

7.1 CONCEPT OF SIMILARITY

In earlier classes, we have learnt about congruent figures. Two geometric figures having the same shape and size are known as congruent figures. Note that congruent figures are alike in every respect. In this chapter, we shall study about similarity of geometric figures. Geometric figures having the same shape but different sizes are known as similar figures. Two congruent figures are always similar but similar figures need not be congruent as discussed in the following illustrations.

ILLUSTRATION 1 Any two line segments are always similar but they need not be congruent. They are congruent, if their lengths are equal.

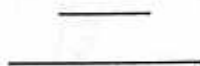


Fig. 7.1

ILLUSTRATION 2 Any two circles are similar but not necessarily congruent. They are congruent if their radii are equal.

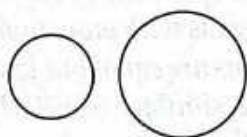


Fig. 7.2

ILLUSTRATION 3 (i) Any two squares are similar. (See Fig. 7.3(i)).

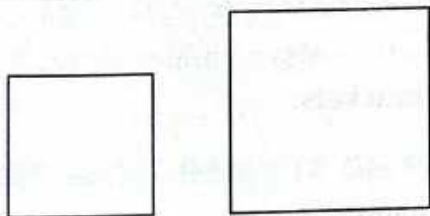


Fig. 7.3(i)

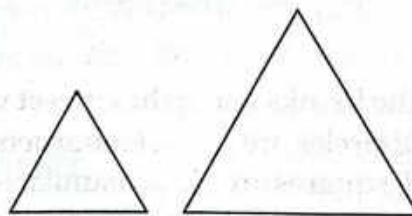


Fig. 7.3(ii)

(ii) Any two equilateral triangles are similar. (see Fig. 7.3(ii)).

If two figures are similar one can be obtained from the other either by shrinking or by stretching, without changing its shape. There is one-to-one correspondence between the parts of two similar figures [Fig. 7.3 (ii)].

7.2 SIMILAR POLYGONS

DEFINITION Two polygons are said to be similar to each other, if

- their corresponding angles are equal, and
- the lengths of their corresponding sides are proportional.

If two polygons $ABCDE$ and $PQRST$ are similar, then from the above definition it follows that:

Angle at A = Angle at P , Angle at B = Angle at Q , Angle at C = Angle at R ,

Angle at D = Angle at S , Angle at E = Angle at T

and,
$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{CD}{RS} = \frac{DE}{ST} = \frac{EA}{TP}$$

If two polygons $ABCDE$ and $PQRST$, are similar, we write $ABCDE \sim PQRST$. Here, the symbol ' \sim ' stands for 'is similar to'.

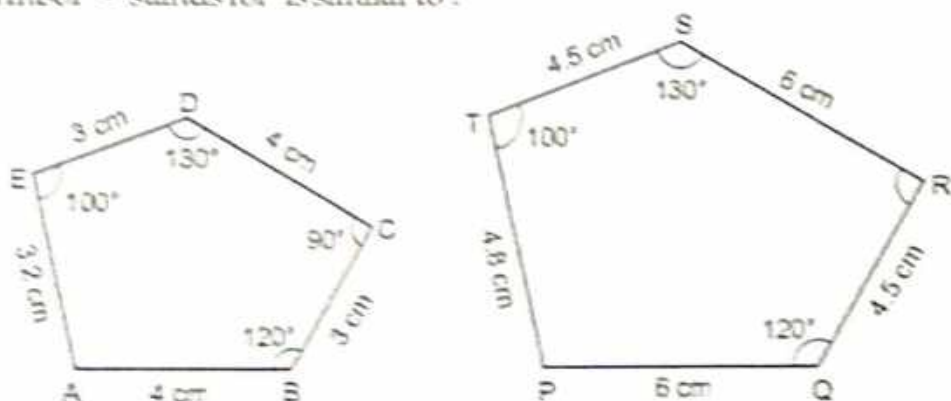


Fig. 7.4

NOTE 1 It should be noted that for the similarity of polygons with more than three sides, the two conditions given in the definition are independent of each other i. e., either of the two conditions without the other is not sufficient for polygons with more than three sides to be similar. In other words, if the corresponding angles of two polygons are equal but lengths of their corresponding sides are not proportional, the polygons need not be similar. Similarly, if the corresponding angles of two polygons are not equal but length of the corresponding sides are proportional, then the polygons need not be similar.

NOTE 2 Triangles are special type of polygons. In case of triangles, if either of the two conditions given in the above definition holds, then the other holds automatically.

EXERCISE 7.1

LEVEL-1

1. Fill in the blanks using the correct word given in brackets:

- All circles are _____ (congruent, similar).
- All squares are _____ (similar, congruent).
- All _____ triangles are similar (isosceles, equilaterals):
- Two triangles are similar, if their corresponding angles are _____ (proportional, equal)
- Two triangles are similar, if their corresponding sides are _____ (proportional, equal)
- Two polygons of the same number of sides are similar, if (a) their corresponding angles are and (b) their corresponding sides are _____ (equal, proportional).

2. Write the truth value (T/F) of each of the following statements:

- Any two similar figures are congruent.
- Any two congruent figures are similar.
- Two polygons are similar, if their corresponding sides are proportional.
- Two polygons are similar if their corresponding angles are proportional.
- Two triangles are similar if their corresponding sides are proportional.
- Two triangles are similar if their corresponding angles are equal.

ANSWERS

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|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. (i) similar | (ii) similar | (iii) equilateral |
| (iv) equal | (v) proportional | (vi) equal, proportional |
| 2. (i) False | (ii) True | (iii) False |
| (iv) False | (v) True | (vi) True |

7.3 SIMILAR TRIANGLES AND THEIR PROPERTIES

DEFINITION Two triangles are said to be similar, if their

- corresponding angles are equal and,
- corresponding sides are proportional.

It follows from this definition that two triangles ABC and DEF are similar, if

- $\angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle F$ and, (ii) $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$

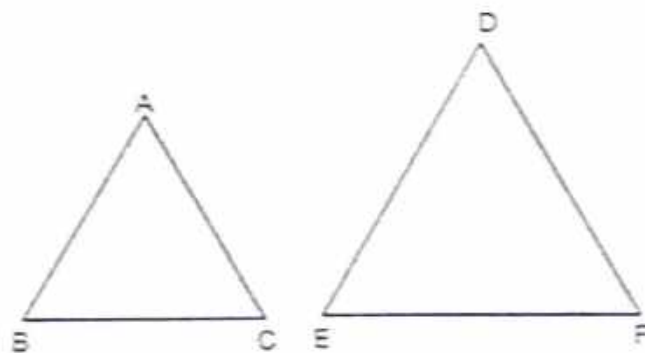


Fig. 7.5

NOTE 1 In the later part of this chapter we shall show that the two conditions given in the above definition are not independent. In fact, if either of the two conditions holds, then the other holds automatically. So any one of the two conditions can be used to define similar triangles.

NOTE 2 If corresponding angles of two triangles are equal, then they are known as equiangular triangles.

7.4 SOME BASIC RESULTS ON PROPORTIONALITY

In this section, we shall discuss some basic results on proportionality.

Let us first do the following activity.

ACTIVITY Draw any angle $\angle XAY$ and mark points P_1, P_2, D, P_3 and B on its arm AX such that $AP_1 = P_1P_2 = P_2D = DP_3 = P_3B = 1$ unit.

Through point B , draw any line intersecting arm AY at point C . Also, through point D , draw a line parallel to BC to intersect AC at E .

We have,

$$AD = AP_1 + P_1P_2 + P_2D = 3 \text{ units}$$

and, $DB = DP_3 + P_3B = 2 \text{ units.}$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Now, measure AE and EC and find $\frac{AE}{EC}$.

You will find that

$$\frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

Thus, we observe that in $\triangle ABC$ if $DE \parallel BC$, then

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

We prove this result as a theorem known as basic proportionality theorem or Thale's Theorem as given below.

THEOREM 1 (Basic proportionality Theorem or Thales Theorem) *If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle intersecting the other two sides, then it divides the two sides in the same ratio.*

[NCERT, CBSE 2002 C, 2005, 2006 C, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010]

GIVEN A triangle ABC in which $DE \parallel BC$, and intersects AB in D and AC in E .

TO PROVE $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$

CONSTRUCTION Join BE, CD and draw $EF \perp BA$ and $DG \perp CA$.

PROOF Since EF is perpendicular to AB . Therefore, EF is the height of triangles ADE and DBE .

Now, $\text{Area}(\triangle ADE) = \frac{1}{2}(\text{base} \times \text{height}) = \frac{1}{2}(AD \cdot EF)$

and, $\text{Area}(\triangle DBE) = \frac{1}{2}(\text{base} \times \text{height}) = \frac{1}{2}(DB \cdot EF)$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ADE)}{\text{Area}(\triangle DBE)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(AD \cdot EF)}{\frac{1}{2}(DB \cdot EF)} = \frac{AD}{DB} \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ADE)}{\text{Area}(\triangle DEC)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(AE \cdot DG)}{\frac{1}{2}(EC \cdot DG)} = \frac{AE}{EC} \quad \dots(ii)$$

But, $\triangle DBE$ and $\triangle DEC$ are on the same base DE and between the same parallels DE and BC .

$$\therefore \text{Area}(\triangle DBE) = \text{Area}(\triangle DEC)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\text{Area}(\triangle DBE)} = \frac{1}{\text{Area}(\triangle DEC)}$$

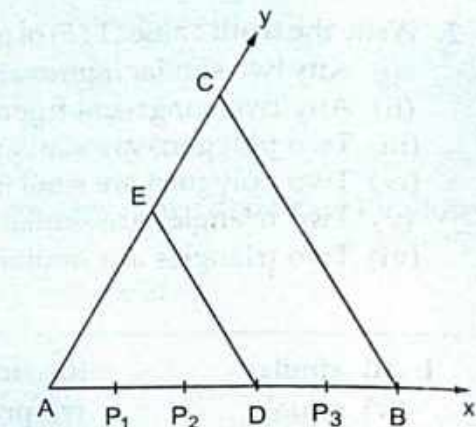


Fig. 7.6

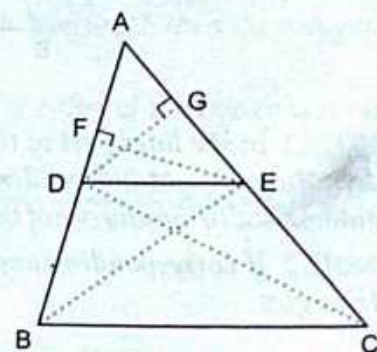


Fig. 7.7

[Taking reciprocals of both sides]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ADE)}{\text{Area}(\triangle DBE)} = \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ADE)}{\text{Area}(\triangle DEC)} \quad [\text{Multiplying both sides by Area}(\triangle ADE)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \quad [\text{Using (i) and (ii)}]$$

Q.E.D.

COROLLARY If in a $\triangle ABC$, a line $DE \parallel BC$, intersects AB in D and AC in E , then:

$$(i) \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{AC}{AE} \quad [\text{NCERT}]$$

$$(ii) \frac{AB}{DB} = \frac{AC}{EC}$$

PROOF (i) From the basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB}{AD} = \frac{EC}{AE} \quad [\text{Taking reciprocals of both sides}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{DB}{AD} = 1 + \frac{EC}{AE} \quad [\text{Adding 1 on both sides}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD + DB}{AD} = \frac{AE + EC}{AE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{AC}{AE}$$

(ii) From the basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} + 1 = \frac{AE}{EC} + 1 \quad [\text{Adding 1 on both sides}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD + DB}{DB} = \frac{AE + EC}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DB} = \frac{AC}{EC}$$

Q.E.D.

The above results can be summarised as follows:

SUMMARY If in a $\triangle ABC$, $DE \parallel BC$, and intersects AB in D and AC in E , then we have

$$(i) \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

$$(ii) \frac{DB}{AD} = \frac{EC}{AE}$$

$$(iii) \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{AC}{AE}$$

$$(iv) \frac{AB}{DB} = \frac{AC}{EC}$$

$$(v) \frac{AB}{DB} = \frac{AC}{EC}$$

$$(vi) \frac{DB}{AB} = \frac{EC}{AC}$$

Let us now perform the following activity.

ACTIVITY Draw any angle XAY and mark points B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4 and B on its arm AX such that $AB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4 = B_4B = 1$ unit. Also, mark points C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4 and C on arm AY such that $AC_1 = C_1C_2 = C_2C_3 = C_3C_4 = C_4C = 1$ unit. Join $B_1C_1, B_2C_2, B_3C_3, B_4C_4$ and BC as shown in Fig. 7.8.

We observe that

$$AB_1 = 1 \text{ unit, } AC_1 = 1 \text{ unit,}$$

$$B_1B = 4 \text{ units, } C_1C = 4 \text{ units,}$$

$$\therefore \frac{AB_1}{B_1B} = \frac{AC_1}{C_1C} \left(= \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

You can also see that B_1C_1 and BC are parallel to each other.

Similarly, we observe that

$$\frac{AB_2}{B_2B} = \frac{AC_2}{C_2C} \left(= \frac{2}{3} \right) \text{ and } B_2C_2 \parallel BC$$

$$\frac{AB_3}{B_3B} = \frac{AC_3}{C_3C} \left(= \frac{3}{2} \right) \text{ and } B_3C_3 \parallel BC$$

$$\frac{AB_4}{B_4B} = \frac{AC_4}{C_4C} \left(= \frac{4}{1} \right) \text{ and } B_4C_4 \parallel BC.$$

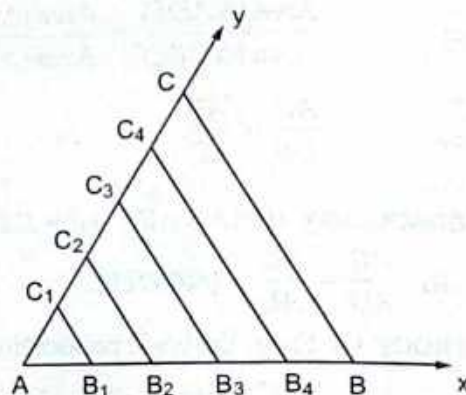


Fig. 7.8

It follows from the above activity that if a line divides two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then it is parallel to the third side of the triangle.

This fact is stated and proved as a theorem given below and it is the converse of the basic proportionality theorem.

THEOREM 2 (Converse of Basic Proportionality Theorem) *If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line must be parallel to the third side.* [NCERT]

GIVEN A $\triangle ABC$ and a line l intersecting AB in D and AC in E , such that $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$

TO PROVE $l \parallel BC$ i.e. $DE \parallel BC$

PROOF If possible, let DE be not parallel to BC . Then, there must be another line parallel to BC . Let $DF \parallel BC$.

Since $DF \parallel BC$. Therefore, from Basic Proportionality Theorem, we get

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AF}{FC} \quad \dots(i)$$

But, $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$ (Given) $\dots(ii)$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{AF}{FC} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AF}{FC} + 1 = \frac{AE}{EC} + 1 \quad \text{[Adding 1 on both sides]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AF + FC}{FC} = \frac{AE + EC}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{FC} = \frac{AC}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow FC = EC$$

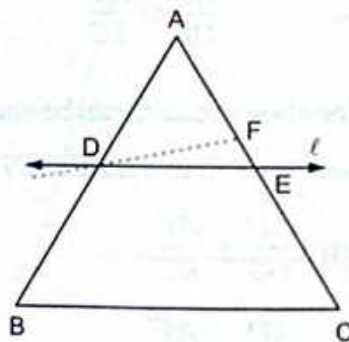


Fig. 7.9

This is possible only when F and E coincide i.e. DF is the line l itself. But, $DF \parallel BC$.

Hence, $l \parallel BC$.

Q.E.D.

We shall now discuss some examples which will illustrate the applications of the results discussed so far.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

LEVEL-1

Type I BASED ON THE RESULT THAT THE LINE DRAWN PARALLEL TO ONE SIDE OF A TRIANGLE INTERSECTING THE OTHER TWO SIDES DIVIDES THEM IN THE SAME RATIO.

EXAMPLE 1 In Fig 7.10, PQ is parallel to MN . If $\frac{KP}{PM} = \frac{4}{13}$ and $KN = 20.4$ cm. Find KQ .

SOLUTION In ΔKMN , we have

$$PQ \parallel MN$$

$$\therefore \frac{KP}{PM} = \frac{KQ}{QN} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{KP}{PM} = \frac{KQ}{KN - KQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{13} = \frac{KQ}{20.4 - KQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(20.4 - KQ) = 13 KQ$$

$$\Rightarrow 81.6 - 4 KQ = 13 KQ$$

$$\Rightarrow 17 KQ = 81.6$$

$$\Rightarrow KQ = \frac{81.6}{17} = 4.8 \text{ cm}$$

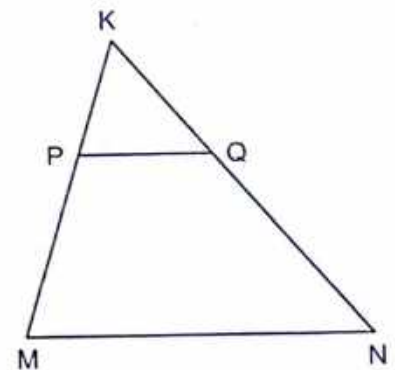


Fig. 7.10

EXAMPLE 2 In a given ΔABC , $DE \parallel BC$ and $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{3}{5}$. If $AC = 5.6$, find AE .

SOLUTION In ΔABC , we have

$$DE \parallel BC$$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{AC - AE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} = \frac{AE}{5.6 - AE} \quad \text{[} \because AC = 5.6 \text{]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(5.6 - AE) = 5AE$$

$$\Rightarrow 16.8 - 3AE = 5AE$$

$$\Rightarrow 8AE = 16.8$$

$$\Rightarrow AE = \frac{16.8}{8} \text{ cm} = 2.1 \text{ cm.}$$

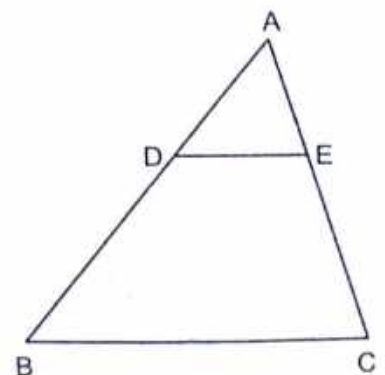


Fig. 7.11

EXAMPLE 3 In Fig. 7.12, $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD = x$, $DB = x - 2$, $AE = x + 2$ and $EC = x - 1$, find the value of x .

SOLUTION In $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$DE \parallel BC$$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{x-2} = \frac{x+2}{x-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x-1) = (x-2)(x+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x = x^2 - 4 \Rightarrow x = 4$$

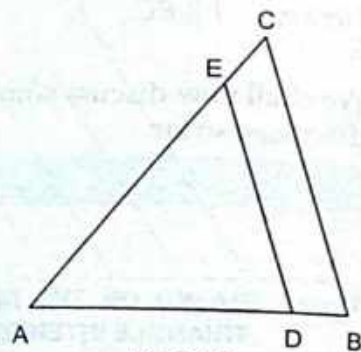


Fig. 7.12

EXAMPLE 4 In Fig. 7.13, $LM \parallel AB$. If $AL = x - 3$, $AC = 2x$, $BM = x - 2$ and $BC = 2x + 3$, find the value of x .

SOLUTION In $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$LM \parallel AB$$

$$\therefore \frac{AL}{LC} = \frac{BM}{MC} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AL}{AC - AL} = \frac{BM}{BC - BM}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{2x-(x-3)} = \frac{x-2}{(2x+3)-(x-2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{x+3} = \frac{x-2}{x+5}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3)(x+5) = (x-2)(x+3)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x - 15 = x^2 + x - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 9$$

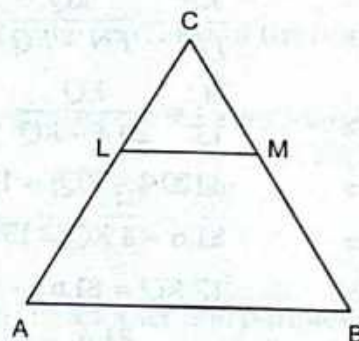


Fig. 7.13

EXAMPLE 5 In Fig. 7.14, if $ST \parallel QR$. Find PS .

SOLUTION In $\triangle PRQ$, we have

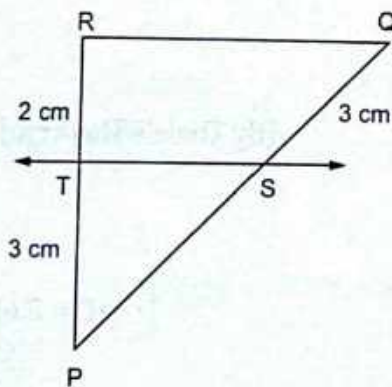


Fig. 7.14

$$ST \parallel QR$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PS}{QS} = \frac{PT}{RT}$$

[By Thale's Theorem]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PS}{3} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow PS = \frac{9}{2} \text{ cm}$$

EXAMPLE 6 In Fig. 7.15 (i) and (ii), $PQ \parallel BC$. Find QC in (i) and AQ in (ii).

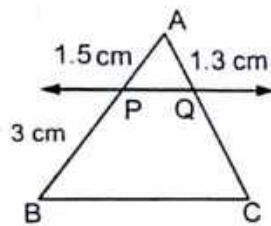


Fig. 7.15 (i)

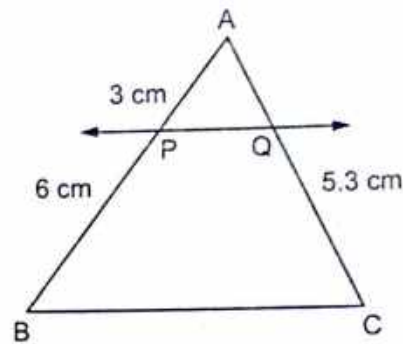


Fig. 7.15 (ii)

SOLUTION In Fig. 7.15 (i), we have

$$PQ \parallel BC$$

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{AP}{PB} = \frac{AQ}{QC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1.5}{3} = \frac{1.3}{QC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1.3}{QC}$$

$$\Rightarrow QC = 2.6 \text{ cm}$$

In Fig. 7.15 (ii), it is given that $PQ \parallel BC$.

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{AP}{PB} = \frac{AQ}{QC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{6} = \frac{AQ}{5.3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{AQ}{5.3}$$

$$\Rightarrow AQ = \frac{5.3}{2} = 2.65 \text{ cm}$$

EXAMPLE 7 In Fig. 7.16, if $PQ \parallel BC$ and $PR \parallel CD$. Prove that (i) $\frac{AR}{AD} = \frac{AQ}{AB}$ (ii) $\frac{QB}{AQ} = \frac{DR}{AR}$ [CBSE 2010]

SOLUTION In ΔABC , we have

$$PQ \parallel BC$$

[Given]

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{AQ}{AB} = \frac{AP}{AC}$$

... (i)

In ΔACD , we have

$$PR \parallel CD$$

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{AP}{AC} = \frac{AR}{AD}$$

...(ii)

From (i) and (ii), we obtain that

$$\frac{AQ}{AB} = \frac{AR}{AD} \text{ or, } \frac{AR}{AD} = \frac{AQ}{AB}$$

(ii) From (i) we have

$$\frac{AQ}{AB} = \frac{AR}{AD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AQ} = \frac{AD}{AR}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AQ + QB}{AQ} = \frac{AR + RD}{AR} = 1 + \frac{QB}{AQ}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{RD}{AR} \Rightarrow \frac{QB}{AQ} = \frac{DR}{AR}$$

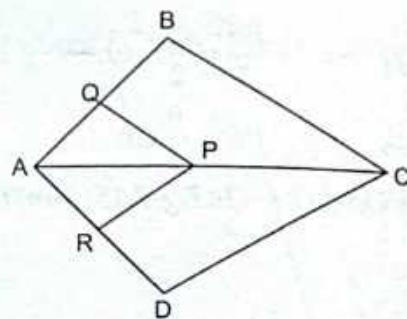


Fig. 7.16

EXAMPLE 8 In Fig. 7.17, $DE \parallel AC$ and $DC \parallel AP$. Prove that $\frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{BC}{CP}$

[CBSE 2005]

SOLUTION In ΔBPA , we have

$$DC \parallel AP$$

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{BC}{CP} = \frac{BD}{DA} \quad \dots(i)$$

In ΔBCA , we have

$$DE \parallel AC \quad \text{[Given]}$$

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{BD}{DA} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{BC}{CP} = \frac{BE}{EC} \text{ or, } \frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{BC}{CP}$$

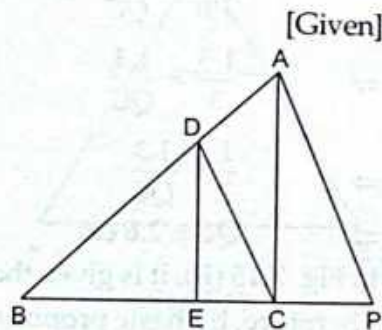


Fig. 7.17

Type II PROBLEMS BASED UPON THE CONVERSE OF PROPORTIONALITY THEOREM

EXAMPLE 9 D and E are respectively the points on the sides AB and AC of a ΔABC such that $AB = 5.6 \text{ cm}$, $AD = 1.4 \text{ cm}$, $AC = 7.2 \text{ cm}$ and $AE = 1.8 \text{ cm}$, show that $DE \parallel BC$.

SOLUTION We have,

$$AB = 5.6 \text{ cm}, AD = 1.4 \text{ cm}, AC = 7.2 \text{ cm} \text{ and } AE = 1.8 \text{ cm.}$$

$$\therefore BD = AB - AD = (5.6 - 1.4) \text{ cm} = 4.2 \text{ cm}$$

and,

$$EC = AC - AE = (7.2 - 1.8) \text{ cm} = 5.4 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{1.4}{4.2} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } \frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{1.8}{5.4} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

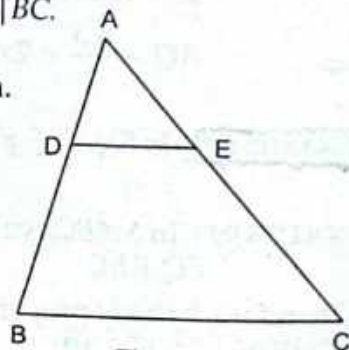


Fig. 7.18

Thus, DE divides sides AB and AC of ΔABC in the same ratio. Therefore, by the converse of Basic Proportionality Theorem, we have

$$DE \parallel BC$$

EXAMPLE 10 Any point X inside ΔDEF is joined to its vertices. From a point P in DX , PQ is drawn parallel to DE meeting XE at Q and QR is drawn parallel to EF meeting XF in R . Prove that $PR \parallel DF$.

[NCERT, CBSE 2002]

GIVEN A ΔDEF and a point X inside it. Point X is joined to the vertices D, E and F . P is any point on DX . $PQ \parallel DE$ and $QR \parallel EF$.

TO PROVE $PR \parallel DF$

CONSTRUCTION Join PR .

PROOF In ΔXED , we have

$$PQ \parallel DE$$

$$\therefore \frac{XP}{PD} = \frac{XQ}{QE} \quad \dots(i) \quad [\text{By Thale's Theorem}]$$

In ΔXEF , we have

$$QR \parallel EF$$

$$\therefore \frac{XQ}{QE} = \frac{XR}{RF} \quad \dots(ii) \quad [\text{By Thale's Theorem}]$$

From (i) and (ii), we have

$$\frac{XP}{PD} = \frac{XR}{RF}$$

Thus, in ΔXFD , points R and P are dividing sides XF and XD in the same ratio. Therefore, by the converse of Basic Proportionality Theorem, we have

$$PR \parallel DF$$

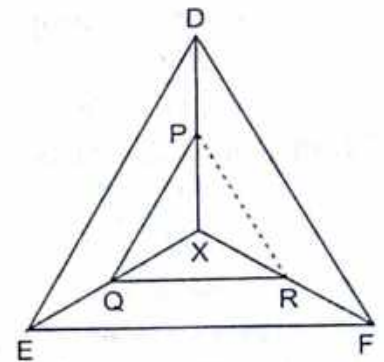


Fig. 7.19

EXAMPLE 11 In a ΔABC , D and E are points on sides AB and AC respectively such that $BD = CE$. If $\angle B = \angle C$, show that $DE \parallel BC$.

SOLUTION In ΔABC , we have

$$\angle B = \angle C$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = AB \quad [\text{Sides opposite to equal angles are equal}]$$

$$\Rightarrow AE + EC = AD + DB$$

$$\Rightarrow AE + CE = AD + BD$$

$$\Rightarrow AE + CE = AD + CE \quad [\because BD = CE]$$

$$\Rightarrow AE = AD$$

Thus, we have

$$AD = AE \text{ and } BD = CE$$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AE}{CE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow DE \parallel BC$$

[By the converse of Thale's Theorem]

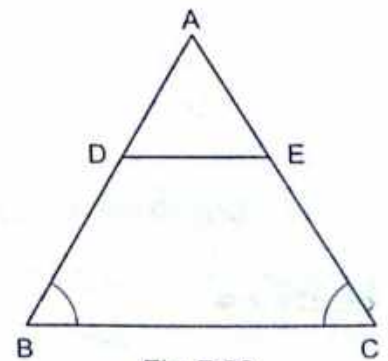


Fig. 7.20

EXAMPLE 12 In Fig. 7.21, if $DE \parallel AQ$ and $DF \parallel AR$. Prove that $EF \parallel QR$. [NCERT, CBSE 2008]

SOLUTION In ΔPQA , we have

$$DE \parallel AQ$$

[Given]

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{PE}{EQ} = \frac{PD}{DA} \quad \dots(i)$$

In ΔPAR , we have

$$DF \parallel AR \quad \text{[Given]}$$

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{PD}{DA} = \frac{PF}{FR} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we have

$$\frac{PE}{EQ} = \frac{PF}{FR}$$

$\Rightarrow EF \parallel QR$ [By the converse of Basic Proportionality Theorem]

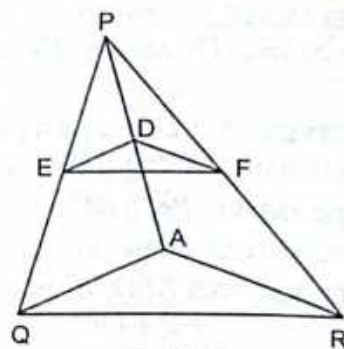


Fig. 7.21

EXAMPLE 13 In Fig. 7.22, A, B and C are points on OP, OQ and OR respectively such that $AB \parallel PQ$ and $BC \parallel QR$. Show that $AC \parallel PR$. [NCERT]

SOLUTION In ΔOPQ , we have

$$AB \parallel PQ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OA}{AP} = \frac{OB}{BQ} \quad \dots(i)$$

In ΔOQR , we have

$$BC \parallel QR$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OB}{BQ} = \frac{OC}{CR} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{OA}{AP} = \frac{OC}{CR}$$

Thus, A and C are points on sides OP and OR respectively of ΔOPR , such that

$$\frac{OA}{AP} = \frac{OC}{CR}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC \parallel PR$$

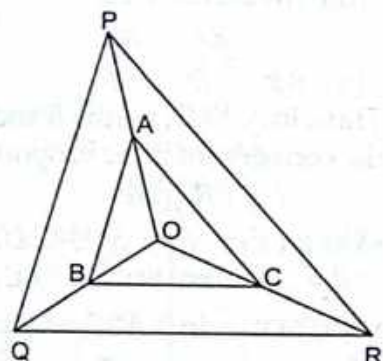


Fig. 7.22

[Using the converse of BPT]

LEVEL-2

Type I BASED UPON BASIC PROPORTIONALITY THEOREM

EXAMPLE 14 In Fig. 7.23, if $EF \parallel DC \parallel AB$. prove that $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$.

GIVEN $EF \parallel DC \parallel AB$ in the given figure.

TO PROVE $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$

CONSTRUCTION Produce DA and CB to meet at P (say).

PROOF In ΔPEF , we have

$$AB \parallel EF$$

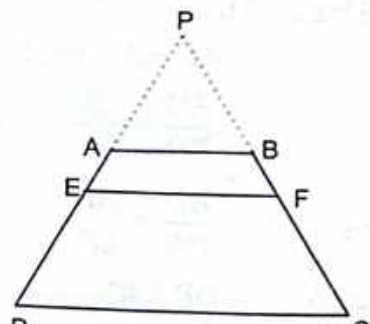


Fig. 7.23

$$\therefore \frac{PA}{AE} = \frac{PB}{BF} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PA}{AE} + 1 = \frac{PB}{BF} + 1 \quad \text{[Adding 1 on both sides]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PA + AE}{AE} = \frac{PB + BF}{BF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PE}{AE} = \frac{PF}{BF} \quad \dots(i)$$

In $\triangle PDC$, we have

$$EF \parallel DC$$

$$\therefore \frac{PE}{ED} = \frac{PF}{FC} \quad \text{[By Basic Proportionality Theorem]} \quad \dots(ii)$$

On dividing equation (i) by equation (ii), we get

$$\frac{\frac{PE}{AE}}{\frac{PE}{ED}} = \frac{\frac{PF}{BF}}{\frac{PF}{FC}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ED}{AE} = \frac{FC}{BF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$$

EXAMPLE 15 Let X be any point on the side BC of a triangle ABC . If XM , XN are drawn parallel to BA and CA meeting CA , BA in M , N respectively; MN meets BC produced in T , prove that $TX^2 = TB \times TC$.

SOLUTION In $\triangle TXM$, we have

$$XM \parallel BN$$

$$\therefore \frac{TB}{TX} = \frac{TN}{TM} \quad \dots(i)$$

In $\triangle TMC$, we have

$$XN \parallel CM$$

$$\therefore \frac{TX}{TC} = \frac{TN}{TM} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From equations (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{TB}{TX} = \frac{TX}{TC}$$

$$\Rightarrow TX^2 = TB \times TC$$



Fig. 7.24

EXAMPLE 16 $ABCD$ is a parallelogram, P is a point on side BC and DP when produced meets AB produced at L . Prove that

$$(i) \frac{DP}{PL} = \frac{DC}{BL}$$

$$(ii) \frac{DL}{DP} = \frac{AL}{DC}$$

GIVEN A parallelogram $ABCD$ in which P is a point on side BC such that DP produced meets AB produced at L .

TO PROVE

$$(i) \frac{DP}{PL} = \frac{DC}{BL}$$

$$(ii) \frac{DL}{DP} = \frac{AL}{DC}$$

PROOF (i) In $\triangle ALD$, we have
 $BP \parallel AD$

$$\therefore \frac{LB}{BA} = \frac{LP}{PD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BL}{AB} = \frac{PL}{DP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BL}{DC} = \frac{PL}{DP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DP}{PL} = \frac{DC}{BL}$$

(ii) From (i), we have

$$\frac{DP}{PL} = \frac{DC}{BL}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PL}{DP} = \frac{BL}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PL}{DP} = \frac{BL}{AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PL}{DP} + 1 = \frac{BL}{AB} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DP + PL}{DP} = \frac{BL + AB}{AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DL}{DP} = \frac{AL}{AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DL}{DP} = \frac{AL}{DC}$$

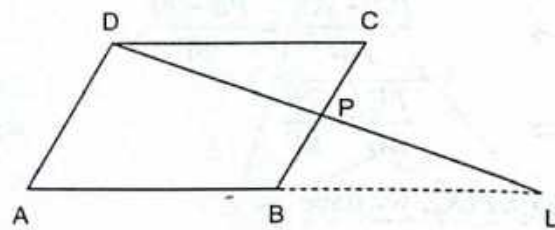


Fig. 7.25

[$\because AB = DC$]

[Taking reciprocals of both sides]

[Taking reciprocals of both sides]

[$\because DC = AB$]

[Adding 1 on both sides]

[$\because AB = DC$]

EXAMPLE 17 In Fig. 7.26, $EF \parallel AB \parallel DC$. Prove that $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$

[NCERT]

SOLUTION We have,
 $EF \parallel AB \parallel DC$

$$\Rightarrow EP \parallel DC$$

Thus, in $\triangle ADC$, we have

$$EP \parallel DC$$

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{AP}{PC} \quad \dots(i)$$

Again, $EF \parallel AB \parallel DC$

$$\Rightarrow FP \parallel AB$$

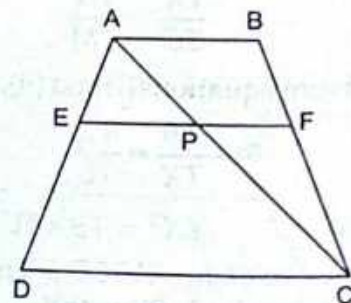


Fig. 7.26

Thus, in ΔCAB , we have

$$FP \parallel BA$$

Therefore, by basic proportionality theorem, we have

$$\frac{BF}{FC} = \frac{AP}{PC} \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we obtain $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$

EXAMPLE 18 In Fig. 7.27, $DE \parallel BC$ and $CD \parallel EF$. Prove that $AD^2 = AB \times AF$. [CBSE 2007]

SOLUTION In ΔABC , we have

$$DE \parallel BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{AC}{AE} \quad \dots(i)$$

In ΔADC , we have

$$FE \parallel DC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AF} = \frac{AC}{AE} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{AD}{AF}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AB \times AF$$

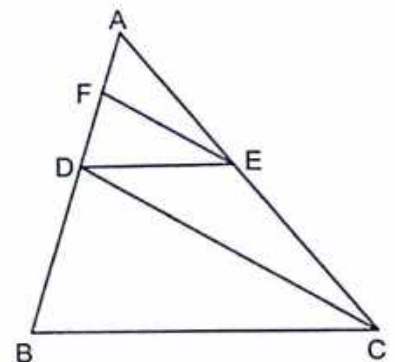


Fig. 7.27

Type II ON THALE'S THEOREM AND ITS CONVERSE

EXAMPLE 19 Two triangles ABC and DBC lie on the same side of the base BC . From a point P on BC , $PQ \parallel AB$ and $PR \parallel BD$ are drawn. They meet AC in Q and DC in R respectively. Prove that $QR \parallel AD$

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DBC lie on the same side of the base BC . Points P, Q and R are points on BC, AC and CD respectively such that $PR \parallel BD$ and $PQ \parallel AB$.

TO PROVE $QR \parallel AD$

PROOF In ΔABC , we have

$$PQ \parallel AB$$

$$\therefore \frac{CP}{PB} = \frac{CQ}{QA} \quad \dots(i) \text{ [By Basic Proportionality Theorem]}$$

In ΔBCD , we have

$$PR \parallel BD$$

$$\therefore \frac{CP}{PB} = \frac{CR}{RD} \quad \dots(ii) \text{ [By Thale's Theorem]}$$

From (i) and (ii), we have

$$\frac{CQ}{QA} = \frac{CR}{RD}$$

Thus, in ΔACD , Q and R are points on AC and CD respectively such that

$$\frac{CQ}{QA} = \frac{CR}{RD}$$

$$\Rightarrow QR \parallel AD \quad \text{[By the converse of Basic Proportionality Theorem]}$$

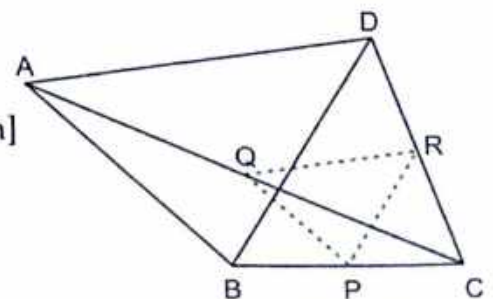


Fig. 7.28

EXAMPLE 20 ABCD is a quadrilateral; P, Q, R and S are the points of trisection of sides AB, BC, CD and DA respectively and are adjacent to A and C; prove that PQRS is a parallelogram.

GIVEN A quadrilateral ABCD in which P, Q, R and S are the points of trisection of sides AB, BC, CD and DA respectively and are adjacent to A and C.

TO PROVE PQRS is a parallelogram i. e., $PQ \parallel SR$ and $QR \parallel PS$.

CONSTRUCTION Join AC.

PROOF Since P, Q, R and S are the points of trisection of AB, BC, CD and DA respectively.

$$\therefore BP = 2PA, BQ = 2QC, DR = 2RC \text{ and } DS = 2SA$$

In $\triangle ADC$, we have

$$\frac{DS}{SA} = \frac{2SA}{SA} = 2 \text{ and } \frac{DR}{RC} = \frac{2RC}{RC} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DS}{SA} = \frac{DR}{RC}$$

\Rightarrow S and R divide the sides DA and DC respectively in the same ratio.

$\Rightarrow SR \parallel AC$ [By the converse of Thale's Theorem] ... (i)

In $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$\frac{BP}{PA} = \frac{2PA}{PA} = 2 \text{ and } \frac{BQ}{QC} = \frac{2QC}{QC} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BP}{PA} = \frac{BQ}{QC}$$

\Rightarrow P and Q divide the sides BA and BC respectively in the same ratio.

$\Rightarrow PQ \parallel AC$ [By the converse of Thale's Theorem] ... (ii)

From (i) and (ii), we obtain

$$SR \parallel AC \text{ and } PQ \parallel AC \Rightarrow SR \parallel PQ$$

Similarly, by joining BD, we can prove that $QR \parallel PS$. Hence, PQRS is a parallelogram.

EXAMPLE 21 Let ABC be a triangle and D and E be two points on side AB such that $AD = BE$. If $DP \parallel BC$ and $EQ \parallel AC$, then prove that $PQ \parallel AB$.

SOLUTION In $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$DP \parallel BC \text{ and } EQ \parallel AC$$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AP}{PC} \text{ and } \frac{BE}{EA} = \frac{BQ}{QC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AP}{PC} \text{ and } \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{BQ}{QC} \left[\begin{array}{l} EA = ED + DA = ED + BE = BD \\ (\because AD = BE) \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AP}{PC} = \frac{BQ}{QC}$$

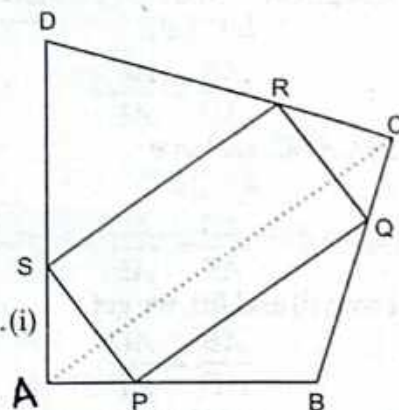


Fig. 7.29

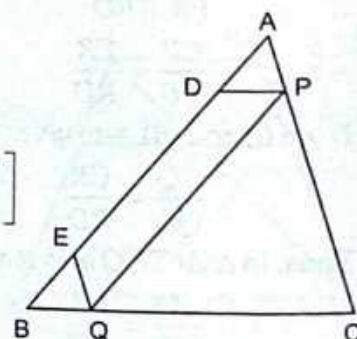


Fig. 7.30

- \Rightarrow In a ΔABC , P and Q divide sides CA and CB respectively in the same ratio.
 $\Rightarrow PQ \parallel AB$.

EXAMPLE 22 In Fig. 7.31, ABC is a triangle in which $AB = AC$. Points D and E are points on the sides AB and AC respectively such that $AD = AE$. Show that the points B, C, E and D are concyclic.

SOLUTION In order to prove that the points B, C, E and D are concyclic, it is sufficient to show that $\angle ABC + \angle CED = 180^\circ$ and $\angle ACB + \angle BDE = 180^\circ$.

In ΔABC , we have

- $AB = AC$ and $AD = AE$
 $\Rightarrow AB - AD = AC - AE$
 $\Rightarrow DB = EC$

Thus, we have

- $AD = AE$ and $DB = EC$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$

- $\Rightarrow DE \parallel BC$ [By the converse of Thale's Theorem]
 $\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \angle ADE$ [Corresponding angles]
 $\Rightarrow \angle ABC + \angle BDE = \angle ADE + \angle BDE$ [Adding $\angle BDE$ on both sides]
 $\Rightarrow \angle ABC + \angle BDE = 180^\circ$
 $\Rightarrow \angle ACB + \angle BDE = 180^\circ$ [$\because AB = AC \therefore \angle ABC = \angle ACB$]

- Again, $DE \parallel BC$
 $\Rightarrow \angle ACB = \angle AED$
 $\Rightarrow \angle ACB + \angle CED = \angle AED + \angle CED$ [Adding $\angle CED$ on both sides]
 $\Rightarrow \angle ACB + \angle CED = 180^\circ$
 $\Rightarrow \angle ABC + \angle CED = 180^\circ$ [$\because \angle ABC = \angle ACB$]

Thus, $BDEC$ is quadrilateral such that $\angle ACB + \angle BDE = 180^\circ$

and $\angle ABC + \angle CED = 180^\circ$

Therefore, $BDEC$ is a cyclic quadrilateral. Hence, B, C, E and D are concyclic points.

EXAMPLE 23 The side BC of a triangle ABC is bisected at D ; O is any point in AD . BO and CO produced meet AC and AB in E and F respectively and AD is produced to X so that D is the mid-point of OX . Prove that $AO : AX = AF : AB$ and show that $FE \parallel BC$.

SOLUTION Join BX and CX .

We have,

- $BD = CD$ and $OD = DX$.
 Thus, BC and OX bisect each other.
 $\Rightarrow OBXC$ is a parallelogram.
 $\Rightarrow BX \parallel CO$ and $CX \parallel BO$

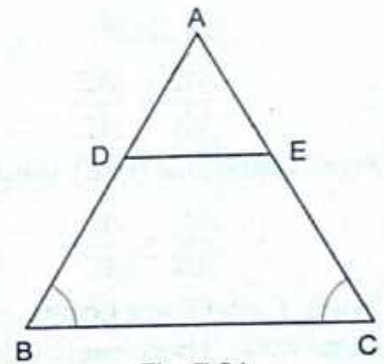


Fig. 7.31

$$\Rightarrow BX \parallel CF \text{ and } CX \parallel BE$$

$$\Rightarrow BX \parallel OF \text{ and } CX \parallel OE$$

In ΔABX , we have

$$BX \parallel OF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AO}{AX} = \frac{AF}{AB} \quad \dots(i)$$

In ΔACX , we have

$$CX \parallel OE$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AO}{AX} = \frac{AE}{AC} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From equations (i) (ii), we get

$$\frac{AF}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC}$$

Thus, E and F are points on AB and AC such that they divide AB and AC respectively in the same ratio. Therefore, by the converse of Thale's Theorem $FE \parallel BC$.

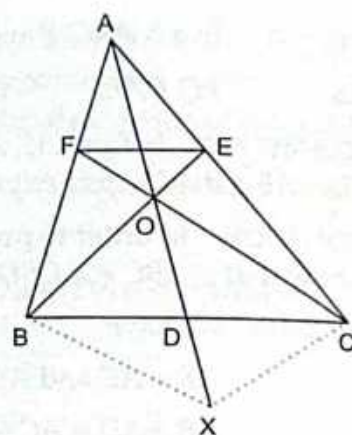


Fig. 7.32

EXAMPLE 24 In Fig. 7.33, if $\frac{AD}{DC} = \frac{BE}{EC}$ and $\angle CDE = \angle CED$, prove that ΔCAB is isosceles.

