

# NCERT SOLUTIONS

**CLASS - 9th**

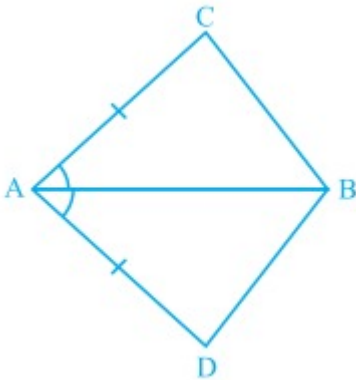


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 Chapter Name : Triangles

### Exercise 7.1

Q1 In quadrilateral ACBD,  $AC = AD$  and  $AB$  bisects  $\angle A$  (see Fig). Show that  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABD$ . What can you say about  $BC$  and  $BD$ ?

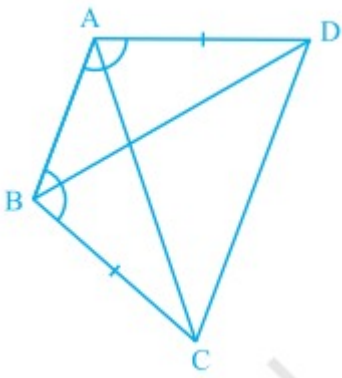


Answer. In  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle ABD$ ,  
 $AC = AD$  (Given)  
 $\angle CAB = \angle DAB$  ( $AB$  bisects  $\angle A$ )  
 $AB = AB$  (Common)  
 Therefore,  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABD$  (By SAS congruence rule)  
 $BC = BD$  (By CPCT)  
 Therefore,  $BC$  and  $BD$  are Of equal lengths.

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Q2 ABCD is a quadrilateral in which  $AD = BC$  and  $\angle DAB = \angle CBA$  (see Fig). Prove that

- (i)  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle BAC$
- (ii)  $BD = AC$
- (iii)  $\angle ABD = \angle BAC$ .

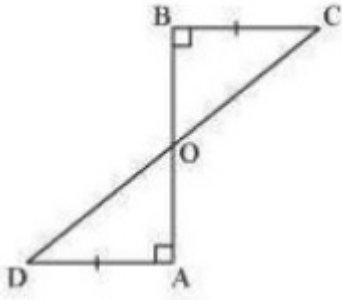


Answer. In  $\triangle ABD$  and  $\triangle BAC$ ,

$AD = BC$  (Given)  
 $\angle DAB = \angle CBA$  (Given)  
 $AB = BA$  (Common)  
 $\therefore \triangle ABD = \triangle BAC$  (By SAS congruence rule)  
 $\therefore BD = AC$  (By CPCT)  
 And,  $\angle ABD = \angle BAC$  (By CPCT)

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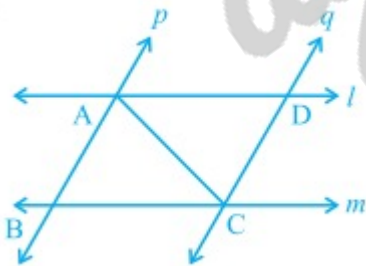
Q3 AD and BC are equal perpendiculars to a line segment AB (see Fig.). Show that CD bisects AB.



Answer. In  $\triangle BOC$  and  $\triangle AOD$ ,  
 $\angle BOC = \angle AOD$  (Vertically opposite angles)  
 $\angle CBO = \angle DAO$  (Each  $90^\circ$ )  
 $BC = AD$  (Given)  
 $\therefore \triangle BOC = \triangle AOD$  (AAS congruence rule)  
 $\therefore BO = AO$  (By CPCT)  
 $\Rightarrow CD$  bisects  $AB$

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Q4  $l$  and  $m$  are two parallel lines intersected by another pair of parallel lines  $p$  and  $q$  (see Fig). Show that  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle CDA$ .



