

Global Teacher Empowerment Network GTEN
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SHADOWS SIMILARITY AND ENLARGEMENT

Enlargement
 Shear
 Tessellation and Tiling
 Fractal
 Enlargement

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Programme for the GTEN workshop
SHADOWS SIMILARITY AND ENLARGEMENT

Upper secondary
 Lower secondary
 Upper primary
 Lower primary
 Early years

When you see this symbol, or you see a question in green, do the activity and answer the question.

Today we are working on:
 Similarity and Enlargement
 Scale factors
 Tessellation and Tiling
 Trigonometry definitions

1. Making shadows
2. Identifying objects from their shadows
3. The 5 Regular solids
4. Sundials and Roman Numerals
5. Projection of images on a screen. Centre of enlargement.
6. Puzzles involving reptiles. How many cubes.
7. Ratios
8. Scale factors and paper airplanes. Video
9. Standard paper. Enlargement scale factor root2
10. Talking Points. Lesson Starters.
11. Tessellation of triangles
12. Tessellation and Reptiles
13. The Sphinx. Enlargement
14. Reptiles forming Fractals
15. Shears
16. Introduction to trigonometry
17. Proof of Ratio Theorem
18. Cubic centimetres and cubic metres.

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SHADOWS SIMILARITY & SHEARS

Is your shadow always the same length?

Why is your shadow sometimes longer and sometimes shorter?

<https://aiminghigh.aimssec.ac.za/shadows-activity/>

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SHADOWS ACTIVITY

<https://aiminghigh.aimssec.ac.za/shadows->

Here are some shadows cast by solid (3 dimensional) objects and flat (2 dimensional) shapes.
 Describe the 3D objects that made the shadows.

1 2 3 4

There is more than one answer for each shadow.
 Can you draw different shadows that could be made by the same objects?

MAKE SHADOW PICTURES
 Create some images and share them in the comments

What objects that might have made these shadows.
 Make some shadows using the torch on your phone. Share your photos with #aiminghigh

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SHADOWS

What shadows can the 5 regular polyhedra make?

The shadow of a regular tetrahedron can be an equilateral triangle but, as the light source moves, the shadow changes to other triangles and to quadrilaterals.

Experiment for yourself with these polyhedra and other solid shapes you have available.

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SHADOWS APPLICATION *THE 24-HOUR SUNDIAL CLOCK

<https://www.britannica.com/technology/sundial>
 Roman Numerals: I = 1, V=5, X = 10, C = 100
 Look at 4 and 9 on these dials. What is the difference?

Make your own sundial and set it up at noon on a sunny day.

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SIMILARITY

The Pooh Bear images are **SIMILAR** to each other.

This is how films are projected onto a screen at the cinema.

P is the Centre of the Enlargement

How do you find the centre of enlargement?

Notice that corresponding angles are equal and there is no distortion of the image.

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Similarity, Enlargement and Scale Factors

2D & 3D

Linear x 3 Area x 9 Volume x 27
 Linear x 2 Area x 4 Volume x 8


Make enlargements of the coloured shapes by fitting together four identical smaller shapes. Either use squared paper or cut out the pieces to make the 3 puzzles.

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SIMILARITY AND ENLARGEMENT

The little men are **SIMILAR**.

What are they looking at?



The little men are equidistant from each other in line. The orange man is 3 times the height of the blue man.

Linear scale factors:
Blue : Green : Yellow : Orange
1 : 1.44 : 1.44²=2.08 : 1.44³=3

Surface area scale factors:
1 : 1.44²=2.08 : 2.08²=4.28 : 3²=9

Volume scale factors:
1 : 1.44³=3 : 2.08³=9 : 3³=27
(numbers given correct to 3 significant figures)

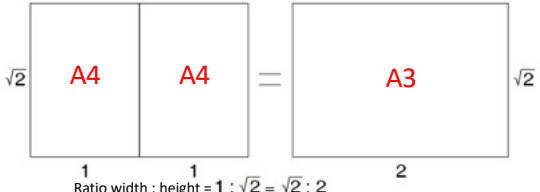
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Scale factors, A4 paper and paper airplanes

