

Geometry

**Notes 7.1: Ratio and Proportion**

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Students will be able to write and reduce ratios and solve proportions.

The Michigan State Spartans have won 10 games and lost 3 games so far this season. Compare the following: (use any way you know)

(a) Wins to losses

$$\underline{10:3} \quad \underline{\frac{10}{3}} \quad 10 \text{ to } 3$$

(b) Wins to number of games played

$$\underline{10:13} \quad \underline{\frac{10}{13}} \quad 10 \text{ to } 13$$

- ♦ A Ratio is a comparison of a number a and a nonzero number b using division.

A ratio can be written 3 ways:

1.

$$a:b$$

2.

$$a \text{ to } b$$

3.

$$\frac{a}{b}$$

**Example 1:** A football team has won 9 games and lost 5. Find the ratio.

a. wins to losses

$$\frac{9}{5}$$

NEVER  
 $1\frac{4}{5}$

b. losses to wins

$$5:9$$

c. losses to number of games played

$$\frac{5}{14}$$

**Example 2:** Simplify the ratios.

a.  $\frac{20 \text{ yards}}{25 \text{ yards}}$

$$\boxed{\frac{4}{5}}$$

b. 60 cm : 200 cm

$$\frac{60}{200} = \frac{6}{20} = \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)$$

c.  $\frac{3 \text{ ft}}{18 \text{ in}} \times 12$

$$\frac{36 \text{ in}}{18 \text{ in}} = \boxed{\frac{2}{1}}$$

d. 8 ft : 8 yards

$$\frac{8 \text{ ft}}{8 \text{ yd} \times 3} = \frac{8 \text{ ft}}{24 \text{ ft}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

♦ So, simplifying ratios is almost identical to reducing fractions!

**Common conversions:**

12 inches = 1 foot  
3 feet = 1 yard

10 mm = 1 cm  
100 cm = 1 m  
1000 m = 1 km

7 days = 1 week  
12 months = 1 year  
24 hours = 1 day

16 ounces = 1 lb (pound)  
4 quarts = 1 gallon  
100 mL = 1 L

**Try:** Simplify the ratios.

1.  $\frac{12 \text{ m}}{10 \text{ m}}$

$$\boxed{\frac{6}{5}}$$

2. 2 years: 8 months

$$\frac{2 \text{ yr} \times 12}{8 \text{ months}}$$

$$\frac{24}{8} = \boxed{\frac{3}{1}}$$

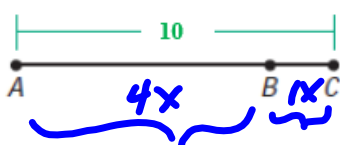
3.  $\frac{2 \text{ yards} \times 3}{16 \text{ feet}}$

$$\frac{6}{16} = \boxed{\frac{3}{8}}$$

4.  $\frac{1 \text{ m} \times 100}{150 \text{ cm}}$

$$\frac{100 \text{ cm}}{150 \text{ cm}} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

**Example 3:** In the diagram,  $AB : BC$  is  $4 : 1$  and  $AC = 10$ . Find  $AB$  and  $BC$ .



$$4x + 1x = 10$$

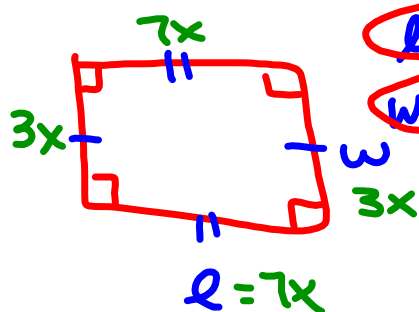
$$\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{10}{5}$$

$$x = 2$$

$$AB = 4(2) = 8$$

$$BC = 1(2) = 2$$

**Example 4:** The perimeter of a rectangle is 80 feet. The ratio of the length to the width is  $7 : 3$ . Find the length and the width of the rectangle.



$$l = \text{length} = 7x = 7(4) = 28 \text{ ft}$$

$$w = \text{width} = 3x = 3(4) = 12 \text{ ft}$$

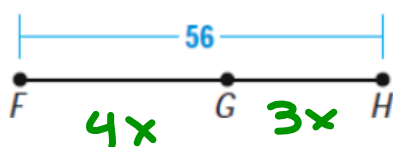
$$7x + 7x + 3x + 3x = 80$$

$$\frac{20x}{20} = \frac{80}{20}$$

$$x = 4$$

Try:

1. In the diagram,  $\overline{FG} : \overline{GH} = 4 : 3$  and  $\overline{FH} = 56$ . Find  $\overline{FG}$  and  $\overline{GH}$ .



$$4x + 3x = 56$$

$$7x = 56$$

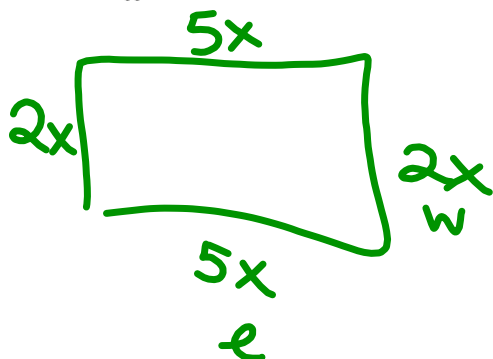
$$\frac{7x}{7} = \frac{56}{7}$$

$$x = 8$$

$$\overline{FG} = 32$$

$$\overline{GH} = 24$$

2. The perimeter of a rectangle is 84 feet. The ratio of the width to the length is  $2 : 5$ . Find the length and the width of the rectangle.



$$5x + 5x + 2x + 2x = 84$$

$$14x = 84$$

$$x = 6$$

$$\text{width} : 12 \text{ ft}$$

$$\text{length} : 30 \text{ ft}$$

Solving proportions

☆ **Proportion:** An equation that states two Ratios are equal.

$$a:b = c:d \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$$

**Cross Product Property**

In a proportion, the product of the extremes is equal to the product of the means.

If  ~~$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$~~  then  $ad = bc$   
(CROSS MULTIPLY!)

**Example 5:** Solve the following proportions.

a.  $\frac{4}{5} = \frac{x}{15}$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \cdot 15 &= 5x \\ 60 &= 5x \\ \underline{5} \quad \underline{5} \\ 12 &= x \end{aligned}$$

b.  $\frac{5}{3} = \frac{y+2}{6}$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \cdot 6 &= 3(y+2) \\ 30 &= 3y+6 \\ -6 \quad -6 \\ 24 &= 3y \\ \underline{3} \quad \underline{3} \\ 8 &= y \end{aligned}$$

c.  $\frac{2}{x-1} = \frac{5}{3x-4}$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(3x-4) &= 5(x-1) \\ 6x-8 &= 5x-5 \\ -5x \quad -5x \\ x-8 &= -5 \\ +8 \quad +8 \\ x &= 3 \end{aligned}$$