SOLUTION In ΔABC , we have

$$\frac{AD}{DC} = \frac{BE}{EC} \quad \text{[Given]}$$

Therefore, by the converse of basic proportionality theorem, we have,

$$DE \parallel AB$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CDE = \angle CAB \text{ and } \angle CED = \angle CBA \quad \text{[Corresponding angles]}$$

$$\text{But, } \angle CDE = \angle CED \quad \text{[Given]}$$

$$\therefore \angle CAB = \angle CBA$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle B$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = AC$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta CAB \text{ is isosceles.}$$

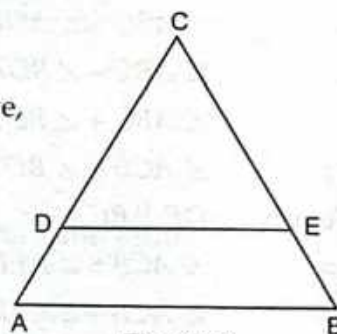


Fig. 7.33

[\therefore Sides opposite to equal angles are equal]

EXAMPLE 25 In Fig. 7.34, $\frac{PS}{SQ} = \frac{PT}{TR}$ and $\angle PST = \angle PRQ$. Prove that ΔPQR is an isosceles triangle. [NCERT]

SOLUTION We have,

$$\frac{PS}{SQ} = \frac{PT}{TR}$$

$$\Rightarrow ST \parallel QR \quad \text{[By using the converse of Basic Proportionality Theorem]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PST = \angle PQR \quad \text{[Corresponding angles]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PRQ = \angle PQR \quad \text{[$\therefore \angle PST = \angle PRQ$ (Given)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ = PR \quad \text{[\therefore Sides opposite to equal angles are equal]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta PQR \text{ is isosceles.}$$

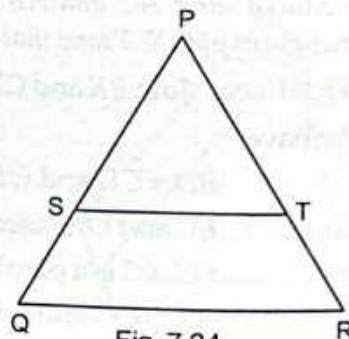


Fig. 7.34

LEVEL-1

1. In a $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on the sides AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$.

(i) If $AD = 6$ cm, $DB = 9$ cm and $AE = 8$ cm, find AC .

(ii) If $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{3}{4}$ and $AC = 15$ cm, find AE .

(iii) If $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{2}{3}$ and $AC = 18$ cm, find AE .

(iv) If $AD = 4$, $AE = 8$, $DB = x - 4$, and $EC = 3x - 19$, find x .

(v) If $AD = 8$ cm, $AB = 12$ cm and $AE = 12$ cm, find CE .

(vi) If $AD = 4$ cm, $DB = 4.5$ cm and $AE = 8$ cm, find AC .

(vii) If $AD = 2$ cm, $AB = 6$ cm and $AC = 9$ cm, find AE .

(viii) If $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{4}{5}$ and $EC = 2.5$ cm, find AE .

(ix) If $AD = x$, $DB = x - 2$, $AE = x + 2$ and $EC = x - 1$, find the value of x .

(x) If $AD = 8x - 7$, $DB = 5x - 3$, $AE = 4x - 3$ and $EC = (3x - 1)$, find the value of x .

(xi) If $AD = 4x - 3$, $AE = 8x - 7$, $BD = 3x - 1$ and $CE = 5x - 3$, find the value of x .

[CBSE 2002]

(xii) If $AD = 2.5$ cm, $BD = 3.0$ cm and $AE = 3.75$ cm, find the length of AC .

[CBSE 2006C]

2. In a $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on the sides AB and AC respectively. For each of the following cases show that $DE \parallel BC$:

(i) $AB = 12$ cm, $AD = 8$ cm, $AE = 12$ cm and $AC = 18$ cm.

(ii) $AB = 5.6$ cm, $AD = 1.4$ cm, $AC = 7.2$ cm and $AE = 1.8$ cm.

(iii) $AB = 10.8$ cm, $BD = 4.5$ cm, $AC = 4.8$ cm and $AE = 2.8$ cm.

(iv) $AD = 5.7$ cm, $BD = 9.5$ cm, $AE = 3.3$ cm and $EC = 5.5$ cm.

3. In a $\triangle ABC$, P and Q are points on sides AB and AC respectively, such that $PQ \parallel BC$. If $AP = 2.4$ cm, $AQ = 2$ cm, $QC = 3$ cm and $BC = 6$ cm, find AB and PQ .

4. In a $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD = 2.4$ cm, $AE = 3.2$ cm, $DE = 2$ cm and $BC = 5$ cm, find BD and CE .

[CBSE 2001C]

5. In Fig. 7.35, state if $PQ \parallel EF$.

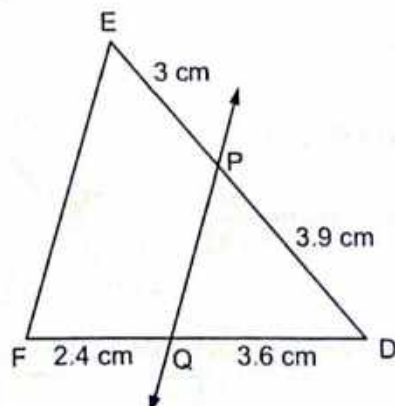


Fig. 7.35

6. M and N are points on the sides PQ and PR respectively of a ΔPQR . For each of the following cases, state whether $MN \parallel QR$:
- $PM = 4$ cm, $QM = 4.5$ cm, $PN = 4$ cm, $NR = 4.5$ cm
 - $PQ = 1.28$ cm, $PR = 2.56$ cm, $PM = 0.16$ cm, $PN = 0.32$ cm

LEVEL-2

7. In three line segments OA , OB , and OC , points L , M , N respectively are so chosen that $LM \parallel AB$ and $MN \parallel BC$ but neither of L , M , N nor of A , B , C are collinear. Show that $LN \parallel AC$.
8. If D and E are points on sides AB and AC respectively of a ΔABC such that $DE \parallel BC$ and $BD = CE$. Prove that ΔABC is isosceles. [CBSE 2007, 2009]

ANSWERS

1. (i) 20 cm (ii) 6.43 cm (iii) 7.2 cm (iv) 11 cm (v) 6 cm
 (vi) 17 cm (vii) 3 cm (viii) 2 cm (xi) $x = 4$ (x) $x = 1$
 (xi) 1 (xii) 8.25 cm 3. $AB = 6$ cm, $PQ = 2.4$ cm
 4. $DB = 3.6$ cm, $CE = 4.8$ cm 5. No 6. (i) Yes (ii) Yes

HINT TO SELECTED PROBLEM

8. By Thale's Theorem, we obtain $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AE}{EC} \Rightarrow AD = AE$

But, $BD = CE$ and $AD = AE$

$\therefore AD + BD = AE + CE \Rightarrow AB = AC$

7.5 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL BISECTORS OF AN ANGLE OF A TRIANGLE

In this section, we will derive some properties of internal and external bisectors of an angle of a triangle. These, properties will be stated and proved as theorems.

Let us first perform the following activity.

ACTIVITY Draw any angle $\angle XAY$ and mark points P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5 and B on its arm AX such that $AP_1 = P_1P_2 = P_2P_3 = P_3P_4 = P_4P_5 = P_5B = 1$ unit. Also, mark points Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 and C on arm AY such that $AQ_1 = Q_1Q_2 = Q_2Q_3 = Q_3C = 1$ unit. Join BC .

We have,

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Draw bisector of $\angle XAY$ to intersect BC at D .

Measure lengths BD and DC and compute $\frac{BD}{DC}$.

You will find that

$$\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{3}{2}$$

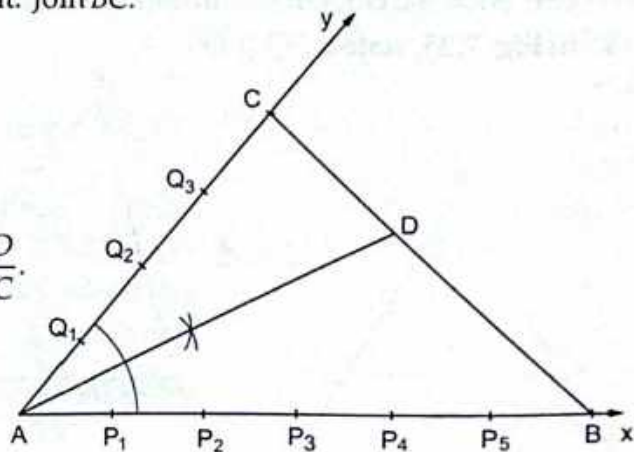


Fig. 7.36

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{DC}$$

This means that the bisector of $\angle A$ of ΔABC divides opposite side BC in the ratio $AB : AC$.

This fact is stated and proved as a theorem given below.

THEOREM 1 The internal bisector of an angle of a triangle divides the opposite side internally in the ratio of the sides containing the angle.

GIVEN A ΔABC in which AD is the internal bisector of $\angle A$ and meets BC in D .

TO PROVE $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$

CONSTRUCTION Draw $CE \parallel DA$ to meet BA produced in E .

PROOF Since $CE \parallel DA$ and AC cuts them.

$\therefore \angle 2 = \angle 3$... (i) [Alternate angles]

and, $\angle 1 = \angle 4$... (ii) [Corresponding angles]

But, $\angle 1 = \angle 2$ [$\because AD$ is the bisector of $\angle A$]

From (i) and (ii), we get $\angle 3 = \angle 4$

Thus, in ΔACE , we have

$\angle 3 = \angle 4$
 $\Rightarrow AE = AC$... (iii) [Sides opposite to equal angles are equal]

Now, in ΔBCE , we have

$DA \parallel CE$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{BA}{AE}$ [Using Basic Proportionality Theorem]

$\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$ [$\because BA = AB$ and $AE = AC$ (From (iii))]

Hence, $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$

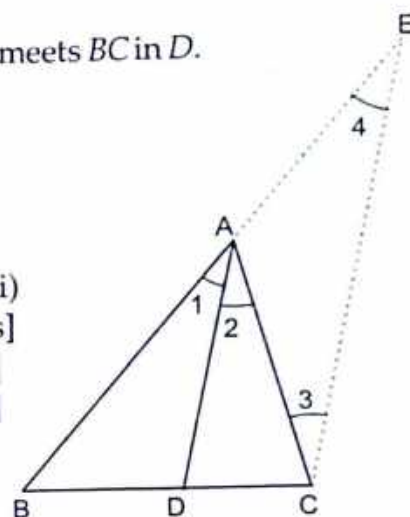


Fig. 7.37

In order to see whether the converse of the above theorem is true or not. Let us perform the following activity.

ACTIVITY Draw any angle $\angle XAY$ and mark points P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5 and B on its arm AX such that $AP_1 = P_1P_2 = P_2P_3 = P_3P_4 = P_4P_5 = P_5B = 1$ unit. Also, mark points Q_1, Q_2 and C on arm AY such that $AQ_1 = Q_1Q_2 = Q_2C = 1$ unit. Join BC . Compute $AB : AC$.

We have,

$AB = 6$ units and $AC = 3$ units.

$\therefore \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{6}{3} = \frac{2}{1}$

Divide BC into 3 ($= 2 + 1$) equal parts and mark the points of division as R and D .

We have,

$BD = BR + RD = 2$ units and $CD = 1$ unit.

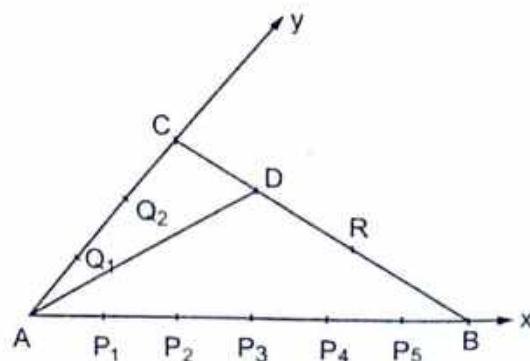


Fig. 7.38

$$\therefore \frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{2}{1}$$

That is D divides BC in the ratio $2:1$.

Join AD and measure $\angle XAD$ and $\angle YAD$.

You will find that $\angle XAD$ and $\angle YAD$. That is, AD is the bisector of $\angle BAC$ of $\triangle ABC$.

This means that if D is a point on side BC of $\triangle ABC$ such that it divides BC in the ratio $AB:AC$. Then, AD is the bisector of $\angle A$ of $\triangle ABC$.

We state and prove this fact as a theorem given below.

THEOREM 2 In a triangle ABC , if D is a point on BC such that $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$, prove that AD is the bisector of $\angle A$.

OR

In a triangle ABC , if D is a point on BC such that D divides BC in the ratio $AB:AC$, then AD is the bisector of $\angle A$.

OR

If a line through one vertex of a triangle divides the opposite sides in the ratio of other two sides, then the line bisects the angle at the vertex.

GIVEN A $\triangle ABC$, in which D is a point on BC such that $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$

TO PROVE AD is the bisector of $\angle A$.

CONSTRUCTION Produce BA to E such that $AE = AC$. Join EC .

PROOF In $\triangle ACE$, we have

$$AE = AC$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 3 = \angle 4$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AE}$$

$$[\because AC = AE]$$

Thus, in $\triangle BCE$, we have

$$\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{BA}{AE}$$

Therefore, by the converse of Basic Proportionality

Theorem, we have

$$DA \parallel CE$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 = \angle 4 \quad \dots(\text{ii}) \text{ [Corresponding angles]}$$

$$\text{and, } \angle 2 = \angle 3 \quad \dots(\text{iii}) \text{ [Alternate angles]}$$

$$\text{But, } \angle 3 = \angle 4 \quad \text{[From (i)]}$$

$$\therefore \angle 1 = \angle 2 \quad \text{[From (ii) and (iii)]}$$

Hence, AD is the bisector of $\angle A$.

[By construction]
... (i)

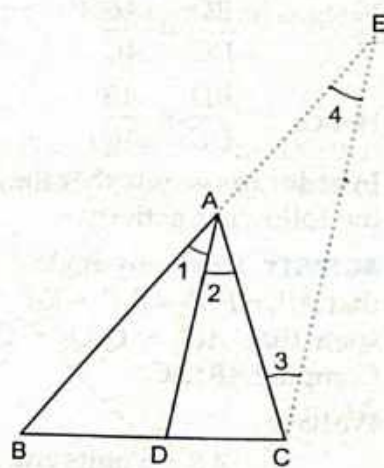


Fig. 7.39

Q.E.D.

REMARK In the previous two theorems we have seen that the internal bisector of an angle of a triangle divides the opposite side in the ratio of the sides containing the angle and vice-versa. In the following theorem, we shall prove that the bisector of the exterior of an angle of a triangle divides the opposite side externally in the ratio of the sides containing the angle.

THEOREM 3 The external bisector of an angle of a triangle divides the opposite side externally in the ratio of the sides containing the angle.

GIVEN A ΔABC , in which AD is the bisector of the exterior of angle $\angle A$ and intersects BC produced in D .

TO PROVE $\frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{AB}{AC}$

CONSTRUCTION Draw $CE \parallel DA$ meeting AB in E .

PROOF Since $CE \parallel DA$ and AC intersects them.

$\therefore \angle 1 = \angle 3$... (i)

Also, $CE \parallel DA$ and BK intersects them.

$\therefore \angle 2 = \angle 4$... (ii)

But, $\angle 1 = \angle 2$ [$\because AD$ is the bisector of $\angle CAK \therefore \angle 1 = \angle 2$]

$\therefore \angle 3 = \angle 4$ [From (i) and (ii)]

Thus, in ΔACE , we have

$\angle 3 = \angle 4$

$\Rightarrow AE = AC$ [\because Sides opposite to equal angles in a Δ are equal] ... (iii)

Now, in ΔBAD , we have

$EC \parallel AD$

$\therefore \frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{BA}{EA}$ [Using corollary of Basic Proportionality Theorem]

$\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{AB}{AE}$ [$\because BA = AB$ and $EA = AE$]

$\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{AB}{AC}$ [$\because AE = AC$, From (iii)]

Q.E.D.

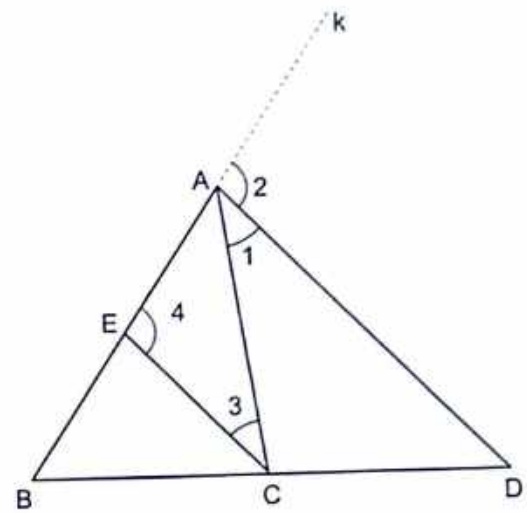


Fig. 7.40

The following examples will illustrate the applications of the above results.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

LEVEL-1

EXAMPLE 1 In Fig 7.41, AD is the bisector of $\angle A$. If $BD = 4$ cm, $DC = 3$ cm and $AB = 6$ cm, determine AC .

SOLUTION In ΔABC , AD is the bisector of $\angle A$.

$\therefore \frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} = \frac{6}{AC}$

$\Rightarrow 4 AC = 18$

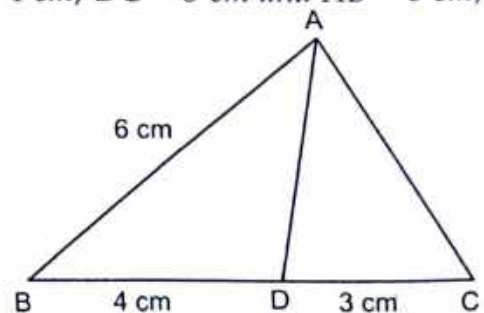


Fig. 7.41

$$\Rightarrow AC = \frac{9}{2} \text{ cm} = 4.5 \text{ cm.}$$

EXAMPLE 2 In Fig. 7.42, AD is the bisector of $\angle BAC$. If $AB = 10 \text{ cm}$, $AC = 14 \text{ cm}$ and $BC = 6 \text{ cm}$, find BD and DC .

SOLUTION Let $BD = x \text{ cm}$. Then, $DC = (6 - x) \text{ cm}$.

Since AD is the bisector of $\angle A$.

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10}{14} = \frac{x}{6 - x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{7} = \frac{x}{6 - x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 30 - 5x = 7x$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x = 30$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{2} = 2.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Rightarrow BD = 2.5 \text{ cm and } DC = (6 - x) \text{ cm} = (6 - 2.5) \text{ cm} = 3.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$[\because AC = 5.6]$$

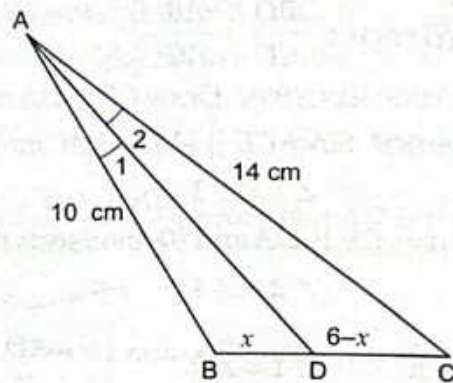


Fig. 7.42

EXAMPLE 3 If the diagonal BD of a quadrilateral $ABCD$ bisects both $\angle B$ and $\angle D$, show that $\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AD}{CD}$.

GIVEN A quadrilateral $ABCD$ in which the diagonal BD bisects $\angle B$ and $\angle D$.

TO PROVE $\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AD}{CD}$

CONSTRUCTION Join AC intersecting BD in O .

PROOF In $\triangle ABC$, BO is the bisector of $\angle B$.

$$\therefore \frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{BA}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{AB}{BC} \quad \dots(i)$$

In $\triangle ADC$, DO is the bisector of $\angle D$.

$$\therefore \frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{DA}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{AD}{CD} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get $\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AD}{CD}$

EXAMPLE 4 If the bisector of an angle of a triangle bisects the opposite side, prove that the triangle is isosceles.

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GIVEN In $\triangle ABC$, the bisector AD of $\angle A$ bisects the side BC .

TO PROVE $AB = AC$

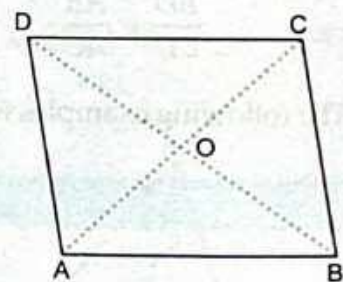


Fig. 7.43

PROOF In $\triangle ABC$, AD is the bisector of $\angle A$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{AB}{AC} &= \frac{BD}{DC} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AC} &= 1. \quad [D \text{ is the mid-point of } BC \therefore BD = DC] \\ \Rightarrow AB &= AC \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the triangle ABC is isosceles.

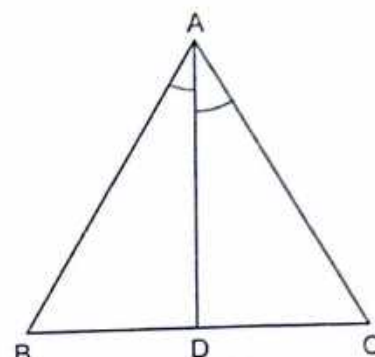


Fig. 7.44

EXAMPLE 5 In $\triangle ABC$, the bisector of $\angle B$ meets AC at D . A line $PQ \parallel AC$ meets AB, BC and BD at P, Q and R respectively. Show that

$$(i) PR \cdot BQ = QR \cdot BP \qquad (ii) AB \times CQ = BC \times AP$$

GIVEN $\triangle ABC$ in which BD is the bisector of $\angle B$ and a line $PQ \parallel AC$ meets AB, BC and BD at P, Q and R respectively.

TO PROVE (i) $PR \cdot BQ = QR \cdot BP$ (ii) $AB \times CQ = BC \times AP$

PROOF (i) In $\triangle BQP$, BR is the bisector of $\angle B$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{BQ}{BP} &= \frac{QR}{PR} \\ \Rightarrow BQ \cdot PR &= BP \cdot QR \\ \Rightarrow PR \cdot BQ &= QR \cdot BP \end{aligned}$$

(ii) In $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$PQ \parallel AC \qquad \text{[Given]}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AP} &= \frac{CB}{CQ} \\ \Rightarrow AB \times CQ &= BC \cdot AP \end{aligned}$$

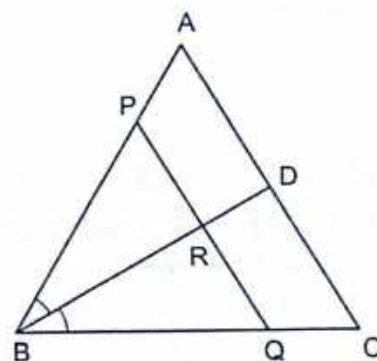


Fig. 7.45

[By Thale's Theorem]

EXAMPLE 6 In $\triangle ABC$, if AD is the bisector of $\angle A$, prove that:

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ABD)}{\text{Area}(\triangle ACD)} = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

SOLUTION In $\triangle ABC$, AD is the bisector of $\angle A$.

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{DC} \qquad \dots(i)$$

From A , draw $AL \perp BC$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ABD)}{\text{Area}(\triangle ACD)} &= \frac{(1/2)BD \cdot AL}{(1/2)DC \cdot AL} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ABD)}{\text{Area}(\triangle ACD)} &= \frac{BD}{DC} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ABD)}{\text{Area}(\triangle ACD)} &= \frac{AB}{AC} \end{aligned}$$

[From (i)]

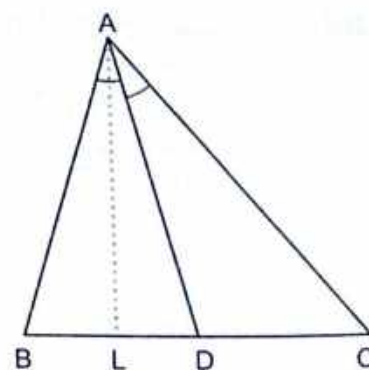


Fig. 7.46

EXAMPLE 7 The bisectors of the angles B and C of a triangle ABC , meet the opposite sides in D and E respectively. If $DE \parallel BC$, prove that the triangle is isosceles.

GIVEN A ΔABC in which the bisectors of $\angle B$ and $\angle C$ meet the sides AC and AB at D and E respectively.

TO PROVE $AB = AC$

CONSTRUCTION Join DE

PROOF In ΔABC , BD is the bisector of $\angle B$.

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AD}{DC} \quad \dots(i)$$

In ΔABC , CE is the bisector of $\angle C$.

$$\therefore \frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{AE}{BE} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Now, $DE \parallel BC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AE}{BE} = \frac{AD}{DC} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem]} \quad \dots(iii)$$

From (iii), we find the RHS of (i) and (ii) are equal. Therefore, their LHS are also equal i. e.,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AC}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = AC$$

Hence, ΔABC is isosceles.

EXAMPLE 8 BO and CO are respectively the bisectors of $\angle B$ and $\angle C$ of ΔABC . AO produced meets BC at P . Show that

$$(i) \frac{AB}{BP} = \frac{AO}{OP} \quad (ii) \frac{AC}{CP} = \frac{AO}{OP} \quad (iii) \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BP}{PC}$$

(iv) AP is the bisector of $\angle BAC$.

SOLUTION (i) In ΔABP , BO is the bisector of $\angle B$

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{BP} = \frac{AO}{OP}$$

(ii) In ΔACP , OC is the bisector of $\angle C$

$$\therefore \frac{AC}{CP} = \frac{AO}{OP}$$

(iii) We have, proved that

$$\frac{AB}{BP} = \frac{AO}{OP} \text{ and } \frac{AC}{CP} = \frac{AO}{OP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{BP} = \frac{AC}{CP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BP}{PC}$$

(iv) As proved above that in ΔABC , we have

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BP}{PC} \Rightarrow AP \text{ is the bisector of } \angle BAC.$$

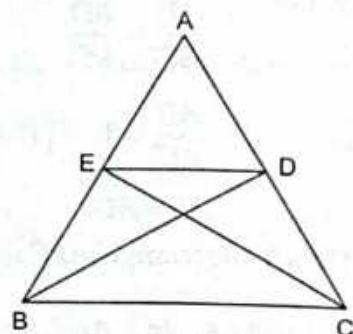


Fig. 7.47

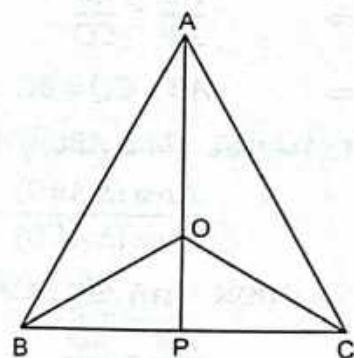


Fig. 7.48

LEVEL-2

EXAMPLE 9 The bisector of interior $\angle A$ of ΔABC meets BC in D , and the bisector of exterior $\angle A$ meets BC produced in E . Prove that $\frac{BD}{BE} = \frac{CD}{CE}$.

GIVEN In $\triangle ABC$, AD and AE are respectively the bisectors of the interior and exterior angles at A

TO PROVE $\frac{BD}{BE} = \frac{CD}{CE}$

PROOF Since AD is the internal bisector of $\angle A$ meeting BC at D .

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{DC} \quad \dots(i)$$

Since AE is the external bisector of $\angle A$ meeting BC produced in E .

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BE}{CE} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{BE}{CE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{BE} = \frac{CD}{CE}$$

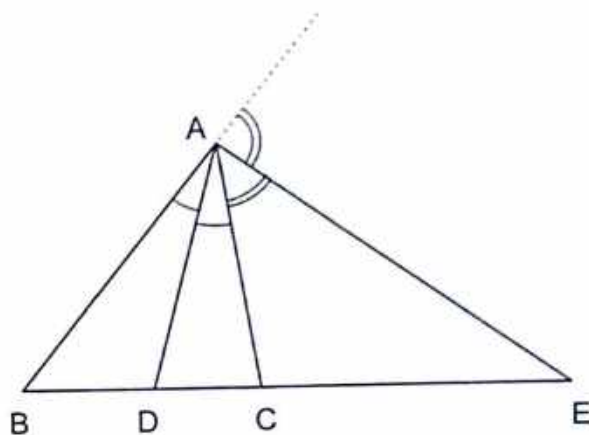


Fig. 7.49

EXAMPLE 10 $ABCD$ is a quadrilateral in which $AB = AD$. The bisector of $\angle BAC$ and $\angle CAD$ intersect the sides BC and CD at the points E and F respectively. Prove that $EF \parallel BD$.

GIVEN A quadrilateral $ABCD$ in which $AB = AD$ and the bisectors of $\angle BAC$ and $\angle CAD$ meet the sides BC and CD at E and F respectively.

TO PROVE $EF \parallel BD$

CONSTRUCTION Join AC, BD and EF .

PROOF In $\triangle CAB$, AE is the bisector of $\angle BAC$.

$$\therefore \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{CE}{BE} \quad \dots(i)$$

In $\triangle ACD$, AF is the bisector of $\angle CAD$.

$$\therefore \frac{AC}{AD} = \frac{CF}{DF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{CF}{DF} \quad [\because AD = AB] \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{CE}{BE} = \frac{CF}{DF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CE}{EB} = \frac{CF}{FD}$$

Thus, in $\triangle CBD$, E and F divide the sides CB and CD respectively in the same ratio. Therefore, by the converse of Thale's Theorem, we have $EF \parallel BD$.

EXAMPLE 11 O is any point inside a triangle ABC . The bisector of $\angle AOB$, $\angle BOC$ and $\angle COA$ meet the sides AB , BC and CA in point D , E and F respectively. Show that

$$AD \times BE \times CF = DB \times EC \times FA$$

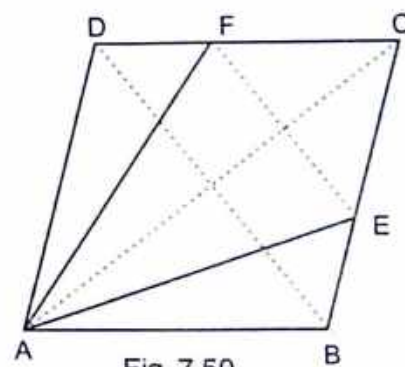


Fig. 7.50

SOLUTION In $\triangle AOB$, OD is the bisector of $\angle AOB$.

$$\therefore \frac{OA}{OB} = \frac{AD}{DB} \quad \dots(i)$$

In $\triangle BOC$, OE is the bisector of $\angle BOC$.

$$\therefore \frac{OB}{OC} = \frac{BE}{EC} \quad \dots(ii)$$

In $\triangle COA$, OF is the bisector of $\angle COA$.

$$\therefore \frac{OC}{OA} = \frac{CF}{FA} \quad \dots(iii)$$

Multiplying the corresponding sides of (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$\frac{OA}{OB} \times \frac{OB}{OC} \times \frac{OC}{OA} = \frac{AD}{DB} \times \frac{BE}{EC} \times \frac{CF}{FA}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{AD}{DB} \times \frac{BE}{EC} \times \frac{CF}{FA}$$

$$\Rightarrow DB \times EC \times FA = AD \times BE \times CF$$

$$\Rightarrow AD \times BE \times CF = DB \times EC \times FA$$

EXAMPLE 12 AD is a median of $\triangle ABC$. The bisector of $\angle ADB$ and $\angle ADC$ meet AB and AC in E and F respectively. Prove that $EF \parallel BC$.

GIVEN In $\triangle ABC$, AD is the median and DE and DF are the bisectors of $\angle ADB$ and $\angle ADC$ respectively, meeting AB and AC in E and F respectively.

TO PROVE $EF \parallel BC$

PROOF In $\triangle ADB$, DE is the bisector of $\angle ADB$.

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EB} \quad \dots(i)$$

In $\triangle ADC$, DF is the bisector of $\angle ADC$.

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DC} = \frac{AF}{FC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AF}{FC} \quad \dots(ii) \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \because AD \text{ is the median} \\ \therefore BD = DC \end{array} \right]$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{AE}{EB} = \frac{AF}{FC}$$

Thus, in $\triangle ABC$, line segment EF divides the sides AB and AC in the same ratio.

Hence, EF is parallel to BC .

EXAMPLE 13 In $\triangle ABC$, D is the mid-point of BC and ED is the bisector of the $\angle ADB$ and EF is drawn parallel to BC cutting AC in F . Prove that $\angle EDF$ is a right angle.

GIVEN A $\triangle ABC$ in which D is the mid-point of side BC and ED is the bisector of $\angle ADB$, meeting AB in E . EF is drawn parallel to BC meeting AC in F .

TO PROVE $\angle EDF$ is a right angle.

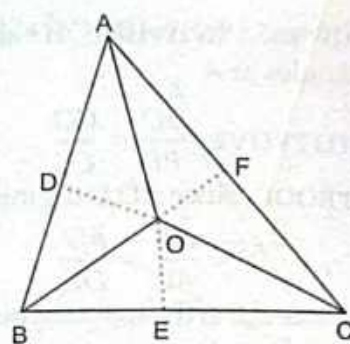


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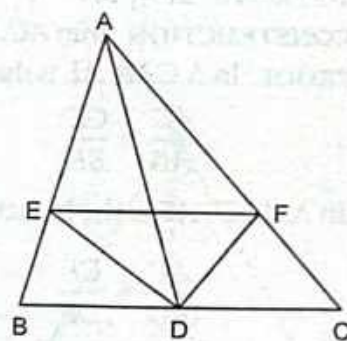


Fig. 7.52

PROOF In $\triangle ADB$, DE is the bisector of $\angle ADB$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{AD}{DB} &= \frac{AE}{EB} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DC} &= \frac{AE}{EB} \quad [\because D \text{ is the mid-point of } BC \therefore DB = DC] \quad \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

In $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} EF \parallel BC \\ \Rightarrow \frac{AE}{EB} &= \frac{AF}{FC} \quad \dots(ii) \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{AD}{DC} &= \frac{AF}{FC} \\ \Rightarrow \text{In } \triangle ADC, DF &\text{ divides } AC \text{ in the ratio } AD : DC \\ \Rightarrow DF &\text{ is the bisector of } \angle ADC \end{aligned}$$

Thus, DE and DF are the bisectors of adjacent supplementary angles $\angle ADB$ and $\angle ADC$ respectively.

Hence, $\angle EDF$ is a right angle.

EXAMPLE 14 In $\triangle ABC$, $\angle B = 2\angle C$ and the bisector of $\angle B$ intersects AC at D . Prove that

$$\frac{BD}{DA} = \frac{BC}{BA}$$

SOLUTION In $\triangle ABC$, bisector of $\angle B$ meets AC at D .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{CD}{AD} &= \frac{BC}{BA} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{BD}{AD} &= \frac{BC}{BA} \quad \left[\text{In } \triangle BCD, \text{ we have } \right. \\ &\quad \left. \angle DBC = \angle BCD = C \therefore BD = CD \right] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{BD}{DA} &= \frac{BC}{BA} \end{aligned}$$

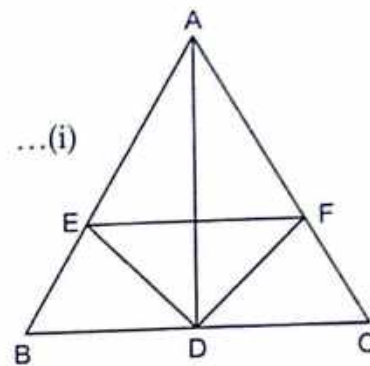


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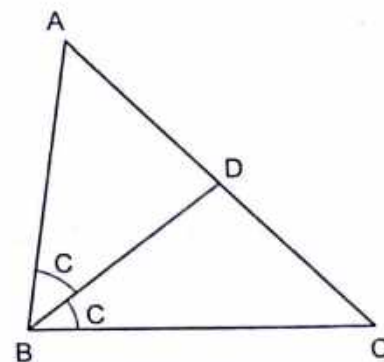


Fig. 7.54

EXAMPLE 15 In Fig. 7.55, $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$, AD is its bisector. If $DE \perp AC$, prove that $DE \times (AB + AC) = AB \times AC$.

SOLUTION It is given that AD is the bisector of $\angle A$ of $\triangle ABC$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{AB}{AC} &= \frac{BD}{DC} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AC} + 1 &= \frac{BD}{DC} + 1 \quad \left[\text{Adding 1 on both sides} \right] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{AB + AC}{AC} &= \frac{BD + DC}{DC} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{AB + AC}{AC} &= \frac{BC}{DC} \quad \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

In \triangle 's CDE and CBA , we have

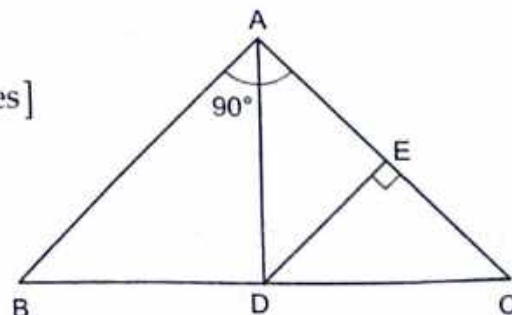


Fig. 7.55

$$\angle DCE = \angle BCA = \angle C$$

$$\angle BAC = \angle DEC$$

[Common]

[Each equal to 90°]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta CDE \sim \Delta CBA$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CD}{CB} = \frac{DE}{BA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{DC}$$

... (ii)

From (i) and (ii), we obtain

$$\frac{AB + AC}{AC} = \frac{AB}{DE} \Rightarrow DE \times (AB + AC) = AB \times AC$$

LEVEL-2

EXAMPLE 16 In a quadrilateral $ABCD$, if bisectors of the $\angle ABC$ and $\angle ADC$ meet on the diagonal AC , prove that the bisectors of $\angle BAD$ and $\angle BCD$ will meet on the diagonal BD .

GIVEN $ABCD$ is a quadrilateral in which the bisectors of $\angle ABC$ and $\angle ADC$ meet on the diagonal AC at P .

TO PROVE Bisectors of $\angle BAD$ and $\angle BCD$ meet on the diagonal BD

CONSTRUCTION Join BP and DP . Let the bisector of $\angle BAD$ meet BD at Q . Join AQ and CQ .

PROOF In order to prove that the bisectors of $\angle BAD$ and $\angle BCD$ meet on the diagonal BD . It is sufficient to prove that CQ is the bisector of $\angle BCD$. For which we will prove that Q divides BD in the ratio $BC : DC$.

In ΔABC , BP is the bisector of $\angle ABC$.

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AP}{PC} \quad \dots (i)$$

In ΔACD , DP is the bisector of $\angle ADC$.

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DC} = \frac{AP}{PC} \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AD}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{BC}{DC} \quad \dots (iii)$$

In ΔABD , AQ is the bisector of $\angle BAD$.

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{BQ}{DQ} \quad \dots (iv)$$

From (iii) and (iv), we get : $\frac{BC}{DC} = \frac{BQ}{DQ}$.

Thus, in ΔCBD , Q divides BD in the ratio $CB : CD$. Therefore, CQ is the bisectors of $\angle BCD$.
Hence, bisectors of $\angle BAD$ and $\angle BCD$ meet on the diagonal BD .

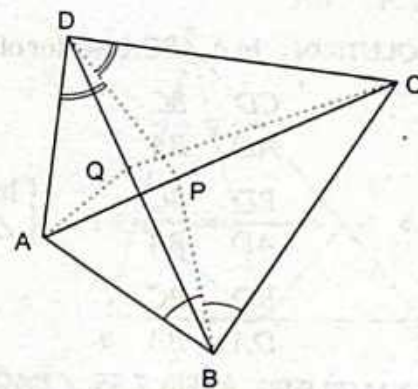


Fig. 7.56

[By construction]

LEVEL-1

1. In a ΔABC , AD is the bisector of $\angle A$, meeting side BC at D .
 - (i) If $BD = 2.5$ cm, $AB = 5$ cm and $AC = 4.2$ cm, find DC .
 - (ii) If $BD = 2$ cm, $AB = 5$ cm and $DC = 3$ cm, find AC .
 - (iii) If $AB = 3.5$ cm, $AC = 4.2$ cm and $DC = 2.8$ cm, find BD .
 - (iv) If $AB = 10$ cm, $AC = 14$ cm and $BC = 6$ cm, find BD and DC .
 - (v) If $AC = 4.2$ cm, $DC = 6$ cm and $BC = 10$ cm, find AB .
 - (vi) If $AB = 5.6$ cm, $AC = 6$ cm and $DC = 3$ cm, find BC .
 - (vii) If $AD = 5.6$ cm, $BC = 6$ cm and $BD = 3.2$ cm, find AC .
 - (viii) If $AB = 10$ cm, $AC = 6$ cm and $BC = 12$ cm, find BD and DC .

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2. In Fig. 7.57, AE is the bisector of the exterior $\angle CAD$ meeting BC produced in E . If $AB = 10$ cm, $AC = 6$ cm and $BC = 12$ cm, find CE .

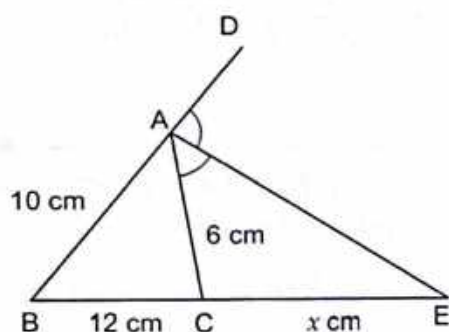


Fig. 7.57

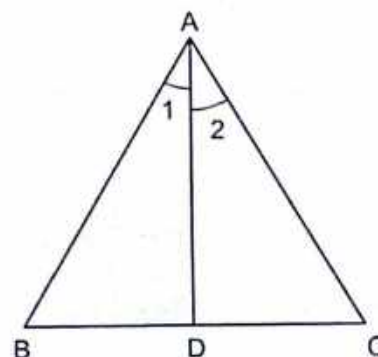


Fig. 7.58

3. In Fig. 7.58, ΔABC is a triangle such that $\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{DC}$, $\angle B = 70^\circ$, $\angle C = 50^\circ$. Find $\angle BAD$.
4. In Fig. 7.59, check whether AD is the bisector of $\angle A$ of ΔABC in each of the following:
 - (i) $AB = 5$ cm, $AC = 10$ cm, $BD = 1.5$ cm and $CD = 3.5$ cm
 - (ii) $AB = 4$ cm, $AC = 6$ cm, $BD = 1.6$ cm and $CD = 2.4$ cm
 - (iii) $AB = 8$ cm, $AC = 24$ cm, $BD = 6$ cm and $BC = 24$ cm
 - (iv) $AB = 6$ cm, $AC = 8$ cm, $BD = 1.5$ cm and $CD = 2$ cm
 - (v) $AB = 5$ cm, $AC = 12$ cm, $BD = 2.5$ cm and $BC = 9$ cm

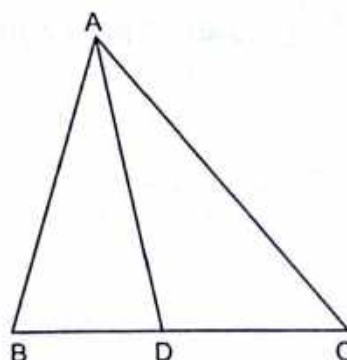


Fig. 7.59

5. In Fig. 7.60, AD bisects $\angle A$, $AB = 12$ cm, $AC = 420$ cm and $BD = 5$ cm, determine CD .

LEVEL-2

6. In $\triangle ABC$ (Fig. 7.60), if $\angle 1 = \angle 2$, prove that $\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{DC}$.

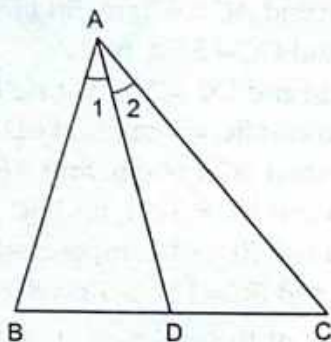


Fig. 7.60

7. D, E and F are the points on sides BC, CA and AB respectively of $\triangle ABC$ such that AD bisects $\angle A$, BE bisects $\angle B$ and CF bisects $\angle C$. If $AB = 5$ cm, $BC = 8$ cm and $CA = 4$ cm, determine AF, CE and BD .

ANSWERS

1. (i) 2.1 cm (ii) 7.5 cm (iii) 2.3 cm (iv) $BD = 2.5$ cm, $DC = 3.5$ cm
 (v) 2.8 cm (vi) 5.8 cm (vii) 4.9 cm (viii) 7.5 cm, 4.5 cm
 2. 18 3. 30°
 4. (i) No (ii) Yes (iii) Yes (iv) Yes (v) No
 5. 8.33 cm 7. $AF = \frac{5}{3}$ cm, $CE = \frac{32}{13}$ cm, $BD = \frac{40}{9}$ cm.

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2. Since AE is the bisector of the exterior $\angle CAD$.

$$\therefore \frac{BE}{CE} = \frac{AB}{AC} \Rightarrow \frac{12+x}{x} = \frac{10}{6} \Rightarrow x = 18.$$

7. Since AD is the bisector of $\angle A$.

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{CD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{4} = \frac{BD}{BC - BD} \Rightarrow \frac{5}{4} = \frac{BD}{8 - BD} \Rightarrow 40 - 5BD = 4BD \Rightarrow 9BD = 40 \Rightarrow BD = \frac{40}{9} \text{ cm.}$$

Since BE is the bisector of $\angle B$.

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AE}{CE} \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AC - CE}{CE} \Rightarrow \frac{5}{8} = \frac{4 - CE}{CE} \Rightarrow 13CE = 32 \Rightarrow CE = \frac{32}{13} \text{ cm.}$$

Since CF is the bisector of the $\angle C$.

$$\therefore \frac{BC}{CA} = \frac{BF}{AF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8}{4} = \frac{AB - AF}{AF} \Rightarrow 2 = \frac{5 - AF}{AF} \Rightarrow 3AF = 5 \Rightarrow AF = \frac{5}{3} \text{ cm.}$$

7.6 MORE ON BASIC PROPORTIONALITY THEOREM

In this section, we shall discuss some more applications of basic proportionality theorem.

THEOREM 1 *The line drawn from the mid-point of one side of a triangle parallel to another side bisects the third side.* [NCERT]

GIVEN A $\triangle ABC$ in which D is the mid-point of side AB and the line DE is drawn parallel to BC , meeting AC in E .

TO PROVE E is the mid-point of AC i.e., $AE = EC$.

PROOF In $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & DE \parallel BC \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem] ... (i)} \end{aligned}$$

But, D is the mid-point of AB .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & AD = DB \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{AD}{DB} = 1 \quad \dots \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{AE}{EC} = 1 \Rightarrow AE = EC.$$

Hence, E bisects AC .

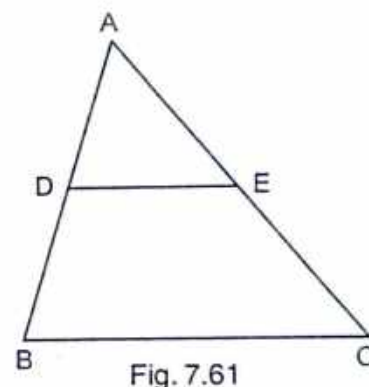


Fig. 7.61

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 2 *The line joining the mid-points of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side.* [NCERT]

GIVEN A $\triangle ABC$ in which D and E are mid-points of sides AB and AC respectively.

TO PROVE $DE \parallel BC$.