<https://youtu.be/nlp1Kv138yM>



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Ratio width : height = $1 : \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2} : 2$

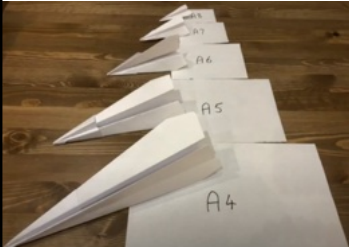
4A0	1682 × 2378
2A0	1189 × 1682
A0	841 × 1189
A1	594 × 841
A2	420 × 594
A3	297 × 420
A4	210 × 297
A5	148 × 210
A6	105 × 148
A7	74 × 105
A8	52 × 74
A9	37 × 52
A10	26 × 37

A0 paper has an area of 1 square metre.

Linear Scale Factor =

Area Scale Factor =

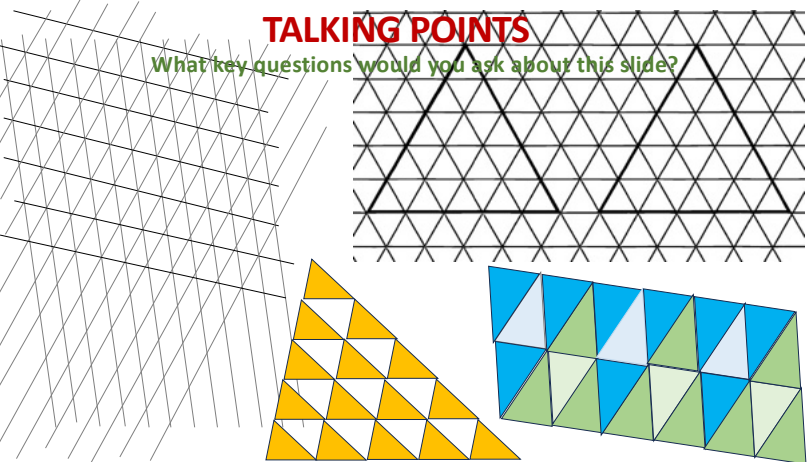




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TALKING POINTS

What key questions would you ask about this slide?



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TESSELLATION * SPOT THE SIMILAR TRIANGLES

What do you see in this diagram?
 Look at the triangle with angles marked 1, 2 and 3. Call this T. Label angles equal to these angles.
 Why are they equal?
 Look at the larger heavily outlined triangle.
 How many copies of triangle T can you see in this triangle?

<https://aiminghigh.aimssec.ac.za/tessellating-triangles/> See the worksheet

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PROPERTIES OF PARALLEL LINES AND ANGLES

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Tessellations and Tilings

In the geometry of tessellations, a reptile, or rep-tile, is a shape that can be dissected into smaller copies of the same shape.

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Martin Garner 1914 – 2010 Solomon Golomb 1932 - 2016

The term was coined as a pun on animal reptiles by the mathematician Solomon W. Golomb and popularized by Martin Gardner in his Mathematical Games column in the Scientific American.

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Fit together 4 copies of this shape to make an enlargement

This reptile is called The Sphinx.

Colour the outline below to show how 4 copies of the sphinx fit inside the larger sphinx.


What are the scale factors of this enlargement?

Repeat the process to make an even larger sphinx with 16 copies of the sphinx above.

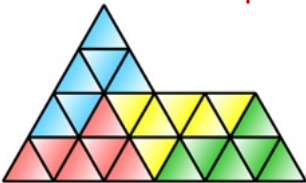
What are the scale factors? See the worksheet.

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THE SPHYNX



The 2D Sphynx can be made up of 4 smaller copies of itself so it is called a rep-4.

