

Unit 02: Similarity

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Standards Alignment

New Jersey Student Learning Standards

LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R	Reading Key Ideas and Details
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R5	Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R6	Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R7	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R8	Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.
LA.RST.9-10.1	Accurately cite strong and thorough evidence from the text to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to precise details for explanations or descriptions.
LA.RST.9-10.2	Determine the central ideas, themes, or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.
LA.RST.9-10.3	Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text.
LA.RST.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9-10 texts and topics.
MA.G-SRT	Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry
LA.RST.9-10.5	Analyze the relationships among concepts in a text, including relationships among key terms (e.g., force, friction, reaction force, energy).

LA.RST.9-10.6	Determine the author’s purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text, defining the question the author seeks to address.
MA.G-SRT.A	Understand similarity in terms of similarity transformations
MA.G-SRT.A.1	Verify experimentally the properties of dilations given by a center and a scale factor:
MA.G-SRT.A.1a	A dilation takes a line not passing through the center of the dilation to a parallel line, and leaves a line passing through the center unchanged.
LA.RST.9-10.7	Translate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text into visual form (e.g., a table or chart) and translate information expressed visually or mathematically (e.g., in an equation) into words.
MA.G-SRT.A.1b	The dilation of a line segment is longer or shorter in the ratio given by the scale factor.
LA.RST.9-10.8	Determine if the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author’s claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem.
MA.G-SRT.A.2	Given two figures, use the definition of similarity in terms of similarity transformations to decide if they are similar; explain using similarity transformations the meaning of similarity for triangles as the equality of all corresponding pairs of angles and the proportionality of all corresponding pairs of sides.
MA.G-SRT.A.3	Use the properties of similarity transformations to establish the AA criterion for two triangles to be similar.
MA.G-SRT.B	Prove theorems involving similarity
MA.G-SRT.B.4	Prove theorems about triangles.
MA.G-SRT.B.5	Use congruence and similarity criteria for triangles to solve problems and to prove relationships in geometric figures.
MA.G-SRT.C	Define trigonometric ratios and solve problems involving right triangles
MA.G-SRT.C.6	Understand that by similarity, side ratios in right triangles are properties of the angles in the triangle, leading to definitions of trigonometric ratios for acute angles.
MA.G-SRT.C.7	Explain and use the relationship between the sine and cosine of complementary angles.
MA.G-SRT.C.8	Use trigonometric ratios and the Pythagorean Theorem to solve right triangles in applied problems.
MA.G-MG.A	Apply geometric concepts in modeling situations
MA.G-MG.A.1	Use geometric shapes, their measures, and their properties to describe objects (e.g., modeling a tree trunk or a human torso as a cylinder).
MA.G-MG.A.2	Apply concepts of density based on area and volume in modeling situations (e.g., persons per square mile, BTUs per cubic foot).
MA.G-MG.A.3	Apply geometric methods to solve design problems (e.g., designing an object or structure to satisfy physical constraints or minimize cost; working with typographic grid systems based on ratios).

Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills

CRP.K-12.CRP1	Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP3	Attend to personal health and financial well-being.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP5	Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.

CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP9	Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
CRP.K-12.CRP10	Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CRP.K-12.CRP12	Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.

Technology / Integration of Computer Science and Design Thinking

TECH.8.2.12	Technology Education, Engineering, Design, and Computational Thinking - Programming: All students will develop an understanding of the nature and impact of technology, engineering, technological design, computational thinking and the designed world as they relate to the individual, global society, and the environment.
TECH.8.2.12.E	Computational Thinking: Programming: Computational thinking builds and enhances problem solving, allowing students to move beyond using knowledge to creating knowledge.
TECH.8.2.12.E.1	Demonstrate an understanding of the problem-solving capacity of computers in our world.
TECH.8.2.12.E.3	Use a programming language to solve problems or accomplish a task (e.g., robotic functions, website designs, applications, and games).
TECH.8.2.12.E.4	Use appropriate terms in conversation (e.g., troubleshooting, peripherals, diagnostic software, GUI, abstraction, variables, data types and conditional statements).