PROOF Since D and E are mid-points of AB and AC respectively.

$$\therefore AD = DB \text{ and } AE = EC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = 1 \text{ and } \frac{AE}{EC} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

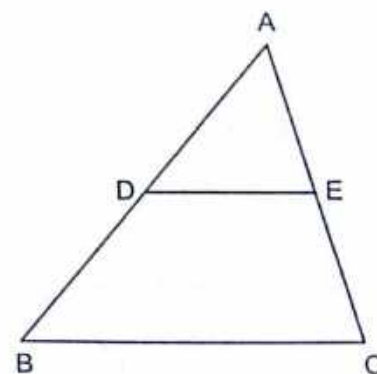


Fig. 7.62

Thus, the line DE divides the sides AB and AC of $\triangle ABC$ in the same ratio. Therefore, by the converse of Basic Proportionality Theorem, we obtain $DE \parallel BC$.

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 3 *Prove that the diagonals of a trapezium divide each other proportionally.* [NCERT]

GIVEN A trapezium $ABCD$ in which the diagonals AC and BD intersect at E .

TO PROVE $\frac{DE}{EB} = \frac{CE}{EA}$

CONSTRUCTION Draw $EF \parallel BA \parallel CD$, meeting AD in F .

PROOF In $\triangle ABD$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} FE &\parallel AB \\ \Rightarrow \frac{DE}{EB} &= \frac{DF}{FA} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem] ... (i)} \end{aligned}$$

In $\triangle CDA$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} FE &\parallel DC \\ \Rightarrow \frac{CE}{EA} &= \frac{DF}{FA} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem] ... (ii)} \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{DE}{EB} = \frac{CE}{EA}$$

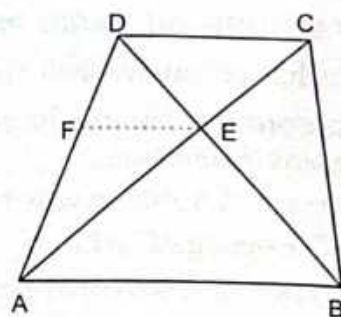


Fig. 7.63

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 4 If the diagonals of a quadrilateral divide each other proportionally, then it is a trapezium. [NCERT, CBSE 2005]

GIVEN A quadrilateral $ABCD$ whose diagonals AC and BD intersect at E such that $\frac{DE}{EB} = \frac{CE}{EA}$.

TO PROVE Quadrilateral $ABCD$ is a trapezium. For this it is sufficient to prove that $AB \parallel DC$.

CONSTRUCTION Draw $EF \parallel BA$, meeting AD in F .

PROOF In $\triangle ABD$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} EF &\parallel BA \\ \Rightarrow \frac{DF}{FA} &= \frac{DE}{EB} \quad \text{[By Thale's Theorem] ... (i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But, } \frac{DE}{EB} = \frac{CE}{EA} \quad \text{[Given] ... (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{DF}{FA} = \frac{CE}{EA}$$

Thus, in $\triangle DCA$, E and F are points on CA and DA respectively such that

$$\frac{DF}{FA} = \frac{CE}{EA}$$

Therefore, by the converse of Basic Proportionality Theorem, we have

$$FE \parallel DC$$

But, $FE \parallel BA$

[By construction]

$$\therefore DC \parallel BA \Rightarrow AB \parallel DC$$

Hence, $ABCD$, is a trapezium.

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 5 Any line parallel to the parallel sides of a trapezium divides the non-parallel sides proportionally.

GIVEN A trapezium $ABCD$ in which $DC \parallel AB$ and EF is a line parallel to DC and AB .

TO PROVE $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$

CONSTRUCTION Join AC, meeting EF in G.

PROOF In ΔADC , we have

$EG \parallel DC$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{AG}{GC}$ [By Thale's Theorem] ... (i)

In ΔABC , we have

$GF \parallel AB$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{AG}{GC} = \frac{BF}{FC}$ [By Thale's Theorem] ... (ii)

From (i) and (ii), we get : $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$

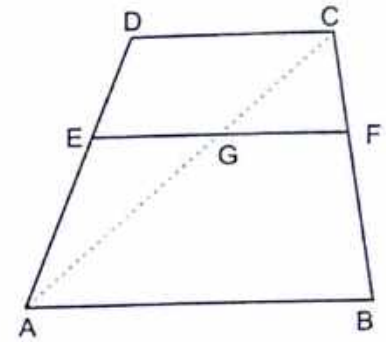


Fig. 7.65

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 6 If three or more parallel lines are intersected by two transversals, prove that the intercepts made by them on the transversals are proportional.

GIVEN Three parallel lines l, m, n which are cut by the transversals AB and CD in P, Q, R and E, F, G respectively.

TO PROVE $\frac{PQ}{QR} = \frac{EF}{FG}$

CONSTRUCTION Draw $PL \parallel CD$ meeting the lines m and n in M and L respectively.

PROOF Since $PE \parallel MF$ and $PM \parallel EF$.

$\therefore PMFE$ is a parallelogram

$\Rightarrow PM = EF$... (i)

Also, $MF \parallel LG$ and $ML \parallel FG$.

$\therefore MLGF$ is a parallelogram

$\Rightarrow ML = FG$... (ii)

Now, in ΔPRL , we have

$QM \parallel RL$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{PQ}{QR} = \frac{PM}{ML}$ [By Thale's Theorem]

$\Rightarrow \frac{PQ}{QR} = \frac{EF}{FG}$ [Using (i) and (ii)]

Hence, $\frac{PQ}{QR} = \frac{EF}{FG}$.

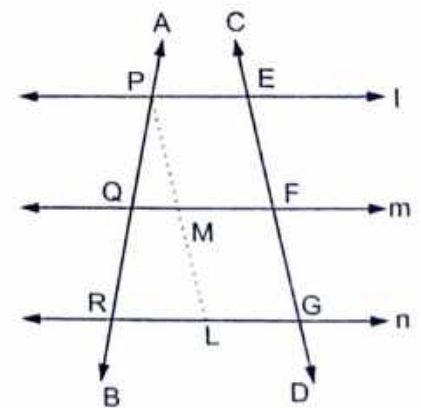


Fig. 7.66

Q.E.D.

COROLLARY If three or more parallel straight lines make equal intercepts on a given transversal, prove that they will make equal intercepts on any other transversal.

PROOF Let, l, m, n be three parallel lines which make equal intercepts PQ and QR on a transversal AB (see Fig. 7.66). Let CD be any other transversal cutting l, m and n at E, F and G respectively. Then,

$$\frac{PQ}{QR} = \frac{EF}{FG}$$

[By Theorem 6] ... (i)

But, $PQ = QR \Rightarrow \frac{PQ}{QR} = 1$... (ii)

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{EF}{FG} = 1 \Rightarrow EF = FG$$

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

LEVEL-1

EXAMPLE 1 Prove that the line segments joining the mid-points of the adjacent sides of a quadrilateral form a parallelogram.

GIVEN A quadrilateral $ABCD$ in which P, Q, R and S are the mid-points of sides AB, BC, CD and DA respectively.

TO PROVE $PQRS$ is a parallelogram.

CONSTRUCTION Join AC .

PROOF In $\triangle ABC$, P and Q are the mid-points of AB and BC respectively.

$$\therefore PQ \parallel AC \quad \dots(i)$$

In $\triangle ACD$, R and S are the mid-points of CD and DA respectively.

$$\therefore SR \parallel AC \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we have

$$PQ \parallel AC \text{ and } SR \parallel AC$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ \parallel SR$$

Similarly, by considering triangles ABD and BCD , we can prove that

$$PS \parallel QR$$

Hence, $PQRS$ is a parallelogram.

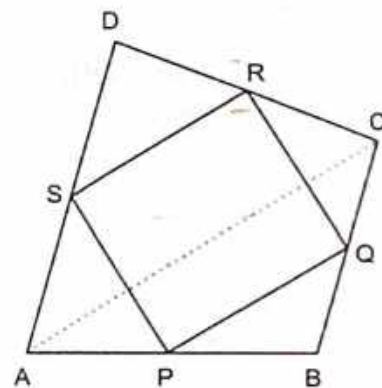


Fig. 7.67

LEVEL-2

EXAMPLE 2 In Fig. 7.68, P is the mid-point of BC and Q is the mid-point of AP . If BQ when produced meets AC at R , prove that $RA = \frac{1}{3} CA$. [CBSE 2006C]

GIVEN A $\triangle ABC$ in which P is the mid-point of BC , Q is the mid-point of BR and, Q is also the mid-point of AP such that BQ produced meets AC at R .

TO PROVE $RA = \frac{1}{3} CA$.

CONSTRUCTION Draw $PS \parallel BR$, meeting AC at S .

PROOF In $\triangle BCR$, P is the mid-point of BC and $PS \parallel BR$.

∴ S is the mid-point of CR.

⇒ CS = SR

In ΔAPS , Q is the mid-point of AP and $QR \parallel PS$.

∴ R is the mid-point of AS.

⇒ AR = RS

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$AR = RS = SC$$

⇒ AC = AR + RS + SC = 3AR

$$\Rightarrow AR = \frac{1}{3} AC = \frac{1}{3} CA$$

EXAMPLE 3 In Fig. 7.69, $AB \parallel DC$. Find the value of x.

SOLUTION Since the diagonals of a trapezium divide each other proportionally.

$$\therefore \frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{BO}{OD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x-19}{x-5} = \frac{x-3}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(3x-19) = (x-5)(x-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x-57 = x^2-8x+15$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2-17x+72=0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-8)(x-9)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-8=0 \text{ or, } x-9=0 \Rightarrow x=8 \text{ or, } x=9$$

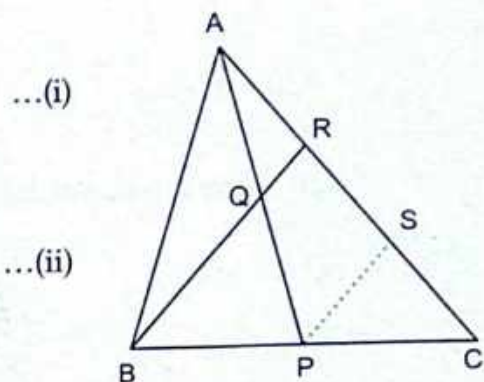


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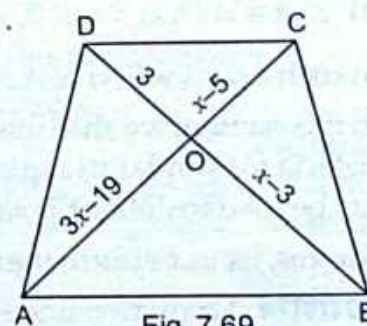


Fig. 7.69

EXERCISE 7.4

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1. (i) In Fig. 7.70, if $AB \parallel CD$, find the value of x.
- (ii) In Fig. 7.71, if $AB \parallel CD$, find the value of x.

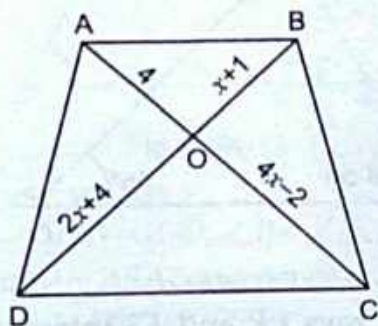


Fig. 7.70

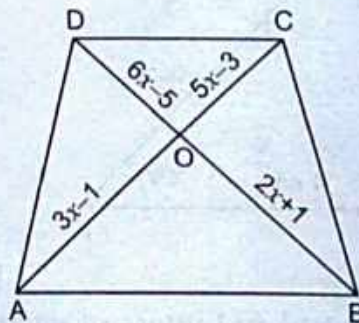


Fig. 7.71

- (iii) In Fig. 7.72, $AB \parallel CD$. If $OA = 3x-19$, $OB = x-4$, $OC = x-3$ and $OD = 4$, find x.

[CBSE 2000C]

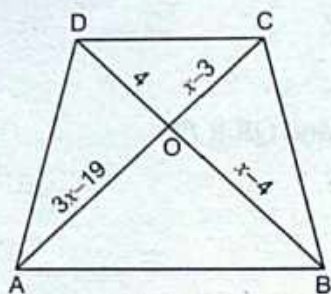


Fig. 7.72

ANSWERS

1. (i) 3

(ii) 2

(iii) 11 or, 8

7.7 CRITERIA FOR SIMILARITY OF TRIANGLES

In section 7.3, we have defined similarity of two triangles. Let us recall that two triangles are similar iff (i) their corresponding angles are equal and (ii) their corresponding sides are proportional. In other words, two triangles ABC and DEF are similar, if

$$(i) \angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle F \text{ and, } (ii) \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{CA}{FD}$$

In such a case, we write $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

In this section, we shall make use of the theorems discussed in earlier sections to derive some criteria for similar triangles which in turn will imply that either of the above two conditions can be used to define the similarity of two triangles.

For this, let us perform the following activity:

ACTIVITY Draw two line segments BC and EF of two different lengths, say 6 cm and 4 cm respectively. At B and C construct angles of some measures say 65° and 45° respectively. Also, construct angles of 65° and 45° at E and F respectively.

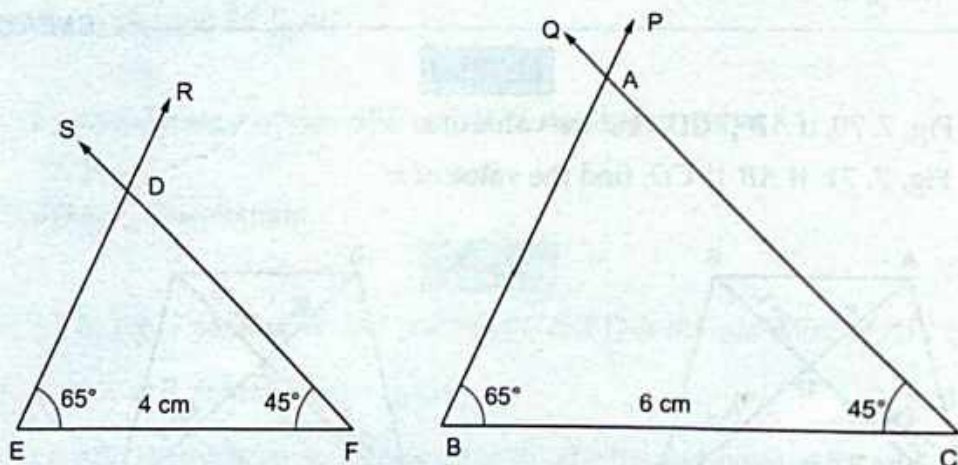


Fig. 7.73

Suppose rays BP and CQ intersect each other at A and rays ER and FS intersect each other at D .

We have,

$$\angle A = 180^\circ - (\angle B + \angle C) = 180^\circ - 110^\circ = 70^\circ$$

and, $\angle D = 180^\circ - (\angle E + \angle F) = 180^\circ - 110^\circ = 70^\circ$

In triangles ABC and DEF , we observe that

$$\angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle F$$

That is, corresponding angles of these two triangles are equal. We also observe that

$$\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$

Now, measure AB, DE, CA and FD and compute $\frac{AB}{DE}$ and $\frac{CA}{FD}$

You will find that $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{CA}{FD} = 1.5$

Thus,
$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{CA}{FD}$$

It follows from this activity that if corresponding angles of two triangles are equal, then their corresponding sides are in the same ratio.

Thus, we have following criterion for similarity of two triangles.

EQUIANGULAR TRIANGLES Two triangles are said to be equiangular, if their corresponding angles are equal.

THEOREM 1 (AAA Similarity Criterion) If two triangles are equiangular, then they are similar.

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF such that $\angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E$ and $\angle C = \angle F$.

TO PROVE $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

[NCERT]

PROOF Recall that two triangles are similar iff their corresponding angles are equal and the corresponding sides are proportional. Since corresponding angles are given equal, we must prove that the corresponding sides are proportional i.e.,

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

For this purpose we divide the proof into three parts.

CASE I When $AB = DE$.

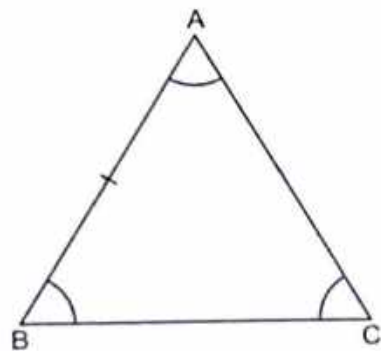


Fig. 7.74

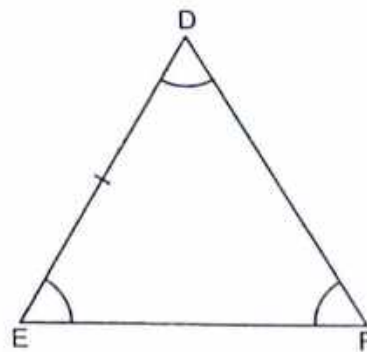


Fig. 7.75

In this case, we have

$$\angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle F \text{ and } AB = DE$$

Therefore, by ASA congruence criterion, we have

$$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = DE, BC = EF \text{ and } AC = DF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

Hence, $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$.

CASE II When $AB < DE$.

Mark a point P on the line DE and Q on the line DF such that $AB = DP$ and $AC = DQ$. Join PQ .

In triangles ABC and DPQ , we have

$$AB = DP, \angle A = \angle D \text{ and } AC = DQ$$

$$\therefore \Delta ABC \cong \Delta DPQ \quad [\text{By SAS criterion of congruence}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle B = \angle DPQ$$

$$\text{But, } \angle B = \angle E = \angle DEF$$

$$\therefore \angle DPQ = \angle DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ \parallel EF \quad [\because \text{Corresponding angles are equal}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DP}{DE} = \frac{DQ}{DF} \quad [\text{By corollary of Thale's Theorem}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

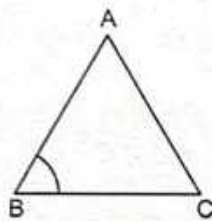


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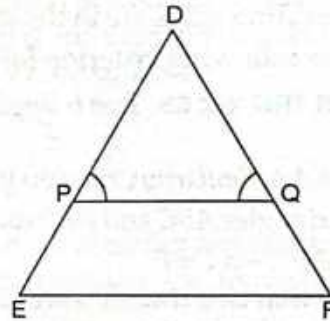


Fig. 7.77

Similarly, we can prove that

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF}$$

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF.$$

CASE III When $AB > DE$.

Mark a point P on the line DE produced and Q on the line DF produced such that $DP = AB$ and $DQ = AC$. Join PQ .

In triangles ABC and DPQ , we have

$$AB = DP, AC = DQ \text{ and } \angle A = \angle D.$$

$$\therefore \Delta ABC \cong \Delta DPQ \quad [\text{By SAS criterion of congruence}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle B = \angle DPQ$$

$$\text{But, } \angle B = \angle E = \angle DEF$$

$$\therefore \angle DPQ = \angle DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ \parallel EF \quad [\because \text{Corresponding angles are equal}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DE}{DP} = \frac{DF}{DQ} \quad [\text{By corollary of Thale's Theorem}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DE}{AB} = \frac{DF}{AC} \quad [\because AB = DP \text{ and } AC = DQ]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

Similarly, we can prove that

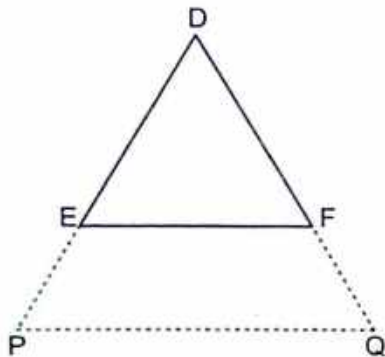


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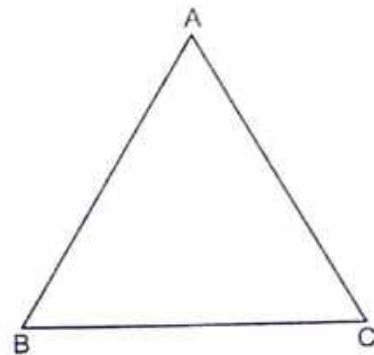


Fig. 7.79

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF}$$

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

Hence, $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$.

Q.E.D.

REMARK It follows from the above theorem that : Two triangles are similar \Leftrightarrow They are equiangular.

COROLLARY (AA Similarity) If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

PROOF Let ΔABC and ΔDEF be two triangles such that $\angle A = \angle D$ and $\angle B = \angle E$.

In triangles ABC and DEF , we have

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ \text{ and } \angle D + \angle E + \angle F = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A + \angle B + \angle C = \angle D + \angle E + \angle F$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle D + \angle E + \angle C = \angle D + \angle E + \angle F \quad [\because \angle A = \angle D \text{ and } \angle B = \angle E]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle C = \angle F.$$

$$\therefore \angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E \text{ and } \angle C = \angle F.$$

Thus, the two triangles are equiangular and hence they are similar.

Q.E.D.

In the above discussion we have seen that if three angles of one triangle are respectively equal to three angles of another triangle, their corresponding sides are proportional and hence the triangles are similar. Now a natural question arises. Is the converse of this statement true? In other words, if the sides of a triangle are respectively proportional to the sides of another triangle, is it true that their corresponding angles are equal? For this, let us perform the following activity:

ACTIVITY Draw two triangles ABC and DEF such that $AB = 4.5$ cm, $BC = 9$ cm, $CA = 12$ cm, $DE = 3$ cm, $EF = 6$ cm and $FD = 8$ cm as shown in Fig. 7.80 (i) and (ii).

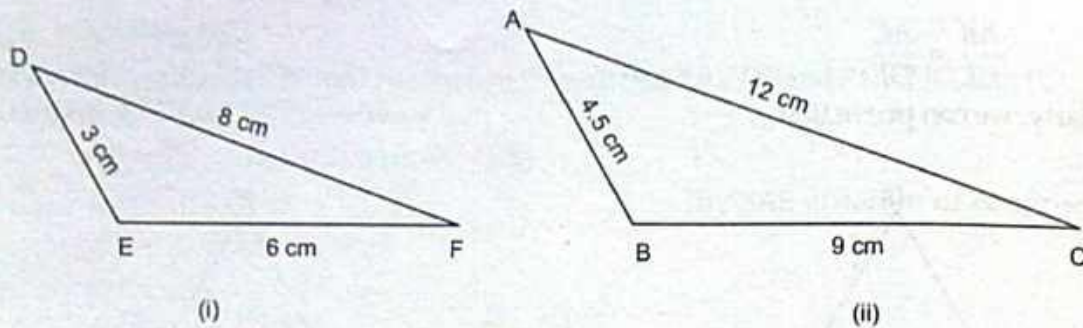


Fig. 7.80

We have,

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{CA}{FD} = \frac{3}{2}$$

That is the corresponding sides of triangles ABC and DEF are proportional.

Now, measure $\angle A, \angle B, \angle C, \angle D, \angle E$ and $\angle F$. You will observe that $\angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E$ and $\angle C = \angle F$ i.e., the corresponding angles of two triangles are equal and hence they are similar. Let us now prove this result as a criterion of similarity of two triangles as a theorem.

THEOREM 2 (SSS Similarity Criterion) *If the corresponding sides of two triangles are proportional, then they are similar.* [NCERT]

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF such that $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$

TO PROVE $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$

CONSTRUCTION Let P and Q be points on DE and DF respectively such that $DP = AB$ and $DQ = AC$. Join PQ .

PROOF We have,

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DP}{DE} = \frac{DQ}{DF}$$

[$\because AB = DP$ and $AC = DQ$]

$$\Rightarrow PQ \parallel EF$$

[By the converse of Thale's Theorem]

$$\Rightarrow \angle DPQ = \angle E \text{ and } \angle DQP = \angle F$$

[Corresponding angles]

Thus, in triangles DPQ and DEF , we have

$$\angle DPQ = \angle E \text{ and } \angle DQP = \angle F$$

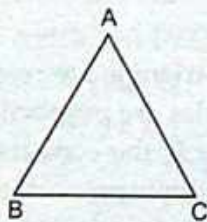


Fig. 7.81

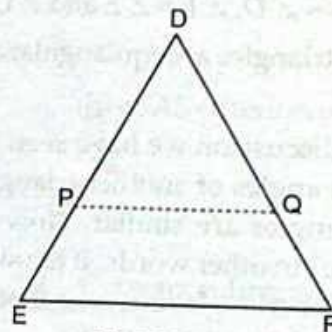


Fig. 7.82

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have $\triangle DPQ \sim \triangle DEF$

...(i)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DP}{DE} = \frac{PQ}{EF} \quad \text{[By def. of similarity]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{PQ}{EF} \quad [\because DP = AB]$$

But, $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF}$

$$\therefore \frac{PQ}{EF} = \frac{BC}{EF}$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ = BC$$

Thus, in triangles ABC and DPQ , we have
 $AB = DP, AC = DQ$ and $BC = PQ$

Therefore, by SSS criterion of congruence, we have

$$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DPQ \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we have

$$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DPQ \text{ and } \Delta DPQ \sim \Delta DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DPQ \text{ and } \Delta DPQ \sim \Delta DEF \quad [\because \Delta ABC \cong \Delta DPQ \Leftrightarrow \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DPQ]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$$

Q.E.D.

In view of the above two theorems, we can also give the following definitions of the similarity of two triangles.

DEFINITION 1 Two triangles are similar if their corresponding angles are equal i.e. they are equiangular.

DEFINITION 2 Two triangles are similar if their corresponding sides are proportional.

In class IX, we have learnt about various criteria for congruency of two triangles. We observe that corresponding to SSS congruence criterion there is SSS similarity criterion. This suggests us to look for a similarity criterion corresponding to SAS congruency criterion of triangles. To check the existence of such criterion, let us perform the following activity:

ACTIVITY Draw two triangles ABC and DEF such that $AB = 6$ cm, $\angle A = 60^\circ$, $AC = 12$ cm, $DE = 4$ cm, $\angle D = 60^\circ$ and $DF = 8$ cm as shown in Fig. 7.83.

We observe that $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$ (each equal to $\frac{3}{2}$ and $\angle A$ (included between the sides AB and AC) is equal to $\angle D$ (included between the sides DE and DF). That is, one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of another triangle and sides including those angles are in the same ratio.

Now, measure $\angle B, \angle C, \angle E$ and $\angle F$. You will find that $\angle B = \angle E$ and $\angle C = \angle F$. So, by AAA similarity criterion, we obtain $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$.

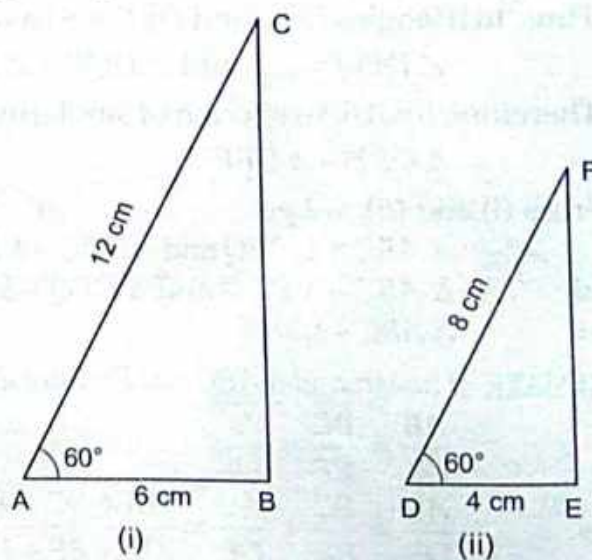


Fig. 7.83

It follows from the above activity that, if one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of the other triangle and the sides including these angles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar. We prove the above observation as a theorem given below.

THEOREM 3 (SAS Similarity Criterion) If in two triangles, one pair of corresponding sides are proportional and the included angles are equal then the two triangles are similar. [NCERT]

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF such that $\angle A = \angle D$ and $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$

TO PROVE $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

CONSTRUCTION Mark points P and Q on DE and DF respectively such that $DP = AB$ and $DQ = AC$. Join PQ .

PROOF In triangles ABC and DPQ , we have

$$AB = DP, \angle A = \angle D \text{ and } AC = DQ$$

Therefore, by SAS Criterion of Congruence, we have

$$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DPQ \quad \dots(i)$$

Now,
$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

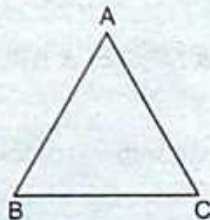


Fig. 7.84

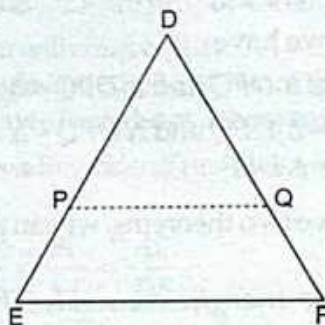


Fig. 7.85

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DP}{DE} = \frac{DQ}{DF} \quad [\because AB = DP \text{ and } AC = DQ]$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ \parallel EF \quad [\text{By the converse of Thale's Theorem}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DPQ = \angle E \text{ and } \angle DQP = \angle F [\text{Corresponding angles}]$$

Thus, in triangles DPQ and DEF , we have

$$\angle DPQ = \angle E \text{ and } \angle DQP = \angle F$$

Therefore, by AAA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta DPQ \sim \Delta DEF \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DPQ \text{ and } \Delta DPQ \sim \Delta DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DPQ \text{ and } \Delta DPQ \sim \Delta DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$$

Q.E.D.

REMARK If two triangles ABC and DEF are similar, then

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{AB + BC + AC}{DE + EF + DF} \quad [\text{Using ratio and proportion}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{\text{Perimeter of } \Delta ABC}{\text{Perimeter of } \Delta DEF}$$

Thus, if two triangles are similar, then their corresponding sides are proportional and they are proportional to the corresponding perimeters.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

LEVEL-1

EXAMPLE 1 Examine each pair of triangles in Fig. 7.86 and state which pair of triangles are similar. Also, state the similarity criterion used by you for answering the question and write the similarity relation in symbolic form. **[NCERT]**

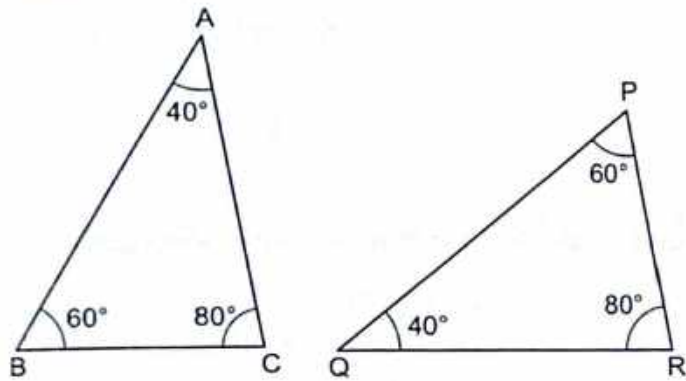


Fig. 7.86 (i)

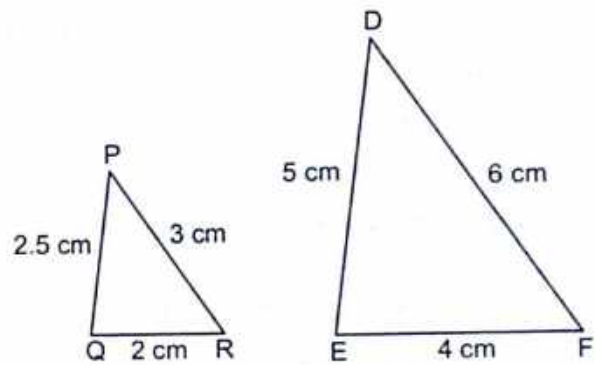


Fig. 7.86 (ii)

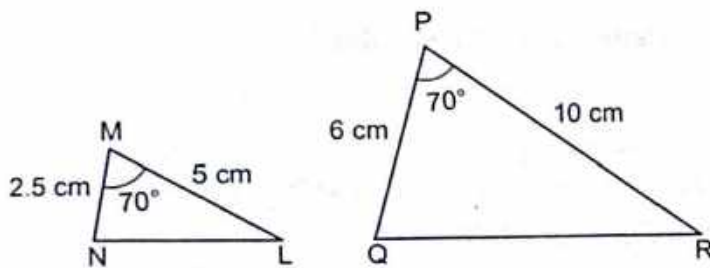


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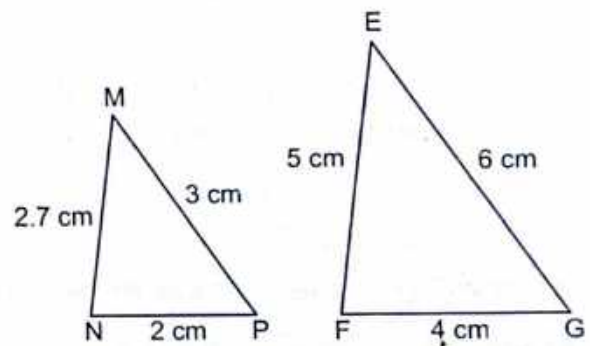


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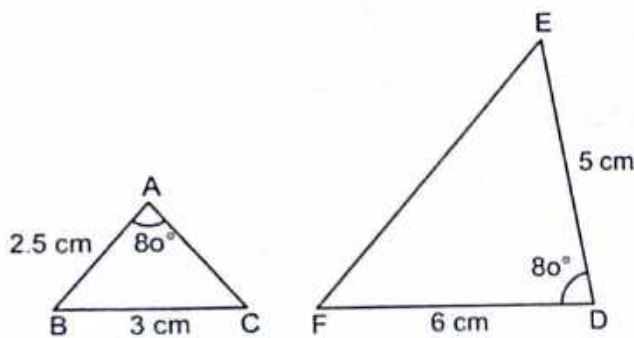


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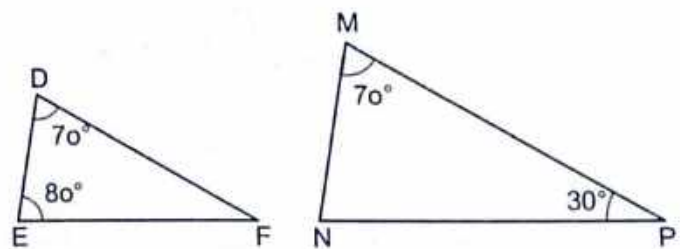


Fig. 7.86 (vi)

SOLUTION (i) In triangles ABC and PQR , we observe that
 $\angle A = \angle Q = 40^\circ$, $\angle B = \angle P = 60^\circ$ and $\angle C = \angle R = 80^\circ$

Therefore, by AAA-criterion of similarity

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta QPR \text{ or, } \Delta PQR \sim \Delta BAC \text{ or, } \Delta ACB \sim \Delta QRP$$

(ii) In triangle PQR and DEF , we observe that

$$\frac{PQ}{DE} = \frac{QR}{EF} = \frac{PR}{DF} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore, by SSS-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta PQR \sim \Delta DEF$$

(iii) In triangles LMN and PQR , we have

$$\angle M = \angle P = 70^\circ$$

But,
$$\frac{MN}{PQ} \neq \frac{ML}{PR}$$

Therefore, these two triangles are not similar as they do not satisfy SAS criterion of similarity.

(iv) In Δ 's MNP and EFG , we observe that

$$\frac{NP}{FG} = \frac{MP}{EG} \neq \frac{MN}{EF}$$

Therefore, these two triangles are not similar as they do not satisfy SSS-criterion of similarity.

(v) In Δ 's ABC and DEF , we have

$$\angle A = \angle D = 80^\circ$$

But,
$$\frac{AB}{DE} \neq \frac{AC}{DF}$$

[$\because AC$ is not given]

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity these two triangles are not similar.

(vi) In Δ 's DEF and MNP , we have

$$\angle D = \angle M = 70^\circ$$

$$\angle E = \angle N = 80^\circ$$

$$[\because \angle N = 180^\circ - \angle M - \angle P = 180^\circ - 70^\circ - 30^\circ = 80^\circ]$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\Delta DEF \sim \Delta MNP$.

EXAMPLE 2 In Fig. 7.87, find $\angle F$.

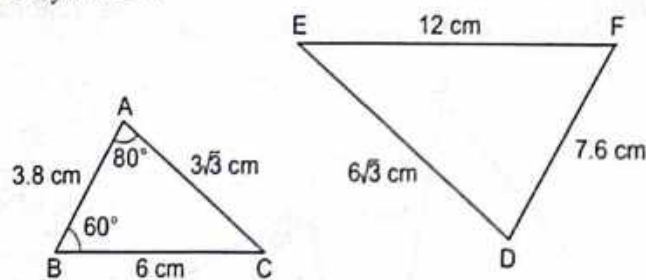


Fig. 7.87

SOLUTION In triangles ABC and DEF , we have

$$\frac{AB}{DF} = \frac{BC}{FE} = \frac{CA}{ED} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore, by SSS-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DFE$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle F \text{ and } \angle C = \angle E$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle D = 80^\circ, \angle F = 60^\circ$$

Hence, $\angle F = 60^\circ$.

EXAMPLE 3 In Fig. 7.88, $\Delta ACB \sim \Delta APQ$. If $BC = 8$ cm, $PQ = 4$ cm, $BA = 6.5$ cm, $AP = 2.8$ cm, find CA and AQ .

SOLUTION We have,

$$\Delta ACB \sim \Delta APQ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{AP} = \frac{CB}{PQ} = \frac{AB}{AQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{AP} = \frac{CB}{PQ} \text{ and } \frac{CB}{PQ} = \frac{AB}{AQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{2.8} = \frac{8}{4} \text{ and } \frac{8}{4} = \frac{6.5}{AQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{2.8} = 2 \text{ and } \frac{6.5}{AQ} = 2 \Rightarrow AC = (2 \times 2.8) \text{ cm} = 5.6 \text{ cm and } AQ = \frac{6.5}{2} \text{ cm} = 3.25 \text{ cm}$$

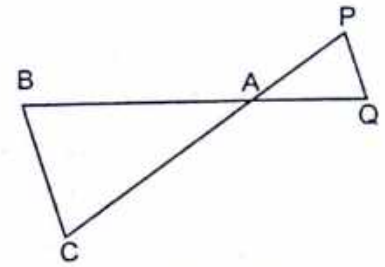


Fig. 7.88

EXAMPLE 4 In Fig. 7.89, if $\Delta EDC \sim \Delta EBA$, $\angle BEC = 115^\circ$ and $\angle EDC = 70^\circ$. Find $\angle DEC$, $\angle DCE$, $\angle EAB$, $\angle AEB$ and $\angle EBA$. [NCERT]

SOLUTION Since BD is a line and EC is a ray on it.

$$\therefore \angle DEC + \angle BEC = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DEC + 115^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DEC = 180^\circ - 115^\circ = 65^\circ$$

But, $\angle AEB = \angle DEC$ [Vertically opposite angles]

$$\therefore \angle AEB = 65^\circ$$

In ΔCDE , we have

$$\angle CDE + \angle DEC + \angle DCE = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 70^\circ + 65^\circ + \angle DCE = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DCE = 180^\circ - 135^\circ = 45^\circ$$

It is given that $\Delta EDC \sim \Delta EBA$

$$\therefore \angle EBA = \angle EDC, \angle EAB = \angle ECD$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle EBA = 70^\circ \text{ and } \angle EAB = 45^\circ \quad [\because \angle ECD = \angle DCE = 45^\circ]$$

Hence, $\angle DEC = 65^\circ$, $\angle DCE = 45^\circ$, $\angle EAB = 45^\circ$, $\angle AEB = 65^\circ$ and $\angle EBA = 70^\circ$.

EXAMPLE 5 In Fig. 7.90, if $\Delta POS \sim \Delta ROQ$, prove that $PS \parallel QR$. [NCERT]

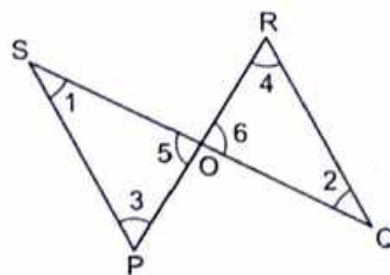


Fig. 7.90

SOLUTION We have,

$$\Delta POS \sim \Delta ROQ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 3 = \angle 4 \text{ and } \angle 1 = \angle 2$$

Thus, PS and QR are two lines and the transversal PR cuts them in such a way that $\angle 3 = \angle 4$ i.e., alternate angles are equal. Hence, $PS \parallel QR$.

EXAMPLE 6 In Fig. 7.90, if $PS \parallel QR$, prove that $\Delta POS \sim \Delta ROQ$.

SOLUTION It is given that $PS \parallel QR$ and transversal PR cuts them at P and R .

$$\therefore \angle 3 = \angle 4$$

Again, $PS \parallel QR$ and transversal SQ cuts them at S and Q

$$\therefore \angle 1 = \angle 2$$

$$\text{Also, } \angle 5 = \angle 6$$

[Vertically opposite angles]

Thus, in ΔPOS and QOR , we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2 \text{ i.e., } \angle S = \angle Q$$

$$\angle 3 = \angle 4 \text{ i.e., } \angle P = \angle R$$

and, $\angle 5 = \angle 6$ i.e., $\angle POS = \angle QOR$

Therefore, by AAA-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\Delta POS \sim \Delta ROQ$.

EXAMPLE 7 In Fig. 7.91, QA and PB are perpendiculars to AB . If $AO = 10$ cm, $BO = 6$ cm and $PB = 9$ cm. Find AQ .

SOLUTION In triangles AOQ and BOP , we have

$$\angle OAQ = \angle OBP$$

[Each equal to 90°]

$$\angle AOQ = \angle BOP$$

[Vertically opposite angles]

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta AOQ \sim \Delta BOP$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{OQ}{OP} = \frac{AQ}{BP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{AQ}{BP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10}{6} = \frac{AQ}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow AQ = \frac{10 \times 9}{6} = 15 \text{ cm}$$

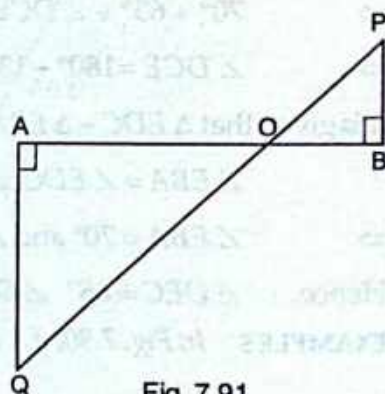


Fig. 7.91

EXAMPLE 8 In Fig. 7.92, if $\angle ADE = \angle B$ show that $\Delta ADE \sim \Delta ABC$. If $AD = 3.8$ cm, $AE = 3.6$ cm, $BE = 2.1$ cm and $BC = 4.2$ cm, find DE .

SOLUTION In triangles ADE and ABC , we have

$$\angle ADE = \angle B \text{ (Given) and } \angle A = \angle A \text{ (Common)}$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta ADE \sim \Delta ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{DE}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AE + EB} = \frac{DE}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3.8}{3.6 + 2.1} = \frac{DE}{4.2}$$

$$\Rightarrow DE = \frac{3.8 \times 4.2}{3.6 + 2.1} \text{ cm} = 2.8 \text{ cm}$$

Hence, $DE = 2.8 \text{ cm}$

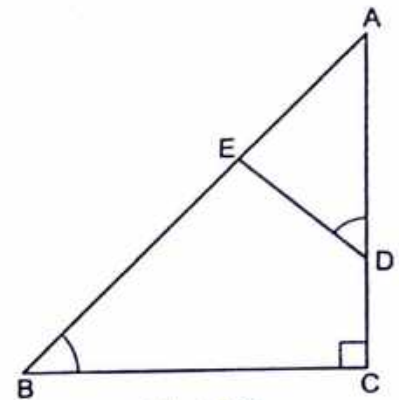


Fig. 7.92

EXAMPLE 9 In Fig. 7.93, $\frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{BO}{OD} = \frac{1}{2}$ and $AB = 5 \text{ cm}$. Find the value of DC .

SOLUTION In ΔAOB and ΔCOD , we have

$$\angle AOB = \angle COD \quad [\text{Vertically opposite angles}]$$

$$\frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{BO}{OD} \quad [\text{Given}]$$

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta AOB \sim \Delta COD$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{BO}{OD} = \frac{AB}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow DC = 10 \text{ cm}$$

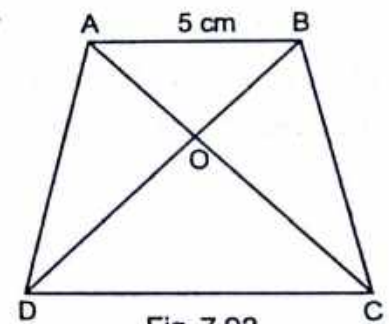


Fig. 7.93

$[\because AB = 5 \text{ cm}]$

EXAMPLE 10 In Fig. 7.94, if $\angle A = \angle C$, then prove that $\Delta AOB \sim \Delta COD$.

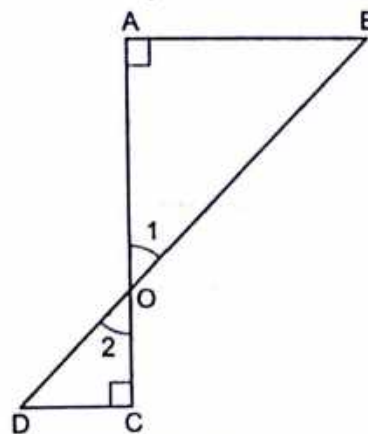


Fig. 7.94

SOLUTION In triangles AOB and COD , we obtain

$$\angle A = \angle C$$

and, $\angle 1 = \angle 2$

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta AOB \sim \Delta COD$$

(Given)

[Vertically opposite angles]

EXAMPLE 11 In Fig. 7.95, if $AB \perp BC$ and $DE \perp AC$. Prove that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta AED$. [CBSE 2009]

SOLUTION In Δ 's ABC and AED , we have

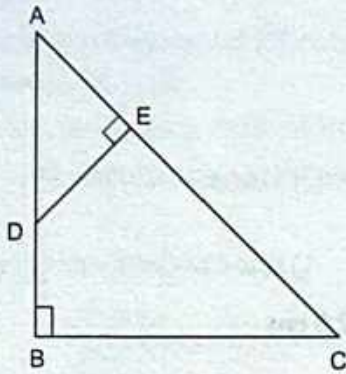


Fig. 7.95

$$\angle ABC = \angle AED = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle BAC = \angle EAD$$

[Each equal to $\angle A$]

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta AED$.

EXAMPLE 12 In Fig. 7.96, if $\angle P = \angle RTS$, prove that $\Delta RPQ \sim \Delta RTS$.

SOLUTION In triangles RPQ and RTS , we have

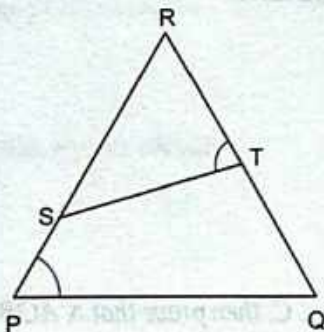


Fig. 7.96

$$\angle RPQ = \angle RTS$$

[Given]

$$\angle PRQ = \angle TRS$$

[Each equal to $\angle R$]

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\Delta RPQ \sim \Delta RTS$.