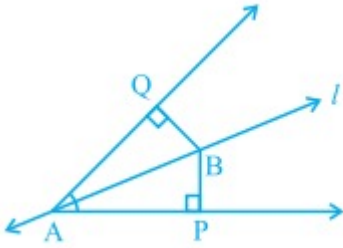
Answer. In  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle CDA$ ,  
 $\angle BAC = \angle DCA$  (Alternate interior angles, as  $p \parallel q$ )  
 $AC = CA$  (Common)  
 $\angle BCA = \angle DAC$  (Alternate interior angles, as  $l \parallel m$ )  
 $\triangle ABC = \triangle CDA$  (By ASA congruence rule)

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Q5 Line  $l$  is the bisector of an angle  $\angle A$  and B is any point on  $l$ . BP and BQ are perpendiculars from B to the arms of  $\angle A$  (see Figure). Show that:

(i)  $\triangle APB \cong \triangle AQB$

(ii)  $BP = BQ$  or B is equidistant from the arms of  $\angle A$ .



Answer. In  $\triangle APB$  and  $\triangle AQB$ .

$$\angle APB = \angle AQB \text{ (Each } 90^\circ \text{)}$$

$$\angle PAB = \angle QAB \text{ (1 is the angle bisector of } \angle A \text{)}$$

$$AB = AB \text{ (Common)}$$

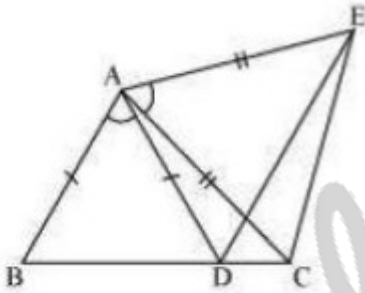
$$\therefore \triangle APB \cong \triangle AQB \text{ (By AAS congruence rule)}$$

$$\therefore BP = BQ \text{ (By CPCT)}$$

Or, it can be said that B is equidistant from the arms of  $\angle A$ .

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Q6 In Figure,  $AC = AE$ ,  $AB = AD$  and  $\angle BAD = \angle EAC$ . Show that  $BC = DE$ .



Answer. It is given that  $\angle BAD = \angle EAC$

$$\angle BAD + \angle DAC = \angle EAC + \angle DAC$$

$$\angle BAC = \angle DAE$$

In  $\triangle BAC$  and  $\triangle DAE$ ,

$$AB = AD \text{ (Given)}$$

$$\angle BAC = \angle DAE \text{ (Proved above)}$$

$$AC = AE \text{ (Given)}$$

Therefore,  $\triangle BAC \cong \triangle DAE$  (By SAS congruence rule)

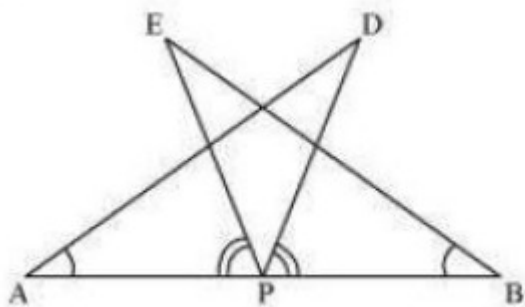
Therefore,  $BC = DE$  (By CPCT)

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Q7 AB is a line segment and P is its mid-point. D and E are points on the same side of AB such that  $\angle BAD = \angle ABE$  and  $\angle EPA = \angle DPB$  (see Figure). Show that

(i)  $\triangle DAP \cong \triangle EBP$

(ii)  $AD = BE$



Answer. It is given that  $\angle EPA = \angle DPB$

$\angle EPA + \angle DPE = \angle DPB + \angle DPE$

Therefore,  $\angle DPA = \angle EPB$

In  $\angle DAP$  and  $\angle EPB$ ,

$\angle DAP = \angle EPB$  (Given)

$AP = BP$  (P is mid-point of AB)

$\angle DPA = \angle EPB$  (From above)

Therefore,  $\triangle DAP \cong \triangle EPB$  (ASA congruence rule)

Therefore,  $AD = BE$  (By CPCT)

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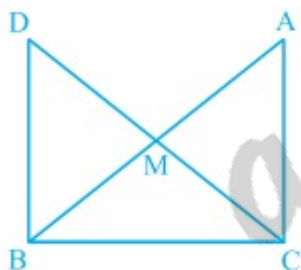
Q8 In right triangle ABC, right angled at C, M is the mid-point of hypotenuse AB. C is joined to M and produced to a point D such that  $DM = CM$ . Point D is joined to point B (see Figure). Show that:

(i)  $\triangle AMC \cong \triangle BMD$

(ii)  $\angle DBC$  is a right angle.