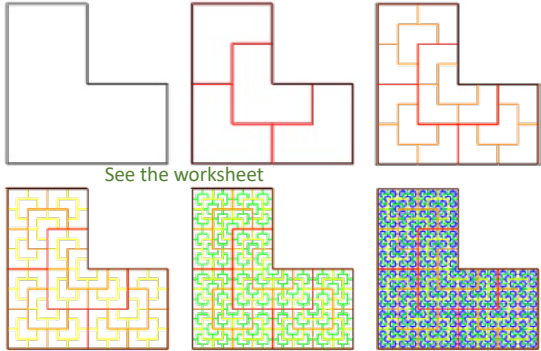


A reptile is a shape that can be dissected into smaller identical copies of the same shape.

Identical copies of a reptile can be put together to make an enlargement of the shape.

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Reptiles and Fractals * Triomino or Trisquare



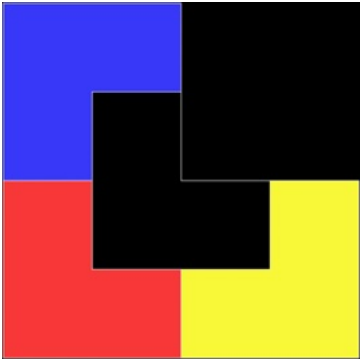
See the worksheet

Making smaller copies of the shape inside every copy of the shape, and repeating this process infinitely often, produces a fractal.


The diagrams show stages 0 and 1 of the fractal process based on the shape made up of 3 squares. Draw the next one on the worksheet.

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Reptile Fractal * Triomino or Trisquare



Why does this fractal iteration produce a white pattern?



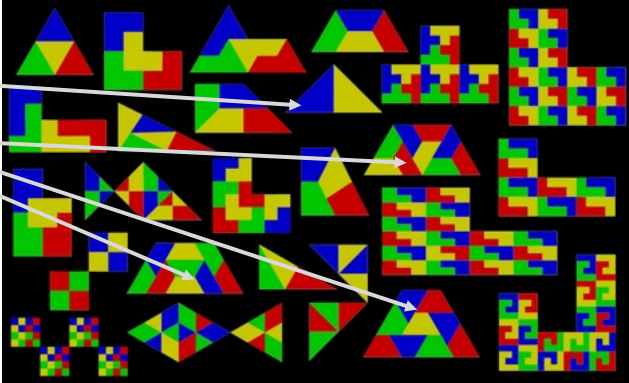
Primary colour mix rainbow wheel. Johannes Itten 1961

The white pattern in the fractal occurs through mixing primary colours.

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Selection of Reptiles



Can you spot a rep-2?

And some rep-9s?

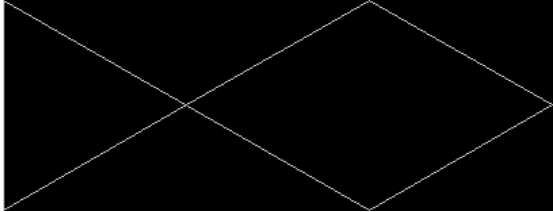
How would you classify the other reptiles?

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Self Intersecting Reptiles

Fish reptile made up of 3 equilateral triangles

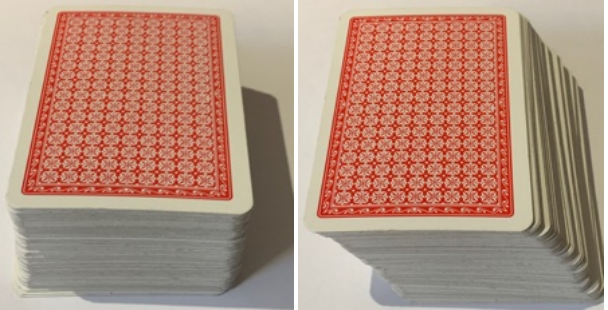


Each fish can be replaced by 9 smaller fish inside itself over and over again infinitely often to produce a fractal.

It's easy to make these patterns yourself, especially if you use isometric paper.