EXAMPLE 13 In Fig. 7.97, if $\frac{QT}{PR} = \frac{QR}{QS}$ and $\angle 1 = \angle 2$. Prove that $\Delta PQS \sim \Delta TQR$. [NCERT]

SOLUTION We have,

$$\frac{QT}{PR} = \frac{QR}{QS}$$

[Given]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{QT}{QR} = \frac{PR}{QS}$$

...(i)

We also have,

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2$$

[Given]

$$\Rightarrow PR = PQ$$

[Sides opposite to equal angles are equal] ... (ii)

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{QT}{QR} = \frac{PQ}{QS}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PQ}{QT} = \frac{QS}{QR} \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

Thus, in triangles PQS and TQR , we have

$$\frac{PQ}{QT} = \frac{QS}{QR} \text{ and } \angle PQS = \angle TQR = \angle Q$$

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\Delta PQS \sim \Delta TQR$.

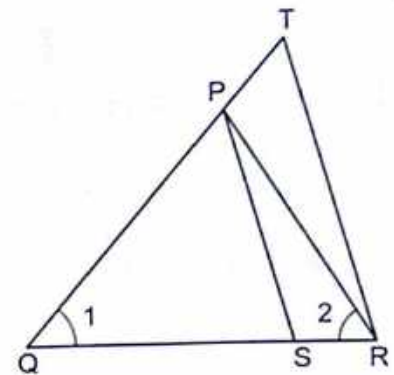


Fig. 7.97

EXAMPLE 14 In Fig. 7.98, AD and CE are two altitudes of ΔABC . Prove that

- (i) $\Delta AEF \sim \Delta CDF$
- (ii) $\Delta ABD \sim \Delta CBE$
- (iii) $\Delta AEF \sim \Delta ADB$
- (iv) $\Delta FDC \sim \Delta BEC$

[NCERT]

SOLUTION (i) In triangles AEF and CDF , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \angle AEF &= \angle CDF = 90^\circ \\ \angle AFE &= \angle CFD \end{aligned}$$

[$\because CE \perp AB$ and $AD \perp BC$]
[Vertically opposite angles]

Thus, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta AEF \sim \Delta CDF$$

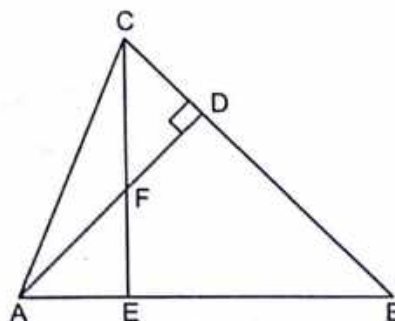


Fig. 7.98

(ii) In Δ 's ABD and CBE , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \angle ABD &= \angle CBE = \angle B \\ \angle ADB &= \angle CEB = 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

[Common angle]
[$\because AD \perp BC$ and $CE \perp AB$]

Thus, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta ABD \sim \Delta CBE$$

(iii) In Δ 's AEF and ADB , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \angle AEF &= \angle ADB = 90^\circ \\ \angle FAE &= \angle DAB \end{aligned}$$

[$\because AD \perp BC$ and $CE \perp AB$]
[Common angle]

Thus, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta AEF \sim \Delta ADB$$

(iv) In Δ 's FDC and BEC , we have

$$\angle FDC = \angle BEC = 90^\circ$$

[$\because AD \perp BC$ and $CE \perp AB$]

$$\angle FCD = \angle ECB$$

[Common angle]

Thus, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\triangle FDC \sim \triangle BEC$.

EXAMPLE 15 In Fig. 7.99(i) and (ii), if CD and GH (D and H lie on AB and FE) are respectively bisectors of $\angle ACB$ and $\angle EGF$ and $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle FEG$, prove that [NCERT]

(i) $\triangle DCA \sim \triangle HGF$

(ii) $\frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{AC}{FG}$

(iii) $\triangle DCB \sim \triangle HGE$

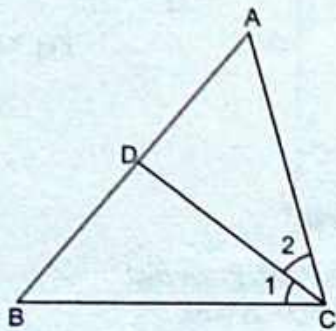


Fig. 7.99 (i)

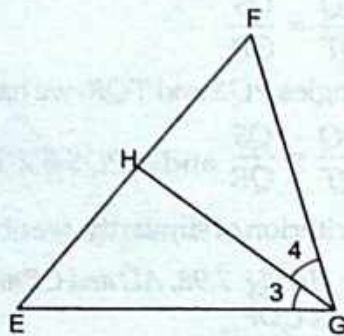


Fig. 7.99 (ii)

SOLUTION (i) We have,

$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle FEG$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle F$$

$$\text{and, } \angle C = \angle G$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \angle C = \frac{1}{2} \angle G$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 = \angle 3 \text{ and } \angle 2 = \angle 4$$

$$\left[\because CD \text{ and } GH \text{ are bisector of } \angle C \text{ and } \angle G \text{ respectively} \right] \dots \text{(ii)}$$

Thus, in \triangle 's ACD and FGH , we have

$$\angle A = \angle F$$

$$\angle 2 = \angle 4$$

[From (i)]

[From (ii)]

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\triangle ACD \sim \triangle FGH \text{ or, } \triangle DCA \sim \triangle HGF$$

(ii) We have,

$$\triangle ACD \sim \triangle FGH \Rightarrow \frac{AC}{FG} = \frac{CD}{GH}$$

(iii) In \triangle 's DCB and HGE , we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 3$$

$$\angle B = \angle E$$

[From (ii)]

[$\because \triangle ABC \sim \triangle FEG$]

Thus, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\triangle DCB \sim \triangle HGE$.

EXAMPLE 16 In Fig. 7.100, CD and GH are respectively the medians of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle EFG$. If $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle FEG$, prove that

(i) $\triangle ADC \sim \triangle FHG$

(ii) $\frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{AB}{FE}$

(iii) $\triangle CDB \sim \triangle GHE$

[NCERT]

SOLUTION It is given that CD and GD are medians of Δ 's ABC and EFG respectively.

$$\therefore 2AD = AB \text{ and } 2FH = FE \quad \dots(i)$$

It is also given that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta FEG$

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{FE} = \frac{AC}{FG} = \frac{BC}{EG} \text{ and, } \angle A = \angle F, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle G \quad \dots(ii)$$

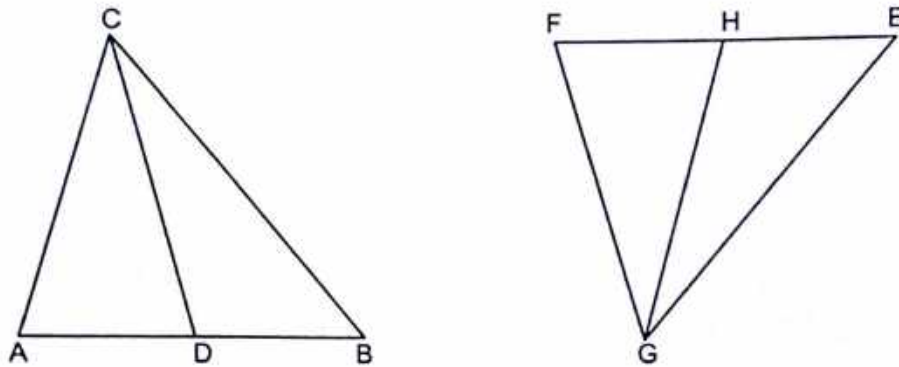


Fig. 7.100

Now,
$$\frac{AB}{FE} = \frac{AC}{FG} = \frac{BC}{EG}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2AD}{2FH} = \frac{AC}{FG} = \frac{BC}{EG} \quad \text{[Using (i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{FH} = \frac{AC}{FG} = \frac{BC}{EG} \quad \dots(iii)$$

(i) In Δ 's ADC and FHG , we have

$$\frac{AD}{FH} = \frac{AC}{FG} \quad \text{[From (iii)]}$$

and, $\angle A = \angle F$

So, by SAS criterion of similarity, we obtain $\Delta ADC \sim \Delta FHG$.

(ii) We have,

$$\Delta ADC \sim \Delta FHG \quad \text{[Proved above]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DC}{HG} = \frac{AD}{FH}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{2AD}{2FH}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{AB}{FE} \quad [\because AB = 2AD \text{ and } FE = 2FH]$$

(iii) We have,

$$\frac{AB}{FE} = \frac{AC}{FG} = \frac{BC}{EG} \quad \text{[From (i)]}$$

Also,
$$\frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{AB}{FE} \quad \text{[As proved above]}$$

$$\therefore \frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{BC}{EG} \quad \dots(iv)$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{AB}{FE} = \frac{AC}{FG} = \frac{BC}{EG}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2DB}{2HE} = \frac{BC}{EG} \quad [\because D \text{ and } H \text{ are mid-points of } AB \text{ and } FE \text{ respectively}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB}{HE} = \frac{BC}{EG} \quad \dots(v)$$

From (iv) and (v), we have

$$\frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{BC}{EG} = \frac{DB}{HE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{DB}{HE} = \frac{BC}{EG}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta CDB \sim \Delta GHE \quad [\text{By SSS criterion of similarity}]$$

EXAMPLE 17 In Fig. 7.101, if $BD \perp AC$ and $CE \perp AB$, prove that

$$(i) \Delta AEC \sim \Delta ADB$$

$$(ii) \frac{CA}{AB} = \frac{CE}{DB} \quad [\text{NCERT}]$$

SOLUTION (i) In Δ 's AEC and ADB , we have

$$\angle AEC = \angle ADB = 90^\circ \quad [\because CE \perp AB \text{ and } BD \perp AC]$$

$$\text{and, } \angle EAC = \angle DAB \quad [\text{Each equal to } \angle A]$$

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta AEC \sim \Delta ADB$$

(ii) We have,

$$\Delta AEC \sim \Delta ADB \quad [\text{As proved above}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CA}{BA} = \frac{CE}{DB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CA}{AB} = \frac{CE}{DB}$$

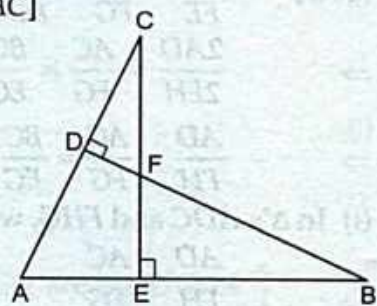


Fig. 7.101

EXAMPLE 18 D is a point on the side BC of ΔABC such that $\angle ADC = \angle BAC$. Prove that

$$\frac{CA}{CD} = \frac{CB}{CA} \text{ or, } CA^2 = CB \times CD.$$

[NCERT, CBSE 2004]

SOLUTION In ΔABC and ΔDAC , we have

$$\angle ADC = \angle BAC \text{ and } \angle C = \angle C$$

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DAC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DA} = \frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{AC}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CB}{CA} = \frac{CA}{CD}$$

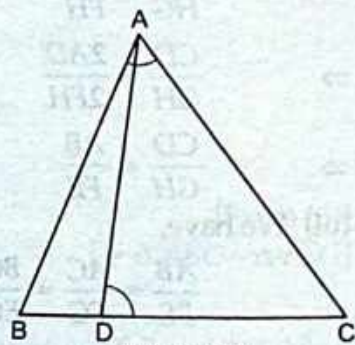


Fig. 7.102

EXAMPLE 19 In Fig. 7.103, considering triangles BEP and CPD , prove that $BP \times PD = EP \times PC$.

GIVEN A ΔABC in which $BD \perp AC$ and $CE \perp AB$ and BD and CE intersect at P .

TO PROVE $BP \times PD = EP \times PC$

PROOF In $\triangle EPB$ and $\triangle DPC$, we have

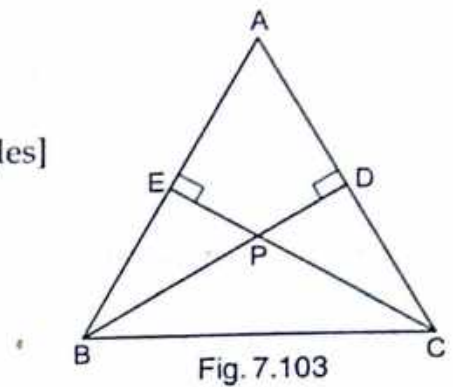
$$\begin{aligned} \angle PEB &= \angle PDC && \text{[Each equal to } 90^\circ\text{]} \\ \angle EPB &= \angle DPC && \text{[Vertically opposite angles]} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\triangle EPB \sim \triangle DPC$$

$$\frac{EP}{DP} = \frac{PB}{PC}$$

$$\Rightarrow BP \times PD = EP \times PC$$



EXAMPLE 20 P and Q are points on sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$. If $AP = 3$ cm, $PB = 6$ cm, $AQ = 5$ cm and $QC = 10$ cm, show that $BC = 3PQ$.

SOLUTION We have,

$$AB = AP + PB = (3 + 6) \text{ cm} = 9 \text{ cm and, } AC = AQ + QC = (5 + 10) \text{ cm} = 15 \text{ cm.}$$

$$\therefore \frac{AP}{AB} = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } \frac{AQ}{AC} = \frac{5}{15} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AP}{AB} = \frac{AQ}{AC}$$

Thus, in triangles APQ and ABC , we have

$$\frac{AP}{AB} = \frac{AQ}{AC} \text{ and } \angle A = \angle A \text{ [Common]}$$

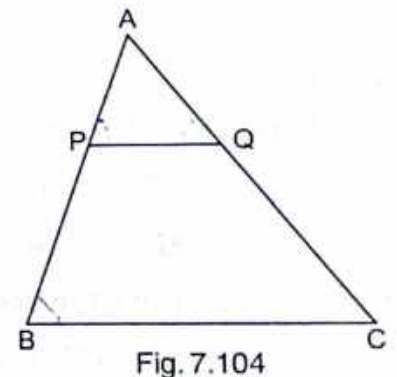
Therefore, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\triangle APQ \sim \triangle ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AP}{AB} = \frac{PQ}{BC} = \frac{AQ}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PQ}{BC} = \frac{AQ}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PQ}{BC} = \frac{5}{15} \Rightarrow \frac{PQ}{BC} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow BC = 3PQ$$



EXAMPLE 21 In Fig. 7.105, express x in terms of a , b and c .

SOLUTION In $\triangle KPN$ and $\triangle KLM$, we have

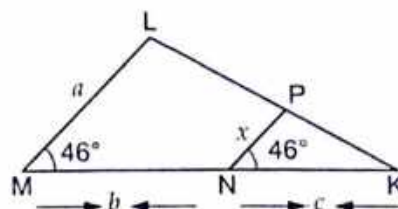


Fig. 7.105

$$\angle KNP = \angle KML = 46^\circ$$

$$\angle K = \angle K$$

$$\therefore \triangle KNP \sim \triangle KML$$

[Given]

[Common]

[By AA-criterion of similarity]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{KN}{KM} = \frac{NP}{ML} \quad [\because \text{Corresponding sides of similar triangles are proportional}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{b+c} = \frac{x}{a} \Rightarrow x = \frac{ac}{b+c}$$

EXAMPLE 22 The diagonal BD of a parallelogram $ABCD$ intersects the segment AE at the point F , where E is any point on the side BC . Prove that $DF \times EF = FB \times FA$

SOLUTION In $\triangle AFD$ and $\triangle BFE$, we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2 \quad [\text{Vertically opposite angles}]$$

$$\angle 3 = \angle 4 \quad [\text{Alternate angles}]$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\triangle FBE \sim \triangle FDA$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{FB}{FD} = \frac{FE}{FA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{FB}{DF} = \frac{EF}{FA}$$

$$\Rightarrow DF \times EF = FB \times FA$$

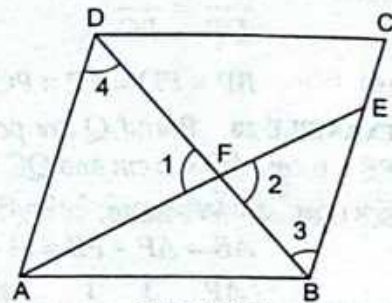


Fig. 7.106

EXAMPLE 23 In a $\triangle ABC$, BD and CE are the altitudes. Prove that $\triangle ADB$ and $\triangle AEC$ are similar. Is $\triangle CDB \sim \triangle BEC$?

SOLUTION In $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle AEC$, we obtain

$$\angle ADB = \angle AEC \quad [\text{Each equal to } 90^\circ]$$

$$\angle BAD = \angle EAC \quad [\text{Common}]$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\triangle BDA \sim \triangle CEA \text{ or } \triangle ADB \sim \triangle AEC.$$

Clearly, $\triangle CDB$ is not similar to $\triangle BEC$, because they are not equiangular.

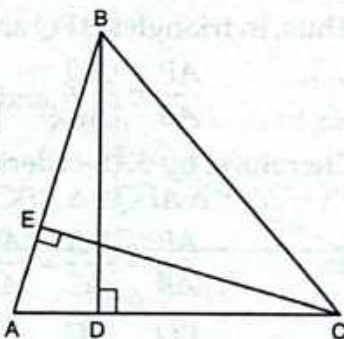


Fig. 7.107

EXAMPLE 24 E is a point on side AD produced of a parallelogram $ABCD$ and BE intersects CD at F . Prove that $\triangle ABE \sim \triangle CFB$. [NCERT, CBSE 2008]

SOLUTION In \triangle 's ABE and CFB , we have

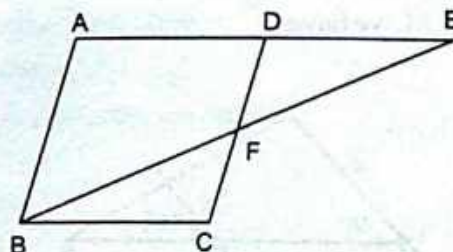


Fig. 7.108

$$\angle AEB = \angle CBF$$

[Alternate angles]

$$\angle A = \angle C$$

[Opposite angles of a parallelogram]

Thus, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\triangle ABE \sim \triangle CFB.$$

EXAMPLE 25 In Fig. 7.109, AD and BE are respectively perpendiculars to BC and AC . Show that

- (i) $\Delta ADC \sim \Delta BEC$ (ii) $CA \times CE = CB \times CD$
- (iii) $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEC$ (iv) $CD \times AB = CA \times DE$

SOLUTION (i) in Δ 's ADC and BEC , we have

$$\angle ADC = \angle BEC = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle ACD = \angle BCE$$

[Given]
[Common]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta ADC \sim \Delta BEC$$

(ii) We have,

$$\Delta ADC \sim \Delta BEC \quad \text{[As proved above]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{DC}{EC} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow CA \times CE = CB \times CD$$

(iii) In Δ 's ABC and DEC , we have

$$\frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{DC}{EC}$$

[From(i)]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{DC} = \frac{BC}{EC}$$

Also, $\angle ACB = \angle DCE$

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEC$$

[Common]

(iv) We have,

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEC$$

[As proved above]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DC} \Rightarrow AB \times DC = AC \times DE \Rightarrow CD \times AB = CA \times DE$$

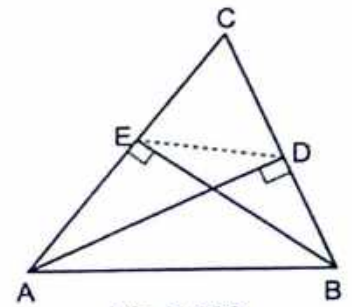


Fig. 7.109

EXAMPLE 26 In Fig. 7.110, E is a point on side CB produced of an isosceles triangle ABC with $AB = AC$. If $AD \perp BC$ and $EF \perp AC$, prove that (i) $\Delta ABD \sim \Delta ECF$ (ii) $AB \times EF = AD \times EC$.

[NCERT, CBSE 2010]

SOLUTION It is given that ΔABC is isosceles with

$$AB = AC$$

$$\therefore \angle B = \angle C$$

Now, in Δ 's ABD and ECF , we have

$$\angle ABD = \angle ECF \quad [\because \angle B = \angle C]$$

$$\angle ADB = \angle EFC = 90^\circ \quad [\because AD \perp BC \text{ and } EF \perp AC]$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta ABD \sim \Delta ECF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{EC} = \frac{AD}{EF}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB \times EF = AD \times EC$$

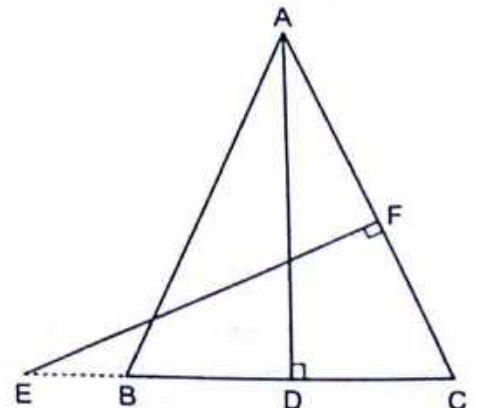


Fig. 7.110

EXAMPLE 27 In Fig. 7.111, $\triangle FEC \cong \triangle GBD$ and $\angle 1 = \angle 2$. Prove that $\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$.

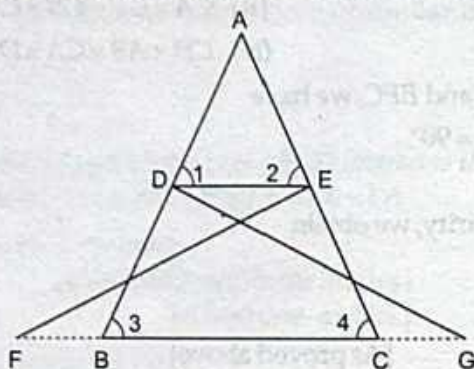


Fig. 7.111

SOLUTION We have,

$$\triangle FEC \cong \triangle GBD$$

$$\Rightarrow EC = BD$$

It is given that

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2$$

$$\Rightarrow AD = AE$$

[Sides opposite to equal angles are equal] ... (i)

From (i) and (ii), we have

$$\frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{AD}{BD}$$

$$\Rightarrow DE \parallel BC$$

[By the converse of basic proportionality theorem]

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 = \angle 3 \text{ and } \angle 2 = \angle 4$$

Thus, in \triangle 's ADE and ABC , we have

$$\angle A = \angle A$$

$$\angle 1 = \angle 3$$

$$\angle 2 = \angle 4$$

So, by AAA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$$

EXAMPLE 28 In Fig. 7.112, $\frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{OD}{OB}$. Prove that $\angle A = \angle C$ and $\angle B = \angle D$.

[NCERT]

SOLUTION in \triangle 's AOD and COB , we have

$$\frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{OD}{OB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OA}{OD} = \frac{OC}{OB}$$

Also, $\angle 1 = \angle 2$ [Vertically opposite angles]

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\triangle AOD \sim \triangle COB$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle C \text{ and } \angle B = \angle D$$

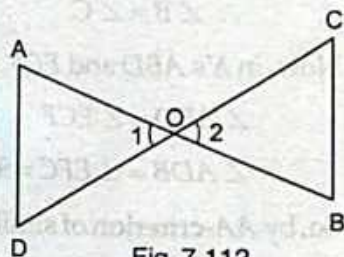


Fig. 7.112

EXAMPLE 29 If a perpendicular is drawn from the vertex containing the right angle of a right triangle to the hypotenuse then prove that the triangle on each side of the perpendicular are similar to each other and to the original triangle. Also, prove that the square of the perpendicular is equal to the product of the lengths of the two parts of the hypotenuse.

GIVEN A right triangle ABC right angled at B . $BD \perp AC$.

TO PROVE (i) $\triangle ADB \sim \triangle BDC$ (ii) $\triangle ADB \sim \triangle ABC$ (iii) $\triangle BDC \sim \triangle ABC$
 (iv) $BD^2 = AD \times DC$ (v) $AB^2 = AD \times AC$ (vi) $BC^2 = CD \times AC$

[CBSE 2009]

PROOF (i) We have,

$$\angle ABD + \angle DBC = 90^\circ$$

Also, $\angle C + \angle DBC + \angle BDC = 180^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \angle C + \angle DBC + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle C + \angle DBC = 90^\circ$$

But, $\angle ABD + \angle DBC = 90^\circ$

$$\therefore \angle ABD + \angle DBC = \angle C + \angle DBC$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABD = \angle C \quad \dots(i)$$

Thus, in $\triangle ADB$ and $\triangle BDC$, we have

$$\angle ABD = \angle C$$

[From (i)]

and, $\angle ADB = \angle BDC$

[Each equal to 90°]

So, by AA-similarity criterion, we obtain $\triangle ADB \sim \triangle BDC$.

(ii) In $\triangle ADB$ and $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$\angle ADB = \angle ABC$$

[Each equal to 90°]

and, $\angle A = \angle A$

[Common]

So, by AA-similarity criterion, we obtain $\triangle ADB \sim \triangle ABC$.

(iii) In $\triangle BDC$ and $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$\angle BDC = \angle ABC$$

[Each equal to 90°]

$$\angle C = \angle C$$

[Common]

So, by AA-similarity criterion, we obtain $\triangle BDC \sim \triangle ABC$.

(iv) From (i), we have

$$\triangle ADB \sim \triangle BDC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{BD}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow BD^2 = AD \times DC$$

(v) From (ii), we have

$$\triangle ADB \sim \triangle ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AD \times AC$$

(vi) From (iii), we have

$$\triangle BDC \sim \triangle ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{DC}{BC} \Rightarrow BC^2 = CD \times AC$$

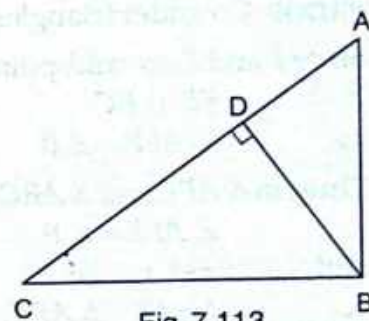


Fig. 7.113

EXAMPLE 30 Prove that the line segments joining the mid-points of the sides of a triangle form four triangles, each of which is similar to the original triangle.

SOLUTION

GIVEN $\triangle ABC$ in which D, E, F are the mid-points of sides BC, CA and AB respectively.

TO PROVE Each of the triangles AFE, FBD, EDC and DEF is similar to $\triangle ABC$.

PROOF Consider triangles AFE and ABC .

Since F and E are mid-points of AB and AC respectively.

$$\therefore FE \parallel BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle AFE = \angle B \quad [\text{Corresponding angles}]$$

Thus, in $\triangle AFE$ and $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$\angle AFE = \angle B$$

$$\text{and, } \angle A = \angle A \quad [\text{Common}]$$

$$\therefore \triangle AFE \sim \triangle ABC.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\triangle FBD \sim \triangle ABC \text{ and } \triangle EDC \sim \triangle ABC.$$

Now, we shall show that $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle ABC$.

Clearly, $ED \parallel AF$ and $DF \parallel EA$.

$$\therefore AFDE \text{ is a parallelogram.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle EDF = \angle A \quad [\because \text{Opposite angles of a parallelogram are equal}]$$

Similarly, $BDEF$ is a parallelogram.

$$\therefore \angle DEF = \angle B \quad [\because \text{Opposite angles of a parallelogram are equal}]$$

Thus, in triangles DEF and ABC , we have

$$\angle EDF = \angle A \text{ and } \angle DEF = \angle B$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\triangle DEF \sim \triangle ABC.$$

Thus, each one of the triangles AFE, FBD, EDC and DEF is similar to $\triangle ABC$.

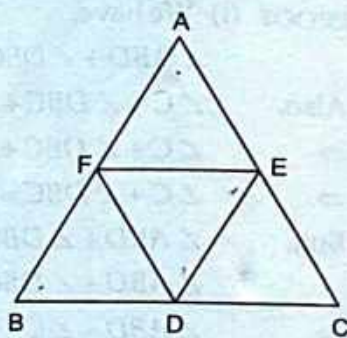


Fig. 7.114

EXAMPLE 31 In $\triangle ABC$, DE is parallel to base BC , with D on AB and E on AC . If $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{2}{3}$, find $\frac{BC}{DE}$.
[CBSE 2002 C]

SOLUTION In $\triangle ABC$, we have

$$DE \parallel BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

Thus, in triangles ABC and ADE , we have

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

$$\text{and, } \angle A = \angle A$$

Therefore, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle ADE$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{BC}{DE}$$

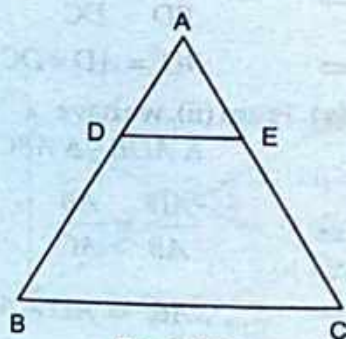


Fig. 7.115

... (i)

It is given that

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB}{AD} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB}{AD} + 1 = \frac{3}{2} + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{DB + AD}{AD} = \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{5}{2} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get $\frac{BC}{DE} = \frac{5}{2}$.

EXAMPLE 32 In Fig. 7.116, if $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACD$, prove that $\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$.

[NCERT]

SOLUTION It is given that $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACD$.

$\therefore AB = AC$ [\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]

and, $AE = AD$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{AC}{AE}$$

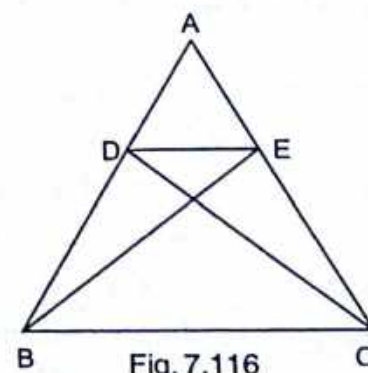
$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{AD}{AE} \quad \dots(i)$$

Thus, in triangles ADE and ABC , we obtain

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{AD}{AE}$$

and, $\angle BAC = \angle DAE$ [Common]

Hence, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$.



LEVEL-2

EXAMPLE 33 A vertical stick 12 m long casts a shadow 8 m long on the ground. At the same time a tower casts the shadow 40 m long on the ground. Determine the height of the tower.

SOLUTION Let AB be the vertical stick and AC be its shadow. Also, let DE be the vertical tower and DF be its shadow. Join BC and EF . Let $DE = x$ metres.

We have,

$$AB = 12 \text{ m, } AC = 8 \text{ m, and } DF = 40 \text{ m.}$$

In $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$, we have

$$\angle A = \angle D = 90^\circ \text{ and } \angle C = \angle F \quad \text{[Angular elevation of the sun]}$$

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$

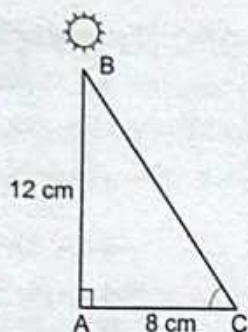


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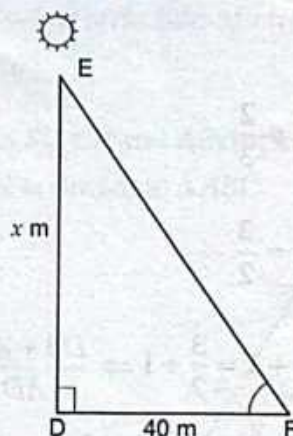


Fig. 7.118

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12}{x} = \frac{8}{40} \Rightarrow \frac{12}{x} = \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow x = 60 \text{ metres}$$

EXAMPLE 34 In Fig. 7.119, $\angle CAB = 90^\circ$ and $AD \perp BC$. If $AC = 75$ cm, $AB = 1$ m and $BD = 1.25$ m, find AD .

SOLUTION We have,

$$AB = 1 \text{ m} = 100 \text{ cm}, AC = 75 \text{ cm and } BD = 1.25 \text{ cm.}$$

In $\triangle BAC$ and $\triangle BDA$, we have

$$\angle BAC = \angle BDA \quad [\text{Each equal to } 90^\circ]$$

and, $\angle B = \angle B$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\triangle BAC \sim \triangle BDA$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BA}{BD} = \frac{AC}{AD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{100}{1.25} = \frac{75}{AD}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD = \frac{1.25 \times 75}{100} \text{ cm} = 93.75 \text{ cm}$$

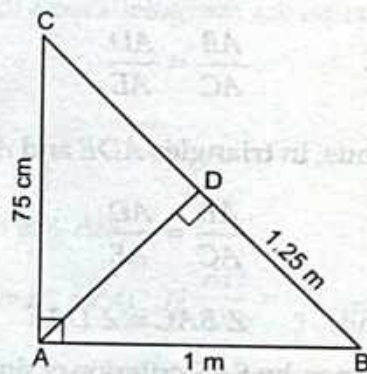


Fig. 7.119

EXAMPLE 35 The perimeters of two similar triangles are 30 cm and 20 cm respectively. If one side of the first triangle is 12 cm, determine the corresponding side of the second triangle.

SOLUTION Let $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ be two similar triangles of perimeters P_1 and P_2 respectively. Also, let $AB = 12$ cm, $P_1 = 30$ cm and $P_2 = 20$ cm. Then,

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{P_1}{P_2} \quad \left[\because \text{Ratio of corresponding sides of similar triangles} \right. \\ \left. \text{is equal to the ratio of their perimeters} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{P_1}{P_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12}{DE} = \frac{30}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow DE = \frac{12 \times 20}{30} \text{ cm} = 8 \text{ cm}$$

Hence, the corresponding side of the second triangle is 8 cm.

EXAMPLE 36 The perimeters of two similar triangles ABC and PQR are respectively 36 cm and 24 cm. If PQ = 10 cm, find AB.

SOLUTION Since the ratio of the corresponding sides of similar triangles is same as the ratio of their perimeters.

$$\therefore \Delta ABC \sim \Delta PQR$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{AC}{PR} = \frac{36}{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{36}{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{10} = \frac{36}{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \frac{36 \times 10}{24} \text{ cm} = 15 \text{ cm}$$

EXAMPLE 37 Two triangles BAC and BDC, right angled at A and D respectively, are drawn on the same base BC and on the same side of BC. If AC and DB intersect at P, prove that $AP \times PC = DP \times PB$.

[CBSE 2000C]

SOLUTION In ΔAPB and ΔDPC , we have

$$\angle A = \angle D = 90^\circ$$

and, $\angle APB = \angle DPC$ [Vertically opposite angles]

Thus, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta APB \sim \Delta DPC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AP}{DP} = \frac{PB}{PC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AP \times PC = DP \times PB$$

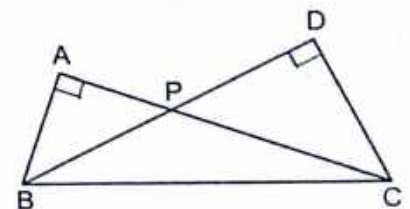


Fig. 7.120

EXAMPLE 38 In Fig. 7.121, $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$ and segment $AD \perp BC$. Prove that $AD^2 = BD \times DC$.

SOLUTION In ΔABD and ΔACD , we have

$$\angle ADB = \angle ADC \quad [\text{Each equal to } 90^\circ]$$

$$\text{and, } \angle DBA = \angle DAC \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Each equal to complement of} \\ \angle BAD \text{ i.e. } 90^\circ - \angle BAD \end{array} \right]$$

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta DBA \sim \Delta DAC \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \therefore \angle D \leftrightarrow \angle D, \angle B \leftrightarrow \angle DAC \\ \text{and } \angle BAD \leftrightarrow \angle DCA \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB}{DA} = \frac{DA}{DC} \quad [\text{In similar triangles corresponding sides are proportional}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{AD} = \frac{AD}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = BD \times DC$$

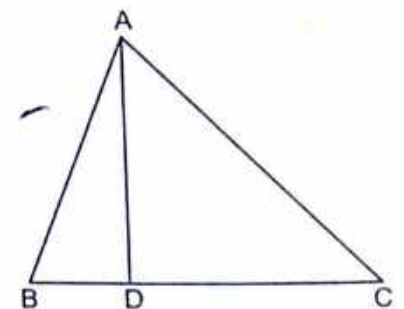


Fig. 7.121

EXAMPLE 39 In $\triangle ABC$, if $AD \perp BC$ and $AD^2 = BD \times DC$, prove that $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$.

SOLUTION We have,

$$AD^2 = BD \times DC$$

$$\Rightarrow AD \times AD = BD \times DC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DC} = \frac{BD}{AD}$$

Thus, in $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle ACD$, we have

$$\frac{AD}{DC} = \frac{BD}{AD}$$

$$\text{and, } \angle BDA = \angle CDA$$

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we get

$$\triangle DBA \sim \triangle DAC$$

$\Rightarrow \triangle DBA$ and $\triangle DAC$ are equiangular

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 = \angle C \text{ and } \angle 2 = \angle B$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 + \angle 2 = \angle B + \angle C$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle B + \angle C$$

$$[\because \angle 1 + \angle 2 = \angle A]$$

$$\text{But, } \angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle A + \angle A = 180^\circ$$

$$[\because \angle B + \angle C = \angle A]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\angle A = 180^\circ \Rightarrow \angle A = 90^\circ$$

$$\text{Hence, } \angle BAC = 90^\circ.$$

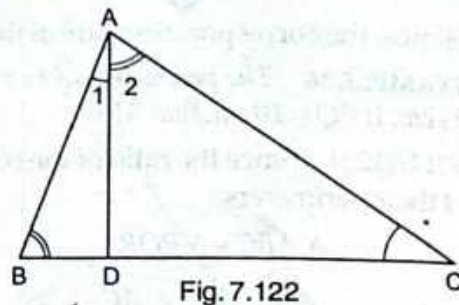


Fig. 7.122

[Each equal to 90°]

EXAMPLE 40 In Fig. 7.123, ABCD is a trapezium with $AB \parallel DC$. If $\triangle AED$ is similar to $\triangle BEC$, prove that $AD = BC$.

SOLUTION In $\triangle EDC$ and $\triangle EBA$, we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2$$

[Alternate angles]

$$\angle 3 = \angle 4$$

[Alternate angles]

$$\text{and, } \angle CED = \angle AEB$$

[Vertically opposite angles]

$$\therefore \triangle EDC \sim \triangle EBA$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ED}{EB} = \frac{EC}{EA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ED}{EC} = \frac{EB}{EA}$$

...(i)

It is given that $\triangle AED \sim \triangle BEC$

$$\therefore \frac{ED}{EC} = \frac{EA}{EB} = \frac{AD}{BC}$$

...(ii)

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{EB}{EA} = \frac{EA}{EB}$$

$$\Rightarrow (EB)^2 = (EA)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow EB = EA$$

Substituting $EB = EA$ in (ii), we get

$$\frac{EA}{EA} = \frac{AD}{BC}$$

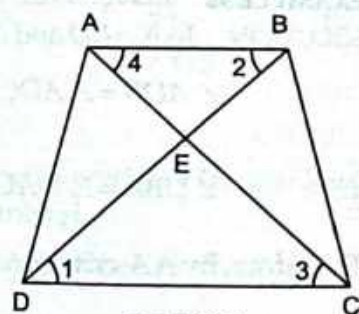


Fig. 7.123

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{BC} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow AD = BC$$

EXAMPLE 41 Through the mid-point M of the side CD of a parallelogram $ABCD$, the line BM is drawn intersecting AC in L and AD produced in E . Prove that $EL = 2BL$. [CBSE 2009]

SOLUTION In ΔBMC and ΔEMD , we have

$$MC = MD$$

[$\because M$ is the mid-point of CD]

$$\angle CMB = \angle EMD$$

[Vertically opposite angles]

and, $\angle MBC = \angle MED$

[Alternate angles]

So, by AAS-criterion of congruence, we have

$$\therefore \Delta BMC \cong \Delta EMD$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = DE \quad \dots(i)$$

Also, $AD = BC$

[$\because ABCD$ is a parallelogram] $\dots(ii)$

$$AD + DE = BC + BC$$

$$\Rightarrow AE = 2BC \quad \dots(iii)$$

Now, in ΔAEL and ΔCBL , we have

$$\angle ALE = \angle CLB$$

[Vertically opposite angles]

$$\angle EAL = \angle BCL$$

[Alternate angles]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity of triangles, we have

$$\Delta AEL \sim \Delta CBL$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EL}{BL} = \frac{AE}{CB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EL}{BL} = \frac{2BC}{BC}$$

[Using equations (iii)]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EL}{BL} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow EL = 2BL$$

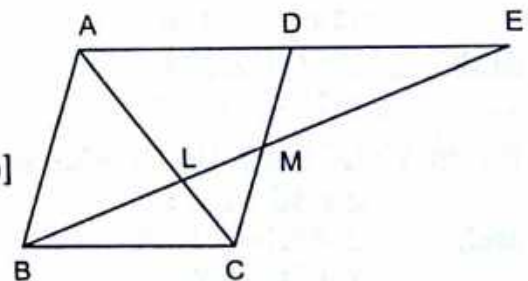


Fig. 7.124

EXAMPLE 42 In a ΔABC , let P and Q be points on AB and AC respectively such that $PQ \parallel BC$. Prove that the median AD bisects PQ .

SOLUTION Suppose the median AD intersects PQ at E .

Now, $PQ \parallel BC$

$$\Rightarrow \angle APE = \angle B \text{ and } \angle AQE = \angle C \quad \text{[Corresponding angles]}$$

So, in Δ 's APE and ABD , we have

$$\angle APE = \angle ABD$$

and, $\angle PAE = \angle BAD$

[Common]

$$\therefore \Delta APE \sim \Delta ABD$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PE}{BD} = \frac{AE}{AD} \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\Delta AQE \sim \Delta ACD$$

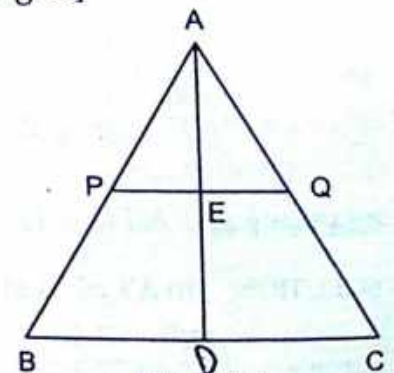


Fig. 7.125

$$\therefore \frac{QE}{CD} = \frac{AE}{AD} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{PE}{BD} = \frac{QE}{CD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PE}{BD} = \frac{QE}{BD}$$

$$\Rightarrow PE = QE$$

Hence, AD bisects PQ .

[$\because AD$ is the median $\therefore BD = CD$]

EXAMPLE 43 In Fig. 7.126, $DEFG$ is a square and $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$. Prove that

- (i) $\triangle AGF \sim \triangle DBG$ (ii) $\triangle AGF \sim \triangle EFC$ (iii) $\triangle DBG \sim \triangle EFC$ (iv) $DE^2 = BD \times EC$

[CBSE 2009]

SOLUTION (i) In $\triangle AGF$ and $\triangle DBG$, we have

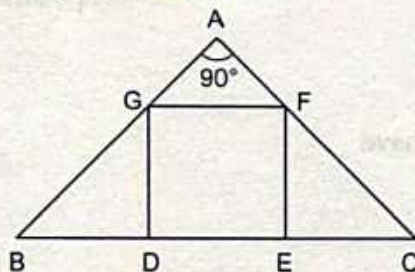


Fig. 7.126

$\angle GAF = \angle BDG$ [Each equal to 90°]
 and, $\angle AGF = \angle DBG$ [Corresponding angles]
 $\therefore \triangle AGF \sim \triangle DBG$ [By AA-criterion of similarity]

(ii) In $\triangle AGF$ and $\triangle EFC$, we have
 $\angle FAG = \angle CEF$ [Each equal to 90°]
 and, $\angle AFG = \angle ECF$ [Corresponding angles]
 $\therefore \triangle AGF \sim \triangle EFC$ [By AA-criterion of similarity]

(iii) Since $\triangle AGF \sim \triangle DBG$ and $\triangle AGF \sim \triangle EFC$
 $\therefore \triangle DBG \sim \triangle EFC$

(iv) We have,
 $\triangle DBG \sim \triangle EFC$ [Using (iii)]

$\therefore \frac{BD}{EF} = \frac{DG}{EC}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{DE} = \frac{DE}{EC}$ [$\because DEFG$ is a square $\therefore EF = DE, DG = DE$]
 $\Rightarrow DE^2 = BD \times EC$

EXAMPLE 44 In Fig. 7.127, if $AD \perp BC$ and $\frac{BD}{DA} = \frac{DA}{DC}$, prove that $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle.

SOLUTION In \triangle 's BDA and ADC , we have

$\frac{DB}{DA} = \frac{DA}{DC}$ [Given]

and, $\angle BDA = \angle ADC$ [Each equal to 90°]

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we have

- $\Delta BDA \sim \Delta ADC$
- $\Rightarrow \angle ABD = \angle CAD$ and $\angle BAD = \angle ACD$
- $\Rightarrow \angle ABD + \angle ACD = \angle CAD + \angle BAD$
- $\Rightarrow \angle B + \angle C = \angle A$
- $\Rightarrow \angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 2\angle A$ [Adding $\angle A$ on both sides]
- $\Rightarrow 2\angle A = 180^\circ$
- $\Rightarrow \angle A = 90^\circ$
- $\Rightarrow \Delta ABC$ is a right triangle.

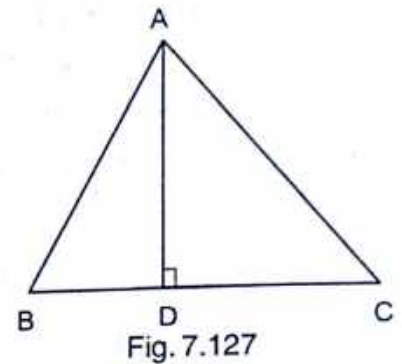


Fig. 7.127

EXAMPLE 45 In Fig. 7.128, $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$ and $CD \perp AB$. Prove that $\frac{CB^2}{CA^2} = \frac{BD}{AD}$.

SOLUTION In triangles ACD and ABC , we have

- $\angle ADC = \angle ACB$ [Each equal to 90°]
- and, $\angle DAC = \angle BAC$ [Common]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

- $\Delta ACD \sim \Delta ABC$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{AD}{AC}$
- $\Rightarrow AC^2 = AB \times AD$... (i)

In Δ 's BCD and BAC , we have

- $\angle BDC = \angle BCA$
- and, $\angle DBC = \angle ABC$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

- $BCD \sim BAC$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{BD} = \frac{BA}{BC}$
- $\Rightarrow BC^2 = AB \times BD$... (ii)

Dividing (ii) by (i), we get

$$\frac{BC^2}{AC^2} = \frac{AB \times BD}{AB \times AD} \Rightarrow \frac{BC^2}{AC^2} = \frac{BD}{AD}$$

EXAMPLE 46 Through the mid-point M of the side CD of a parallelogram $ABCD$, the line BM is drawn intersecting AC at L and AD produced at E . Prove that $EL = 2BL$.