Interdisciplinary Connections: NJSL for ELA, Social Studies, Science and/or Math Section

Integration of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Climate Change; Informational and Media Literacy

see Crosswalks

21st Century Life and Careers

Stage I: Desired Results

Transfer/Overview/Rationale

Transfer / Overview / Rationale

Unit Rationale

The purpose of this unit...

Students apply their earlier experience with dilations and proportional reasoning to build a formal understanding of similarity. They identify criteria for similarity of triangles, use similarity to solve problems, and apply similarity in right triangles to understand right triangle trigonometry, with particular attention to special right triangles and the Pythagorean Theorem. Students develop the Law of Sines and Cosines (Honors) in order to find missing measures of general triangles. They are able to distinguish whether three given measures (angles or sides) define 0, 1, 2, or infinitely many triangles.

Meaning

Essential Questions

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- How are congruence and similarity different?
- How does similarity in mathematics compare to similarity in everyday life?
- How do we use mathematics to model real-world situations?

Enduring Understanding/Indicators of Understanding

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- Congruence preserves distances and angle measures while similarity only preserves angle measures.
- Trigonometry is a math tool that relates angles and the ratio of sides in triangles.
- The concepts of congruence and similarity can be used to model real world situations.

Acquisition (Student Learning Objectives)

Knowledge

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Students will know...

- Verify experimentally the properties of dilations given by a center and scale factor
- Determine if 2 polygons are similar
- AA Similarity
- Trigonometric Ratios (SohCahToa)
- Explain the relationship between the sine and cosine of complementary angles
- Use geometric shapes and their properties to describe objects
- Apply concepts of density based on area and volume in modeling situations (persons per square mile, BTUs per cubic foot)
- Apply geometric methods to solve design problems (designing objects or structures to satisfy physical constraints or minimize cost, working with typographic grid systems based on ratios)

Skills

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Student will be skilled at ...

- Solving and applying proportions
- Extending their knowledge of proving theorems about triangles
- Use congruence and similarity criteria for triangles to solve problems and to prove relationships in geometric figures
- Use trigonometry and the Pythagorean Theorem to solve right triangles in applied problems.

Stage 3: Learning Plan

Resource and Mentor Texts

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McDougal Littell textbook and workbooks

Provided attachment of activities.

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Formative Assessment Strategies

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Students should be assigned activities, assignments, and projects from the given cycle of activities document during each cycle. Using the student self-evaluation sheet provided a grade should be determined between the teacher and student for that cycle.

[Academic Support Cycle Activities Explanation.docx](#)
[Cycle Evaluation of Activities.docx](#)
[Student Self-Evaluation.docx](#)

Learning Activities/Unit of Study

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All sections listed below are from McDougal Littell Textbook. This book, along with its workbooks, should be used for supplemental resources. All geometry classes will use the Pearson Textbook and resources.

Similarity

Section 8.7 Introduction to Dilation

Section 8.1 Introduction to Similarity, Ratio and Proportion

Section 8.2 Problem Solving in geometry with Proportions

Section 8.3 Similar Polygons

Section 8.4 Similar Triangles, focus on AA similarity

Section 8.6 Proportions and Similar Triangles

Right Triangle Similarity and Proofs

9.1 Similar Right Triangles

Geometric Mean, Altitude Rule with Right Triangles Practice

Same leg, Adjacent Part of the Hypotenuse Rule Practice

Trigonometry

9.4 Special Right Triangles, review Pythagorean Theorem

9.5 Trigonometric Ratios, need to show//prove where they come from

9.5 Finding Sides

9.5 Finding Angles

9.6 Word Problems

[Build a Home Carpet and Paint.doc](#)

[Design a Home Floor Plan.doc](#)

[Design a Home Lesson Plan.doc](#)

[Design a Home Powerpoint.ppt](#)

[Design a Home Rubric.doc](#)

[csi_investigation- trigonometry.pdf](#)

[csi_investigation-proportions and similarities.pdf](#)

[on your mark video website.docx](#)

[On Your Mark Lesson Guide.pdf](#)

[On Your Mark Student Handout.pdf](#)

[Thy Pythagorean Relationship.pdf](#)

Modifications and/or Accommodations

Suggested Modifications (ELL, Sp. Ed, Gifted, At-risk of Failure)

English Language Learners

Native language support: The teacher provides auditory or written content to students in their native language.

