

## Handout 3: Prove and Improve

For problems 1-5,  $A = B$ ,  $C = D$ ,  $E = F$ ,  $G = H$ , and  $H \neq 0$ .

1. What allows us to say that  $AC = BC$ ?

2. What allows us to say that  $AD = BC$ ?

3. What allows us to say that  $AD + E = BC + F$ ?

4. What allows us to say that  $\frac{AD+E}{G} = \frac{BC+F}{G}$ ?

5. What allows us to say that  $\frac{AD+E}{G} = \frac{BC+F}{H}$ ?

For questions 6- 10, it is given that  $3(x - 2)^2 = 12$  and  $\frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 = 72$ .

6. What must we do to  $3(x - 2)^2 = 12$  to get  $(x - 2)^2 = 4$ ?

7. What will we get when we solve  $(x - 2)^2 = 4$  for  $x$ ?

8. What must we do to  $\frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 = 72$  in order to get  $x^2y^2 = 144$ ?

9. If we substitute our answer for  $x$  into the equation, what will we get?

10. Simplifying the remaining equation, what will be our value of  $y$ ?