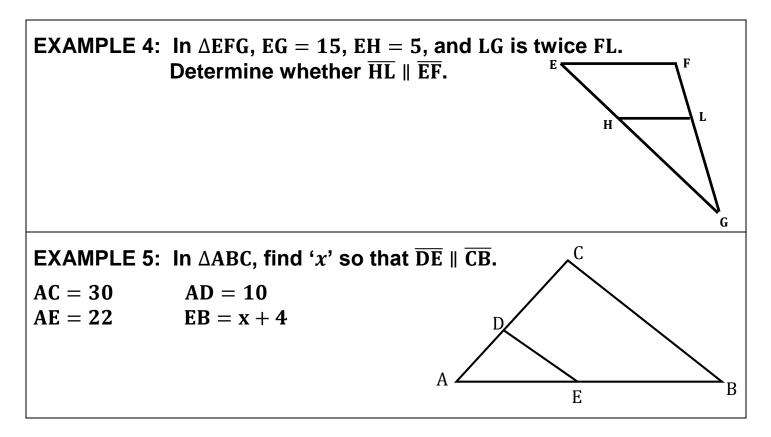
Proportions can be used to find the lengths of segments determined by parallel lines.

TRIANGLE PROPORTIONALITY THEOREM: If a line is parallel to one side of a triangle and intersects the other two sides in two distinct points, then it separates these sides into segments of proportional length.

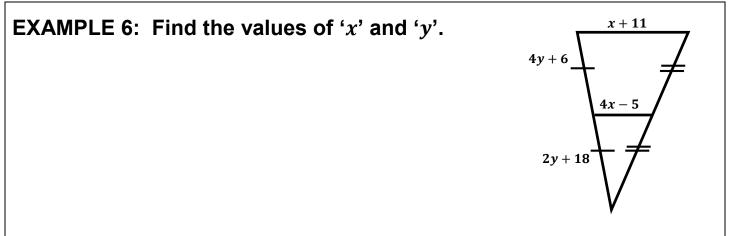


Likewise, proportional parts of a triangle can be used to prove the converse of this theorem.

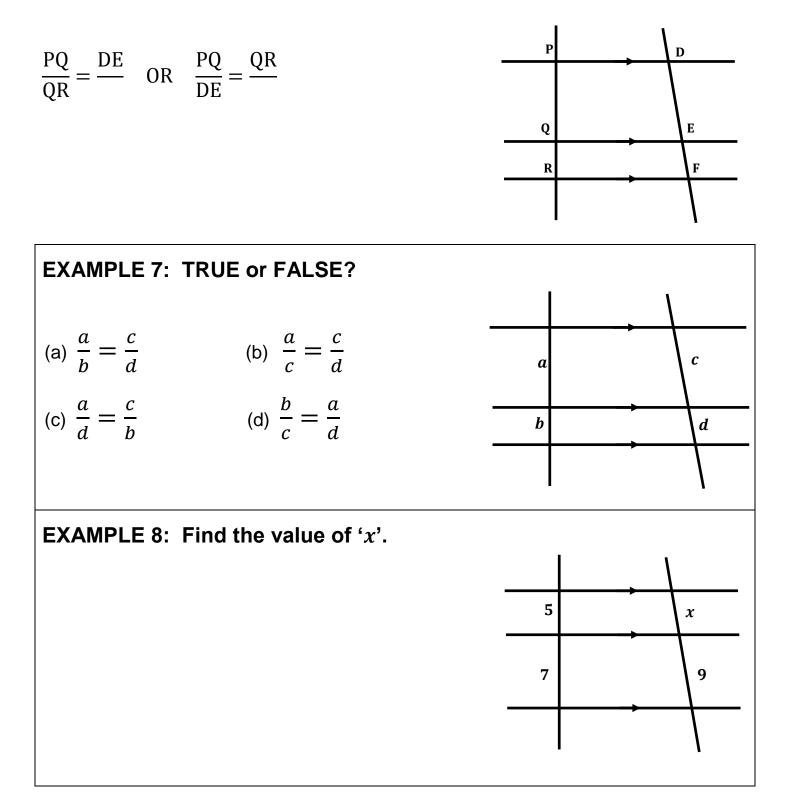
THEOREM: If a line intersects two sides of a triangle and separates the sides into corresponding segments of proportional lengths, then the line is parallel to the third side.

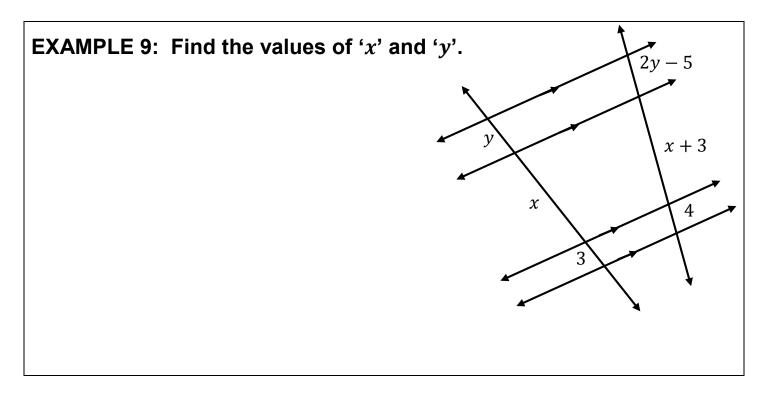


THEOREM: A segment whose endpoints are the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side of the triangle, and its length is half the length of the third side.



THEOREM: If three or more parallel lines intersect two transversals, then they cut off the transversals proportionally.





THEOREM: If three or more parallel lines cut off congruent segments on one transversal, then they cut off congruent segments on every transversal.

