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Congruent Triangles

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Principles

Given $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$.

- If AB = DE, BC = EF, CA = FD, then $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$. (SSS)
- If AB = DE, BC = EF, $\angle B = \angle E$, then $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$. (SAS)
- If $\angle A = \angle D$, $\angle B = \angle E$, AB = DE, then $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$. (ASA)
- If $\angle A = \angle D$, $\angle B = \angle E$, BC = EF, then $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$. (AAS)

Warm-up Problems

- 1. Given $\triangle ABC$. If AB = AC, show that $\angle B = \angle C$.
- 2. Given $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$. If $\angle A=\angle D=90^\circ$, BC=EF, AB=DE, show that $\triangle ABC\cong\triangle DEF$.
- 3. (ARML 1999) In the following figure, if AB=2, BC=6, BF=8, CE=7, and CF=7, compute the ratio of the area of quadrilateral ABDE to the area of $\triangle CDF$.