(iii)  $\triangle DBC \cong \triangle ACB$

(iv)  $CM = \frac{1}{2} AB$



Answer. (i) In  $\triangle AMC$  and  $\triangle BMD$ ,

$AM = BM$  (M is the mid-point of AB)

$\angle AMC = \angle BMD$  (Vertically opposite angles)

$CM = DM$  (Given)

Therefore,  $\triangle AMC \cong \triangle BMD$  (By SAS congruence rule)

Therefore  $AC = BD$  (By CPCT)

And,  $\angle ACM = \angle BDM$  (By CPCT)

(ii)  $\angle ACM = \angle BDM$

However,  $\angle ACM$  and  $\angle BDM$  are alternate interior angles.

Since alternate angles are equal,

It can be said that  $DB \parallel AC$

$\angle DBC + \angle ACB = 180^\circ$  (Co-interior angles)

$\angle DBC + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$

$\angle DBC = 90^\circ$

(iii) In  $\triangle DBC$  and  $\triangle ACB$ ,

$DB = AC$  (Already proved)

$$\angle DBC = \angle ACB (\text{Each } 90^\circ)$$

$$BC = CB (\text{Common})$$

Therefore,  $\triangle DBC \cong \triangle ACB$  (SAS congruence rule)

$$(iv) \triangle DBC \cong \triangle ACB$$

$$AB = DC (\text{By CPCT})$$

$$AB = 2 \text{ CM}$$

$$\therefore CM = \frac{1}{2}AB$$

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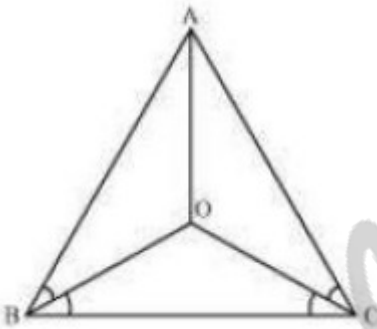
### Exercise 7.2

Q1. In an isosceles triangle ABC, with  $AB = AC$ , the bisectors of  $\angle B$  and  $\angle C$  intersect each other at O. Join A to O. Show that :

$$(i) OB = OC$$

$$(ii) AO \text{ bisects } \angle A$$

Answer.



(i) It is given that in triangle ABC,  $AB = AC$

$$\angle ACB = \angle ABC (\text{Angles opposite to equal sides Of a triangle are equal})$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\angle ACB = \frac{1}{2}\angle ABC$$

$$\angle OCB = \angle OBC$$

Therefore,  $OB = OC$  (Sides opposite to equal angles of a triangle are also equal)

(ii) In  $\triangle OAB$  and  $\triangle OAC$ ,

$$AO = AO (\text{Common})$$

$$AB = AC (\text{Given})$$

$$OB = OC (\text{Proved above})$$

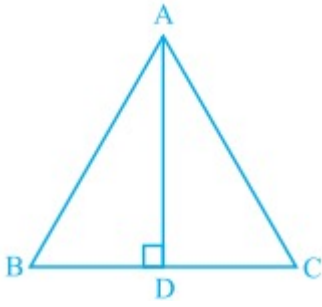
Therefore,  $\triangle OAB \cong \triangle OAC$  (By SSS congruence rule)

$$\angle BAO = \angle CAO (\text{CPCT})$$

Therefore, AO bisects  $\angle A$ .

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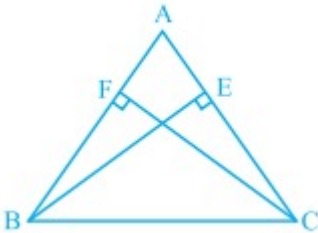
Q2 In  $\triangle ABC$ , AD is the perpendicular bisector of BC (see Fig). Show that  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle in which  $AB = AC$ .