Adjusted Speech: The teacher changes speech patterns to increase student comprehension. This could include facing the students, paraphrasing, clearly indicating the most important ideas, and speaking more slowly.

Visuals: The teacher uses graphics, pictures, visuals, and manipulatives. This helps ELL students better understand and comprehend the subjects at hand.

Front-Loading Vocabulary: The teacher front loads vocabulary. This means providing students with a list of important vocabulary words they will need to know for a book, lesson, etc. prior to the lesson being taught. Including pictures to go with the vocabulary words is also very beneficial for the students.

Special Education Students

Chunking: The teacher presents information in a way that makes it easy for students to understand and remember. Chunking is based on the presumption that our working memory is easily overloaded by excessive detail. The best way to deliver information is to organize it into meaningful units. Because students with special needs get overloaded easily, chunking is an effective strategy to use with them.

Checking for Understanding: It is important to constantly check for understanding, especially for students who have accommodations. Teachers want to make sure students understand the concepts being covered in a way that makes sense to them.

Extra time: The teacher provides students with special needs extra time to complete work or answer questions. It is important to give students enough time to process their thoughts.

Oral Reading: The teacher will read work orally to students. Class work such as tests and literature circles may need to be read aloud to the student.

Timers: The teacher will use timers as an instructional tool. The use of timers is beneficial for students who have trouble completing tasks. Timers can be helpful so the student is aware of how much time they have to complete an assignment.

Students with 504 Plans

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Gifted & Talented Strategies

Extensions/Enrichments: Teachers will provide gifted and talented students with extension/enrichment projects. Students will be challenged to further their understanding, to apply acquired knowledge, and/or to produce something in reference to acquired knowledge.

Modify/Change Activities: Teachers will monitor and modify activities to accommodate those students who need to be challenged further. Additional reading, problem-solving, writing, or project work is necessary for those students who are ready to move on at a rate more accelerated than their peers. In this way, G & T students are provided the same opportunity for support as special needs

students.

Students at Risk of School Failure

Directions or Instructions: Make sure directions and/or instructions are given in limited numbers. Give directions/instructions verbally and in simple written format. Ask students to repeat the instructions or directions to ensure understanding occurs. Check back with the student to ensure he/she hasn't forgotten.

Peer Support: Peers can help build confidence in other students by assisting in peer learning. Many teachers use the 'ask 3 before me' approach. This is fine, however, a student at risk may have to have a specific student or two to ask. Set this up for the student so he/she knows who to ask for clarification before going to you.

Alternate or Modified Assignments: Always ask yourself, "How can I modify this assignment to ensure the students at risk are able to complete it?" Sometimes you'll simplify the task, reduce the length of the assignment or allow for a different mode of delivery. For instance, many students may hand something in, the at-risk student may jot notes and give you the information verbally. Or, it just may be that you will need to assign an alternate assignment.

Increase One to One Time: When other students are working, always touch base with your students at risk and find out if they're on track or needing some additional support. A few minutes here and there will go a long way to intervene as the need presents itself.

Contracts: It helps to have a working contract between you and your students at risk. This helps prioritize the tasks that need to be done and ensure completion happens. Each day write down what needs to be completed, as the tasks are done, provide a checkmark or happy face. The goal of using contracts is to eventually have the student come to you for completion sign-offs.

Hands On: As much as possible, think in concrete terms and provide hands-on tasks. This means a child doing math may require a calculator or counters. The child may need to tape record comprehension activities instead of writing them. A child may have to listen to a story being read instead of reading it him/herself.

Tests/Assessments: Tests can be done orally if need be. Break tests down in smaller increments by having a portion of the test in the morning, another portion after lunch and the final part the next day.

Seating: Seat students near a helping peer or with quick access to the teacher. Those with hearing or sight issues need to be close to the instruction which often means near the front.