

$$\frac{5}{x} = \frac{x}{15} \rightarrow x = 5\sqrt{3}$$

Geometric Mean and Proportions of Similar Triangles

Find the value of the variables. (Lines that appear parallel are parallel.)

1.
$$\frac{5}{11} = \frac{x}{20-x}$$

$$100 - 5x = 11x$$

$$100 = 16x$$

$$x = \frac{100}{16} = \frac{25}{4}$$

2.
$$\frac{10}{y} = \frac{y}{15}$$

$$y^2 = 150$$

$$y = 5\sqrt{6}$$

3.
$$\frac{3}{x-3} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$6 = 5x - 15$$

$$21 = 5x$$

$$x = \frac{21}{5}$$

4.
$$\frac{3}{y} = \frac{y}{9}$$

$$y = 3\sqrt{6}$$

$$\frac{6}{x} = \frac{3}{z}$$

$$x = 3\sqrt{2}$$

5.
$$\frac{8}{x} = \frac{x}{24}$$

$$x^2 = 192$$

$$x = 8\sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{8}{16} = \frac{16}{8+y}$$

$$64 + 8y = 256$$

$$8y = 192$$

$$y = 24$$

6.
$$\frac{13-y}{12} = \frac{12}{13}$$

$$13y + 169 = 144$$

$$-13y = -25$$

$$y = \frac{25}{13}$$

7.
$$\frac{x}{10} = \frac{10}{25-x}$$

$$25x - x^2 = 100$$

$$0 = x^2 - 25x + 100$$

$$0 = (x-20)(x-5)$$

$$x = 20, 5$$

8.
$$\frac{10-3x}{10} = \frac{8}{12}$$

$$120 - 36x = 80$$

$$-36x = -40$$

$$x = \frac{10}{9}$$

9.
$$\frac{4}{x} = \frac{x}{9}$$

$$36 = x^2$$

$$6 = x$$

10.
$$\frac{8}{4} = \frac{14-x}{x}$$

$$8x = 56 - 4x$$

$$12x = 56$$

$$x = \frac{14}{3}$$

11.
$$\frac{16}{z} = \frac{z}{20}$$

$$z^2 = 320$$

$$z = 8\sqrt{5}$$

$$\frac{4}{8} = \frac{8}{x}$$

$$4x = 64$$

$$x = 16$$

$$\frac{4}{y} = \frac{y}{20}$$

$$y^2 = 80$$

$$y = 4\sqrt{5}$$

12.
$$\frac{x+2}{3x-1} = \frac{x-3}{x-1}$$

$$x^2 + x - 2 = 3x^2 - 10x + 3$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 11x + 5$$

$$0 = (2x - 1)(x - 5)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}, 5$$

13.
$$\frac{5}{23} = \frac{4}{x-4}$$

$$5x - 20 = 92$$

$$5x = 112$$

$$x = \frac{112}{5}$$

14.
$$\frac{4}{16} = \frac{x}{18-x}$$

$$72 - 4x = 16x$$

$$72 = 20x$$

$$\frac{18}{5} = x$$