

7-1 Ratio and Proportion

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What is a ratio? A **ratio** is the comparison of 2 numbers, using division.

How do you write a ratio?

the "ratio of a to b " ($b \neq 0$)

$$\frac{a}{b} \text{ or } a:b$$

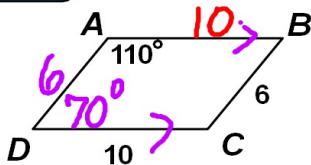
the ratio of 1 meter to .5 meter

$$\frac{1.0}{.5} = \frac{2}{1} \text{ or } 2:1$$

the ratio of $6a^2$ to $12abc$

$$\frac{1 \cancel{6} a^2}{2 \cancel{12} abc} = \frac{a}{2bc} \text{ or } a:2bc$$

ex. 1 Given: $\square ABCD$. Find each ratio in simplest form.



$$AB : BC = 10:6 = 5:3$$

$AB : \text{perimeter of } ABCD$

$$10:32 = 5:16$$

$m\angle A : m\angle D$

$$110:70 = 11:7$$

An **extended ratio** compares 3 or more numbers.

the "ratio of c to d to e "

$$c:d:e$$

ex. 2 The ratio of 3 sides of a triangle is $3:4:5$ and the perimeter is 96 cm. Find the longest side. 40 cm.

$$3x, 4x, 5x = 3 \text{ sides of } \Delta$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{CK} \\ 24 \\ 32 \\ + 40 \\ \hline 96 \end{array}$$

$$3x + 4x + 5x = 96$$

$$12x = 96$$

$$x = 8$$

A *proportion* is an equation showing 2 equal ratios. $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{12}{18}$

the proportion " *a* is to *b* as *c* is to *d* "

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

a, *b*, *c*, and *d* are called *terms*

1st term = 3rd term 1st and 4th terms are *extremes*
2nd term = 4th term 2nd and 3rd terms are *means*

An *extended proportion* shows 3 or more ratios equal.

" *a* is to *b* as *c* is to *d* as *e* is to *f* " $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f}$