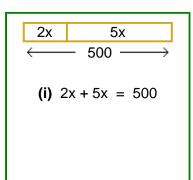
Ratios and Proportions

1. The word problem below is solved in two ways. Continue both solutions.

A 500-cm stick is to be divided into two pieces so that the lengths of the pieces are in the ratio 2:5. How long are the pieces?



$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
z & 500 - z \\
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 & 500 & \longrightarrow \\
\end{array}$$
(ii)
$$\frac{z}{500 - z} = \frac{2}{5}$$

2. Solve the proportions.

a.
$$\frac{4}{x} = \frac{15}{55}$$

b.
$$\frac{5a}{7} = \frac{-2}{11}$$

c.
$$\frac{x+4}{5} = \frac{5}{12}$$

d.
$$\frac{4-x}{x+5} = \frac{5}{8}$$

e.
$$\frac{x-2}{12} = \frac{x+6}{10}$$

f.
$$\frac{-3}{y-9} = \frac{3}{y+5}$$

- 3. Jack and Jill shared the salary of \$800 so that their salaries were in the ratio 3:7. Find each person's salary.
- 4. Mary worked 7 hours and Michael worked 11 hours on a job. How should they divide the salary of \$200?
- 5. Liz owns 20 acres of a 90-acre plot, and her brother Les owns the rest. How should they divide a \$300 additional tax on the land?
- 6. Melinda, Marsha, and Joanna paid an extra \$35 fee for a suitcase on an airline. Of its contents, 12 lb was Melinda's, 17 lb was Marsha's, and 21 lb was Joanna's. How should they divide the fee? (Hint: Use method (i) of problem 1.)