Using Proportional Relationships

Practice and Problem Solving: A/B

Refer to the figure for Problems 1–3. The figure shows triangles *ABC* and *DEF* formed by a person and a tree with their shadows. The figure is not drawn to scale.

- Jim, shown by AB, is 5 feet, 8 inches tall. He casts a shadow that is 6 feet, 4 inches long. A tree, shown by DE, casts a shadow that is 19 feet long. How tall is the tree?
- 2. Alicia is 5 feet, 4 inches tall. She casts a shadow that is 6 feet long. The tree casts a shadow that is 18 feet long. How tall is the tree?



3. Explain why triangles ABC and DEF are similar.

Refer to the figure for Problems 4–6. In the figure, PQ represents the width of a lake. \overline{PQ} and \overline{ST} are parallel.

The figure is not drawn to scale.

- 4. Suppose *PR* = 45 meters, *RT* = 16 meters, and *ST* = 24 meters. What is the width of the lake?
- 5. Suppose QR = 52 yards, RS = 15 yards, and ST = 20 yards. How wide is the lake?

Refer to the figure for Problems 6 and 7. A mirror is placed on the ground, shown by point N, so that a person looking at it can see the top of a nearby statue, shown by point P. The figure is not drawn to scale.

- 6. The mirror is placed 30 feet away from the statue, and Jean stands 5 feet from the mirror. If her eyes are 5 feet, 6 inches above the ground, shown by \overline{LM} , how tall is the statue?
- The mirror is placed 5 meters away from the statue and Paul stands 1 meter from the mirror. If his eyes are 1.5 meters above the ground, how tall is the statue?

Width of lake R S



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Reading Strategies

1. Possible answer: The length of the segment is multiplied by the ratio of the lengths of the parts the segment is divided into.

 Possible answer: To find the distance from A to B in a one-dimensional system, you find the absolute value of the difference of the single values associated to points A and B. You find the absolute value of the difference of the x- and y-coordinates.

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- 1. Possible answer: Subtracting the coordinates finds the difference or distance between them.
- 2. Possible answer: The ratio describes the distance that *P* is from *A*. Adding that distance to the coordinates of *A* locates the coordinates of *P*.

LESSON 12-3

Practice and Problem Solving: A/B

- 1. 17 ft
- 2. 16 ft
- 3. The rays of the sun are parallel, so \overline{AC} and \overline{DF} are parallel. Thus, $\angle C$ and $\angle F$ are congruent. $\angle B \cong \angle E$ because they are right angles. Thus, the triangles are similar by the *AA* Similarity Criterion.
- 4. 67.5 m
- 5. 69 yd, 1 ft
- 6. 33 ft
- 7. 7.5 m

Practice and Problem Solving: C

- 1. 18 ft, $4\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- 2. approximately 5 ft, 9 in.
- 3. 42 m
- 4. $\frac{5}{12}$
- 5. Because \overline{PR} and \overline{UV} are parallel, $\angle WUV \cong \angle P$ and $\angle WVU \cong \angle R$ since they are Corresponding Angles. Thus, the triangles are similar by the AA Similarity Criterion.

6.
$$x = \frac{26}{7}, y = \frac{42}{13}$$

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