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SHEARS

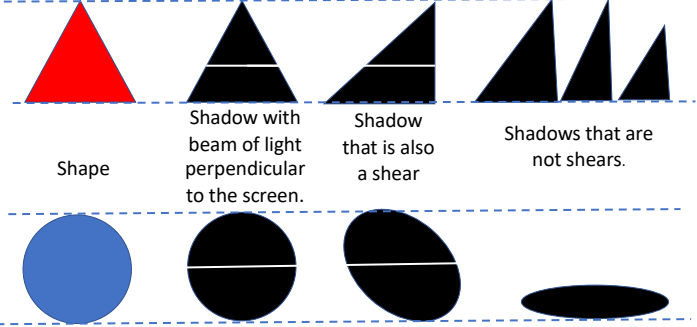


What do these two pictures show?

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SHADOWS AND SHEARS

A shear is a change in shape with no change in area (2D shapes) and no change in volume (3D shapes).



Shape

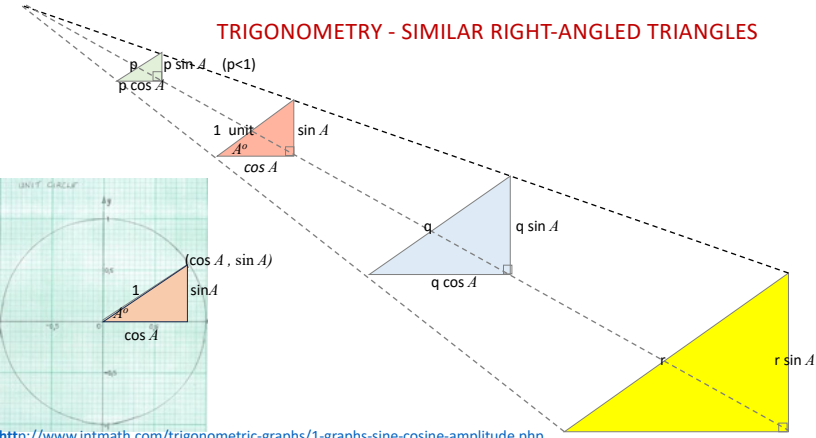
Shadow with beam of light perpendicular to the screen.

Shadow that is also a shear

Shadows that are not shears.

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TRIGONOMETRY - SIMILAR RIGHT-ANGLED TRIANGLES



$p \sin A$ ($p < 1$)

$p \cos A$

1 unit

$\sin A$

$\cos A$

$q \sin A$

$q \cos A$

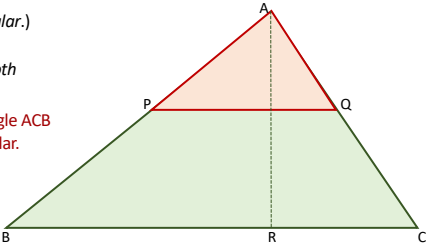
$r \sin A$

<http://www.intmath.com/trigonometric-graphs/1-graphs-sine-cosine-amplitude.php>

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TRI-FOLD – TO PROVE THE RATIO THEOREM

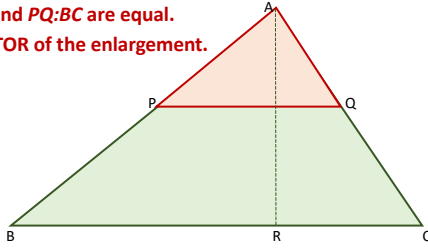
1. Draw $\triangle ABC$.
2. Fold the baseline BC back onto itself so that the fold line goes through point A . Mark the point R at the base of the fold. AR is called an altitude of the triangle.
3. Make a fold by placing point A anywhere on AR . Mark the fold-line PQ with P and Q on the edges of $\triangle ABC$.
4. What do you notice about the lines AR and PQ ?
(Answer: By construction, AR and PQ are perpendicular.)
5. What do you notice about the lines PQ and BC ?
(Answer: By construction, PQ and BC are parallel, both perpendicular to AR .)
6. Notice angle $APQ = \text{angle } ABC$ and angle $AQP = \text{angle } ACB$ (corresponding angles) so $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle APQ$ are similar.
7. What else do you notice about $\triangle APQ$ and $\triangle ABC$?
(Answer: $\triangle ABC$ is an enlargement of $\triangle APQ$.)
8. We have shown that PQ and BC are parallel and $\triangle APQ$ and $\triangle ABC$ are similar, so it follows that the three ratios $AP:AB$, $AQ:AC$ and $PQ:BC$ are equal (each ratio is the SCALE FACTOR of the enlargement).