SOLUTION In Δ 's BMC and EMD , we have

- $\angle BMC = \angle EMD$ [Vertically opposite angles]
- $MC = MD$ [$\because M$ is the mid-point of CD]
- $\angle MCB = \angle MDE$ [Alternate angles]

So, by AAS-congruence criterion, we have

- $\Delta BMC \cong \Delta EMD$
- $\Rightarrow BC = ED$ [\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangle are equal]

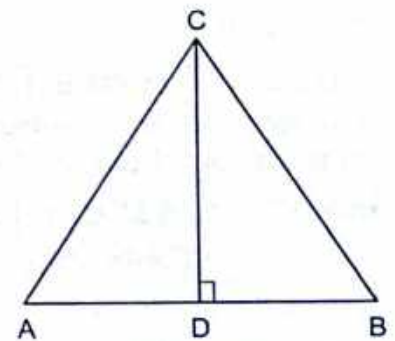


Fig. 7.128

In Δ 's AEL and CBL, we have

$$\angle ALE = \angle CLB \quad [\text{Vertically opposite angles}]$$

$$\angle EAL = \angle BCL \quad [\text{Alternate angles}]$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta AEL \sim \Delta CBL$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AE}{BC} = \frac{EL}{BL} = \frac{AL}{CL}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EL}{BL} = \frac{AE}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EL}{BL} = \frac{AD + DE}{BC} = \frac{BC + DE}{BC} = \frac{2BC}{BC} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow EL = 2BL$$

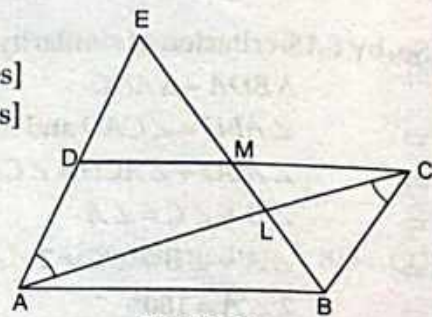


Fig. 7.129

$$[\because AD = BC \text{ and } DE = BC]$$

LEVEL-3

EXAMPLE 47 Two poles of height a metres and b metres are p metres apart. Prove that the height of the point of intersection of the lines joining the top of each pole to the foot of the opposite pole is given by $\frac{ab}{a+b}$ metres.

SOLUTION Let AB and CD be two poles of heights a metres and b metres respectively such that the poles are p metres apart i.e. $AC = p$ metres. Suppose the lines AD and BC meet at O such that $OL = h$ metres. Let $CL = x$ and $LA = y$. Then, $x + y = p$.

In ΔABC and ΔLOC , we have

$$\angle CAB = \angle CLO \quad [\text{Each equal to } 90^\circ]$$

$$\angle C = \angle C \quad [\text{Common}]$$

$$\therefore \Delta CAB \sim \Delta CLO \quad [\text{By AA-criterion of similarity}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CA}{CL} = \frac{AB}{LO}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{x} = \frac{a}{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{ph}{a}$$

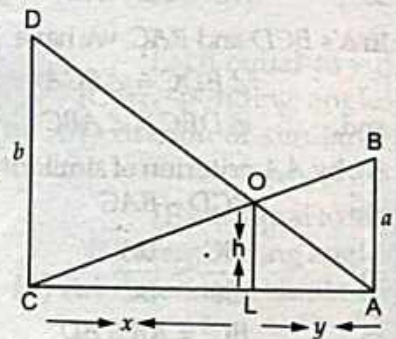


Fig. 7.130

... (i)

In ΔALO and ΔACD , we have

$$\angle ALO = \angle ACD \quad [\text{Each equal to } 90^\circ]$$

$$\angle A = \angle A \quad [\text{Common}]$$

$$\therefore \Delta ALO \sim \Delta ACD \quad [\text{By AA-criterion of similarity}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AL}{AC} = \frac{OL}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{p} = \frac{h}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{ph}{b}$$

$$[\because AC = x + y = p] \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we have

$$x + y = \frac{ph}{a} + \frac{ph}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = ph \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) \quad [\because x + y = p]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = h \left(\frac{a+b}{ab} \right) \Rightarrow h = \frac{ab}{a+b} \text{ metres}$$

Hence, the height of the intersection of the lines joining the top of each pole to the foot of the opposite pole is $\frac{ab}{a+b}$ metres.

EXAMPLE 48 *ABC is a triangle in which $AB = AC$ and D is a point on AC such that $BC^2 = AC \times CD$. Prove that $BD = BC$.*

GIVEN ΔABC in which $AB = AC$ and D is a point on the side AC such that

$$BC^2 = AC \times CD$$

TO PROVE $BD = BC$

CONSTRUCTION Join BD

PROOF We have,

$$BC^2 = AC \times CD$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{CD} = \frac{AC}{BC} \quad \dots(i)$$

Thus, in ΔABC and ΔBDC , we have

$$\frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{BC}{CD}$$

and, $\angle C = \angle C$

$$\therefore \Delta ABC \sim \Delta BDC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{BC}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{BD} = \frac{BC}{CD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{BD}{CD} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{BC}{CD} = \frac{BD}{CD} \Rightarrow BD = BC$$

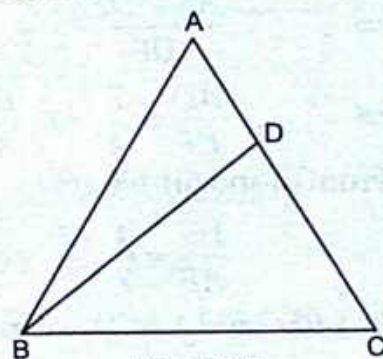


Fig. 7.131

[From (i)]

[Common]

[By SAS criterion of similarity]

[$\because AB = AC$]

EXAMPLE 49 *In trapezium $ABCD$, $AB \parallel DC$ and $DC = 2AB$. EF drawn parallel to AB cuts AD in F*

and BC in E such that $\frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{3}{4}$. Diagonal DB intersects EF at G . Prove that $7FE = 10AB$.

SOLUTION In ΔDFG and ΔDAB , we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2 \quad [\because AB \parallel DC \parallel EF \therefore \angle 1 \text{ and } \angle 2 \text{ are corresponding angles}]$$

$$\angle FDG = \angle ADB \quad [\text{Common}]$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\therefore \Delta DFG \sim \Delta DAB$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DF}{DA} = \frac{FG}{AB} \quad \dots(i)$$

In trapezium ABCD, we have

$$EF \parallel AB \parallel DC$$

$$\therefore \frac{AF}{DF} = \frac{BE}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AF}{DF} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \left[\because \frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ (Given)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AF}{DF} + 1 = \frac{3}{4} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AF + DF}{DF} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{DF} = \frac{7}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{DF}{AD} = \frac{4}{7}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{FG}{AB} = \frac{4}{7} \Rightarrow FG = \frac{4}{7} AB$$

In ΔBEG and ΔBCD , we have

$$\angle BEG = \angle BCD$$

$$\angle B = \angle B$$

$$\therefore \Delta BEG \sim \Delta BCD$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BE}{BC} = \frac{EG}{CD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{7} = \frac{EG}{CD}$$

$$\Rightarrow EG = \frac{3}{7} CD$$

$$\Rightarrow EG = \frac{3}{7} \times 2 AB$$

$$\Rightarrow EG = \frac{6}{7} AB$$

Adding (iii) and (iv), we get

$$FG + EG = \frac{4}{7} AB + \frac{6}{7} AB \Rightarrow EF = \frac{10}{7} AB \Rightarrow 7 EF = 10 AB$$

EXAMPLE 50 Through the vertex D of a parallelogram ABCD, a line is drawn to intersect the sides BA and BC produced at E and F respectively. Prove that

$$\frac{DA}{AE} = \frac{FB}{BE} = \frac{FC}{CD}$$

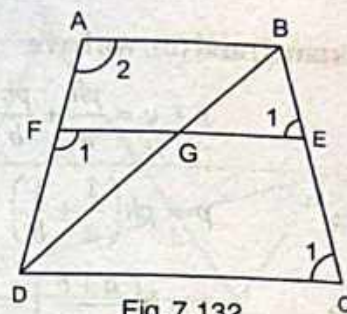


Fig. 7.132

[Adding 1 on both sides]

... (ii)

[Corresponding angles]

[Common]

[By AA-criterion of similarity]

$$\left[\because \frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{EC}{BE} = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{EC}{BE} + 1 = \frac{4}{3} + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{BC}{BE} = \frac{7}{3} \right]$$

[$\because CD = 2 AB$ (given)]

... (iv)

SOLUTION In Δ 's EAD and DCF , we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2$$

[$\because AB \parallel DC \therefore$ Corresponding angles are equal]

$$\angle 3 = \angle 4$$

[$\because AD \parallel BC \therefore$ Corresponding angles are equal]

Therefore, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta EAD \sim \Delta DCF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EA}{DC} = \frac{AD}{CF} = \frac{DE}{FD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EA}{DC} = \frac{AD}{CF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AE} = \frac{CF}{CD} \quad \dots(i)$$

Now, in Δ 's EAD and EBF , we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 1$$

[Common angle]

$$\angle 3 = \angle 4$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta EAD \sim \Delta EBF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EA}{EB} = \frac{AD}{BF} = \frac{ED}{EF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EA}{EB} = \frac{AD}{BF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AE} = \frac{FB}{BE} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we obtain: $\frac{AD}{AE} = \frac{FB}{BE} = \frac{CF}{CD}$

EXAMPLE 51 In Fig. 7.134, ABC is a right triangle right angled at B and D is the foot of the perpendicular drawn from B on AC . If $DM \perp BC$ and $DN \perp AB$, prove that

(i) $DM^2 = DN \times MC$

(ii) $DN^2 = DM \times AN$

[NCERT]

SOLUTION We have,

$$AB \perp BC \text{ and } DM \perp BC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB \parallel DM$$

Similarly, we have

$$CB \perp AB \text{ and } DN \perp AB$$

$$\Rightarrow CB \parallel DN$$

Hence, quadrilateral $BMDN$ is a rectangle.

$$\therefore BM = ND$$

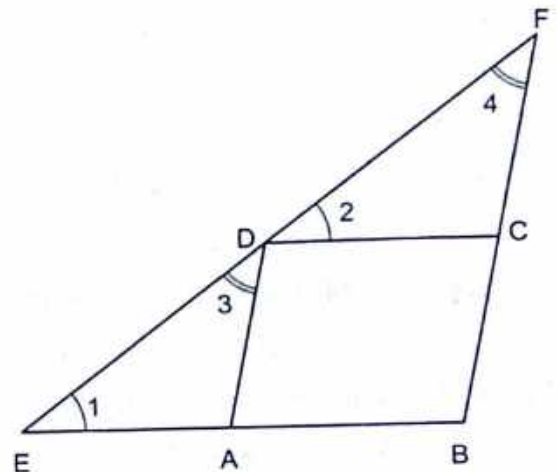


Fig. 7.133

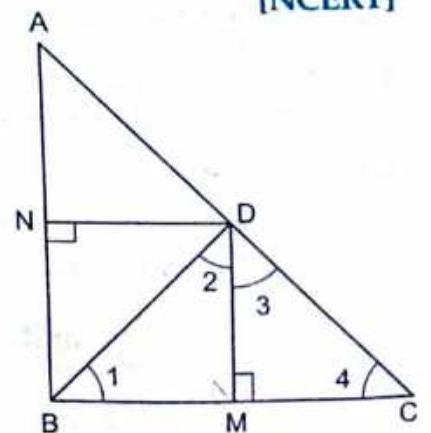


Fig. 7.134

(i) In ΔBMD , we have

$$\angle 1 + \angle BMD + \angle 2 = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 + 90^\circ + \angle 2 = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 + \angle 2 = 90^\circ$$

Similarly, in ΔDMC , we have

$$\angle 3 + \angle 4 = 90^\circ$$

Since $BD \perp AC$. Therefore,

$$\angle 2 + \angle 3 = 90^\circ$$

Now, $\angle 1 + \angle 2 = 90^\circ$ and $\angle 2 + \angle 3 = 90^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 + \angle 2 = \angle 2 + \angle 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 = \angle 3$$

Also, $\angle 3 + \angle 4 = 90^\circ$ and $\angle 2 + \angle 3 = 90^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 3 + \angle 4 = \angle 2 + \angle 3 \Rightarrow \angle 2 = \angle 4$$

Thus, in Δ 's BMD and DMC , we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 3 \text{ and } \angle 2 = \angle 4$$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta BMD \sim \Delta DMC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BM}{DM} = \frac{MD}{MC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DN}{DM} = \frac{DM}{MC}$$

$$\Rightarrow DM^2 = DN \times MC$$

$$[\because BM = ND]$$

(ii) Proceeding as in (i), we can prove that

$$\Delta BND \sim \Delta DNA$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BN}{DN} = \frac{ND}{NA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DM}{DN} = \frac{DN}{AN}$$

$$[\because BN = DM]$$

$$\Rightarrow DN^2 = DM \times AN$$

EXAMPLE 52 ABC is an isosceles triangle with $AB = AC$ and D is a point on AC such that $BC^2 = AC \times CD$. Prove that $BD = BC$.

SOLUTION We have,

$$BC^2 = AC \times CD \text{ and } AB = AC$$

$$\Rightarrow BC \times BC = AC \times CD \text{ and } \angle B = \angle C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{CD}{BC} \text{ and } \angle B = \angle C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{CA} = \frac{DC}{CB} \text{ and } \angle B = \angle C$$

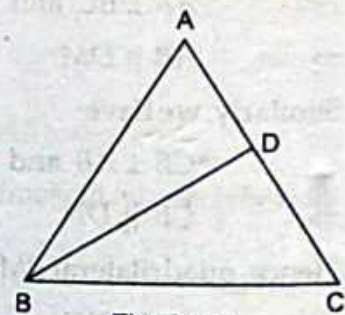


Fig. 7.135

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta BCA \sim \Delta DCB$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{DC} = \frac{CA}{CB} = \frac{BA}{DB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CA}{CB} = \frac{BA}{DB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BA}{CA} = \frac{DB}{CB}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{DB}{CB}$$

[$\because AB = AC$]

$$\Rightarrow DB = CB \Rightarrow BD = BC$$

EXERCISE 7.5

LEVEL-1

1. In Fig. 7.136, $\Delta ACB \sim \Delta APQ$. If $BC = 8$ cm, $PQ = 4$ cm, $BA = 6.5$ cm and $AP = 2.8$ cm, find CA and AQ .

$$\frac{BC}{PQ} = \frac{AB}{AP}$$

$$\frac{8}{4} = \frac{6.5}{AP}$$

$$AP = \frac{6.5 \times 2}{2} = 3.25$$

$$AQ = 3.25 \text{ cm}$$

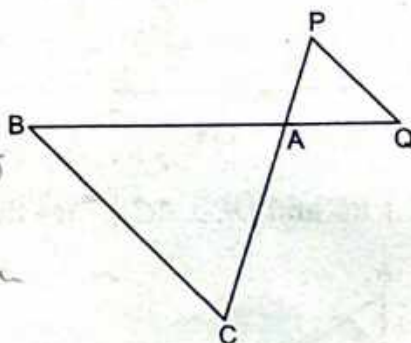


Fig. 7.136

$$\frac{AC}{AP} = \frac{BC}{PQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{2.8} = \frac{8}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 2.8 \times 2$$

$$AC = 5.6 \text{ cm}$$

2. In Fig. 7.137, $AB \parallel QR$. Find the length of PB .

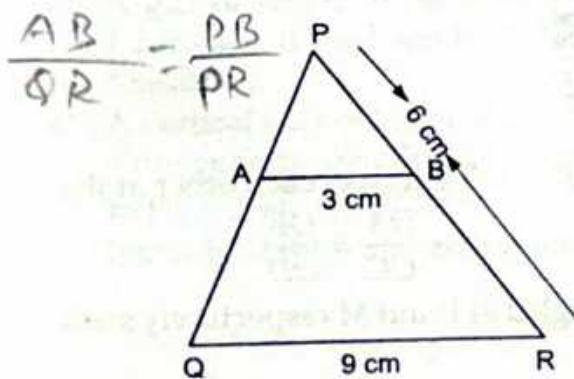


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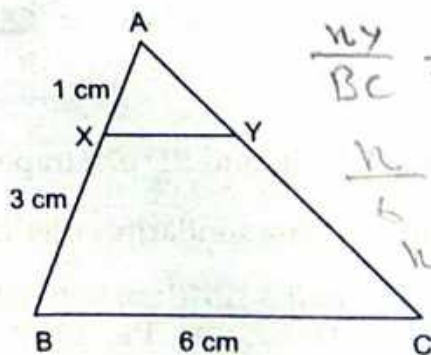


Fig. 7.138

$$\frac{XY}{BC} = \frac{AX}{AB}$$

$$\frac{11}{6} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$11 = \frac{4}{4} \times 11.5$$

$$11 = 1.5$$

3. In Fig. 7.138, $XY \parallel BC$. Find the length of XY .
4. In a right angled triangle with sides a and b and hypotenuse c , the altitude drawn on the hypotenuse is x . Prove that $ab = cx$.

5. In Fig. 7.139, $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ and $BD \perp AC$. If $BD = 8$ cm and $AD = 4$ cm, find CD .

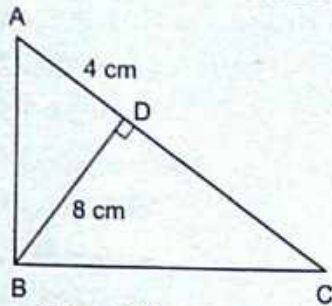


Fig. 7.139

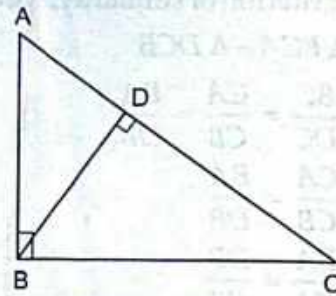


Fig. 7.140

6. In Fig. 7.140, $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ and $BD \perp AC$. If $AB = 5.7$ cm, $BD = 3.8$ cm and $CD = 5.4$ cm, find BC .
7. In Fig. 7.141, $DE \parallel BC$ such that $AE = \frac{1}{4} AC$. If $AB = 6$ cm, find AD .

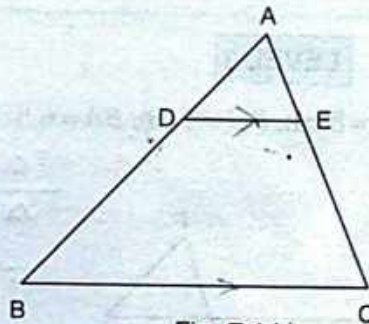


Fig. 7.141

8. In Fig. 7.142, if $AB \perp BC$, $DC \perp BC$ and $DE \perp AC$, prove that $\triangle CED \sim \triangle ABC$.

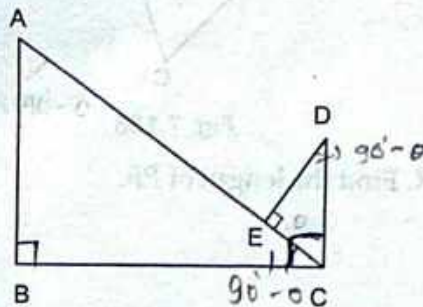


Fig. 7.142

9. Diagonals AC and BD of a trapezium $ABCD$ with $AB \parallel DC$ intersect each other at the point O . Using similarity criterion for two triangles, show that $\frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{OB}{OD}$.
10. If $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle AMP$ are two right triangles, right angled at B and M respectively such that $\angle MAP = \angle BAC$. Prove that

(i) $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle AMP$ (ii) $\frac{CA}{PA} = \frac{BC}{MP}$

LEVEL-2

11. A vertical stick 10 cm long casts a shadow 8 cm long. At the same time a tower casts a shadow 30 m long. Determine the height of the tower.

12. In Fig. 7.143, $\angle A = \angle CED$, prove that $\Delta CAB \sim \Delta CED$. Also, find the value of x .

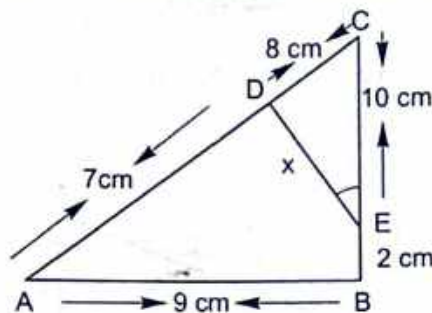


Fig. 7.143

13. The perimeters of two similar triangles are 25 cm and 15 cm respectively. If one side of first triangle is 9 cm, what is the corresponding side of the other triangle? [CBSE 2002 C]

14. In ΔABC and ΔDEF , it is being given that: $AB = 5$ cm, $BC = 4$ cm and $CA = 4.2$ cm; $DE = 10$ cm, $EF = 8$ cm and $FD = 8.4$ cm. If $AL \perp BC$ and $DM \perp EF$, find $AL : DM$.

15. D and E are the points on the sides AB and AC respectively of a ΔABC such that: $AD = 8$ cm, $DB = 12$ cm, $AE = 6$ cm and $CE = 9$ cm. Prove that $BC = 5/2 DE$.

16. D is the mid-point of side BC of a ΔABC . AD is bisected at the point E and BE produced cuts AC at the point X . Prove that $BE : EX = 3 : 1$

17. $ABCD$ is a parallelogram and APQ is a straight line meeting BC at P and DC produced at Q . prove that the rectangle obtained by BP and DQ is equal to the rectangle contained by AB and BC .

18. In ΔABC , AL and CM are the perpendiculars from the vertices A and C to BC and AB respectively. If AL and CM intersect at O , prove that:

(i) $\Delta OMA \sim \Delta OLC$ (ii) $\frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{OM}{OL}$

19. $ABCD$ is a quadrilateral in which $AD = BC$. If P, Q, R, S be the mid-points of AB, AC, CD and BD respectively, show that $PQRS$ is a rhombus.

20. In an isosceles ΔABC , the base AB is produced both the ways to P and Q such that $AP \times BQ = AC^2$. Prove that $\Delta APC \sim \Delta BCQ$.

21. A girl of height 90 cm is walking away from the base of a lamp-post at a speed of 1.2 m/sec. If the lamp is 3.6 m above the ground, find the length of her shadow after 4 seconds.

22. A vertical stick of length 6 m casts a shadow 4 m long on the ground and at the same time a tower casts a shadow 28 m long. Find the height of the tower. [NCERT]

23. In Fig. 7.144, ΔABC is right angled at C and $DE \perp AB$. Prove that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta ADE$ and hence find the lengths of AE and DE .

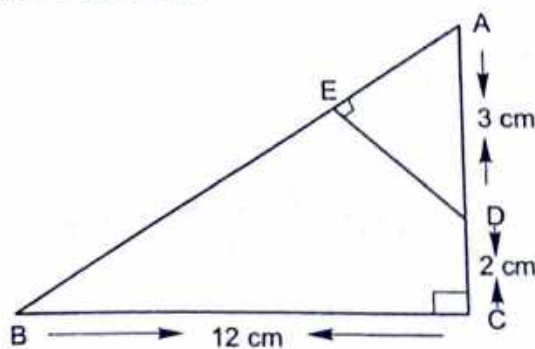


Fig. 7.144

LEVEL-3

24. In Fig. 7.145, PA , QB and RC are each perpendicular to AC . Prove that $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{y}$.

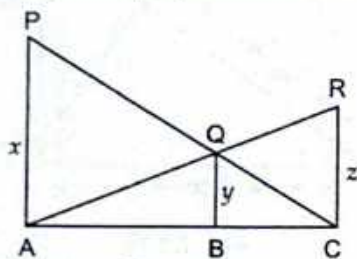


Fig. 7.145

25. In Fig. 7.146, we have $AB \parallel CD \parallel EF$. If $AB = 6$ cm, $CD = x$ cm, $EF = 10$ cm, $BD = 4$ cm and $DE = y$ cm, calculate the values of x and y .

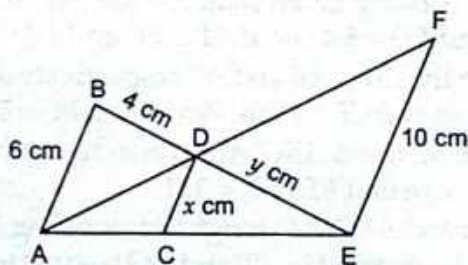


Fig. 7.146

ANSWERS

1. $CA = 5.6$ cm, $AQ = 3.25$ cm 2. 2 cm 3. 1.5 cm 5. 16 cm
 6. 8.1 cm 7. 1.5 cm 11. 37.5 m 12. 6
 13. 5.4 cm 14. 1:2 21. 1.6 m 22. 42 m
 23. $DE = \frac{36}{13}$ cm and $AE = \frac{15}{13}$ cm 25. $x = 3.75$ cm; $y = 6.67$ cm

HINT TO SELECTED PROBLEMS

2. Use: $\triangle PAB \sim \triangle PQR$

5. In $\triangle DBA$ and $\triangle DCB$, we have

$$\angle DBA = \angle DCB$$

$$\text{and, } \angle D = \angle D = 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore \triangle DBA \sim \triangle DCB$$

[Each equal to $90^\circ - \angle DBC$]

[Common]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{AD}{BD} \Rightarrow CD = \frac{BD^2}{AD}$$

6. Clearly, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle BDC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{BC}{DC} \Rightarrow \frac{5.7}{3.8} = \frac{BC}{5.4} \Rightarrow BC = \frac{5.7 \times 5.4}{3.8} = 8.1 \text{ cm}$$

7. Clearly, $\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} \Rightarrow \frac{AD}{6} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow AD = \frac{6}{4} = 1.5 \text{ cm.}$$

12. In ΔCAB and ΔCED , we have

$$\angle A = \angle CED \text{ and } \angle C = \angle C$$

[Common]

$$\therefore \Delta CAB \sim \Delta CED$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CA}{CE} = \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{CB}{CD} \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{CB}{CD} \Rightarrow \frac{9}{x} = \frac{10+2}{8} \Rightarrow x = 6 \text{ cm}$$

13. Ratio of the corresponding sides = Ratio of perimeters.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{x} = \frac{25}{15} \Rightarrow x = \frac{27}{5} = 5.4 \text{ cm}$$

14. Clearly, $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$$

Now, use the result that in similar triangles the ratio of corresponding altitudes is same as the ratio of corresponding sides.

15. Clearly, $\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{2}{3}$ and $\angle A$ is common in ΔABC and ΔADE

$$\therefore \Delta ADE \sim \Delta ABC \Rightarrow \frac{BC}{DE} = \frac{AB}{AD}$$

17. Use the result $\Delta ABP \sim \Delta QDA$ to prove that $AB \times BC = BP \times DQ$.

21. Let AB be the lamp-post and CD be the girl after walking for 4 seconds. Let DE be the length of her shadow such that $DE = x$ metres, $BD = 1.2 \times 4 = 4.8$ m.

In Δ 's ABE and CDE , we have

$$\angle B = \angle D \text{ and } \angle E = \angle E$$

So, by AA-similarity criterion, we obtain $\Delta ABE \sim \Delta CDE$

$$\therefore \frac{BE}{DE} = \frac{AB}{CD} \Rightarrow \frac{4.8 + x}{x} = \frac{3.6}{0.9} \Rightarrow x = 1.6 \text{ m}$$

23. In triangles ABC and ADE , we have

$$\angle ACB = \angle AED = 90^\circ \text{ and, } \angle BAC = \angle DAE$$

So, by AA similarity criterion, we obtain

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta ADE$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{BC}{DE} = \frac{AC}{AE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{13}{3} = \frac{12}{DE} = \frac{5}{AE}$$

$$[\because AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2 = 5^2 + 12^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow DE = \frac{36}{13} \text{ and } AE = \frac{15}{13}$$

24. In ΔPAC , we have

$$BQ \parallel AP \Rightarrow \frac{BQ}{AP} = \frac{CB}{CA} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = \frac{CB}{CA} \quad \dots(i)$$

In ΔACR , we have

$$BQ \parallel CR \Rightarrow \frac{BQ}{CR} = \frac{AB}{AC} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{z} = \frac{AB}{AC} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y}{x} + \frac{y}{z} &= \frac{CB}{AC} + \frac{AB}{AC} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} + \frac{y}{z} &= \frac{AB + BC}{AC} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} + \frac{y}{z} = \frac{AC}{AC} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} + \frac{y}{z} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{y} \end{aligned}$$

7.8 MORE ON CHARACTERISTIC PROPERTIES

In the previous section, we have learnt about characteristic properties of similar triangles and their applications. In this section, we shall discuss some more results as theorems derived from the characteristic properties of similar triangles.

THEOREM 1 If two triangles are equiangular, prove that the ratio of the corresponding sides is same as the ratio of the corresponding medians. [NCERT]

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF in which $\angle A = \angle D$, $\angle B = \angle E$, $\angle C = \angle F$, AP and DQ are their medians.

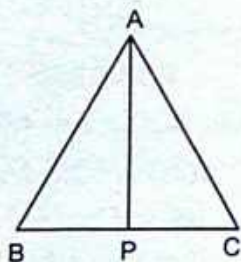


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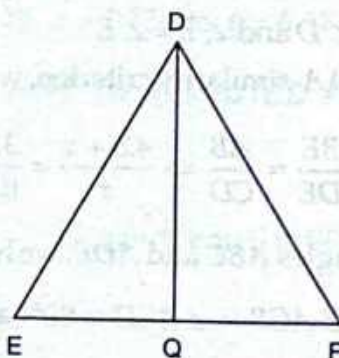


Fig. 7.148

TO PROVE $\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$

PROOF Since equiangular triangles are similar.

$$\therefore \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{2BP}{2EQ} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \because P \text{ and } Q \text{ are mid-points of } BC \text{ and } EF \text{ respectively} \\ \therefore BC = 2BP \text{ and } EF = 2EQ \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BP}{EQ} \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

Now, in ΔABP and ΔDFQ , we have

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BP}{EQ} \quad \text{[From (ii)]}$$

and, $\angle B = \angle E$ [Given]

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta ABP \sim \Delta DEQ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AP}{DQ} \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

From (i) and (iii), we get: $\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$

Hence, the ratio of the corresponding sides is same as the ratio of corresponding medians.

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 2 If two triangles are equiangular, prove that the ratio of the corresponding sides is same as the ratio of the corresponding angle bisector segments.

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF in which $\angle A = \angle D$, $\angle B = \angle E$, $\angle C = \angle F$; and AX, DY are the bisectors of $\angle A$ and $\angle D$ respectively.

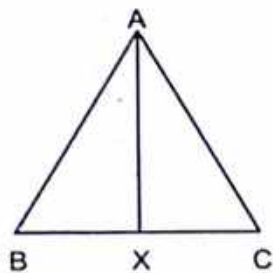


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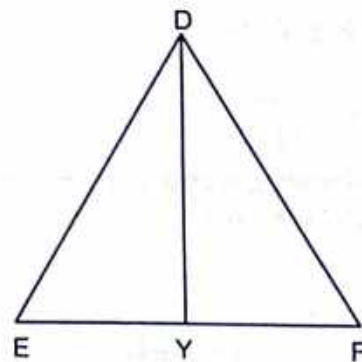


Fig. 7.150

TO PROVE $\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AX}{DY}$

PROOF Since equiangular triangles are similar.

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} \quad \dots(\text{i})$$

In ΔABX and DEY , we have

$$\angle B = \angle E \quad \text{[Given]}$$

and, $\angle BAX = \angle EDY$ $\left[\because \angle A = \angle D \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\angle A = \frac{1}{2}\angle D \Rightarrow \angle BAX = \angle EDY \right]$

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta ABX \sim \Delta DEY$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AX}{DY} \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

From (i) and (ii), we get: $\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AX}{DY}$

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 3 If two triangles are equiangular, prove that the ratio of the corresponding sides is same as the ratio of the corresponding altitudes.

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF in which

$$\angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle F \text{ and } AL \perp BC, DM \perp EF$$

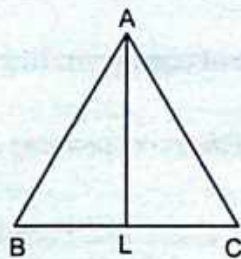


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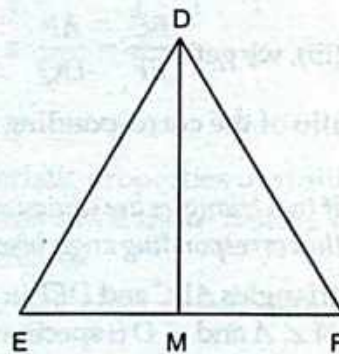


Fig. 7.152

TO PROVE $\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AL}{DM}$

PROOF Since equiangular triangles are similar.

$$\therefore \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} \quad \dots(\text{i})$$

In triangle ALB and DME, we have

$$\angle ALB = \angle DME$$

$$\angle B = \angle E$$

[Each equal to 90°]

[Given]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta ALB \sim \Delta DME$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AL}{DM} \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

From (i) and (ii), we get: $\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AL}{DM}$

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 4 If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of another triangle and the bisectors of these equal angles divide the opposite side in the same ratio, prove that the triangles are similar.

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF in which $\angle A = \angle D$. The bisectors AP and DQ of $\angle A$ and $\angle D$ intersect BC and EF in P and Q respectively such that $\frac{BP}{PC} = \frac{EQ}{QF}$.

TO PROVE $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

PROOF We know that the bisectors of an angle of a triangle intersect the opposite side in the ratio of the sides containing the angle.

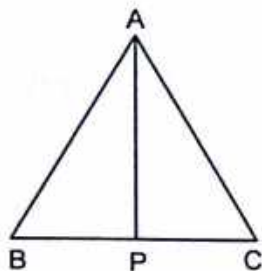


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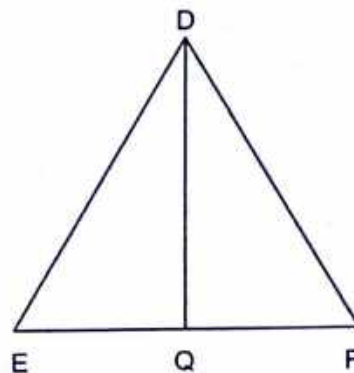


Fig. 7.154

$\therefore AP$ is the bisector of $\angle A$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BP}{PC} = \frac{AB}{AC} \quad \dots(i)$$

DQ is the bisector of $\angle D$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EQ}{QF} = \frac{DE}{DF} \quad \dots(ii)$$

But, $\frac{BP}{PC} = \frac{EQ}{QF}$ [Given]

Therefore, from (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{DE}{DF}$$

Thus, in triangles ABC and DEF , we have

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{DE}{DF}$$

and, $\angle A = \angle D$ [Given]

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we obtain : $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$.

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 5 If two sides and a median bisecting one of these sides of a triangle are respectively proportional to the two sides and the corresponding median of another triangle, then the triangles are similar. [NCERT]

GIVEN ΔABC and ΔDEF in which AP and DQ are the medians such that

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$$

TO PROVE $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

PROOF We have,

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$$

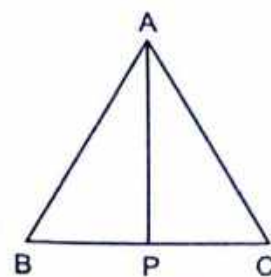


Fig. 7.155

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}BC}{\frac{1}{2}EF} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BP}{EQ} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta ABP \sim \Delta DEQ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle B = \angle E$$

Now, in ΔABC and ΔDEF , we have

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF}$$

and, $\angle B = \angle E$

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

[By SSS-similarity]

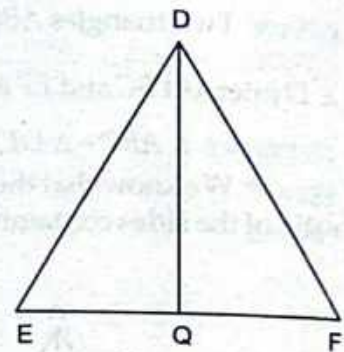


Fig. 7.156

[Given]

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 6 If two sides and a median bisecting the third side of a triangle are respectively proportional to the corresponding sides and the median of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF in which AP and DQ are the medians such that

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$$

TO PROVE $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

CONSTRUCTION Produce AP to G so that $PG = AP$. Join CG . Also, produce DQ to H so that $QH = DQ$. Join FH .

PROOF In ΔAPB and ΔGPC , we have

$$BP = CP \quad [\because AP \text{ is the median}]$$

$$AP = GP \quad [\text{By construction}]$$

and, $\angle APB = \angle CPG$ [Vertically opposite angles]

So, by SAS-criterion of congruence, we have

$$\Delta APB \cong \Delta GPC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = GC \quad \dots(i)$$

Again, in ΔDQE and ΔHQF , we have

$$EQ = FQ \quad [\because DQ \text{ is the median}]$$

$$DQ = HQ \quad [\text{By construction}]$$

and, $\angle DQE = \angle HQF$ [Vertically opposite angles]

So, by SAS-criterion of congruence, we have

$$\Delta DQE \cong \Delta HQF$$

$$\Rightarrow DE = HF \quad \dots(ii)$$

Now, $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$ [Given]

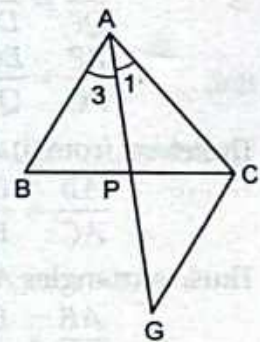


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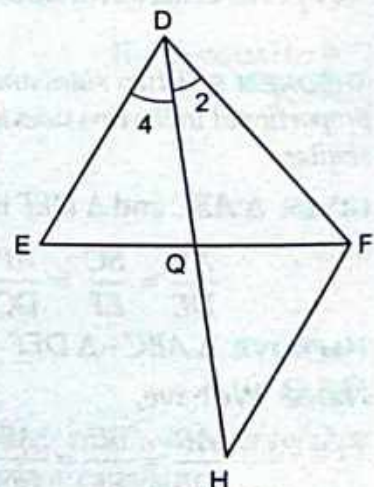


Fig. 7.158

$$\Rightarrow \frac{GC}{HF} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$$

$$\left[\because AB = GC \text{ and } DE = HF \right]$$

(From (i) and (ii))

$$\Rightarrow \frac{GC}{HF} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{2AP}{2DQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{GC}{HF} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{AG}{DH}$$

$$[\because 2AP = AG \text{ and } 2DQ = DH]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta AGC \sim \Delta DHF$$

[By SSS-criterion of similarity]

$$\Rightarrow \angle 1 = \angle 2$$

Similarly, we have

$$\angle 3 = \angle 4 \Rightarrow \angle 1 + \angle 3 = \angle 2 + \angle 4 \Rightarrow \angle A = \angle D \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

Thus, in ΔABC and ΔDEF , we have

$$\angle A = \angle D \quad \text{[From (iii)]}$$

and, $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF} \quad \text{[Given]}$

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we obtain $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

Q.E.D.

7.9 AREAS OF TWO SIMILAR TRIANGLES

In this section, we will discuss some theorems concerning the ratio of areas of similar triangles.

THEOREM 1 The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles are equal to the ratio of the squares of any two corresponding sides. [NCERT, CBSE 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006C, 2008, 2010]

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF such that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$.

TO PROVE $\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2} = \frac{AC^2}{DF^2}$

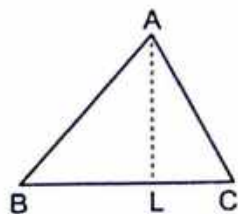


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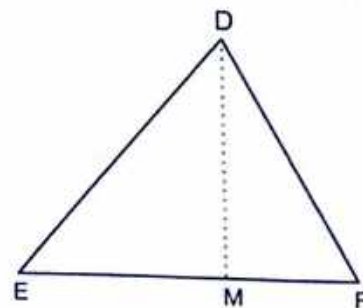


Fig. 7.160

CONSTRUCTION Draw $AL \perp BC$ and $DM \perp EF$.

PROOF Since similar triangles are equiangular and their corresponding sides are proportional. Therefore,

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle F \text{ and } \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF} \quad \dots(i)$$

Thus, in ΔALB and ΔDME , we have

$$\Rightarrow \angle ALB = \angle DME$$

$$\text{and, } \angle B = \angle E$$

[Each equal to 90°]

[From (i)]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta ALB \sim \Delta DME$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AL}{DM} = \frac{AB}{DE} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{AL}{DM} \quad \dots(iii)$$

Now,

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(BC \times AL)}{\frac{1}{2}(EF \times DM)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{BC}{EF} \times \frac{AL}{DM}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{BC}{EF} \times \frac{BC}{EF} \quad \left[\text{From (iii), } \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AL}{DM} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2}$$

$$\text{But, } \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC^2}{EF^2} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{AC^2}{DF^2}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2} = \frac{AC^2}{DF^2}$$

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 2 The areas of two similar triangles are in the ratio of the squares of the corresponding altitudes.

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF such that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ and $AL \perp BC$, $DM \perp EF$.

$$\text{TO PROVE } \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AL^2}{DM^2}$$

PROOF Since the ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the ratio of the squares of any two corresponding sides.

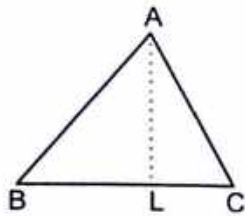


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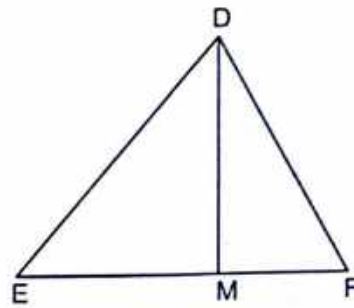


Fig. 7.162

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} \quad \dots(i)$$

Now, in ΔALB and ΔDME , we have

$$\angle ALB = \angle DME \quad \text{[Each equal to } 90^\circ]$$

and, $\angle B = \angle E$ [$\because \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF \therefore \angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle F$]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta ALB \sim \Delta DME$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AL}{DM}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{AL^2}{DM^2} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AL^2}{DM^2}$$

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 3 The areas of two similar triangles are in the ratio of the squares of the corresponding medians. [NCERT]

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF such that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ and AP, DQ are their medians.

TO PROVE $\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AP^2}{DQ^2}$

PROOF Since the ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the ratio of the squares of any two corresponding sides.

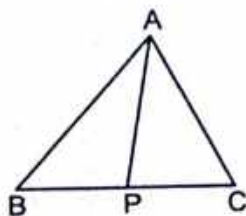


Fig. 7.163

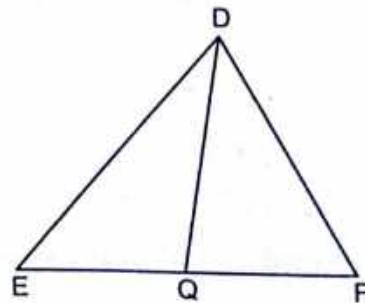


Fig. 7.164

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} \quad \dots(i)$$

Now, $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{2BP}{2EQ} = \frac{BP}{EQ} \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

Thus, in triangles APB and DQE , we have

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BP}{EQ} \text{ and } \angle B = \angle E \quad [\because \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF]$$

So, by SAS-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta APB \sim \Delta DQE$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BP}{EQ} = \frac{AP}{DQ} \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

From (ii) and (iii), we get

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{AP^2}{DQ^2} \quad \dots(\text{iv})$$

From (i) and (iv), we get

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AP^2}{DQ^2}$$

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 4 The areas of two similar triangles are in the ratio of the squares of the corresponding angle bisector segments.

GIVEN $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ and AX and DY are bisector of $\angle A$ and $\angle D$ respectively.

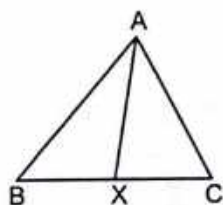


Fig. 7.165

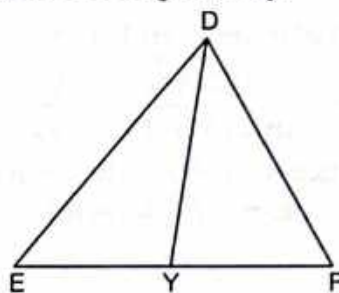


Fig. 7.166

TO PROVE $\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AX^2}{DY^2}$

PROOF Since the ratio of the areas of two similar triangles are equal to the ratio of the squares of any two corresponding sides.

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} \quad \dots(\text{i})$$

Now, $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle D$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \angle A = \frac{1}{2} \angle D$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BAX = \angle EDY$$

Thus, in triangles ABX and DEY , we have

$$\angle BAX = \angle EDY \text{ and } \angle B = \angle E$$

$$[\because \Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF]$$

So, by AA-similarity criterion, we have

$$\Delta ABX \sim \Delta DEY$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AX}{DY}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{AX^2}{DY^2} \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AP^2}{DY^2}$$

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 5 If the areas of two similar triangles are equal, then the triangles are congruent i.e. equal and similar triangles are congruent. [NCERT, CBSE 2002C, 2018]

GIVEN Two triangles ABC and DEF such that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ and

$$\text{Area}(\Delta ABC) = \text{Area}(\Delta DEF).$$

TO PROVE $\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$

PROOF We have,

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF \Rightarrow \angle A = \angle D, \angle B = \angle E, \angle C = \angle F \text{ and } \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

In order to prove that $\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$, it is sufficient to show that $AB = DE$, $BC = EF$ and $AC = DF$.

It is given that : $\text{Area}(\Delta ABC) = \text{Area}(\Delta DEF)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2} = \frac{AC^2}{DF^2} = 1 \quad \left[\because \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2} = \frac{AC^2}{DF^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = DE^2, BC^2 = EF^2 \text{ and } AC^2 = DF^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = DE, BC = EF \text{ and } AC = DF$$

Hence, $\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$.

Q.E.D.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

LEVEL-1

EXAMPLE 1 If $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ such that $AB = 1.2$ cm and $DE = 1.4$ cm. Find the ratio of areas of ΔABC and ΔDEF .

SOLUTION We know that the ratio of areas of two similar triangles is equal to the ratio of the squares of any two corresponding sides.

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{(1.2)^2}{(1.4)^2} = \left(\frac{12}{14}\right)^2 = \frac{36}{49}$$

EXAMPLE 2 In two similar triangles ABC and PQR , if their corresponding altitudes AD and PS are in the ratio $4 : 9$, find the ratio of the areas of ΔABC and ΔPQR .

SOLUTION Since the areas of two similar triangles are in the ratio of the squares of the corresponding altitudes.

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta PQR)} = \frac{AD^2}{PS^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta PQR)} = \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^2 = \frac{16}{81} \quad [\because AD : PS = 4 : 9]$$

Hence, $\text{Area}(\Delta ABC) : \text{Area}(\Delta PQR) = 16 : 81$

EXAMPLE 3 If ΔABC is similar to ΔDEF such that $BC = 3$ cm, $EF = 4$ cm and area of $\Delta ABC = 54$ cm². Determine the area of ΔDEF .

SOLUTION Since the ratio of areas of two similar triangles is equal to the ratio of the squares of any two corresponding sides.

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{54}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{3^2}{4^2} \Rightarrow \text{Area}(\Delta DEF) = \frac{54 \times 16}{9} = 96 \text{ cm}^2$$

EXAMPLE 4 If $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ such that area of ΔABC is 9 cm² and the area of ΔDEF is 16 cm² and $BC = 2.1$ cm. Find the length of EF .

SOLUTION We have,

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{16} = \frac{(2.1)^2}{EF^2} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} = \frac{2.1}{EF} \Rightarrow EF = \frac{4 \times 2.1}{3} \text{ cm} = 2.8 \text{ cm}$$

EXAMPLE 5 In Fig. 7.166, PB and QA are perpendiculars to segment AB . If $PO = 5$ cm, $QO = 7$ cm and $\text{Area} \Delta POB = 150$ cm² find the area of ΔQOA .