Answer. In  $\triangle ADC$  and  $\triangle ADB$ ,  
 $AD = AD$  (Common)  
 $\angle ADC = \angle ADB$  (Each  $90^\circ$ )  
 $CD = BD$  ( $AD$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$ )  
 Therefore,  $\triangle ADC \cong \triangle ADB$  (By SAS congruence rule)  
 $AB = AC$  (By CPCT)  
 Therefore,  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle in which  $AB = AC$

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Q3  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle in which altitudes  $BE$  and  $CF$  are drawn to equal sides  $AC$  and  $AB$  respectively (see Fig). Show that these altitudes are equal.

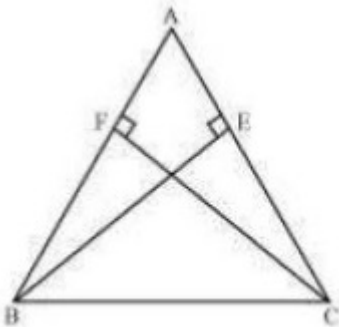


Answer. In  $\triangle AEB$  and  $\triangle AFC$ ,  
 $\angle AEB$  and  $\angle AFC$  (Each  $90^\circ$ )  
 $\angle A = \angle A$  (Common angle)  
 $AB = AC$  (Given)  
 Therefore,  $\triangle AEB \cong \triangle AFC$  (By AAS congruence rule)  
 $BE = CF$  (By CPCT)

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Q4  $ABC$  is a triangle in which altitudes  $BE$  and  $CF$  to sides  $AC$  and  $AB$  are equal (see Fig). Show that

- (i)  $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$
- (ii)  $AB = AC$ , i.e.,  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle.



Answer. (i)  $\triangle ABE$  and  $\triangle ACF$ ,

$\angle ABE$  and  $\angle ACF$  (Each  $90^\circ$ )

$\angle A = \angle A$  (Common angle)

$BE = CF$  (Given)

Therefore,  $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$  (By AAS congruence rule)

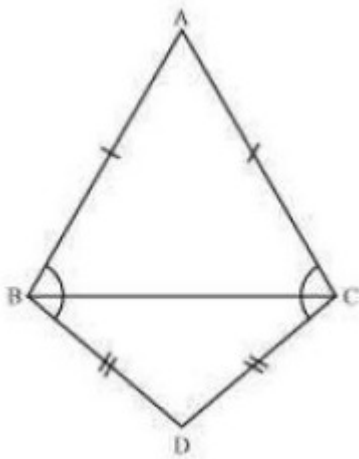
(ii) It has already been proved that

$\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$

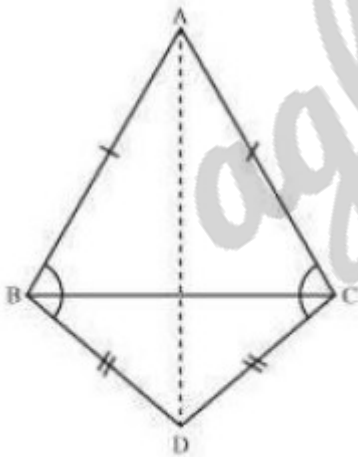
Therefore,  $AB = AC$  (By CPCT)

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Q5 ABC and DBC are two isosceles triangles on the same base BC (see Fig. 7.33). Show that  $\angle ABD = \angle ACD$



Answer.



Let us join AD.

In  $\triangle ABD$  and  $\triangle ACD$ ,

$AB = AC$  (Given)

$BD = CD$  (Given)

$AD = AD$  (Common side)

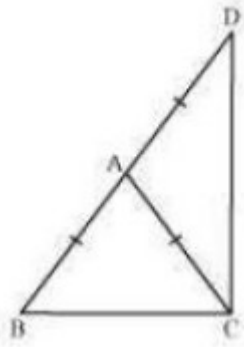
Therefore,  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$  (By SSS congruence rule)

$\angle ABD = \angle ACD$  (By CPCT)

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Q6  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle in which  $AB = AC$ . Side BA is produced to D such that  $AD = AB$  (see Fig). Show that  $\angle BCD$  is a right angle.