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TRI-FOLD – PROOF OF THE RATIO THEOREM SUMMARY

By construction, AR and PQ are perpendicular.
By construction, PQ and BC are parallel, both perpendicular to AR .
 $\triangle ABC$ is an enlargement of $\triangle APQ$.
We have shown that PQ and BC are parallel and $\triangle APQ$ and $\triangle ABC$ are similar, so it follows that the three ratios $AP:AB$, $AQ:AC$ and $PQ:BC$ are equal.
Each ratio is the SCALE FACTOR of the enlargement.



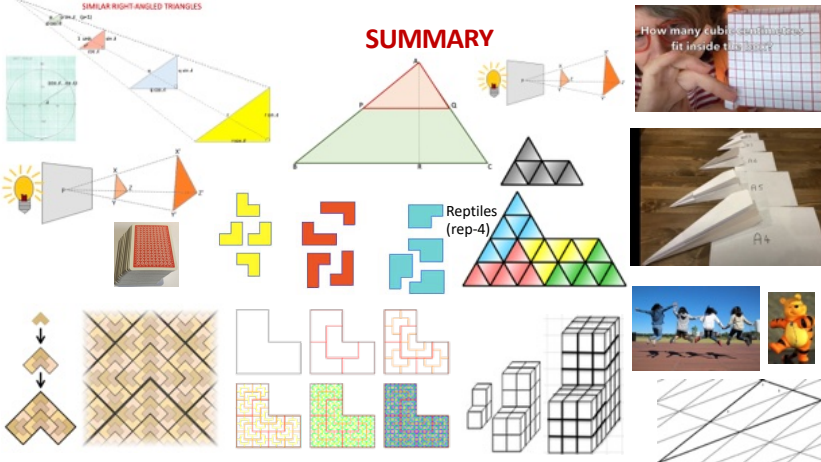
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Scale and the cubic metre
<https://youtu.be/ISnGpHQTE-o>





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SUMMARY



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A learning activity with links to:

- PDF of the worksheet
- Templates and instructions for making resources
- Videos
- Notes for Teachers with
 - solutions
 - curriculum links and learning objectives
 - diagnostic quizzes
 - suggestions for teaching
 - key questions to guide learning
 - follow up ideas and links
- Inclusion Guides for School and Home Learning with
 - a starter activity for a mixed-age group to do together
 - a collection of learning activities to suit all ages from 4 to 18+
 - Solutions with suggestions for teaching and assessment.

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LINKS FOR LEARNING ACTIVITIES INVOLVING SIMILARITY & ENLARGEMENT

SHADOWS <https://aiminghigh.aimssec.ac.za/shadows-activity/>

ENLARGEMENT <https://aiminghigh.aimssec.ac.za/enlargement/>

TRISQUARES <https://aiminghigh.aimssec.ac.za/trisquares/>

SIMSETS <https://aiminghigh.aimssec.ac.za/simsets/>

TESSELLATING TRIANGLES <https://aiminghigh.aimssec.ac.za/tessellating-triangles/>


VIDEO: SCALE FACTORS, A4 AND PAPER AIRPLANES <https://youtu.be/nlp1Kv138yM>

VIDEO: SCALE AND CUBIC METRES <https://youtu.be/ISnGpHQTE-o>

ANIMATIONS <http://nrich.maths.org/5671>
<http://www.intmath.com/trigonometric-graphs/1-graphs-sine-cosine-amplitude.php>


AIMSSEC YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@MathsToys>

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The **second book** offers suggestions for teachers for using games and puzzles in lessons to teach the regular curriculum with different ideas for different age groups.. It is due to be published in mid 2026.


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Thanks for coming to this workshop.
Use the AIMSSEC ideas on AIMING HIGH
and add comments.
Share what you have learned
with other teachers.
Try to help all your learners to have a
'Yes I Can' attitude to mathematics.



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