SOLUTION In ΔOAQ and ΔOBP , we have

$$\angle A = \angle B$$

$$\angle AOQ = \angle BOP$$

[Each equal to 90°]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta AOQ \sim \Delta BOP$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta AOQ)}{\text{Area}(\Delta BOP)} = \frac{OQ^2}{OP^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta AOQ)}{150} = \frac{7^2}{5^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area}(\Delta AOQ) = \frac{49}{25} \times 150 \text{ cm}^2 = 294 \text{ cm}^2$$

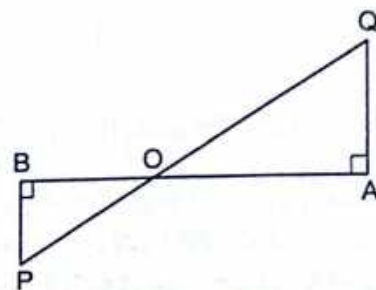


Fig. 7.167

EXAMPLE 6 In Fig. 7.168, ABCD is a trapezium in which $AB \parallel DC$ and $AB = 2 DC$. Determine the ratio of the areas of ΔAOB and ΔCOD . [NCERT]

SOLUTION In triangle AOB and COD, we have

$$\angle AOB = \angle COD$$

and, $\angle OAB = \angle OCD$

[Vertically opposite angles]
[Alternate angles]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\Delta AOB \sim \Delta COD$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta AOB)}{\text{Area}(\Delta COD)} = \frac{AB^2}{DC^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta AOB)}{\text{Area}(\Delta COD)} = \frac{(2DC)^2}{(DC)^2} = \frac{4}{1}$$

Hence, $\text{Area}(\Delta AOB) : \text{Area}(\Delta COD) = 4 : 1$.

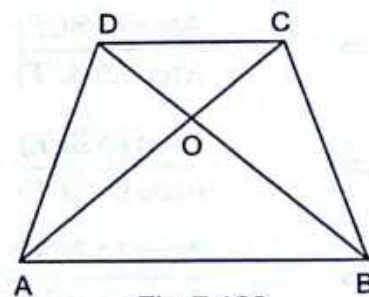


Fig. 7.168

EXAMPLE 7 In the trapezium ABCD, $AB \parallel CD$ and $AB = 2 CD$. If the area of $\Delta AOB = 84 \text{ cm}^2$, find the area of ΔCOD . [CBSE 2005]

SOLUTION From example 6, we have

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta AOB)}{\text{Area}(\Delta COD)} = \frac{4}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{84}{\text{Area}(\Delta COD)} = \frac{4}{1} \Rightarrow \text{Area}(\Delta COD) = 21 \text{ cm}^2$$

LEVEL-2

EXAMPLE 8 Prove that the area of the triangle BCE described on one side BC of a square ABCD as base is one half the area of the similar triangle ACF described on the diagonal AC as base.

SOLUTION ABCD is a square. ΔBCE is described on side BC is similar to ΔACF described on diagonal AC.

Since ABCD is a square. Therefore,

$$AB = BC = CD = DA \text{ and, } AC = \sqrt{2} BC [\because \text{Diagonal} = \sqrt{2} \text{ Side}]$$

Now, $\Delta BCE \sim \Delta ACF$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta BCE)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ACF)} = \frac{BC^2}{AC^2}$$

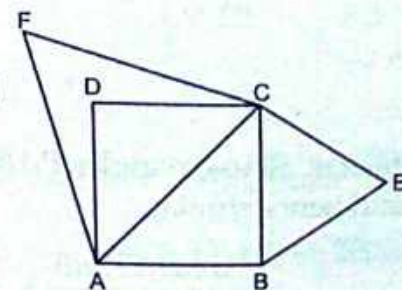


Fig. 7.169

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta BCE)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ACF)} = \frac{BC^2}{(\sqrt{2}BC)^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area}(\Delta BCE) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Area}(\Delta ACF)$$

EXAMPLE 9 Prove that the area of the equilateral triangle described on the side of a square is half the area of the equilateral triangle described on its diagonal. [NCERT, CBSE 2018]

GIVEN A square $ABCD$. Equilateral triangles ΔBCE and ΔACF have been described on side BC and diagonal AC respectively.

TO PROVE $\text{Area}(\Delta BCE) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{Area}(\Delta ACF)$

PROOF Since ΔBCE and ΔACF are equilateral. Therefore, they are equiangular (each angle being equal to 60°) and hence

$$\Delta BCE \sim \Delta ACF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta BCE)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ACF)} = \frac{BC^2}{AC^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta BCE)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ACF)} = \frac{BC^2}{(\sqrt{2}BC)^2}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \because ABCD \text{ is a square} \\ \therefore \text{diagonal} = \sqrt{2}(\text{side}) \Rightarrow AC = \sqrt{2}BC \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta BCE)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ACF)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

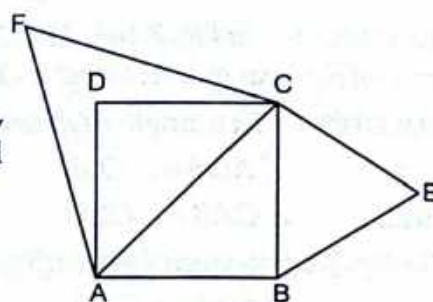


Fig. 7.170

EXAMPLE 10 Equilateral triangles are drawn on the sides of a right triangle. Show that the area of the triangle on the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the areas of triangles on the other two sides.

[CBSE 2002]

GIVEN A right angled triangle ABC with right angle at B . Equilateral triangles PAB , QBC and RAC are described on sides AB , BC and CA respectively.

TO PROVE $\text{Area}(\Delta PAB) + \text{Area}(\Delta QBC) = \text{Area}(\Delta RAC)$

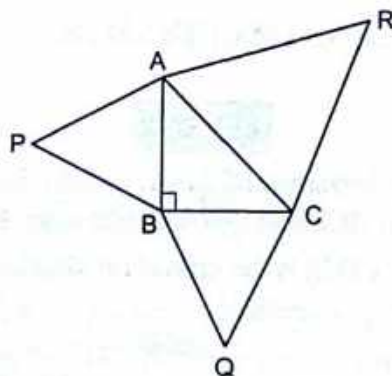


Fig. 7.171

PROOF Since triangles PAB , QBC and RAC are equilateral. Therefore, they are equiangular and hence similar.

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta PAB)}{\text{Area}(\Delta RAC)} + \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta QBC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta RAC)} = \frac{AB^2}{AC^2} + \frac{BC^2}{AC^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta PAB)}{\text{Area}(\Delta RAC)} + \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta QBC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta RAC)} = \frac{AB^2 + BC^2}{AC^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta PAB)}{\text{Area}(\Delta RAC)} + \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta QBC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta RAC)} = \frac{AC^2}{AC^2} = 1 \left[\because \Delta ABC \text{ is a right angled triangle with } \angle B = 90^\circ \therefore AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta PAB) + \text{Area}(\Delta QBC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta RAC)} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area}(\Delta PAB) + \text{Area}(\Delta QBC) = \text{Area}(\Delta RAC)$$

EXAMPLE 11 *D, E, F are the mid-points of the sides BC, CA and AB respectively of a ΔABC . Determine the ratio of the areas of ΔDEF and ΔABC .* [NCERT]

SOLUTION Since D and E are the mid-points of the sides BC and AB respectively of ΔABC .

$$\therefore DE \parallel BA \Rightarrow DE \parallel FA \quad \dots(i)$$

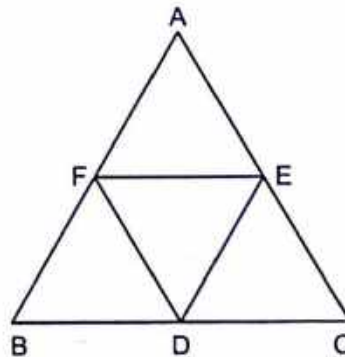


Fig. 7.172

Since D and F are mid-points of the sides BC and AB respectively of ΔABC . Therefore,

$$DF \parallel CA \Rightarrow DF \parallel AE \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i), and (ii), we conclude that AFDE is a parallelogram.

Similarly, BDEF is a parallelogram.

In ΔDEF and ΔABC , we have

$$\angle FDE = \angle A \quad \text{[Opposite angles of parallelogram AFDE]}$$

$$\text{and, } \angle DEF = \angle B \quad \text{[Opposite angles of parallelogram BDEF]}$$

So, by AA-similarity criterion, we have

$$\Delta DEF \sim \Delta ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)} = \frac{DE^2}{AB^2} = \frac{(1/2 AB)^2}{AB^2} = \frac{1}{4} \quad \left[\because DE = \frac{1}{2} AB \right]$$

Hence, $\text{Area}(\Delta DEF) : \text{Area}(\Delta ABC) = 1 : 4$

EXAMPLE 12 *D and E are points on the sides AB and AC respectively of a ΔABC such that $DE \parallel BC$ and divides ΔABC into two parts, equal in area, Find $\frac{BD}{AB}$.* [NCERT, CBSE 2000]

SOLUTION We have,

$$\text{Area}(\Delta ADE) = \text{Area}(\text{trapezium } BCED)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area}(\Delta ADE) + \text{Area}(\Delta ADE) = \text{Area}(\text{trapezium } BCED) + \text{Area}(\Delta ADE)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{Area}(\Delta ADE) = \text{Area}(\Delta ABC) \quad \dots(i)$$

In ΔADE and ΔABC , we have

$$\angle ADE = \angle B$$

$[\because DE \parallel BC \therefore \angle ADE = \angle B \text{ (Corresponding angles)}]$

and, $\angle A = \angle A$

[Common]

$$\therefore \Delta ADE \sim \Delta ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ADE)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)} = \frac{AD^2}{AB^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ADE)}{2 \text{Area}(\Delta ADE)} = \frac{AD^2}{AB^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{AD}{AB}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \sqrt{2}AD$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \sqrt{2}(AB - BD)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2} - 1)AB = \sqrt{2}BD \Rightarrow \frac{BD}{AB} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

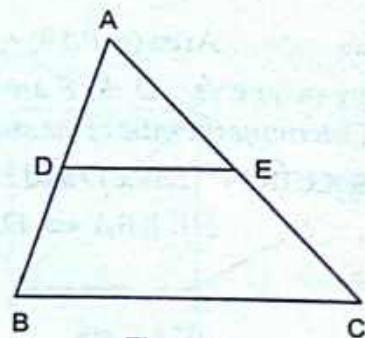


Fig. 7.173

EXAMPLE 13 Two isosceles triangles have equal vertical angles and their areas are in the ratio 16 : 25. Find the ratio of their corresponding heights. [CBSE 2000]

SOLUTION Let ΔABC and ΔDEF be the given triangles such that $AB = AC$ and $DE = DF$, $\angle A = \angle D$

and, $\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{16}{25} \quad \dots(i)$

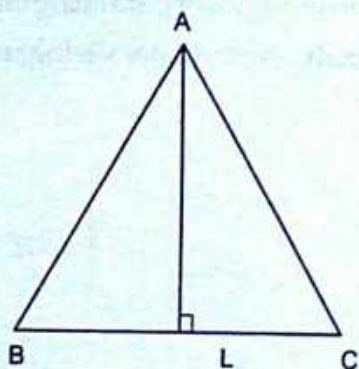


Fig. 7.174

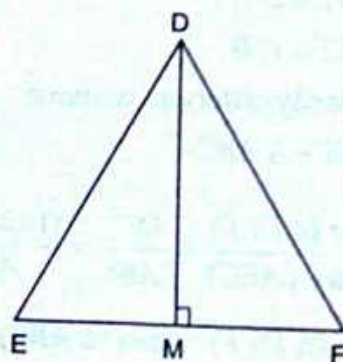


Fig. 7.175

Draw $AL \perp BC$ and $DM \perp EF$.

Now, $AB = AC, DE = DF$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AC} = 1 \text{ and } \frac{DE}{DF} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{DE}{DF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

Thus, in triangles ABC and DEF , we have

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF} \text{ and } \angle A = \angle D$$

[Given]

So, by SAS-similarity criterion, we have

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)} = \frac{AL^2}{DM^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{16}{25} = \frac{AL^2}{DM^2}$$

[Using (i)]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AL}{DM} = \frac{4}{5}$$

Hence, $AL : DM = 4 : 5$.

EXAMPLE 14 In Fig 7.176, $DE \parallel BC$ and $AD : DB = 5 : 4$. Find $\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta DEF)}{\text{Area}(\Delta CFB)}$.

[CBSE 2000]

SOLUTION In ΔABC , we have

$$DE \parallel BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADE = \angle ABC \text{ and } \angle AED = \angle ACB$$

[Corresponding angles]

Thus, in triangles ADE and ABC , we have

$$\angle A = \angle A$$

[Common]

$$\angle ADE = \angle ABC$$

and, $\angle AED = \angle ACB$

$$\therefore \Delta AED \sim \Delta ABC$$

[By AAA similarity]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{DE}{BC}$$

We have,

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB}{AD} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB}{AD} + 1 = \frac{4}{5} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB + AD}{AD} = \frac{9}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{9}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{5}{9}$$

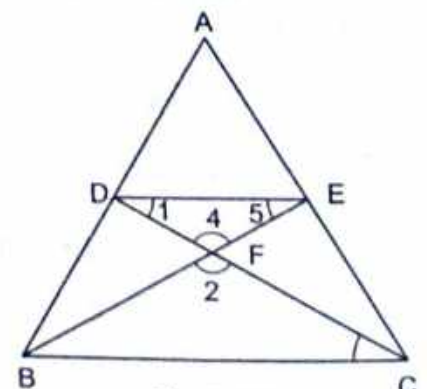


Fig. 7.176

$$\therefore \frac{DE}{BC} = \frac{5}{9}$$

In $\triangle DFE$ and $\triangle CFB$, we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 3$$

[Alternate interior angles]

$$\angle 2 = \angle 4$$

[Vertically opposite angles]

Therefore, by AA-similarity criterion, we have

$$\triangle DFE \sim \triangle CFB$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle DFE)}{\text{Area}(\triangle CFB)} = \frac{DE^2}{BC^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle DFE)}{\text{Area}(\triangle CFB)} = \left(\frac{5}{9}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{81}$$

[Using (i)]

EXAMPLE 15 In Fig. 7.177, $XY \parallel AC$ and XY divides triangular region ABC into two parts equal in area. Determine $\frac{AX}{AB}$. [CBSE 2008]

SOLUTION We have,

$$XY \parallel AC$$

and, $\text{Area}(\triangle BXY) = \text{Area}(\text{quad. } XYCA)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area}(\triangle ABC) = 2 \text{Area}(\triangle BXY) \quad \dots(i)$$

Now, $XY \parallel AC$ and BA is a transversal.

$$\Rightarrow \angle BXY = \angle BAC \quad \dots(ii)$$

Thus, in \triangle 's BAC and BXY , we have

$$\angle XBY = \angle ABC \quad [\text{Common}]$$

$$\angle BXY = \angle BAC \quad [\text{From (ii)}]$$

Therefore, AA-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\triangle BAC \sim \triangle BXY$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle BAC)}{\text{Area}(\triangle BXY)} = \frac{BA^2}{BX^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{BA^2}{BX^2}$$

[Using (i)]

$$\Rightarrow BA = \sqrt{2}BX$$

$$\Rightarrow BA = \sqrt{2}(BA - AX) \Rightarrow (\sqrt{2} - 1)BA = \sqrt{2}AX \Rightarrow \frac{AX}{AB} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

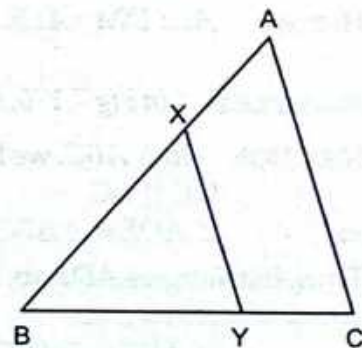


Fig. 7.177

EXERCISE 7.6

LEVEL-1

1. Triangles ABC and DEF are similar.

- (i) If $\text{area}(\triangle ABC) = 16 \text{ cm}^2$, $\text{area}(\triangle DEF) = 25 \text{ cm}^2$ and $BC = 2.3 \text{ cm}$, find EF .
- (ii) If $\text{area}(\triangle ABC) = 9 \text{ cm}^2$, $\text{area}(\triangle DEF) = 64 \text{ cm}^2$ and $DE = 5.1 \text{ cm}$, find AB .

- (iii) If $AC = 19$ cm and $DF = 8$ cm, find the ratio of the area of two triangles.
 (iv) If area $(\Delta ABC) = 36$ cm², area $(\Delta DEF) = 64$ cm² and $DE = 6.2$ cm, find AB .
 (v) If $AB = 1.2$ cm and $DE = 1.4$ cm, find the ratio of the areas of ΔABC and ΔDEF .
2. In Fig. 7.178, $\Delta ACB \sim \Delta APQ$. If $BC = 10$ cm, $PQ = 5$ cm, $BA = 6.5$ cm and $AP = 2.8$ cm, find CA and AQ . Also, find the area $(\Delta ACB) : \text{area}(\Delta APQ)$.

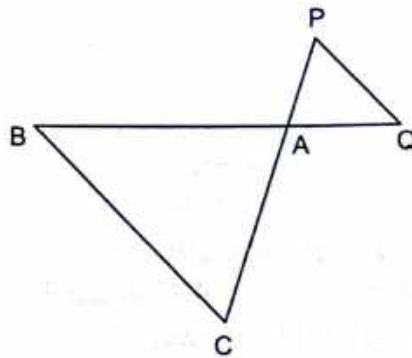


Fig. 7.178

3. The areas of two similar triangles are 81 cm² and 49 cm² respectively. Find the ratio of their corresponding heights. What is the ratio of their corresponding medians?
 4. The areas of two similar triangles are 169 cm² and 121 cm² respectively. If the longest side of the larger triangle is 26 cm, find the longest side of the smaller triangle.
 5. The areas of two similar triangles are 25 cm² and 36 cm² respectively. If the altitude of the first triangle is 2.4 cm, find the corresponding altitude of the other.
 6. The corresponding altitudes of two similar triangles are 6 cm and 9 cm respectively. Find the ratio of their areas.
 7. ABC is a triangle in which $\angle A = 90^\circ$, $AN \perp BC$, $BC = 12$ cm and $AC = 5$ cm. Find the ratio of the areas of ΔANC and ΔABC .
 8. In Fig. 7.179, $DE \parallel BC$
 (i) If $DE = 4$ cm, $BC = 6$ cm and Area $(\Delta ADE) = 16$ cm², find the area of ΔABC .
 (ii) If $DE = 4$ cm, $BC = 8$ cm and Area $(\Delta ADE) = 25$ cm², find the area of ΔABC .
 (iii) If $DE : BC = 3 : 5$. Calculate the ratio of the areas of ΔADE and the trapezium $BCED$.

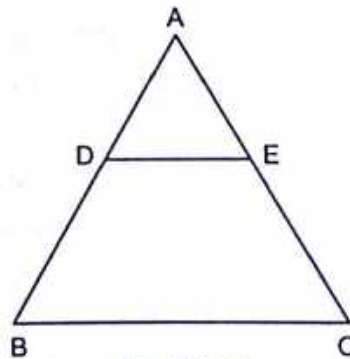


Fig. 7.179

9. In ΔABC , D and E are the mid-points of AB and AC respectively. Find the ratio of the areas of ΔADE and ΔABC .
 10. The areas of two similar triangles are 100 cm² and 49 cm² respectively. If the altitude of the bigger triangle is 5 cm, find the corresponding altitude of the other. [CBSE 2002]

11. The areas of two similar triangles are 121 cm^2 and 64 cm^2 respectively. If the median of the first triangle is 12.1 cm , find the corresponding median of the other. [CBSE 2001]
12. If $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ such that $AB = 5 \text{ cm}$, $\text{area}(\Delta ABC) = 20 \text{ cm}^2$ and $\text{area}(\Delta DEF) = 45 \text{ cm}^2$, determine DE .
13. In ΔABC , PQ is a line segment intersecting AB at P and AC at Q such that $PQ \parallel BC$ and PQ divides ΔABC into two parts equal in area. Find $\frac{BP}{AB}$.
14. The areas of two similar triangles ABC and PQR are in the ratio $9 : 16$. If $BC = 4.5 \text{ cm}$, find the length of QR . [CBSE 2004]
15. ABC is a triangle and PQ is a straight line meeting AB in P and AC in Q . If $AP = 1 \text{ cm}$, $PB = 3 \text{ cm}$, $AQ = 1.5 \text{ cm}$, $QC = 4.5 \text{ cm}$, prove that area of ΔAPQ is one-sixteenth of the area of ΔABC . [CBSE 2005]
16. If D is a point on the side AB of ΔABC such that $AD : DB = 3 : 2$ and E is a point on BC such that $DE \parallel AC$. Find the ratio of areas of ΔABC and ΔBDE . [CBSE 2006 C]
17. If ΔABC and ΔBDE are equilateral triangles, where D is the mid point of BC , find the ratio of areas of ΔABC and ΔBDE . [CBSE 2010]

LEVEL-2

18. Two isosceles triangles have equal vertical angles and their areas are in the ratio $36 : 25$. Find the ratio of their corresponding heights.
19. In Fig. 7.180, ΔABC and ΔDBC are on the same base BC . If AD and BC intersect at O , prove that [NCERT, CBSE 2000, 2005]

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DBC)} = \frac{AO}{DO}$$

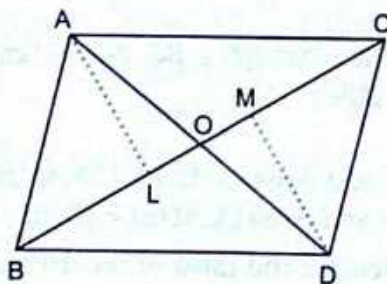


Fig. 7.180

20. $ABCD$ is a trapezium in which $AB \parallel CD$. The diagonals AC and BD intersect at O . Prove that: (i) $\Delta AOB \sim \Delta COD$ (ii) If $OA = 6 \text{ cm}$, $OC = 8 \text{ cm}$, Find:
- (a) $\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta AOB)}{\text{Area}(\Delta COD)}$ (b) $\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta AOD)}{\text{Area}(\Delta COD)}$
21. In ΔABC , P divides the side AB such that $AP : PB = 1 : 2$. Q is a point in AC such that $PQ \parallel BC$. Find the ratio of the areas of ΔAPQ and trapezium $BPQC$.
22. AD is an altitude of an equilateral triangle ABC . On AD as base, another equilateral triangle ADE is constructed. Prove that $\text{Area}(\Delta ADE) : \text{Area}(\Delta ABC) = 3 : 4$. [CBSE 2010]

ANSWERS

1. (i) 2.875 cm (ii) 1.9125 cm (iii) $361 : 64$ (iv) 4.65 (v) $36 : 49$
 2. 5.6 cm , 3.25 cm , $4 : 1$ 3. $9 : 7 ; 9 : 7$ 4. 22 cm

5. 2.88 cm 6. 4 : 9 7. 25 : 144
 8. (i) 36 cm², (ii) 100 cm², (iii) 9 : 16 9. 1 : 4
 10. 3.5 cm 11. 8.8 cm 12. 7.5 cm
 13. $\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}}$ 14. 6 cm 16. 25 : 4 17. 4 : 1
 18. 6 : 5 20. (a) $\frac{9}{16}$ (b) $\frac{3}{4}$ 21. 1 : 8

HINT TO SELECTED PROBLEMS

3. Since the ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the ratio of the squares of their corresponding altitudes and is also equal to the ratio of the squares of their corresponding medians. Hence,
 ratio of altitudes = 9 : 7 = ratio of medians.

4. We have,

$$\frac{169}{121} = \frac{26^2}{(\text{Side of the smaller triangle})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{13}{11} = \frac{26}{\text{Side of the smaller triangle}} \Rightarrow \text{Side} = 22 \text{ cm}$$

7. We have,

$$\Delta ANC \sim \Delta ABC \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ANC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)} = \frac{AC^2}{BC^2} = \frac{25}{144}$$

8. (i) In ΔADE and ΔABC , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \angle ADE &= \angle B && [\text{Corresponding angles } (\because DE \parallel BC)] \\ \angle A &= \angle A && [\text{Common}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Delta ADE \sim \Delta ABC \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ADE)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)} = \frac{DE^2}{BC^2}$$

$$(iii) \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ADE)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)} = \frac{DE^2}{BC^2} = \frac{3^2}{5^2} = \frac{9}{25}$$

Let Area (ΔADE) = 9x sq. units and Area (ΔABC) = 25x sq. units.

$$\therefore \text{Area (trap. BCED)} = \text{Area}(\Delta ABC) - \text{Area}(\Delta ADE) = 25x - 9x = 16x$$

9. Since D and E are the mid-points of AB and AC respectively. Therefore, $DE \parallel BC$. Consequently, we have

$$\Delta ADE \sim \Delta ABC \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ADE)}{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)} = \frac{AD^2}{AB^2} = \frac{AD^2}{(2AD)^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

19. Draw $AL \perp BC$ and $DM \perp BC$. In ΔALO and ΔDMO , we have

$$\angle ALO = \angle DMO = 90^\circ \text{ and, } \angle AOL = \angle DOM$$

$$\therefore \Delta ALO \sim \Delta DMO$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AL}{DM} = \frac{AO}{DO} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta DBC)} = \frac{(1/2)BC \times AL}{(1/2)BC \times DM} = \frac{AL}{DM} = \frac{AO}{DO} \quad [\text{Using (i)}]$$

7.10 PYTHAGORAS THEOREM

In this section, we shall prove an important theorem known as Pythagoras Theorem. This Theorem is also known as Baudhayan Theorem.

THEOREM 1 In a right angled triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides. [NCERT, CBSE 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006C, 2009, 2010, 2018]

GIVEN A right-angled triangle ABC in which $\angle B = 90^\circ$.

TO PROVE (Hypotenuse)² = (Base)² + (Perpendicular)² i.e. $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$.

CONSTRUCTION From B draw $BD \perp AC$.

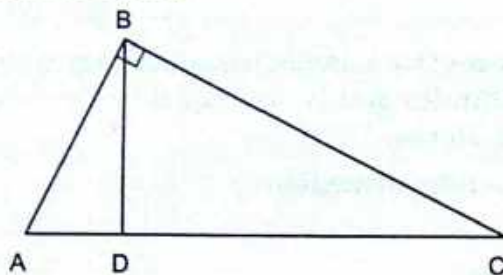


Fig. 7.181

PROOF In triangles ADB and ABC , we have

$$\angle ADB = \angle ABC \quad \text{[Each equal to } 90^\circ\text{]}$$

$$\text{and, } \angle A = \angle A \quad \text{[Common]}$$

So, by AA-similarity criterion, we have

$$\Delta ADB \sim \Delta ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AB}{AC} \quad \text{[}\because \text{ In similar triangles corresponding sides are proportional]}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AD \times AC \quad \dots(i)$$

In triangles BDC and ABC , we have

$$\angle CDB = \angle ABC \quad \text{[Each equal to } 90^\circ\text{]}$$

$$\text{and, } \angle C = \angle C \quad \text{[Common]}$$

So, by AA-similarity criterion, we have

$$\Delta BDC \sim \Delta ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DC}{BC} = \frac{BC}{AC} \quad \text{[}\because \text{ In similar triangles corresponding sides are proportional]}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC^2 = AC \times DC \quad \dots(ii)$$

Adding equations (i) and (ii), we get

$$AB^2 + BC^2 = AD \times AC + AC \times DC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 = AC (AD + DC)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 = AC \times AC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$$

$$\text{Hence, } AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$$

Q.E.D.

The converse of the above theorem is also true as proved below.

THEOREM 2 (Converse of Pythagoras Theorem) In a triangle, if the square of one side is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides, then the angle opposite to the side is a right angle.

[NCERT, CBSE 2000C, 2006C, 2009, 2010]

GIVEN A triangle ABC such that $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$.

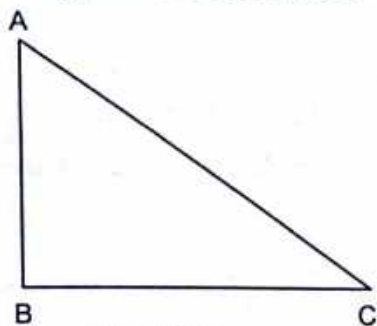


Fig. 7.182

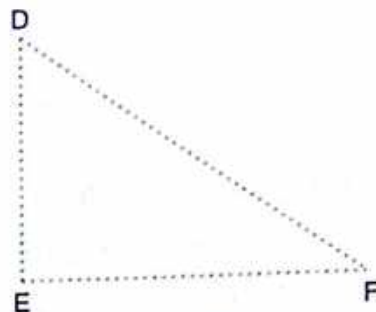


Fig. 7.183

CONSTRUCTION Construct a triangle DEF such that $DE = AB$, $EF = BC$ and $\angle E = 90^\circ$.

PROOF In order to prove that $\angle B = 90^\circ$, it is sufficient to show that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$. For this we proceed as follows :

Since ΔDEF is a right angled triangle with right angle at E . Therefore, by Pythagoras theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} DF^2 &= DE^2 + EF^2 \\ \Rightarrow DF^2 &= AB^2 + BC^2 && [\because DE = AB \text{ and } EF = BC \text{ (By construction)}] \\ \Rightarrow DF^2 &= AC^2 && [\because AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2 \text{ (Given)}] \\ \Rightarrow DF &= AC && \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in ΔABC and ΔDEF , we have

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= DE, BC = EF && \text{[By construction]} \\ \text{and, } AC &= DF && \text{[From equation (i)]} \\ \therefore \Delta ABC &\cong \Delta DEF \\ \Rightarrow \angle B &= \angle E = 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Hence, ΔABC is a right triangle right-angled at B . Q.E.D.

7.10.1 SOME IMPORTANT RESULTS BASED UPON PYTHAGORAS THEOREM

THEOREM 1 (Result on obtuse triangle) In Fig. 7.184, ΔABC is an obtuse triangle, obtuse-angled at B . If $AD \perp CB$, prove that $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + 2 BC \times BD$. [NCERT]

GIVEN An obtuse triangle ABC , obtuse-angled at B and AD is perpendicular to CB produced.

TO PROVE $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + 2 BC \times BD$.

PROOF Since ΔADB is a right triangle right-angled at D . Therefore, by Pythagoras theorem, we have

$$AB^2 = AD^2 + DB^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

Again, ΔADC is a right triangle right-angled at D .

Therefore, by Pythagoras theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} AC^2 &= AD^2 + DC^2 \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= AD^2 + (DB + BC)^2 \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= AD^2 + DB^2 + BC^2 + 2 BC \cdot BD \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= (AD^2 + DB^2) + BC^2 + 2 BC \cdot BD \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= AB^2 + BC^2 + 2 BC \cdot BD \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + 2 BC \cdot BD$

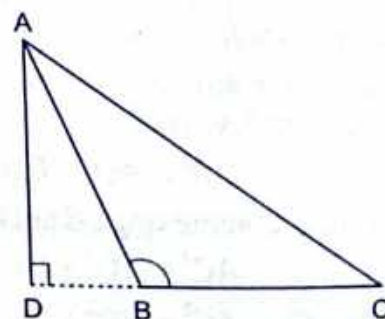


Fig. 7.184

[Using (i)]

REMARK In the above theorem BD is known as the projection of AB on BC and the theorem can also be stated as:

In an obtuse triangle, the square of the side opposite to obtuse angle is equal to the sum of the squares of other two sides plus twice the product of one side and the projection of other on first.

THEOREM 2 (Result on acute triangle) In Fig. 7.185, $\angle B$ of ΔABC is an acute angle and $AD \perp BC$, prove that $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2BC \times BD$ [NCERT]

GIVEN A ΔABC in which $\angle B$ is an acute angle and $AD \perp BC$

TO PROVE $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2BC \times BD$.

PROOF Since ΔADB is a right triangle right-angled at D . So, by Pythagoras theorem, we have
 $AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$... (i)

Again, ΔADC is a right triangle right-angled at D . Applying Pythagoras theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} AC^2 &= AD^2 + DC^2 \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= AD^2 + (BC - BD)^2 \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= AD^2 + (BC^2 + BD^2 - 2BC \cdot BD) \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= (AD^2 + BD^2) + BC^2 - 2BC \cdot BD \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= AB^2 + BC^2 - 2BC \cdot BD \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2BC \cdot BD$

[Using (i)]

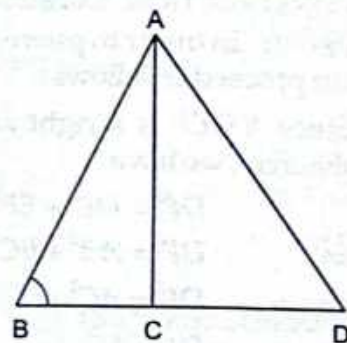


Fig. 7.185

Q.E.D.

REMARK In the above theorem BD is known as the projection of AB on BC and the theorem can also be stated as:

In an acute triangle, the square of the side opposite to an acute angle is equal to the sum of the squares of other two sides minus twice the product of one side and the projection of other on first.

THEOREM 3 Prove that in any triangle, the sum of the squares of any two sides is equal to twice the square of half of the third side together with twice the square of the median which bisects the third side.

GIVEN A ΔABC in which AD is a median.

TO PROVE $AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AD^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}BC\right)^2$ or, $AB^2 + AC^2 = 2(AD^2 + BD^2)$

CONSTRUCTION Draw $AE \perp BC$.

PROOF Since $\angle AED = 90^\circ$. Therefore, in ΔADE , we have
 $\angle ADE < 90^\circ \Rightarrow \angle ADB > 90^\circ$

Thus, ΔADB is an obtuse-angled triangle and ΔADC is an acute-angled triangle.

ΔABD is obtuse-angled at D and $AE \perp BD$ produced. Therefore, by theorem 1, we have

$$AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2 + 2BD \times DE \quad \dots (i)$$

ΔACD is acute-angled at D and $AE \perp CD$. Therefore, by theorem 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} AC^2 &= AD^2 + DC^2 - 2DC \times DE \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= AD^2 + BD^2 - 2BD \times DE \end{aligned} \quad [\because CD = BD] \quad \dots (ii)$$

Adding equations (i) and (ii), we get

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2(AD^2 + BD^2)$$

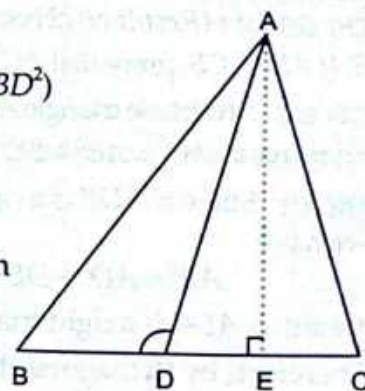


Fig. 7.186

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow AB^2 + AC^2 &= 2 \left\{ AD^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2} \right)^2 \right\} \\ \Rightarrow AB^2 + AC^2 &= 2 AD^2 + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} BC \right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow AB^2 + AC^2 &= 2 AD^2 + 2 BD^2 \\ \Rightarrow AB^2 + AC^2 &= 2 (AD^2 + BD^2) \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

THEOREM 4 Prove that three times the sum of the squares of the sides of a triangle is equal to four times the sum of the squares of the medians of the triangle.

GIVEN A ΔABC in which AD, BE and CF are three medians.

TO PROVE $3 (AB^2 + BC^2 + CA^2) = 4 (AD^2 + BE^2 + CF^2)$

PROOF Since in any triangle, the sum of the squares of any two sides is equal to twice the square of half of the third side together with twice the square of the median bisecting it.

Therefore, taking AD as the median bisecting side BC , we have

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2 (AD^2 + BD^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + AC^2 = 2 \left\{ AD^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + AC^2 = 2 \left\{ AD^2 + \frac{BC^2}{4} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 (AB^2 + AC^2) = (4 AD^2 + BC^2) \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly, by taking BE and CF respectively as the medians, we get

$$2 (AB^2 + BC^2) = (4 BE^2 + AC^2) \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{and, } 2 (AC^2 + BC^2) = (4 CF^2 + AB^2) \quad \dots(iii)$$

Adding (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$4 (AB^2 + BC^2 + AC^2) = 4 (AD^2 + BE^2 + CF^2) + (BC^2 + AC^2 + AB^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 (AB^2 + BC^2 + AC^2) = 4 (AD^2 + BE^2 + CF^2)$$

$$\text{Hence, } 3 (AB^2 + BC^2 + AC^2) = 4 (AD^2 + BE^2 + CF^2)$$

Q.E.D.

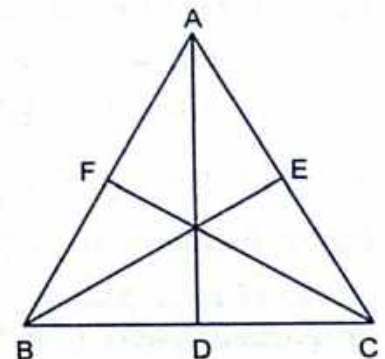


Fig. 7.187

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

LEVEL-1

EXAMPLE 1 A right triangle has hypotenuse of length p cm and one side of length q cm. If $p - q = 1$, find the length of the third side of the triangle.

SOLUTION Let the third side be x cm. Then, by Pythagoras theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 &= q^2 + x^2 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 &= p^2 - q^2 = (p - q)(p + q) = p + q && [\because p - q = 1] \\ \Rightarrow x &= \sqrt{p + q} = \sqrt{2q + 1} && [\because p - q = 1 \therefore p = q + 1] \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the length of the third side is $\sqrt{2q + 1}$ cm.

EXAMPLE 2 The sides of certain triangles are given below. Determine which of them are right triangles:

(i) $a = 6$ cm, $b = 8$ cm and $c = 10$ cm

(ii) $a = 5$ cm, $b = 8$ cm and $c = 11$ cm.

SOLUTION (i) We have,

$$a = 6 \text{ cm}, b = 8 \text{ cm and } c = 10 \text{ cm}$$

Here, the larger side is $c = 10$ cm.

$$\text{We have, } a^2 + b^2 = 6^2 + 8^2 = 36 + 64 = 100 = c^2$$

So, the triangle with the given sides is a right triangle.

(ii) Here, the larger side is $c = 11$ cm.

$$\text{Clearly, } a^2 + b^2 = 25 + 64 = 89 \neq c^2$$

So, the triangle with the given sides is not a right triangle.

EXAMPLE 3 A man goes 10 m due east and then 24 m due north. Find the distance from the starting point.

SOLUTION Let the initial position of the man be O and his final position be B . Since the man goes 10 m due east and then 24 m due north. Therefore, $\triangle AOB$ is a right triangle right-angled at A such that $OA = 10$ m and $AB = 24$ m.

By Pythagoras theorem, we have

$$OB^2 = OA^2 + AB^2$$

$$\Rightarrow OB^2 = 10^2 + 24^2 = 100 + 576 = 676$$

$$\Rightarrow OB = \sqrt{676} = 26 \text{ m}$$

Hence, the man is at a distance of 26 m from the starting point.

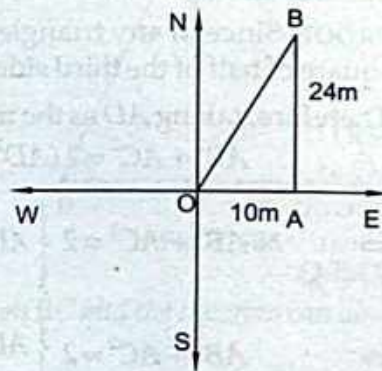


Fig. 7.188

EXAMPLE 4 A ladder is placed in such a way that its foot is at a distance of 5 m from a wall and its tip reaches a window 12 m above the ground. Determine the length of the ladder.

SOLUTION Let AB be the ladder and B be the window. Then,

$$BC = 12 \text{ m and } AC = 5 \text{ m}$$

Since $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle right-angled at C .

$$\therefore AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = 5^2 + 12^2 = 169$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 13 \text{ m}$$

Hence, the length of the ladder is 13 m.

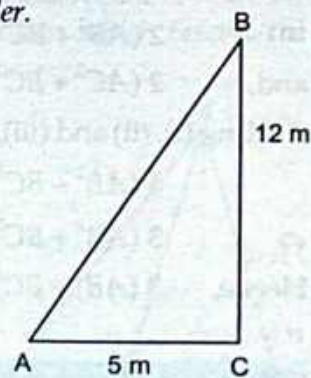


Fig. 7.189

EXAMPLE 5 A ladder 25 m long reaches a window of a building 20 m above the ground. Determine the distance of the foot of the ladder from the building.

SOLUTION Suppose that AB is the ladder, B is the window and CB is the building. Then, triangle ABC is a right triangle with right-angle at C .

$$\therefore AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 25^2 = AC^2 + 20^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = 625 - 400 = 225$$

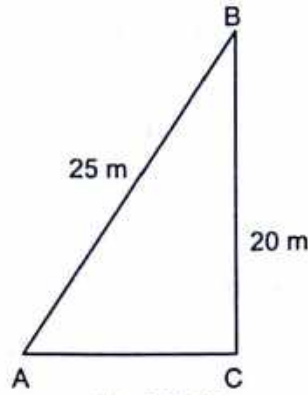


Fig. 7.190

$$\Rightarrow AC = \sqrt{225} \text{ m} = 15 \text{ m}$$

Hence, the foot of the ladder is at a distance 15 m from the building.

EXAMPLE 6 A ladder 15 m long reaches a window which is 9 m above the ground on one side of a street. Keeping its foot at the same point, the ladder is turned to other side of the street to reach a window 12 m high. Find the width of the street.

SOLUTION Let AB be the width of the street and C be the foot of the ladder. Let D and E be the windows at heights of 9 m and 12 m respectively from the ground. Then, CD and CE are the two positions of the ladder.

Clearly, $AD = 9 \text{ m}$, $BE = 12 \text{ m}$, $CD = CE = 15 \text{ m}$.

In $\triangle ACD$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} CD^2 &= AC^2 + AD^2 \\ \Rightarrow 15^2 &= AC^2 + 9^2 \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= 225 - 81 = 144 \\ \Rightarrow AC &= 12 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

In $\triangle BCE$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} CE^2 &= BC^2 + BE^2 \\ \Rightarrow 15^2 &= BC^2 + 12^2 \\ \Rightarrow BC^2 &= 225 - 144 = 81 \\ \Rightarrow BC &= 9 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, width of the street = $AB = AC + CB = (12 + 9) \text{ m} = 21 \text{ m}$.

EXAMPLE 7 The hypotenuse of a right triangle is 6 m more than the twice of the shortest side. If the third side is 2 m less than the hypotenuse, find the sides of the triangle.

SOLUTION Let the shortest side be x metres in length. Then,
Hypotenuse = $(2x + 6) \text{ m}$ and, Third side = $(2x + 4) \text{ m}$

By Pythagoras theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2x + 6)^2 &= x^2 + (2x + 4)^2 \\ \Rightarrow 4x^2 + 24x + 36 &= x^2 + 4x^2 + 16x + 16 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 - 8x - 20 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (x - 10)(x + 2) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x = 10 \text{ or, } x = -2 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

[$\because x$ cannot be negative]

Hence, the sides of the triangle are 10 m, 26 m and 24 m.

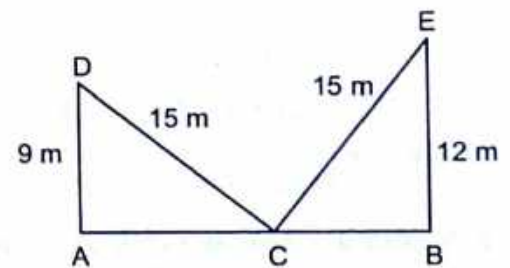


Fig. 7.191

EXAMPLE 8 *P and Q are the mid-points of the sides CA and CB respectively of a ΔABC , right angled at C. Prove that :*

$$(i) \quad 4AQ^2 = 4AC^2 + BC^2$$

[CBSE 2010]

$$(ii) \quad 4BP^2 = 4BC^2 + AC^2$$

[CBSE 2001]

$$(iii) \quad 4(AQ^2 + BP^2) = 5AB^2$$

[NCERT, CBSE 2001, 2006C]

SOLUTION (i) Since ΔAQC is a right triangle right-angled at C.

$$\therefore \quad AQ^2 = AC^2 + QC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4AQ^2 = 4AC^2 + 4QC^2$$

[Multiplying both sides by 4]

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4AQ^2 = 4AC^2 + (2QC)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4AQ^2 = 4AC^2 + BC^2 \quad [\because BC = 2QC]$$

(ii) Since ΔBPC is a right triangle right-angled at C.

$$\therefore \quad BP^2 = BC^2 + CP^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4BP^2 = 4BC^2 + 4CP^2 \quad [\text{Multiplying both sides by 4}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4BP^2 = 4BC^2 + (2CP)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4BP^2 = 4BC^2 + AC^2 \quad [\because AC = 2CP]$$

(iii) From (i) and (ii), we have

$$4AQ^2 = 4AC^2 + BC^2 \text{ and, } 4BP^2 = 4BC^2 + AC^2$$

$$\therefore \quad 4AQ^2 + 4BP^2 = (4AC^2 + BC^2) + (4BC^2 + AC^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4(AQ^2 + BP^2) = 5(AC^2 + BC^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4(AQ^2 + BP^2) = 5AB^2 \quad [\text{In } \Delta ABC, \text{ we have } AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2]$$

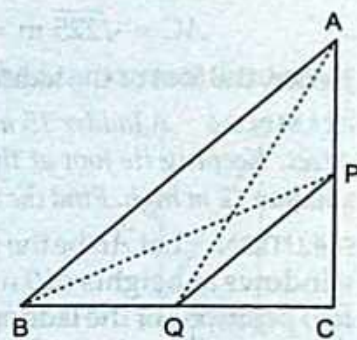


Fig. 7.192

EXAMPLE 9 *ABC is a right triangle right-angled at B. Let D and E be any points on AB and BC respectively. Prove that $AE^2 + CD^2 = AC^2 + DE^2$*

[CBSE 2002C, 2007]

SOLUTION Since ΔABE is right triangle, right-angled at B.

$$\therefore \quad AE^2 = AB^2 + BE^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

Again, ΔDBC is right triangle right-angled at B.

$$\therefore \quad CD^2 = BD^2 + BC^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$AE^2 + CD^2 = (AB^2 + BE^2) + (BD^2 + BC^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad AE^2 + CD^2 = (AB^2 + BC^2) + (BE^2 + BD^2)$$

Using Pythagoras theorem in ΔABC and ΔDBE , we have

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 \text{ and } DE^2 = BE^2 + BD^2$$

$$\therefore \quad AE^2 + CD^2 = AC^2 + DE^2$$

Hence, $AE^2 + CD^2 = AC^2 + DE^2$

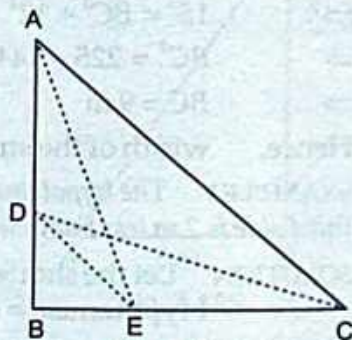


Fig. 7.193

EXAMPLE 10 *Prove that three times the square of any side of an equilateral-triangle is equal to four times the square of the altitude.*

[CBSE 2002]

SOLUTION Let ABC be an equilateral triangle and let $AD \perp BC$.