Answer. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  
 $AB = AC$  ( Given)

$\therefore \angle ACB = \angle ABC$  (Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are also equal)

In  $\triangle ACD$ ,  
 $AC = AD$  ( Given)

$\therefore \angle ADC = \angle ACD$  (Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are also equal)

In  $\triangle BCD$ ,  
 $\angle ABC + \angle BCD + \angle ADC = 180^\circ$  (Angle sum property of a triangle)

$\angle ACB + \angle ACB + \angle ACD + \angle ACD = 180^\circ$

$2(\angle ACB + \angle ACD) = 180^\circ$

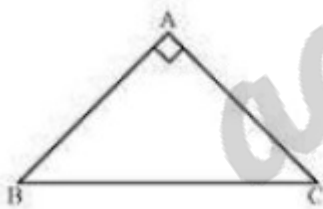
$2(\angle BCD) = 180^\circ$

Therefore,  $\angle BCD = 90^\circ$

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Q7 ABC is a right angled triangle in which  $\angle A = 90^\circ$  and  $AB = AC$ . Find  $\angle B$  and  $\angle C$ .

Answer.



It is given that

$\therefore \angle C = \angle B$  (Angles opposite to equal sides are also equal)

In  $\triangle ABC$  .

$AB = AC$   $\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$  (Angle sum property of a triangle)

$90^\circ + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$

$90^\circ + \angle B + \angle B = 180^\circ$

$2\angle B = 90^\circ$

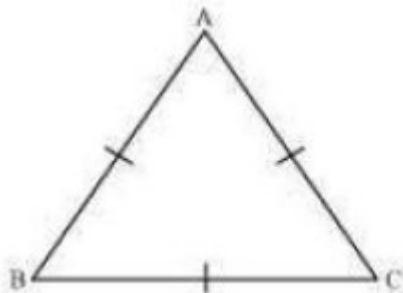
$\angle B = 45^\circ$

$\therefore \angle B = \angle C = 45^\circ$

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Q8 Show that the angles of an equilateral triangle are  $60^\circ$  each.

Answer.



Let us consider that  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle.

Therefore,  $AB = BC = AC$

$AB = AC$

Therefore,  $\angle C = \angle B$  (Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal)

Also,

$AB = AC$

$\angle B = \angle A$  (Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal)

Therefore, we obtain

$\angle A = \angle B = \angle C$

In  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$

$\angle A + \angle A + \angle A = 180^\circ$

$\angle A = 180^\circ$

$\angle A = 60^\circ$

$\therefore \angle A = \angle B = \angle C = 60^\circ$

Hence, in an equilateral triangle, all interior angles are of measure  $60^\circ$ .

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### Exercise 7.3

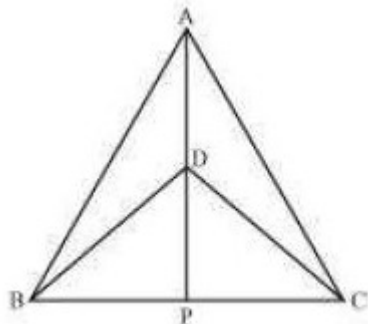
Q1  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DBC$  are two isosceles triangles on the same base  $BC$  and vertices  $A$  and  $D$  are on the same side of  $BC$  (see Figure). If  $AD$  is extended to intersect  $BC$  at  $P$ , show that

(i)  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$

(ii)  $\triangle ABP \cong \triangle ACP$

(iii)  $AP$  bisects  $\angle A$  as well as  $\angle D$ .