In ΔADB and ΔADC , we have

$$AB = AC$$

[Given]

$\angle B = \angle C$ [Each equal to 60°]
 and, $\angle ADB = \angle ADC$ [Each equal to 90°]
 $\therefore \Delta ADB \cong \Delta ADC$
 $\Rightarrow BD = DC$
 $\Rightarrow BD = DC = \frac{1}{2} BC$

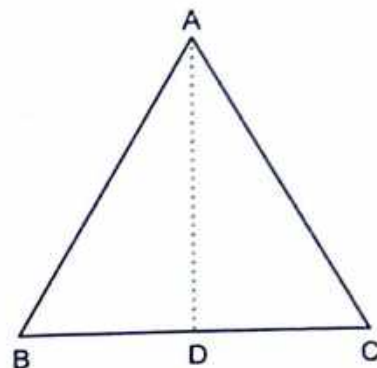


Fig. 7.194

Since ΔADB is a right triangle right-angled at D .
 $\therefore AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AD^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} BC\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AD^2 + \frac{BC^2}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AD^2 + \frac{AB^2}{4}$$

[$\because BC = AB$]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} AB^2 = AD^2 \Rightarrow 3 AB^2 = 4 AD^2$$

EXAMPLE 11 In an equilateral triangle with side a , prove that

(i) Altitude = $\frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2}$ [CBSE 2001C]

(ii) Area = $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2$

[NCERT, CBSE 2002]

SOLUTION Let ABC be an equilateral triangle the length of whose each side is a units. Draw $AD \perp BC$. Then, D is the mid-point of BC .

$$\Rightarrow AB = a, BD = \frac{1}{2} BC = \frac{a}{2}$$

Since ΔABD is a right triangle right-angled at D .

$$\therefore AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = AD^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = a^2 - \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{3a^2}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Altitude} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a$$

Now,

$$\text{Area of } \Delta ABC = (1/2) (\text{Base} \times \text{Height})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} (BC \times AD) = \frac{1}{2} \times a \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2$$

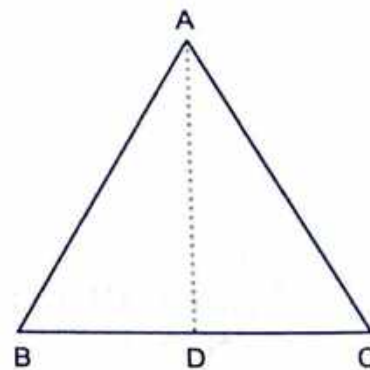


Fig. 7.195

EXAMPLE 12 ABC is an isosceles right triangle right-angled at C . Prove that $AB^2 = 2AC^2$.

[NCERT]

SOLUTION Since ΔABC is a right triangle right-angled at C .

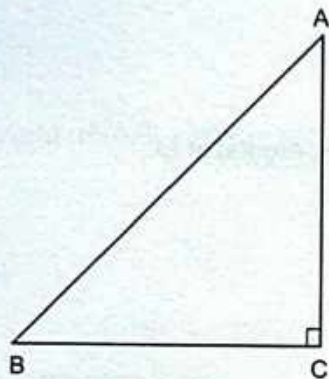


Fig. 7.196

$$\therefore AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AC^2 + AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = 2AC^2$$

[$\because BC = AC$]

EXAMPLE 13 In ΔABC , AD is perpendicular to BC . Prove that:

(i) $AB^2 + CD^2 = AC^2 + BD^2$ [CBSE 2008, 2009] (ii) $AB^2 - BD^2 = AC^2 - CD^2$

SOLUTION Since triangles ABD and ACD are right triangles right-angled at D .

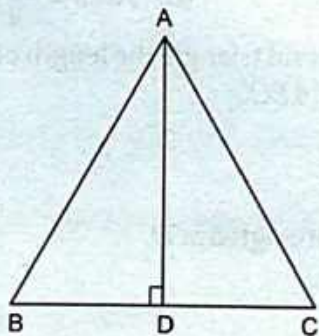


Fig. 7.197

$$\therefore AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$$

and, $AC^2 = AD^2 + CD^2$

... (i)

... (ii)

Subtracting (ii) from (i), we get

$$AB^2 - AC^2 = BD^2 - CD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + CD^2 = AC^2 + BD^2 \text{ and } AB^2 - BD^2 = AC^2 - CD^2$$

EXAMPLE 14 P and Q are points on the sides CA and CB respectively of ΔABC right angled at C . Prove that $AQ^2 + BP^2 = AB^2 + PQ^2$ [NCERT, CBSE 2002]

SOLUTION In right-angled triangles ACQ and PCB , we have

$$AQ^2 = AC^2 + CQ^2 \text{ and } PB^2 = PC^2 + CB^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AQ^2 + BP^2 = (AC^2 + CQ^2) + (PC^2 + CB^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow AQ^2 + BP^2 = (AC^2 + BC^2) + (PC^2 + CQ^2)$$

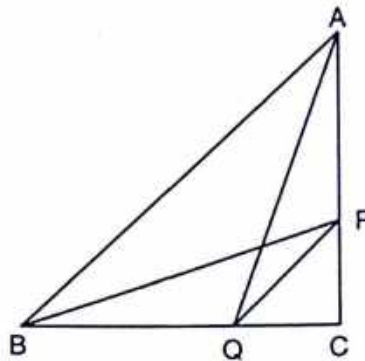


Fig. 7.198

$$\Rightarrow AQ^2 + BP^2 = AB^2 + PQ^2 \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{By Pythagoras theorem, we obtain} \\ AC^2 + BC^2 = AB^2 \text{ and } PC^2 + QC^2 = PQ^2 \end{array} \right]$$

EXAMPLE 15 *ABC is an isosceles triangle with $AC = BC$. If $AB^2 = 2AC^2$, prove that ΔABC is right triangle.* [NCERT, CBSE 2000]

SOLUTION We have,

$$AC = BC \text{ and } AB^2 = 2AC^2$$

Now, $AB^2 = 2AC^2$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AC^2 + AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$$

[$\because AC = BC$ (Given)]

$$\Rightarrow \Delta ABC \text{ is a right triangle right-angled at } C.$$

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EXAMPLE 16 *In Fig. 7.199, ABC is a right triangle right-angled at B. AD and CE are the two medians drawn from A and C respectively. If $AC = 5$ cm and $AD = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{2}$ cm, find the length of CE.*

SOLUTION Since ΔABD is a right triangle right-angled at B. Therefore,

$$AD^2 = AB^2 + BD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AB^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 \quad [\because BD = DC]$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AB^2 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot BC^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

Again, ΔBCE is a right triangle right angled at B.

$$\therefore CE^2 = BC^2 + BE^2$$

$$\Rightarrow CE^2 = BC^2 + \left(\frac{AB}{2}\right)^2 \quad [\because BE = EA]$$

$$\Rightarrow CE^2 = BC^2 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot AB^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$AD^2 + CE^2 = AB^2 + \frac{1}{4} BC^2 + BC^2 + \frac{1}{4} AB^2$$

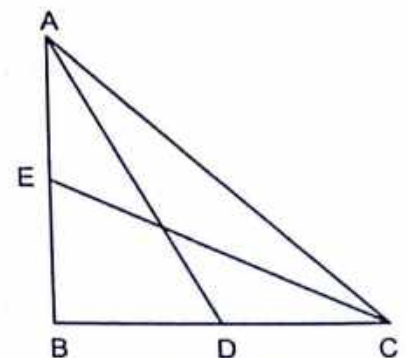


Fig. 7.199

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 + CE^2 = \frac{5}{4} (AB^2 + BC^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 + CE^2 = \frac{5}{4} AC^2 \quad [\because \Delta ABC \text{ is right triangle } \therefore AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2 + CE^2 = \frac{5}{4} \times 25$$

$$\Rightarrow CE^2 = \frac{125}{4} - \frac{45}{4} = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow CE = \sqrt{20} \text{ cm} = 2\sqrt{5} \text{ cm}$$

EXAMPLE 17 The perpendicular AD on the base BC of a ΔABC intersects BC at D so that $DB = 3 CD$. Prove that $2 AB^2 = 2 AC^2 + BC^2$. [NCERT, CBSE 2005, 2009]

SOLUTION We have,

$$DB = 3 CD$$

$$\therefore BC = BD + DC$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 3 CD + CD$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 4 CD$$

$$\Rightarrow CD = \frac{1}{4} BC$$

$$\therefore CD = \frac{1}{4} BC \text{ and } BD = 3 CD = \frac{3}{4} BC \quad \dots(i)$$

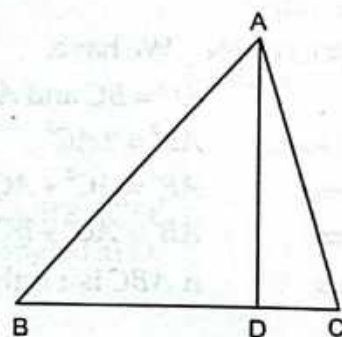


Fig. 7.200

Since ΔABD is a right triangle right-angled at D .

$$\therefore AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Similarly, ΔACD is a right triangle right angled at D .

$$\therefore AC^2 = AD^2 + CD^2 \quad \dots(iii)$$

Subtracting equation (iii) from equation (ii) we get

$$AB^2 - AC^2 = BD^2 - CD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AC^2 = \left(\frac{3}{4} BC\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{4} BC\right)^2 \quad \left[\text{From (i) } CD = \frac{1}{4} BC, BD = \frac{3}{4} BC \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AC^2 = \frac{9}{16} BC^2 - \frac{1}{16} BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AC^2 = \frac{1}{2} BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 (AB^2 - AC^2) = BC^2 \Rightarrow 2 AB^2 = 2 AC^2 + BC^2$$

EXAMPLE 18 ABC is a right triangle right-angled at C . Let $BC = a$, $CA = b$, $AB = c$ and let p be the length of perpendicular from C on AB , prove that

$$(i) \quad cp = ab \quad [\text{CBSE 2002}]$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}$$

SOLUTION Let $CD \perp AB$. Then, $CD = p$.

$$\therefore \text{Area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} (\text{Base} \times \text{Height})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} (AB \times CD) = \frac{1}{2} cp$$

Also,

$$\text{Area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} (BC \times AC) = \frac{1}{2} ab$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} cp = \frac{1}{2} ab$$

$$\Rightarrow cp = ab$$

(ii) Since ΔABC is a right triangle right-angled at C.

$$\therefore AB^2 = BC^2 + AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{ab}{p}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2 b^2}{p^2} = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 b^2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}$$

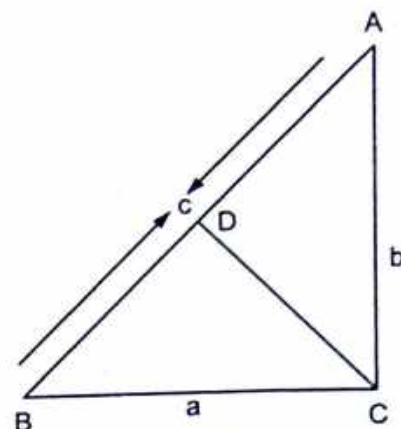


Fig. 7.201

$$\left[\because cp = ab \therefore c = \frac{ab}{p} \right]$$

EXAMPLE 19 In an isosceles triangle ABC with $AB = AC$, BD is perpendicular from B to the side AC . Prove that $BD^2 - CD^2 = 2CD \cdot AD$

SOLUTION Since ΔADB is a right triangle right-angled at D .

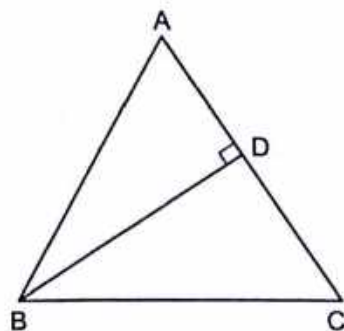


Fig. 7.202

$$\therefore AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (AD + CD)^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 + CD^2 + 2AD \cdot CD = AD^2 + BD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow BD^2 - CD^2 = 2CD \cdot AD$$

$[\because AB = AC]$

EXAMPLE 20 ABC is a triangle in which $AB = AC$ and D is any point in BC . Prove that $AB^2 - AD^2 = BD \cdot CD$ [CBSE 2005]

SOLUTION Draw $AE \perp BC$

In $\triangle AEB$ and $\triangle AEC$, we have

$$AB = AC,$$

$$AE = AE$$

[Common]

and,

$$\angle B = \angle C$$

[$\because AB = AC$]

$\therefore \triangle AEB \cong \triangle AEC$

$$\Rightarrow BE = CE$$

Since $\triangle AED$ and $\triangle ABE$ are right triangles right-angled at E .
Therefore,

$$AD^2 = AE^2 + DE^2 \text{ and } AB^2 = AE^2 + BE^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AD^2 = BE^2 - DE^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AD^2 = (BE + DE)(BE - DE)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AD^2 = (CE + DE)(BE - DE)$$

[$\because BE = CE$]

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AD^2 = CD \cdot BD$$

Hence, $AB^2 - AD^2 = BD \cdot CD$

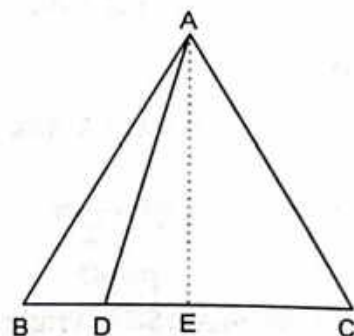


Fig. 7.203

EXAMPLE 21 From a point O in the interior of a $\triangle ABC$, perpendiculars OD , OE and OF are drawn to the sides BC , CA and AB respectively. Prove that:

$$(i) AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2 = OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 - OD^2 - OE^2 - OF^2$$

$$(ii) AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2 = AE^2 + CD^2 + BF^2$$

[NCERT]

SOLUTION Let O be a point in the interior of $\triangle ABC$ and let $OD \perp BC$, $OE \perp CA$ and $OF \perp AB$.

(i) In right triangles $\triangle OFA$, $\triangle ODB$ and $\triangle OEC$, we have

$$OA^2 = AF^2 + OF^2$$

$$OB^2 = BD^2 + OD^2$$

$$\text{and, } OC^2 = CE^2 + OE^2$$

Adding all these results, we get

$$OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 = AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2 + OF^2 + OD^2 + OE^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2 = OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 - OD^2 - OE^2 - OF^2$$

(ii) In right triangles $\triangle ODB$ and $\triangle ODC$, we have

$$OB^2 = OD^2 + BD^2$$

$$\text{and, } OC^2 = OD^2 + CD^2$$

$$\therefore OB^2 - OC^2 = (OD^2 + BD^2) - (OD^2 + CD^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow OB^2 - OC^2 = BD^2 - CD^2$$

...(i)

Similarly, we have

$$OC^2 - OA^2 = CE^2 - AE^2$$

...(ii)

$$\text{and, } OA^2 - OB^2 = AF^2 - BF^2$$

...(iii)

Adding (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

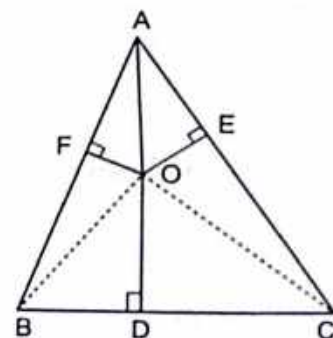


Fig. 7.204

$$\begin{aligned} & (OB^2 - OC^2) + (OC^2 - OA^2) + (OA^2 - OB^2) = (BD^2 - CD^2) + (CE^2 - AE^2) + (AF^2 - BF^2) \\ \Rightarrow & (BD^2 + CE^2 + AF^2) - (AE^2 + CD^2 + BF^2) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2 = AE^2 + BF^2 + CD^2 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 22 A point O in the interior of a rectangle $ABCD$ is joined with each of the vertices A, B, C and D . Prove that $OB^2 + OD^2 = OC^2 + OA^2$ [NCERT, CBSE 2006C]

SOLUTION Let $ABCD$ be the given rectangle and let O be a point within it. Join OA, OB, OC and OD .

Through O , draw $EOF \parallel AB$. Then, $ABFE$ is a rectangle.

In right triangles $\triangle OEA$ and $\triangle OFC$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & OA^2 = OE^2 + AE^2 \text{ and } OC^2 = OF^2 + CF^2 \\ \Rightarrow & OA^2 + OC^2 = (OE^2 + AE^2) + (OF^2 + CF^2) \\ \Rightarrow & OA^2 + OC^2 = OE^2 + OF^2 + AE^2 + CF^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now, in right triangles $\triangle OFB$ and $\triangle ODE$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & OB^2 = OF^2 + FB^2 \text{ and } OD^2 = OE^2 + DE^2 \\ \Rightarrow & OB^2 + OD^2 = (OF^2 + FB^2) + (OE^2 + DE^2) \\ \Rightarrow & OB^2 + OD^2 = OE^2 + OF^2 + DE^2 + BF^2 \\ \Rightarrow & OB^2 + OD^2 = OE^2 + OF^2 + CF^2 + AE^2 \end{aligned}$$

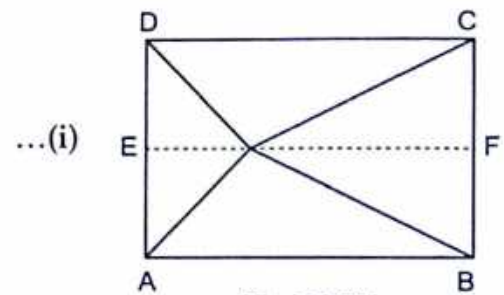


Fig. 7.205

... (i) [$\because DE = CF$ and $AE = BF$] ... (ii)

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$OA^2 + OC^2 = OB^2 + OD^2$$

EXAMPLE 23 $ABCD$ is a rhombus. Prove that $AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + DA^2 = AC^2 + BD^2$

[NCERT, CBSE 2005]

SOLUTION Let the diagonals AC and BD of rhombus $ABCD$ intersect at O . Since the diagonals of a rhombus bisect each other at right angles.

$$\therefore \angle AOB = \angle BOC = \angle COD = \angle DOA = 90^\circ \text{ and } AO = CO, BO = OD.$$

Since $\triangle AOB$ is a right triangle right-angled at O .

$$\therefore AB^2 = OA^2 + OB^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} AC\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} BD\right)^2$$

[$\because OA = OC$ and $OB = OD$]

$$\Rightarrow 4 AB^2 = AC^2 + BD^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly, we have

$$4 BC^2 = AC^2 + BD^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$4 CD^2 = AC^2 + BD^2 \quad \dots(iii)$$

and, $4 AD^2 = AC^2 + BD^2 \quad \dots(iv)$

Adding all these results, we get

$$4 (AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + AD^2) = 4 (AC^2 + BD^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + DA^2 = AC^2 + BD^2$$

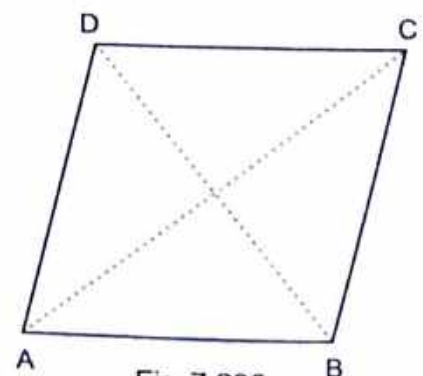


Fig. 7.206

EXAMPLE 24 In a triangle ABC , $AC > AB$, D is the mid-point of BC and $AE \perp BC$. Prove that :

$$(i) AC^2 = AD^2 + BC \cdot DE + \frac{1}{4} BC^2$$

[NCERT]

$$(ii) AB^2 = AD^2 - BC \cdot DE + \frac{1}{4} BC^2$$

[CBSE 2006C]

$$(iii) AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AD^2 + \frac{1}{2} BC^2$$

SOLUTION We have, $\angle AED = 90^\circ$,

$$\therefore \angle ADE < 90^\circ \text{ and } \angle ADC > 90^\circ.$$

i.e., $\angle ADE$ is acute and $\angle ADC$ is obtuse.

(i) In $\triangle ADC$, $\angle ADC$ is an obtuse angle.

$$\therefore AC^2 = AD^2 + DC^2 + 2DC \cdot DE$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = AD^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}BC\right)^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}BC \cdot DE$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = AD^2 + \frac{1}{4}BC^2 + BC \cdot DE$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = AD^2 + BC \cdot DE + \frac{1}{4}BC^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

(ii) In $\triangle ABD$, $\angle ADE$ is an acute angle.

$$\therefore AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2 - 2BD \cdot DE$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AD^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}BC\right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}BC \cdot DE$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AD^2 + \frac{1}{4}BC^2 - BC \cdot DE$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AD^2 - BC \cdot DE + \frac{1}{4}BC^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

(iii) From (i) and (ii), we get

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AD^2 + \frac{1}{2}BC^2$$

EXAMPLE 25 In an equilateral triangle ABC the side BC is trisected at D . Prove that $9AD^2 = 7AB^2$

SOLUTION Let ABC be an equilateral triangle and let D be a point on BC such that $BD = \frac{1}{3}BC$. Draw $AE \perp BC$. Join AD .

[NCERT, CBSE 2018]

In $\triangle AEB$, and $\triangle AEC$, we have $AB = AC$,

$$\angle AEB = \angle AEC = 90^\circ$$

and, $AE = AE$

So, by RHS-criterion of similarity, we have

$$\triangle AEB \sim \triangle AEC$$

$$\Rightarrow BE = EC$$

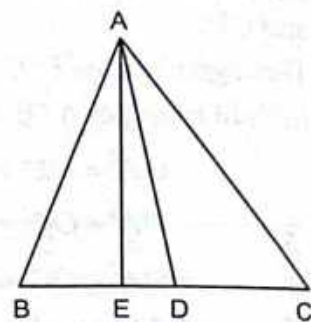


Fig. 7.207

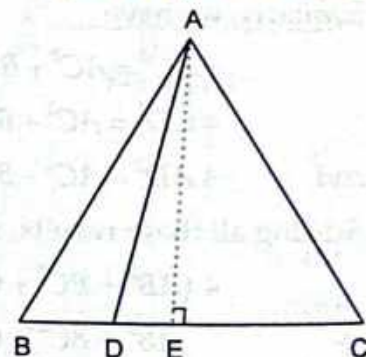


Fig. 7.208

Thus, we have

$$BD = \frac{1}{3} BC, DC = \frac{2}{3} BC \text{ and } BE = EC = \frac{1}{2} BC \quad \dots(i)$$

Since $\angle C = 60^\circ$. Therefore, ΔADC is an acute triangle.

$$\therefore AD^2 = AC^2 + DC^2 - 2 DC \times EC$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AC^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3} BC\right)^2 - 2 \times \frac{2}{3} BC \times \frac{1}{2} BC \quad [\text{Using (i)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AC^2 + \frac{4}{9} BC^2 - \frac{2}{3} BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AB^2 + \frac{4}{9} AB^2 - \frac{2}{3} AB^2 \quad [\because AB = BC = AC]$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = \frac{9AB^2 + 4AB^2 - 6AB^2}{9} = \frac{7}{9} AB^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 AD^2 = 7 AB^2$$

ALITER Draw $AE \perp BC$. Triangle ABC is equilateral. Therefore, E is the mid-point of BC .

$$\therefore BE = CE = \frac{1}{2} BC.$$

Applying Pythagoras theorem in right triangles AEB and AED , we obtain

$$AB^2 = AE^2 + BE^2 \text{ and } AD^2 = AE^2 + DE^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AD^2 = (AE^2 + BE^2) - (AE^2 + DE^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AD^2 = BE^2 - DE^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AD^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} AB\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{6} AB\right)^2 \quad \left[\because DE = BE - BD = \frac{1}{2} AB - \frac{1}{3} AB = \frac{1}{6} AB \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 - AD^2 = \frac{2}{9} AB^2 \Rightarrow \frac{7}{9} AB^2 = AD^2 \Rightarrow 9AD^2 = 7AB^2$$

EXAMPLE 26 In a ΔABC , $AD \perp BC$ and $AD^2 = BD \times CD$. Prove that ΔABC is a right triangle.

[CBSE 2006C]

SOLUTION In right triangles ADB and ADC , we have

$$AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and, } AC^2 = AD^2 + DC^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AD^2 + BD^2 + DC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + AC^2 = 2BD \times CD + BD^2 + CD^2 \quad [\because AD^2 = BD \times CD \text{ (Given)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + AC^2 = (BD + CD)^2 = BC^2$$

Thus, in ΔABC , we obtain

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = BC^2$$

Hence, ΔABC is a right triangle right-angled at A .

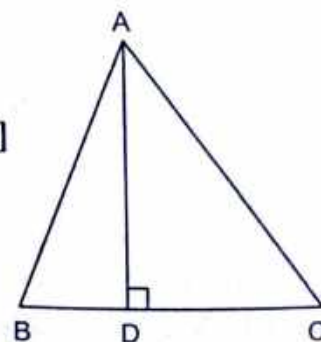


Fig. 7.209

EXAMPLE 27 In Fig. 7.210, ABC is a right triangle right angled at B and points D and E trisect BC . Prove that $8AE^2 = 3AC^2 + 5AD^2$. [CBSE 2006 C]

SOLUTION Since D and E are the points of trisection of BC . Therefore,

$$BD = DE = CE.$$

Let $BD = DE = CE = x$. Then, $BE = 2x$ and $BC = 3x$.

In right triangles ABD , ADE and ABC , we have

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AB^2 + BD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AB^2 + x^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$AE^2 = AB^2 + BE^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AE^2 = AB^2 + 4x^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

and, $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = AB^2 + 9x^2 \quad \dots(iii)$$

Now, $8AE^2 - 3AC^2 - 5AD^2 = 8(AB^2 + 4x^2) - 3$

$$(AB^2 + 9x^2) - 5(AB^2 + x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 8AE^2 - 3AC^2 - 5AD^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8AE^2 = 3AC^2 + 5AD^2$$

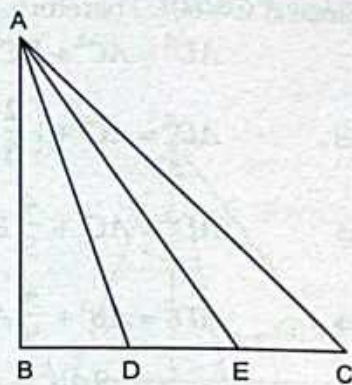


Fig. 7.210

EXAMPLE 28 ABC is a right triangle right-angled at C and $AC = \sqrt{3}BC$. Prove that $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$.

SOLUTION Let D be the mid-point of AB . Join CD . Since ABC is a right triangle right-angled at C .

$$\therefore AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = (\sqrt{3}BC)^2 + BC^2 \quad [\because AC = \sqrt{3}BC \text{ (Given)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = 4BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 2BC$$

But, $BD = \frac{1}{2}AB$ or, $AB = 2BD$

$$\therefore BD = BC$$

We know that the mid-point of the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equidistant from the vertices.

$$\therefore CD = AD = BD$$

$$\Rightarrow CD = BC$$

$$[\because BD = BC]$$

Thus, in $\triangle BCD$, we have

$$BD = CD = BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle BCD \text{ is equilateral}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABC = 60^\circ$$

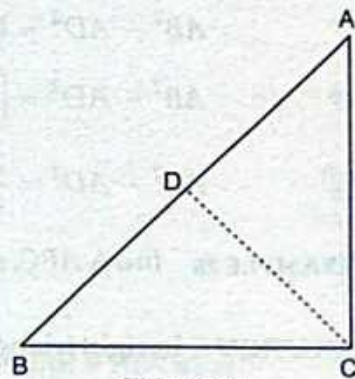


Fig. 7.211

EXAMPLE 29 In a right triangle if a perpendicular is drawn from the right angle to the hypotenuse, prove that the square of the perpendicular is equal to the rectangle contained by the two segments of the hypotenuse.

GIVEN A right triangle ABC right-angled at A , $AD \perp BC$.

TO PROVE $AD^2 = BD \times CD$

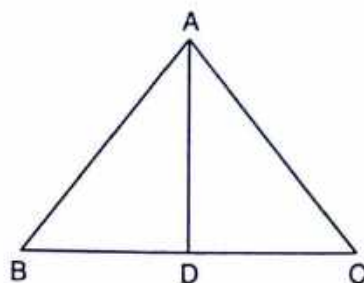


Fig. 7.212

PROOF Since $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle ACD$ are right triangles.

$$\therefore AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and, } AC^2 = AD^2 + CD^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Adding equations (i) and (ii), we get

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AD^2 + BD^2 + CD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow BC^2 = 2AD^2 + BD^2 + CD^2 \quad \left[\because \triangle ABC \text{ is right-angled at } A \therefore AB^2 + AC^2 = BC^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow (BD + CD)^2 = 2AD^2 + BD^2 + CD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow BD^2 + CD^2 + 2BD \times CD = 2AD^2 + BD^2 + CD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2BD \times CD = 2AD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = BD \times CD$$

Hence, $AD^2 = BD \times CD$.

EXAMPLE 30 ABC is an isosceles triangle right-angled at B . Similar triangles ACD and ABE are constructed on sides AC and AB . Find the ratio between the areas of $\triangle ABE$ and $\triangle ACD$.

[CBSE 2001, 2002]

SOLUTION Let $AB = BC = x$.

It is given that $\triangle ABC$ is right-angled at B .

$$\therefore AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = x^2 + x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = \sqrt{2}x$$

It is given that

$$\triangle ABE \sim \triangle ACD$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ABE)}{\text{Area}(\triangle ACD)} = \frac{AB^2}{AC^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ABE)}{\text{Area}(\triangle ACD)} = \frac{x^2}{(\sqrt{2}x)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}(\triangle ABE)}{\text{Area}(\triangle ACD)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

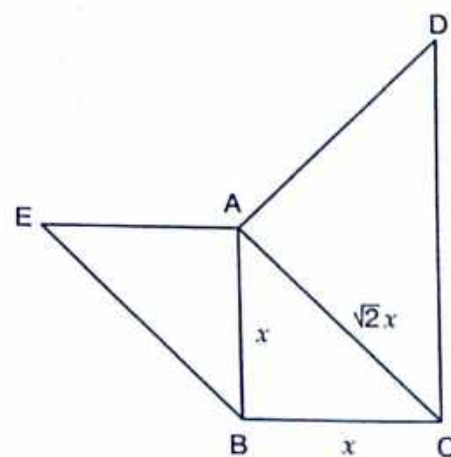


Fig. 7.213

EXAMPLE 31 ABC is a right-angled triangle right angled at A . A circle is inscribed in it the lengths of the two sides containing the right angle are 6 cm and 8 cm. Find the radius of the circle.

[CBSE 2002]

SOLUTION Using Pythagoras theorem in $\triangle BAC$, we have

$$BC^2 = AB^2 + AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow BC^2 = 6^2 + 8^2 = 100$$

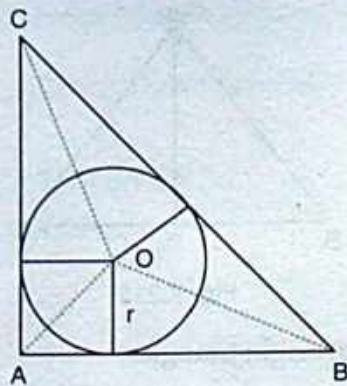


Fig. 7.214

$$\Rightarrow BC = 10 \text{ cm}$$

Now,

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \text{Area of } \triangle OAB + \text{Area of } \triangle OBC + \text{Area of } \triangle OCA$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} AB \times AC = \frac{1}{2} AB \times r + \frac{1}{2} BC \times r + \frac{1}{2} CA \times r$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 8 = \frac{1}{2} (6 \times r) + \frac{1}{2} (10 \times r) + \frac{1}{2} (8 \times r)$$

$$\Rightarrow 48 = 24r \Rightarrow r = 2 \text{ cm}$$

EXAMPLE 32 In $\triangle PQR$, $QM \perp PR$ and $PR^2 - PQ^2 = QR^2$. Prove that $QM^2 = PM \times MR$ [NCERT]

SOLUTION In $\triangle PQR$, we have

$$PR^2 - PQ^2 = QR^2$$

$$\therefore PR^2 = PQ^2 + QR^2$$

$\Rightarrow \triangle PQR$ is a right triangle right-angled at Q .

$$\Rightarrow \angle 2 + \angle 3 = 90^\circ$$

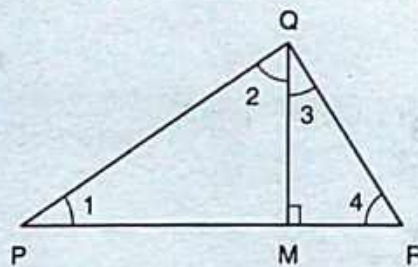


Fig. 7.215

$$\text{Also, } \angle 1 + \angle 2 = 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle 1 = \angle 3$$

Similarly, we have

$$\angle 2 = \angle 4$$

Thus, in \triangle 's PMQ and QMR , we have

$$\angle 1 = \angle 3 \text{ and } \angle 2 = \angle 4$$

$$[\because \angle PMQ = 90^\circ]$$

So, by AA-criterion for similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta PMQ \sim \Delta QMR$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PM}{QM} = \frac{MQ}{MR}$$

$$\Rightarrow QM^2 = PM \times MR.$$

EXAMPLE 33 Prove that the sum of the squares of the diagonals of a parallelogram is equal to the sum of the squares of its sides. [NCERT]

SOLUTION We know that if AD is a median of ΔABC , then

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AD^2 + \frac{1}{2}BC^2$$

[See Example 24 (iii)]

Since diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other. Therefore, BO and DO are medians of triangles ABC and ADC respectively.

$$\therefore AB^2 + BC^2 = 2BO^2 + \frac{1}{2}AC^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and, } AD^2 + CD^2 = 2DO^2 + \frac{1}{2}AC^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we have

$$AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + AD^2 = 2(BO^2 + DO^2) + AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + AD^2 = 2\left(\frac{1}{4}BD^2 + \frac{1}{4}BD^2\right) + AC^2 \quad \left[\because DO = \frac{1}{2}BD\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + AD^2 = AC^2 + BD^2$$

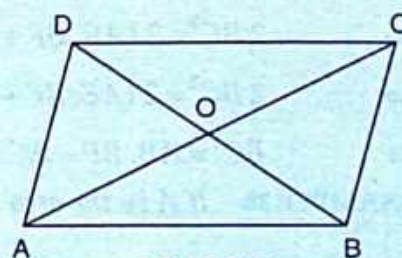


Fig. 7.216

EXAMPLE 34 In a right triangle ABC right-angled at C, P and Q are the points on the sides CA and CB respectively, which divide these sides in the ratio 2 : 1. Prove that

$$(i) 9AQ^2 = 9AC^2 + 4BC^2 \quad (ii) 9BP^2 = 9BC^2 + 4AC^2 \quad (iii) 9(AQ^2 + BP^2) = 13AB^2$$

SOLUTION It is given that P divides CA in the ratio 2 : 1. Therefore,

$$CP = \frac{2}{3}AC \quad \dots(i)$$

Also, Q divides CB in the ratio 2 : 1.

$$\therefore QC = \frac{2}{3}BC \quad \dots(ii)$$

(i) Applying Pythagoras theorem in right-angled triangle ACQ, we have

$$AQ^2 = QC^2 + AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AQ^2 = \frac{4}{9}BC^2 + AC^2 \quad \text{[Using (ii)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9AQ^2 = 4BC^2 + 9AC^2 \quad \dots(iii)$$

(ii) Applying Pythagoras theorem in right triangle BCP, we have

$$BP^2 = BC^2 + CP^2$$

$$\Rightarrow BP^2 = BC^2 + \frac{4}{9}AC^2 \quad \text{[Using (i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9BP^2 = 9BC^2 + 4AC^2 \quad \dots(iv)$$

Adding (iii) and (iv), we get

$$9(AQ^2 + BP^2) = 13(BC^2 + AC^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 9(AQ^2 + BP^2) = 13AB^2 \quad \left[\because BC^2 = AC^2 + AB^2\right]$$

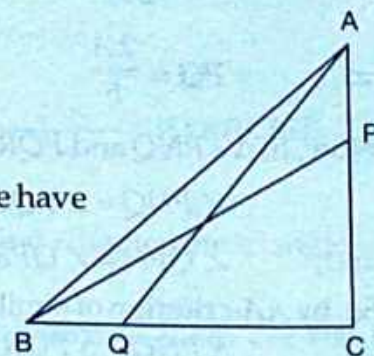


Fig. 7.217

LEVEL-3

EXAMPLE 35 In a ΔABC , the angles at B and C are acute. If BE and CF be drawn perpendiculars on AC and AB respectively, prove that $BC^2 = AB \times BF + AC \times CE$.

SOLUTION In ΔABC , $\angle B$ is acute and $CF \perp AB$.

$$\therefore AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2 AB \cdot BF \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly in ΔABC , $\angle C$ is acute and $BE \perp AC$.

$$\therefore AB^2 = BC^2 + AC^2 - 2 AC \cdot CE \quad \dots(ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$AC^2 + AB^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2 AB \cdot BF + BC^2 + AC^2 - 2 AC \cdot CE$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 BC^2 - 2 (AB \cdot BF + AC \cdot CE) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 BC^2 = 2 (AB \cdot BF + AC \cdot CE)$$

$$\Rightarrow BC^2 = AB \cdot BF + AC \cdot CE$$

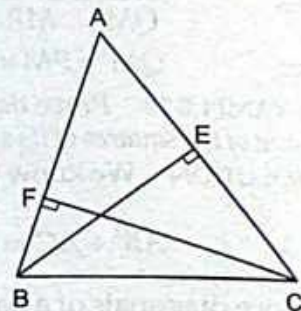


Fig. 7.218

EXAMPLE 36 If A be the area of a right triangle and b one of the sides containing the right angle, prove that the length of the altitude on the hypotenuse is $\frac{2Ab}{\sqrt{b^4 + 4A^2}}$.

SOLUTION Let PQR be a right triangle right-angled at Q such that $QR = b$ and $A = \text{Area of } \Delta PQR$. Draw QN perpendicular to PR .

Now,

$$A = \text{Area of } \Delta PQR$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2} (QR \times PQ)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2} (b \times PQ)$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ = \frac{2A}{b} \quad \dots(i)$$

Now, in Δ 's PNQ and PQR , we have

$$\angle PNQ = \angle PQR$$

$$\text{and, } \angle QPN = \angle QPR$$

[Each equal to 90°]

[Common]

So, by AA-criterion of similarity, we obtain

$$\Delta PNQ \sim \Delta PQR$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PQ}{PR} = \frac{NQ}{QR} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Applying Pythagoras theorem in ΔPQR , we obtain

$$PQ^2 + QR^2 = PR^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4A^2}{b^2} + b^2 = PR^2$$

$$\Rightarrow PR = \sqrt{\frac{4A^2 + b^4}{b^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{4A^2 + b^4}}{b}$$

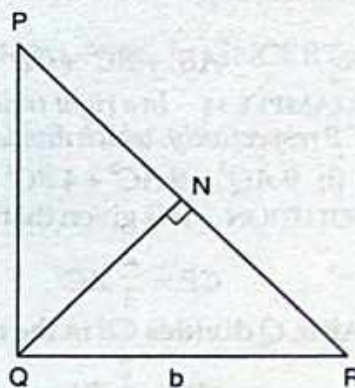


Fig. 7.219

From (i) and (ii), we have

$$\frac{2A}{b \times PR} = \frac{NQ}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow NQ = \frac{2A}{PR} \Rightarrow NQ = \frac{2Ab}{\sqrt{4A^2 + b^4}}$$

$$\left[\because PR = \frac{\sqrt{4A^2 + b^4}}{b} \right]$$

EXAMPLE 37 The perimeter of a right triangle is 60 cm. Its hypotenuse is 25 cm. Find the area of the triangle. [CBSE 2016]

SOLUTION Let ABC be a right triangle right angled at B . It is given that $AC = 25$ cm. Let $AB = x$ and $BC = y$.

Using Pythagoras theorem, we obtain

$$AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 25^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

It is given that the perimeter of triangle ABC is 60 cm.

$$\therefore AB + BC + CA = 60$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y + 25 = 60$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y = 35$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y)^2 = 35^2 \quad \text{[On squaring both sides]}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2xy = 35^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 25^2 + 2xy = 35^2 \quad \text{[Using (i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy = 35^2 - 25^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy = (35 + 25)(35 - 25)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy = 60 \times 10$$

$$\Rightarrow xy = 300$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}xy = 150$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of } \triangle ABC = 150 \text{ cm}^2$$

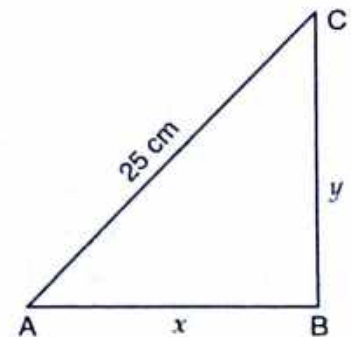


Fig. 7.220

EXERCISE 7.7

LEVEL-1

- If the sides of a triangle are 3 cm, 4 cm and 6 cm long, determine whether the triangle is a right-angled triangle.
- The sides of certain triangles are given below. Determine which of them are right triangles.

(i) $a = 7$ cm, $b = 24$ cm and $c = 25$ cm	(ii) $a = 9$ cm, $b = 16$ cm and $c = 18$ cm
(iii) $a = 1.6$ cm, $b = 3.8$ cm and $c = 4$ cm	(iv) $a = 8$ cm, $b = 10$ cm and $c = 6$ cm
- A man goes 15 metres due west and then 8 metres due north. How far is he from the starting point?
- A ladder 17 m long reaches a window of a building 15 m above the ground. Find the distance of the foot of the ladder from the building.
- Two poles of heights 6 m and 11 m stand on a plane ground. If the distance between their feet is 12 m, find the distance between their tops.

[NCERT, CBSE 2002C]

6. In an isosceles triangle ABC , $AB = AC = 25$ cm, $BC = 14$ cm. Calculate the altitude from A on BC .
7. The foot of a ladder is 6 m away from a wall and its top reaches a window 8 m above the ground. If the ladder is shifted in such a way that its foot is 8 m away from the wall, to what height does its tip reach?
8. Two poles of height 9 m and 14 m stand on a plane ground. If the distance between their feet is 12 m, find the distance between their tops.
9. Using Pythagoras theorem determine the length of AD in terms of b and c shown in Fig. 7.221.

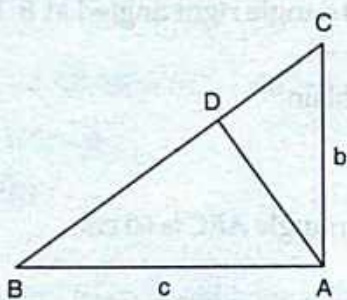


Fig. 7.221

10. A triangle has sides 5 cm, 12 cm and 13 cm. Find the length to one decimal place, of the perpendicular from the opposite vertex to the side whose length is 13 cm.
11. $ABCD$ is a square. F is the mid-point of AB . BE is one third of BC . If the area of $\Delta FBE = 108$ cm², find the length of AC .
12. In an isosceles triangle ABC , if $AB = AC = 13$ cm and the altitude from A on BC is 5 cm, find BC .
13. In a ΔABC , $AB = BC = CA = 2a$ and $AD \perp BC$. Prove that
 - (i) $AD = a\sqrt{3}$
 - (ii) $\text{Area}(\Delta ABC) = \sqrt{3} a^2$
14. The lengths of the diagonals of a rhombus are 24 cm and 10 cm. Find each side of the rhombus.
15. Each side of a rhombus is 10 cm. If one of its diagonals is 16 cm find the length of the other diagonal.
16. Calculate the height of an equilateral triangle each of whose sides measures 12 cm.
17. In Fig. 7.222, $\angle B < 90^\circ$ and segment $AD \perp BC$, show that
 - (i) $b^2 = h^2 + a^2 + x^2 - 2ax$
 - (ii) $b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ax$

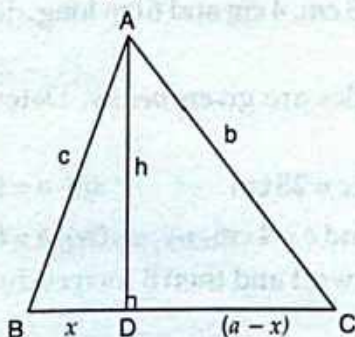


Fig. 7.222

18. In an equilateral ΔABC , $AD \perp BC$, prove that $AD^2 = 3 BD^2$ [CBSE 2002C]

19. ΔABD is a right triangle right-angled at A and $AC \perp BD$. Show that

(i) $AB^2 = BC \cdot BD$ (ii) $AC^2 = BC \cdot DC$ (iii) $AD^2 = BD \cdot CD$ (iv) $\frac{AB^2}{AC^2} = \frac{BD}{DC}$ [NCERT]

20. A guy wire attached to a vertical pole of height 18 m is 24 m long and has a stake attached to the other end. How far from the base of the pole should the stake be driven so that the wire will be taut? [NCERT]

21. Determine whether the triangle having sides $(a - 1)$ cm, $2\sqrt{a}$ cm and $(a + 1)$ cm is a right angled triangle. [CBSE 2010]

LEVEL-2

22. In an acute-angled triangle, express a median in terms of its sides.

23. In right-angled triangle ABC in which $\angle C = 90^\circ$, if D is the mid-point of BC , prove that $AB^2 = 4AD^2 - 3AC^2$. [CBSE 2010]

24. In Fig. 7.223, D is the mid-point of side BC and $AE \perp BC$. If $BC = a$, $AC = b$, $AB = c$, $ED = x$, $AD = p$ and $AE = h$, prove that:

(i) $b^2 = p^2 + ax + \frac{a^2}{4}$ (ii) $c^2 = p^2 - ax + \frac{a^2}{4}$ (iii) $b^2 + c^2 = 2p^2 + \frac{a^2}{2}$

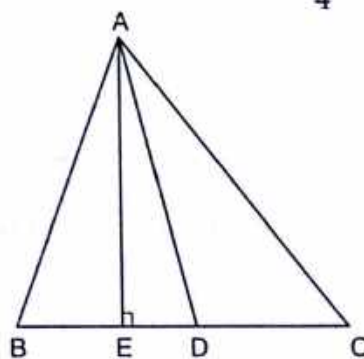


Fig. 7.223

25. In ΔABC , $\angle A$ is obtuse, $PB \perp AC$ and $QC \perp AB$. Prove that:

(i) $AB \times AQ = AC \times AP$ (ii) $BC^2 = (AC \times CP + AB \times BQ)$

26. In a right ΔABC right-angled at C , if D is the mid-point of BC , prove that $BC^2 = 4(AD^2 - AC^2)$.

27. In a quadrilateral $ABCD$, $\angle B = 90^\circ$, $AD^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2$, prove that $\angle ACD = 90^\circ$

28. An aeroplane leaves an airport and flies due north at a speed of 1000 km/hr. At the same time, another aeroplane leaves the same airport and flies due west at a speed of 1200 km/hr. How far apart will be the two planes after $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours? [NCERT]

ANSWERS

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1. No | 2. (i), (iv) | 3. 17 m | 4. 8 m |
| 5. 13 m | 6. 24 m | 7. 6 m | 8. 13 m |
| 9. $\frac{bc}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}}$ | 10. 4.6 cm | 11. 50.904 m | 12. 24 cm |
| 14. 13 cm | 15. 12 cm | 16. 10.39 cm | 20. $6\sqrt{7}$ m |
| 21. yes | 22. $\frac{2AB^2 + 2AC^2 - BC^2}{4}$ | | 28. 2343 km (Approx) |

HINT TO SELECTED PROBLEMS

5. Find the hypotenuse of a right triangle having two sides $(11 - 6) \text{ m} = 5 \text{ m}$ and 12 m .

6. Let D be the foot of the perpendicular from A on BC . Then,

$$\Delta ABD \cong \Delta ACD \Rightarrow BD = CD = 7 \text{ cm.}$$

Now, apply Pythagoras theorem in ΔABD .

9. Area of $\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} (AB \times AC) = \frac{1}{2} bc$.

Also, Area of $\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} (BC \times AD) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \times AD$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \times AD = \frac{1}{2} bc \Rightarrow AD = \frac{bc}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}}$$

10. Let $AB = 5 \text{ cm}$, $BC = 12 \text{ cm}$ and $AC = 13 \text{ cm}$. Then, $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$. This proves that ΔABC is a right triangle, right-angled at B . Let BD be the length of perpendicular from B on AC .

Now,

$$\text{Area } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} (BC \times BA) = \frac{1}{2} (12 \times 5) = 30 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{Also, Area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} AC \times BD = \frac{1}{2} (13 \times BD) \Rightarrow (13 \times BD) = 60 \Rightarrow BD = \frac{60}{13} \text{ cm.}$$

13. First prove that $\Delta ABD \cong \Delta ACD$ and then use Pythagoras theorem in ΔABD to find AD .

14. Let $ABCD$ be a rhombus in which $AC = 24 \text{ cm}$ and $BD = 10 \text{ cm}$. Suppose the diagonals intersect at O . Since the diagonals of a rhombus bisect each other at right angles. Therefore, ΔOAB is a right triangle, right-angled at O such that

$$OA = \frac{1}{2} AC = 12 \text{ cm and } OB = \frac{1}{2} BD = 5 \text{ cm.}$$

Using Pythagoras theorem, we obtain

$$AB^2 = OA^2 + OB^2 = 12^2 + 5^2 = 169 \Rightarrow AB = 13 \text{ cm.}$$

22. Let ABC be an acute angled triangle and let AD be a median. Then,

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2(AD^2 + BD^2)$$

[See Theorem 3 on page 7.100]

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = \frac{2AB^2 + 2AC^2 - BC^2}{4}$$

23. In right triangles ABC and ADC , we have

$$AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and, } AD^2 = AC^2 + CD^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Now,

$$AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AC^2 + 4CD^2$$

$$\left[\because CD = BD = \frac{1}{2} BC \right]$$

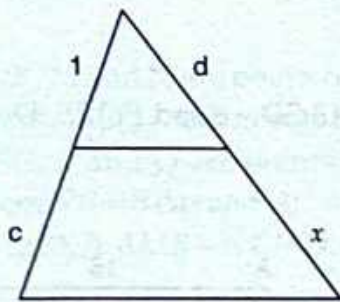
$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AC^2 + 4(AD^2 - AC^2)$$

[Using (ii)]

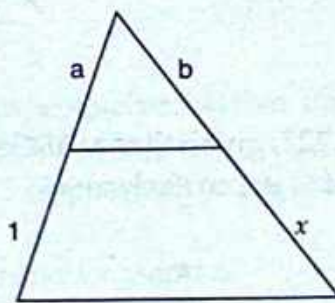
$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = 4AD^2 - 3AC^2$$

REVISION EXERCISE

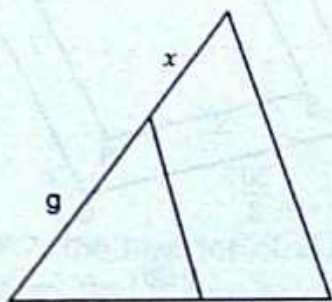
1. In each of the figures [7.224 (i)- (iv)] given below, a line segment is drawn parallel to one side of the triangle and the lengths of certain line-segments are marked. Find the value of x in each of the following :



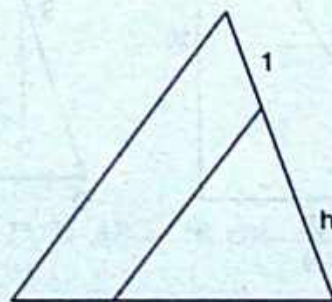
(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)

Fig. 7.224

2. What values of x will make $DE \parallel AB$ in the Fig. 7.225?

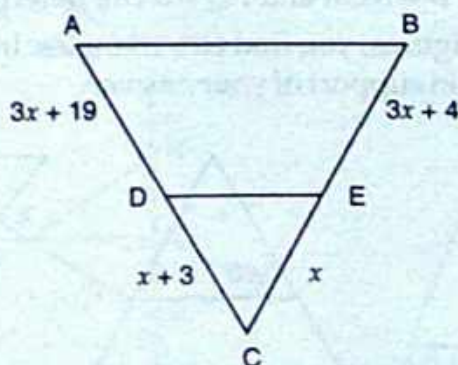


Fig. 7.225

3. In ΔABC , points P and Q are on CA and CB , respectively such that $CA = 16$ cm, $CP = 10$ cm, $CB = 30$ cm and $CQ = 25$ cm. Is $PQ \parallel AB$?
4. In Fig. 7.226, $DE \parallel CB$. Determine AC and AE .

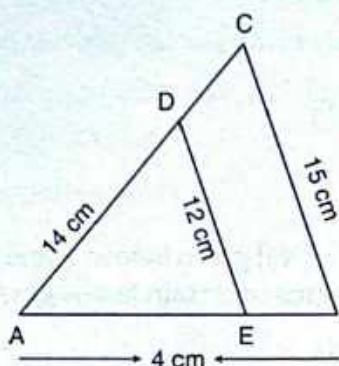


Fig. 7.226

5. In Fig. 7.227, given that $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$ and quad $ABCD \sim$ quad $PQRS$. Determine the values of x, y, z in each case.

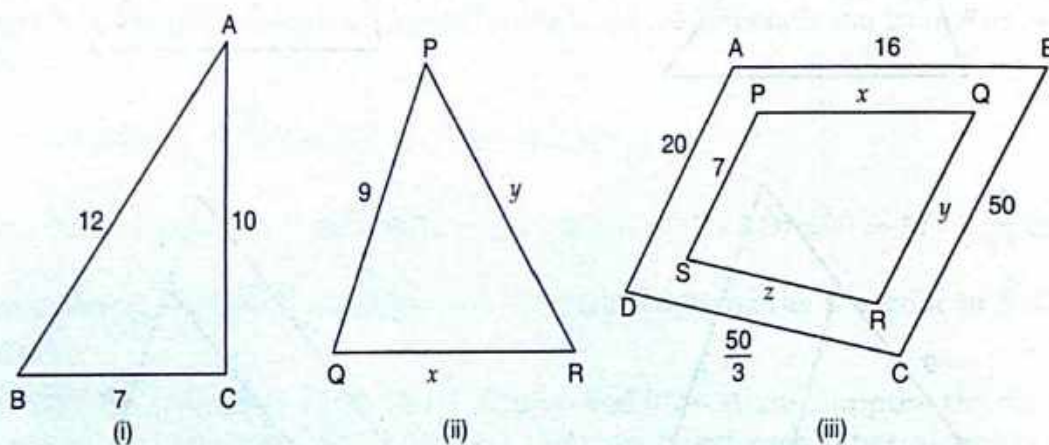
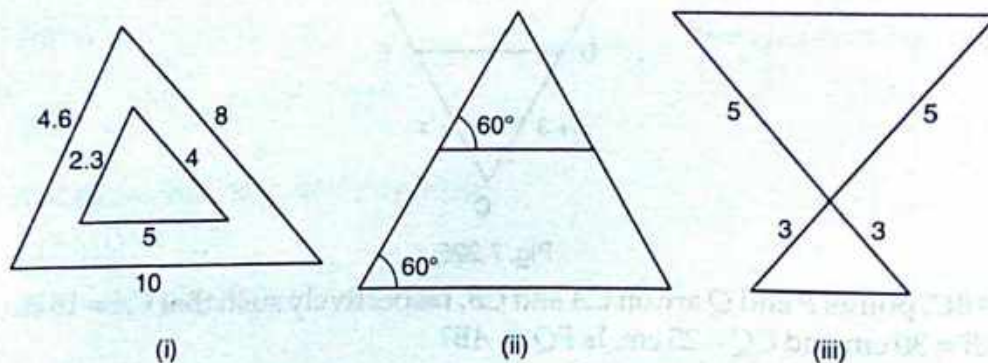


Fig. 7.227

6. In $\triangle ABC$, P and Q are points on sides AB and AC respectively such that $PQ \parallel BC$. If $AP = 4$ cm, $PB = 6$ cm and $PQ = 3$ cm, determine BC .
7. In each of the following figures, you find two triangles. Indicate whether the triangles are similar. Give reasons in support of your answer.



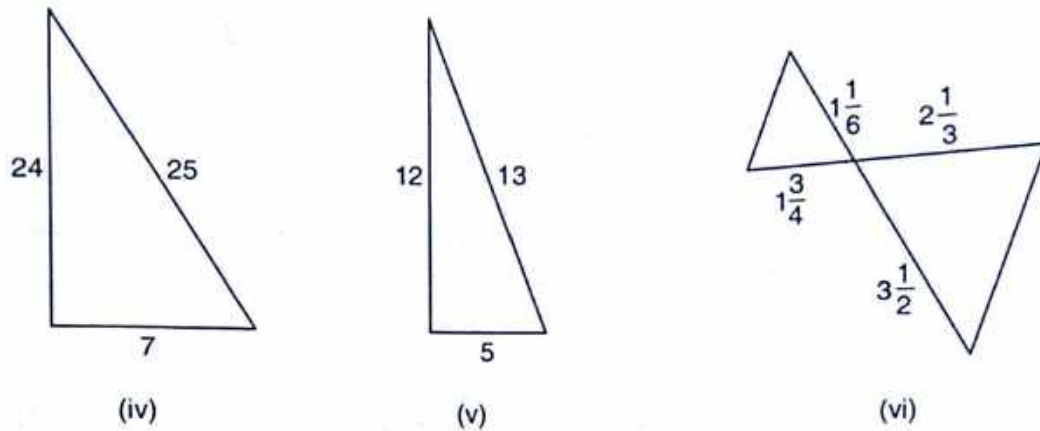


Fig. 7.228

8. In ΔPQR , M and N are points on sides PQ and PR respectively such that $PM = 15$ cm and $NR = 8$ cm. If $PQ = 25$ cm and $PR = 20$ cm state whether $MN \parallel QR$.
9. In ΔABC , P and Q are points on sides AB and AC respectively such that $PQ \parallel BC$. If $AP = 3$ cm, $PB = 5$ cm and $AC = 8$ cm, find AQ .
10. In Fig. 7.229, $\Delta AMB \sim \Delta CMD$; determine MD in terms of x, y and z .

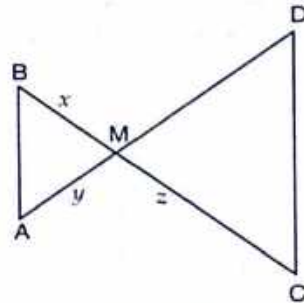


Fig. 7.229

11. In ΔABC , the bisector of $\angle A$ intersects BC in D . If $AB = 18$ cm, $AC = 15$ cm and $BC = 22$ cm, find BD
12. In Fig. 7.230, $l \parallel m$
 - (i) Name three pairs of similar triangles with proper correspondence; write similarities.
 - (ii) Prove that $\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{AC}{PR} = \frac{BC}{RQ}$

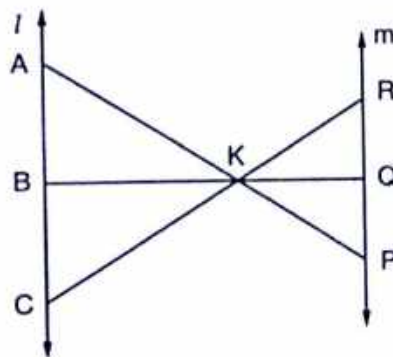


Fig. 7.230

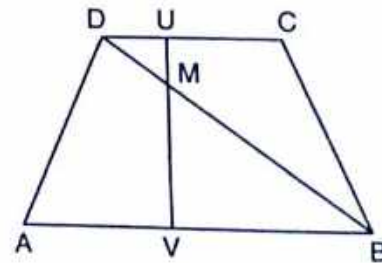


Fig. 7.231

13. In Fig. 7.231, $AB \parallel DC$ Prove that
 - (i) $\Delta DMU \sim \Delta BMV$
 - (ii) $DM \times BV = BM \times DU$

14. $ABCD$ is a trapezium in which $AB \parallel DC$. P and Q are points on sides AD and BC such that $PQ \parallel AB$. If $PD = 18$, $BQ = 35$ and $QC = 15$, find AD .
15. In $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on sides AB and AC respectively such that $AD \times EC = AE \times DB$. Prove that $DE \parallel BC$.
16. $ABCD$ is a trapezium having $AB \parallel DC$. Prove that O , the point of intersection of diagonals, divides the two diagonals in the same ratio. Also prove that $\frac{\text{ar}(\triangle OCD)}{\text{ar}(\triangle OAB)} = \frac{1}{9}$, if $AB = 3CD$.
17. Corresponding sides of two triangles are in the ratio $2 : 3$. If the area of the smaller triangle is 48 cm^2 , determine the area of the larger triangle.
18. The areas of two similar triangles are 36 cm^2 and 100 cm^2 . If the length of a side of the smaller triangle is 3 cm , find the length of the corresponding side of the larger triangle.
19. Corresponding sides of two similar triangles are in the ratio $1 : 3$. If the area of the smaller triangle is 40 cm^2 , find the area of the larger triangle.
20. In Fig. 7.232, each of PA , QB , RC and SD is perpendicular to l . If $AB = 6 \text{ cm}$, $BC = 9 \text{ cm}$, $CD = 12 \text{ cm}$ and $PS = 36 \text{ cm}$, then determine PQ , QR and RS .

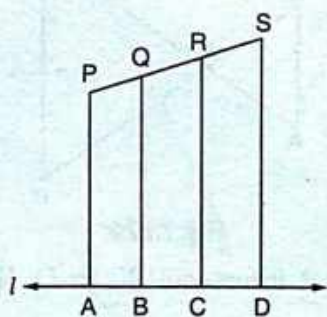
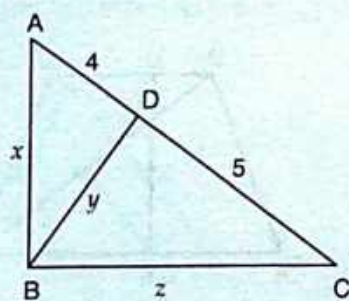
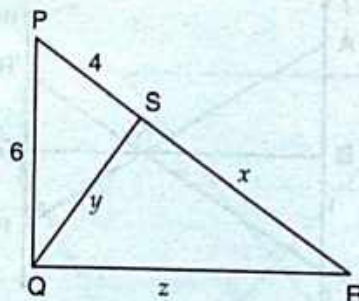


Fig. 7.232

21. In each of the figures given below, an altitude is drawn to the hypotenuse by a right-angled triangle. The length of different line-segments are marked in each figure. Determine x , y , z in each case



(i)



(ii)

Fig. 7.233

22. Prove that in an equilateral triangle, three times the square of a side is equal to four times the square of its altitudes.

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23. In ΔABC , AD and BE are altitudes. Prove that $\frac{\text{ar}(\Delta DEC)}{\text{ar}(\Delta ABC)} = \frac{DC^2}{AC^2}$.
24. The diagonals of quadrilateral $ABCD$ intersect at O . Prove that $\frac{\text{ar}(\Delta ACB)}{\text{ar}(\Delta ACD)} = \frac{BO}{DO}$.
25. In ΔABC , ray AD bisects $\angle A$ and intersects BC in D . If $BC = a$, $AC = b$ and $AB = c$, prove that
- (i) $BD = \frac{ac}{b+c}$ (ii) $DC = \frac{ab}{b+c}$
26. There is a staircase as shown in Fig. 7.234, connecting points A and B . Measurements of steps are marked in the figure. Find the straight line distance between A and B .

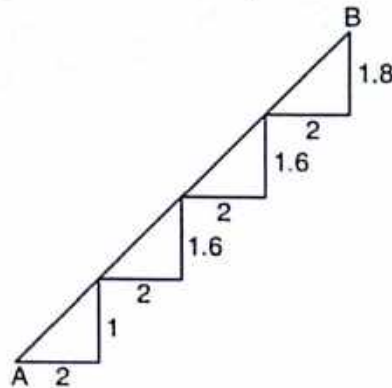


Fig. 7.234

27. In ΔABC , $\angle A = 60^\circ$. Prove that $BC^2 = AB^2 + AC^2 - AB \cdot AC$.
28. In ΔABC , $\angle C$ is an obtuse angle. $AD \perp BC$ and $AB^2 = AC^2 + 3BC^2$. Prove that $BC = CD$.
29. A point D is on the side BC of an equilateral triangle ABC such that $DC = \frac{1}{4}BC$. Prove that $AD^2 = 13CD^2$.
30. In ΔABC , if $BD \perp AC$ and $BC^2 = 2AC \cdot CD$, then prove that $AB = AC$.
31. In a quadrilateral $ABCD$, given that $\angle A + \angle D = 90^\circ$. Prove that $AC^2 + BD^2 = AD^2 + BC^2$.
32. In ΔABC , given that $AB = AC$ and $BD \perp AC$. Prove that $BC^2 = 2AC \cdot CD$.
33. $ABCD$ is a rectangle. Points M and N are on BD such that $AM \perp BD$ and $CN \perp BD$. Prove that $BM^2 + BN^2 = DM^2 + DN^2$.
34. In ΔABC , AD is a median. Prove that $AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AD^2 + 2DC^2$.
35. In ΔABC , $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$. Prove that $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + 4 \text{ar}(\Delta ABC)$.
36. In a quadrilateral $ABCD$, $\angle B = 90^\circ$. If $AD^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2$ then prove that $\angle ACD = 90^\circ$.
37. In a triangle ABC , N is a point on AC such that $BN \perp AC$. If $BN^2 = AN \cdot NC$, prove that $\angle B = 90^\circ$.

38. Nazima is fly fishing in a stream. The tip of her fishing rod is 1.8 m above the surface of the water and the fly at the end of the string rests on the water 3.6 m away and 2.4 m from a point directly under the tip of the rod. Assuming that her string (from the tip of her rod to the fly) is taut, how much string does she have out (See Fig. 7.235)? If she pulls the string at the rate of 5 cm per second, what will the horizontal distance of the fly from her after 12 seconds.

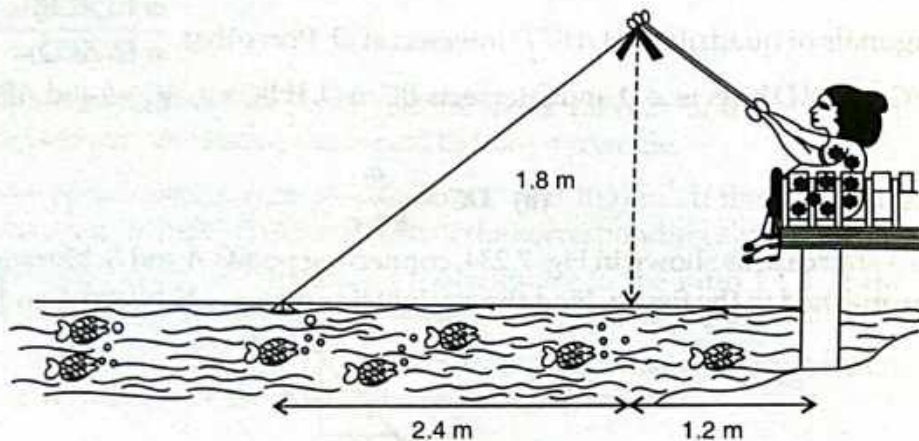


Fig. 7.235

ANSWERS

1. (i) cd (ii) $\frac{b}{a}$ (iii) g^2 (iv) $\frac{1}{h}$ 2. 2 3. No
4. $\frac{35}{2}, \frac{16}{5}$ 5. (i) $x = \frac{21}{4}, y = \frac{15}{2}$ (ii) $x = \frac{28}{5}, y = \frac{35}{2}, z = \frac{35}{6}$
6. 7.5 cm 7. (i) Yes (ii) Yes (iii) Yes (iv) Yes (v) Yes (vi) No
8. Yes 9. 3 cm 10. $\frac{xz}{y}$ 11. 12 14. 60 17. 108 cm²
18. 5 cm 19. 360 cm² 20. 8 cm, 12 cm, 16 cm
21. (i) $x = 6, y = 2\sqrt{5}, z = 3\sqrt{5}$, (ii) $x = 5, y = 2\sqrt{5}, z = 3\sqrt{5}$ 26. 10.

HINT TO SELECTED PROBLEM

31. Extend AB and CD to intersect at O .

Now, $\angle AOD = 90^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = OA^2 + OC^2 \text{ and } BD^2 = OB^2 + OD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 + BD^2 = (OA^2 + OD^2) + (OB^2 + OC^2) = AD^2 + BC^2$$

VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (VSAQs)

Answer each of the following questions either in one word or one sentence or as per requirement of the questions:

- State basic proportionality theorem and its converse.
- In Fig. 7.236, find AC .

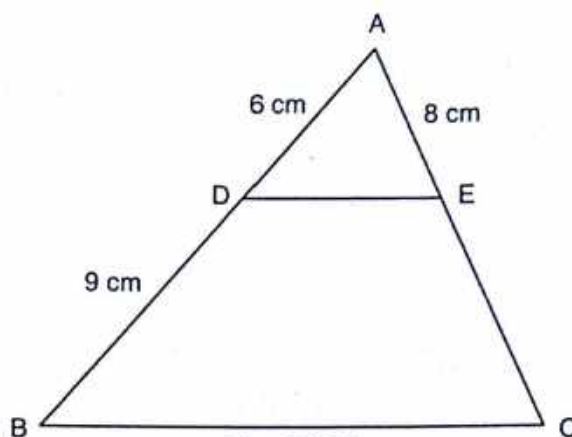


Fig. 7.236

3. In Fig. 7.237, if AD is the bisector of $\angle A$, what is AC?

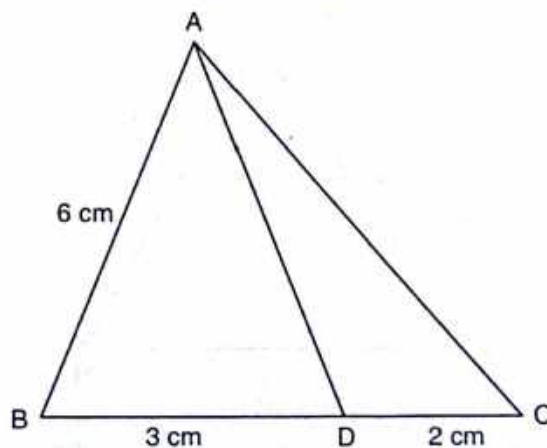


Fig. 7.237

4. Given $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta PQR$, if $\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{1}{3}$, then find $\frac{\text{Area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{Area}(\Delta PQR)}$. [CBSE 2018]
5. State SSS similarity criterion.
6. State SAS similarity criterion.
7. In the adjoining figure, DE is parallel to BC and AD = 1 cm, BD = 2 cm. What is the ratio of the area of ΔABC to the area of ΔADE ?
8. In the figure given below $DE \parallel BC$. If AD = 2.4 cm, DB = 3.6 cm and AC = 5 cm. Find AE.
9. If the areas of two similar triangles ABC and PQR are in the ratio 9 : 16 and BC = 4.5 cm, what is the length of QR?
10. The areas of two similar triangles are 169 cm^2 and 121 cm^2 respectively. If the longest side of the larger triangle is 26 cm, what is the length of the longest side of the smaller triangle?
11. If ABC and DEF are similar triangles such that $\angle A = 57^\circ$ and $\angle E = 73^\circ$, what is the measure of $\angle C$?
12. If the altitude of two similar triangles are in the ratio 2 : 3, what is the ratio of their areas?
13. If ΔABC and ΔDEF are two triangles such that $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{CA}{FD} = \frac{3}{4}$, then write Area (ΔABC): Area (ΔDEF).
14. If ΔABC and ΔDEF are similar triangles such that AB = 3 cm, BC = 2 cm CA = 2.5 cm and EF = 4 cm, write the perimeter of ΔDEF .
15. State Pythagoras theorem and its converse.
16. The lengths of the diagonals of a rhombus are 30 cm and 40 cm. Find the side of the rhombus. [CBSE 2008]

17. In Fig. 7.238, $PQ \parallel BC$ and $AP : PB = 1 : 2$. Find $\frac{\text{area}(\Delta APQ)}{\text{area}(\Delta ABC)}$. [CBSE 2008]

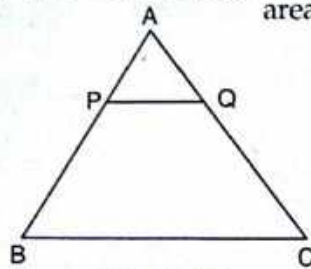


Fig. 7.238

18. In Fig. 7.239, S and T are points on the sides PQ and PR respectively of ΔPQR such that $PT = 2$ cm, $TR = 4$ cm and ST is parallel to QR . Find the ratio of the areas of ΔPST and ΔPQR . [CBSE 2010]

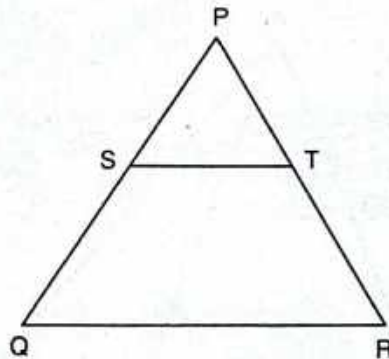


Fig. 7.239

19. In Fig. 7.240, ΔAHK is similar to ΔABC . If $AK = 10$ cm, $BC = 3.5$ cm and $HK = 7$ cm, find AC . [CBSE 2010]

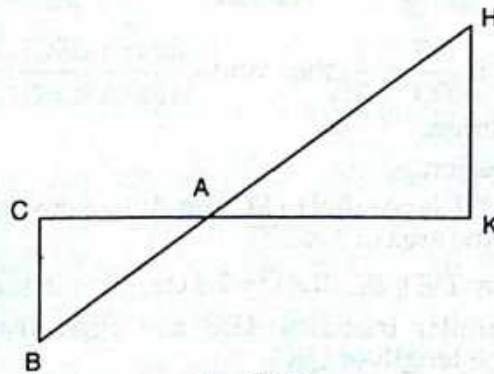


Fig. 7.240

20. In Fig. 7.241, $DE \parallel BC$ in ΔABC such that $BC = 8$ cm, $AB = 6$ cm and $DA = 1.5$ cm. Find DE .

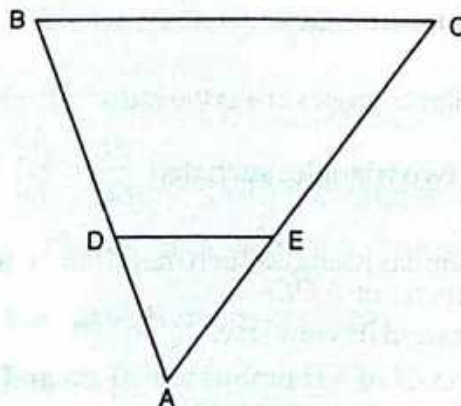


Fig. 7.241

21. In Fig. 7.242, $DE \parallel BC$ and $AD = \frac{1}{2}BD$. If $BC = 4.5$ cm, find DE .

[CBSE 2010]

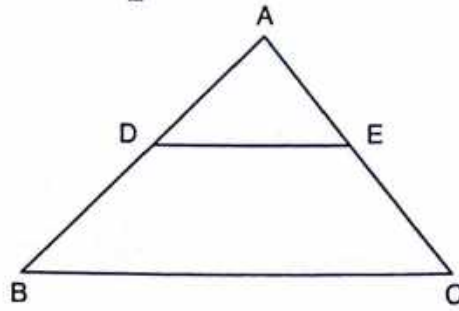


Fig. 7.242

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22. In Fig. 7.243, $\angle M = \angle N = 46^\circ$. Express x in terms of a, b and c where a, b, c are lengths of LM, MN and NK respectively.

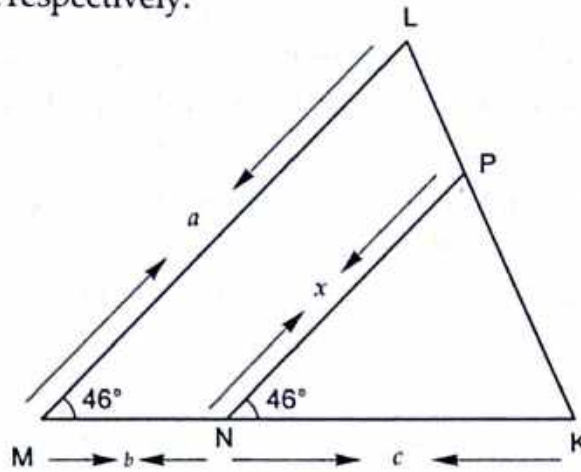


Fig. 7.243

ANSWERS

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| 1. 20 cm | 2. 4 cm | 3. $\frac{1}{9}$ | 4. 9:1 | 5. 2 cm | 6. 6 cm |
| 7. 22 cm | 8. 50° | 9. 4:9 | 10. 9:16 | 11. 15 cm | 12. 25 cm |
| 13. 1:4 | 14. 1:9 | 15. 5 cm | 16. 2 cm | 17. 1.5 cm | 18. $\frac{ac}{b+c}$ |

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (MCQs)

Mark the correct alternative in each of the following:

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- Sides of two similar triangles are in the ratio 4:9. Areas of these triangles are in the ratio.

(a) 2:3	(b) 4:9	(c) 81:16	(d) 16:81
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- The areas of two similar triangles are in respectively 9 cm^2 and 16 cm^2 . The ratio of their corresponding sides is

(a) 3:4	(b) 4:3	(c) 2:3	(d) 4:5
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- The areas of two similar triangles ΔABC and ΔDEF are 144 cm^2 and 81 cm^2 respectively. If the longest side of larger ΔABC be 36 cm, then, the longest side of the smaller triangle ΔDEF is

- (a) 20 cm (b) 26 cm (c) 27 cm (d) 30 cm
4. ΔABC and ΔBDE are two equilateral triangles such that D is the mid-point of BC . The ratio of the areas of triangles ABC and BDE is
 (a) 2 : 1 (b) 1 : 2 (c) 4 : 1 (d) 1 : 4
5. If ΔABC and ΔDEF are similar such that $2 AB = DE$ and $BC = 8$ cm, then $EF =$
 (a) 16 cm (b) 12 cm (c) 8 cm (d) 4 cm.
6. If ΔABC and ΔDEF are two triangles such that $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{CA}{FD} = \frac{2}{5}$, then $\text{Area}(\Delta ABC) : \text{Area}(\Delta DEF) =$
 (a) 2 : 5 (b) 4 : 25 (c) 4 : 15 (d) 8 : 125
7. XY is drawn parallel to the base BC of a ΔABC cutting AB at X and AC at Y . If $AB = 4 BX$ and $YC = 2$ cm, then $AY =$
 (a) 2 cm (b) 4 cm (c) 6 cm (d) 8 cm.
8. Two poles of height 6 m and 11 m stand vertically upright on a plane ground. If the distance between their foot is 12 m, the distance between their tops is
 (a) 12 m (b) 14 m (c) 13 m. (d) 11 m
9. In ΔABC , D and E are points on side AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$ and $AD : DB = 3 : 1$. If $EA = 3.3$ cm, then $AC =$
 (a) 1.1 cm (b) 4 cm (c) 4.4 cm (d) 5.5 cm
10. In triangles ABC and DEF , $\angle A = \angle E = 40^\circ$, $AB : ED = AC : EF$ and $\angle F = 65^\circ$, then $\angle B =$
 (a) 35° (b) 65° (c) 75° (d) 85°
11. If ABC and DEF are similar triangles such that $\angle A = 47^\circ$ and $\angle E = 83^\circ$, then $\angle C =$
 (a) 50° (b) 60° (c) 70° (d) 80°
12. If D, E, F are the mid-points of sides BC, CA and AB respectively of ΔABC , then the ratio of the areas of triangles DEF and ABC is
 (a) 1 : 4 (b) 1 : 2 (c) 2 : 3 (d) 4 : 5
13. In an equilateral triangle ABC , if $AD \perp BC$, then
 (a) $2 AB^2 = 3 AD^2$ (b) $4 AB^2 = 3 AD^2$ (c) $3 AB^2 = 4 AD^2$ (d) $3 AB^2 = 2 AD^2$
14. If ΔABC is an equilateral triangle such that $AD \perp BC$, then $AD^2 =$
 (a) $\frac{3}{2} DC^2$ (b) $2 DC^2$ (c) $3 CD^2$ (d) $4 DC^2$
15. In a ΔABC , AD is the bisector of $\angle BAC$. If $AB = 6$ cm, $AC = 5$ cm and $BD = 3$ cm, then $DC =$
 (a) 11.3 cm (b) 2.5 cm (c) 3 : 5 cm (d) None of these.
16. In a ΔABC , AD is the bisector of $\angle BAC$. If $AB = 8$ cm, $BD = 6$ cm and $DC = 3$ cm. Find AC
 (a) 4 cm (b) 6 cm (c) 3 cm (d) 8 cm
17. $ABCD$ is a trapezium such that $BC \parallel AD$ and $AB = 4$ cm. If the diagonals AC and BD intersect at O such that $\frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{DO}{OB} = \frac{1}{2}$, then $BC =$

31. If in two triangles ABC and DEF , $\angle A = \angle E$, $\angle B = \angle F$, then which of the following is not true?

(a) $\frac{BC}{DF} = \frac{AC}{DE}$ (b) $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{DF}$ (c) $\frac{AB}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DE}$ (d) $\frac{BC}{DF} = \frac{AB}{EF}$

32. In Fig. 7.244 the measures of $\angle D$ and $\angle F$ are respectively

(a) $50^\circ, 40^\circ$ (b) $20^\circ, 30^\circ$ (c) $40^\circ, 50^\circ$ (d) $30^\circ, 20^\circ$

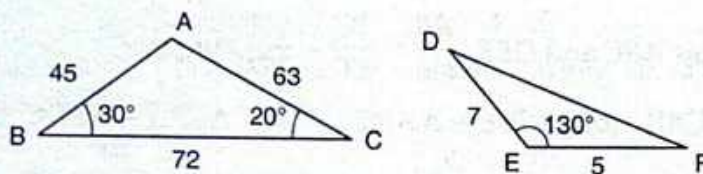


Fig. 7.244

33. In Fig. 7.245, the value of x for which $DE \parallel AB$ is

(a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 3 (d) 2

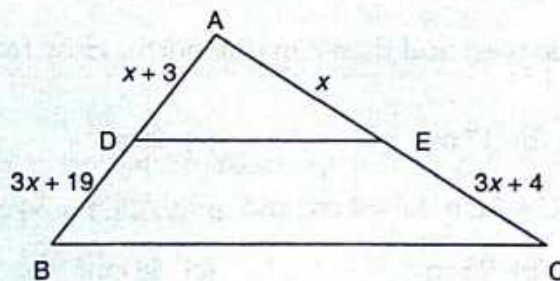


Fig. 7.245

34. In Fig. 7.246, if $\angle ADE = \angle ABC$, then $CE =$

(a) 2 (b) 5 (c) $9/2$ (d) 3

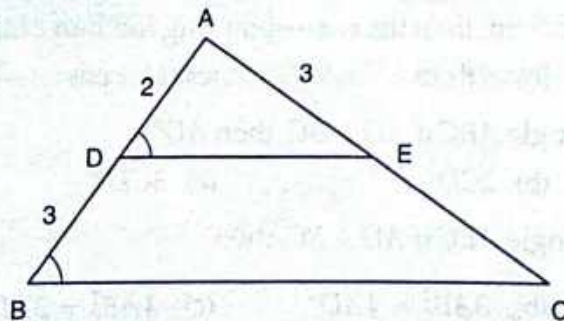


Fig. 7.246

35. In Fig. 7.247, $RS \parallel DB \parallel PQ$. If $CP = PD = 11$ cm and $DR = RA = 3$ cm. Then the values of x and y are respectively

(a) 12, 10 (b) 14, 6 (c) 10, 7 (d) 16, 8

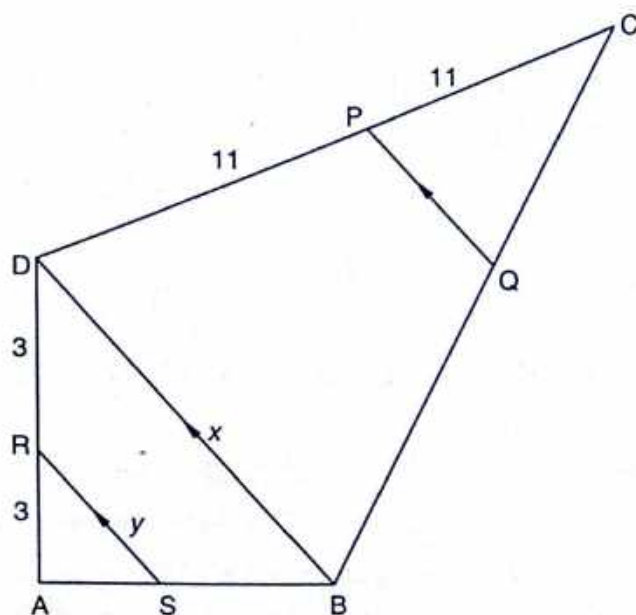


Fig. 7.247

36. In Fig. 7.248, if $PB \parallel CF$ and $DP \parallel EF$, then $\frac{AD}{DE} =$

- (a) $\frac{3}{4}$ (b) $\frac{1}{3}$ (c) $\frac{1}{4}$ (d) $\frac{2}{3}$

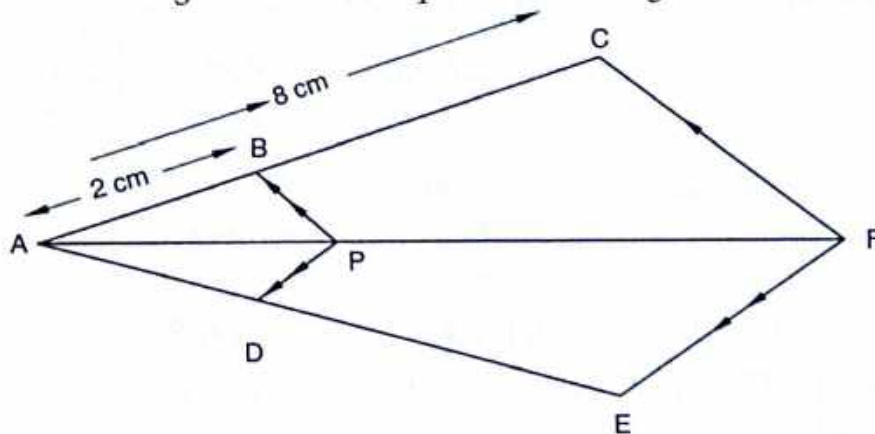


Fig. 7.248

37. A chord of a circle of radius 10 cm subtends a right angle at the centre. The length of the chord (in cm) is

- (a) $5\sqrt{2}$ (b) $10\sqrt{2}$ (c) $\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$ (d) $10\sqrt{3}$

[CBSE 2014]

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38. A vertical stick 20 m long casts a shadow 10 m long on the ground. At the same time, a tower casts a shadow 50 m long on the ground. The height of the tower is

- (a) 100 m (b) 120 m (c) 25 m (d) 200 m

39. Two isosceles triangles have equal angles and their areas are in the ratio 16 : 25. The ratio of their corresponding heights is

- (a) 4 : 5 (b) 5 : 4 (c) 3 : 2 (d) 5 : 7

40. ΔABC is such that $AB = 3$ cm, $BC = 2$ cm and $CA = 2.5$ cm. If $\Delta DEF \sim \Delta ABC$ and $EF = 4$ cm, then perimeter of ΔDEF is

- (a) 7.5 cm (b) 15 cm (c) 22.5 cm (d) 30 cm.
41. In ΔABC , a line XY parallel to BC cuts AB at X and AC at Y . If BY bisects $\angle XYZ$, then
 (a) $BC = CY$ (b) $BC = BY$ (c) $BC \neq CY$ (d) $BC \neq BY$
42. In a ΔABC , $\angle A = 90^\circ$, $AB = 5$ cm and $AC = 12$ cm. If $AD \perp BC$, then $AD =$
 (a) $\frac{13}{2}$ cm (b) $\frac{60}{13}$ cm (c) $\frac{13}{60}$ cm (d) $\frac{2\sqrt{15}}{13}$ cm
43. In a ΔABC , perpendicular AD from A on BC meets BC at D . If $BD = 8$ cm, $DC = 2$ cm and $AD = 4$ cm, then
 (a) ΔABC is isosceles (b) ΔABC is equilateral
 (c) $AC = 2AB$ (d) ΔABC is right-angled at A .
44. In a ΔABC , point D is on side AB and point E is on side AC , such that $BCED$ is a trapezium. If $DE : BC = 3 : 5$, then $\text{Area}(\Delta ADE) : \text{Area}(\square BCED) =$
 (a) 3 : 4 (b) 9 : 16 (c) 3 : 5 (d) 9 : 25
45. If ABC is an isosceles triangle and D is a point on BC such that $AD \perp BC$, then
 (a) $AB^2 - AD^2 = BD \cdot DC$ (b) $AB^2 - AD^2 = BD^2 - DC^2$
 (c) $AB^2 + AD^2 = BD \cdot DC$ (d) $AB^2 + AD^2 = BD^2 - DC^2$
46. ΔABC is a right triangle right-angled at A and $AD \perp BC$. Then, $\frac{BD}{DC} =$
 (a) $\left(\frac{AB}{AC}\right)^2$ (b) $\frac{AB}{AC}$ (c) $\left(\frac{AB}{AD}\right)^2$ (d) $\frac{AB}{AD}$
47. If E is a point on side CA of an equilateral triangle ABC such that $BE \perp CA$, then $AB^2 + BC^2 + CA^2 =$
 (a) $2BE^2$ (b) $3BE^2$ (c) $4BE^2$ (d) $6BE^2$
48. In a right triangle ABC right-angled at B , if P and Q are points on the sides AB and AC respectively, then
 (a) $AQ^2 + CP^2 = 2(AC^2 + PQ^2)$ (b) $2(AQ^2 + CP^2) = AC^2 + PQ^2$
 (c) $AQ^2 + CP^2 = AC^2 + PQ^2$ (d) $AQ + CP = \frac{1}{2}(AC + PQ)$.
49. If $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ such that $DE = 3$ cm, $EF = 2$ cm, $DF = 2.5$ cm, $BC = 4$ cm, then perimeter of ΔABC is
 (a) 18 cm (b) 20 cm (c) 12 cm (d) 15 cm
50. If $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ such that $AB = 9.1$ cm and $DE = 6.5$ cm. If the perimeter of ΔDEF is 25 cm, then the perimeter of ΔABC is
 (a) 36 cm (b) 30 cm (c) 34 cm (d) 35 cm
51. In an isosceles triangle ABC , if $AB = AC = 25$ cm and $BC = 14$ cm, then the measure of altitude from A on BC is
 (a) 20 cm (b) 22 cm (c) 18 cm (d) 24 cm

ANSWERS

1. (d)	2. (a)	3. (c)	4. (c)	5. (d)	6. (b)
7. (c)	8. (c)	9. (c)	10. (c)	11. (a)	12. (a)
13. (c)	14. (c)	15. (b)	16. (a)	17. (b)	18. (b)
19. (c)	20. (a)	21. (a)	22. (b)	23. (c)	24. (b)
25. (c)	26. (b)	27. (c)	28. (b)	29. (c)	30. (a)
31. (b)	32. (b)	33. (d)	34. (c)	35. (d)	36. (b)
37. (b)	38. (a)	39. (a)	40. (b)	41. (a)	42. (b)
43. (d)	44. (d)	45. (a)	46. (b)	47. (c)	48. (c)
49. (d)	50. (d)	51. (d)			

SUMMARY

- Two figures having the same shape but not necessarily the same size are called similar figures.
- All congruent figures are similar but the converse is not true.
- Two polygons having the same number of sides are similar, if
 - their corresponding angles are equal and
 - their corresponding sides are proportional (i.e., in the same ratio).
- If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, then the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.
- If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side of the triangle.
- The internal bisector of an angle of a triangle divides the opposite side internally in the ratio of the sides containing the angle.
- If a line through one vertex of a triangle divides the opposite side in the ratio of other two sides, then the line bisects the angle at the vertex.
- The external bisector of an angle of a triangle divides the opposite side externally in the ratio of the sides containing the angle.
- The line drawn from the mid-point of one side of a triangle is parallel of another side bisects the third side.
- The line joining the mid-points of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side.
- The diagonals of a trapezium divide each other proportionally.
- If the diagonals of a quadrilateral divide each other proportionally, then it is a trapezium.
- Any line parallel to the parallel sides of a trapezium divides the non-parallel sides proportionally.
- If three or more parallel lines are intersected by two transversals, then the intercepts made by them on the transversals are proportional.
- AAA Similarity criterion:* If in two triangles, corresponding angles are equal, then the triangles are similar.
- AA Similarity criterion:* If in two triangles, two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to the two angles of the other triangle, then the two triangles are similar.
- SSS Similarity criterion:* If in two triangles, corresponding sides are in the same ratio, then the two triangles are similar.

18. If one angle of a triangles is equal to one angle of another triangle and the sides including these angles are in the same ratio, then the triangles are similar.
19. If two triangles are equiangular, then
 - (i) the ratio of the corresponding sides is same as the ratio of corresponding medians.
 - (ii) the ratio of the corresponding sides is same as the ratio of the corresponding angle bisector segments.
 - (iii) the ratio of the corresponding sides is same as the ratio of the corresponding altitudes.
20. If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of another triangle and the bisectors of these equal angles divide the opposite side in the same ratio, then the triangles are similar.
21. If two sides and a median bisecting one of these sides of a triangle are respectively proportional to the two sides and the corresponding median of another triangle, then the triangles are similar.
22. If two sides and a median bisecting the third side of a triangle are respectively proportional to the two sides and the corresponding median of another triangle, then the triangles are similar.
23. The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the ratio of
 - (i) the squares of any two corresponding sides.
 - (ii) the squares of the corresponding altitudes.
 - (iii) the squares of the corresponding medians.
 - (iv) the squares of the corresponding angle bisector segments.
24. If the areas of two similar triangles are equal, then the triangles are congruent i.e., equal and similar triangles congruent.
25. If a perpendicular is drawn from the vertex of the right angle of a right triangle to the hypotenuse, then the triangles on both sides of the perpendicular are similar to the whole. triangle and also to each other.
26. *Pythagoras Theorem:* In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.
27. *Converse of Pythagoras Theorem:* If in a triangle, square of one side is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides, then the angle opposite to first side is a right angle.
28. In any triangle, the sum of the squares of any two sides is equal to twice the square of half of the third side together with the twice of the square of the median which bisects the third side.
29. Three times the sum of the squares of the sides of a triangle is equal to four times the sum of the squares of the medians of the triangle.
30. Three times the square of any side of an equilateral triangle is equal to four times the square of the altitude.