(iv)  $AP$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$



Answer. (i) In  $\triangle ABD$  and  $\triangle ACD$ ,

$$AB = AC \text{ (Given)}$$

$$BD = CD \text{ (Given)}$$

$$AD = AD \text{ (Common)}$$

$\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$  (By SSS congruence rule)

$$\angle BAD = \angle CAD \text{ (By CPCT)}$$

$$\angle BAP = \angle CAP \dots (1)$$

(ii) In  $\triangle ABP$  and  $\triangle ACP$ ,

$$AB = AC \text{ (Given)}$$

$$\angle BAP = \angle CAP \text{ [From equation (1)]}$$

$$AP = AP \text{ (Common)}$$

$\therefore \triangle ABP \cong \triangle ACP$  (By SAS congruence rule)

$$\therefore BP = CP \text{ (By CPCT)} \dots (2)$$

(iii) From equation (1),

$$\angle BAP = \angle CAP$$

Hence, AP bisects  $\angle A$ ,

In  $\triangle BDP$  and  $\triangle CDP$

$$BD = CD \text{ (Given)}$$

$$DP = DP \text{ (Common)}$$

$$BP = CP \text{ [From equation (2)]}$$

$\therefore \triangle BDP \cong \triangle CDP$  (By SSS congruence rule)

$$\angle BDP = \angle CDP \text{ (By CPCT)} \dots (3)$$

Hence, AP bisects  $\angle D$

(iv)  $\triangle BDP \cong \triangle CDP$

$$\therefore \angle BPD = \angle CPD \text{ (By CPCT)} \dots (4)$$

$$\angle BPD + \angle CPD = 180^\circ \text{ (Linear pair angles)}$$

$$\angle BPD + \angle BPD = 180^\circ$$

$$2\angle BPD = 180^\circ \text{ [From Equation (4)]}$$

$$\angle BPD = 90^\circ \dots (5)$$

From equations (2) and (5), it can be said that AP is the perpendicular bisector of BC.

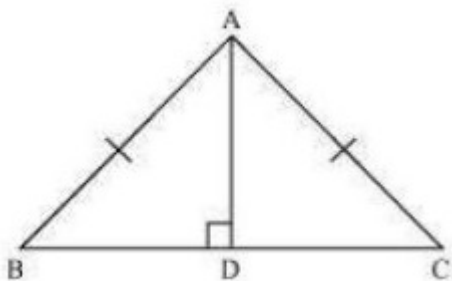
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Q2 AD is an altitude of an isosceles triangle ABC in which  $AB = AC$ . Show that

(i) AD bisects BC

(ii) AD bisects  $\angle A$ .

Answer.



(i) In  $\triangle BAD$  and  $\triangle CAD$ ,

$$\angle ADB = \angle ADC \text{ (Each } 90^\circ \text{ as AD is an altitude)}$$

$$AB = AC \text{ (Given)}$$

$$AD = AD \text{ (Common)}$$

$\therefore \triangle BAD \cong \triangle CAD$  (By RHS Congruence rule)

$$\triangle BD = CD \text{ (By CPCT)}$$

Hence, AD bisects BC.

(ii) Also, by CPCT,

$$\angle BAD = \angle CAD$$

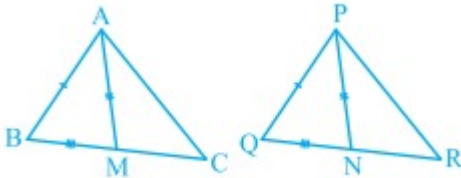
Hence, AD bisects  $\angle A$

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Q3 Two sides AB and BC and median AM of one triangle ABC are respectively equal to sides PQ and QR and median PN of  $\Delta PQR$  (see Figure). Show that:

(i)  $\Delta ABM \cong \Delta PQN$

(ii)  $\Delta ABC \cong \Delta PQR$



Answer. (i) In  $\Delta ABC$ , AM is the median to BC.

$$\therefore BM = \frac{1}{2}BC$$

In  $\Delta PQR$ , PN is the median to QR.

$$\therefore QN = \frac{1}{2}QR$$

However,  $BC = QR$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2}BC = \frac{1}{2}QR$$

$$\therefore BM = QN \quad \dots (1)$$

In  $\Delta ABM$  and  $\Delta PQN$ ,

$AB = PQ$ (Given)

$BM = QN$ [ From Equation (1)]

$AM = PN$ ( Given )

$\Delta ABM \cong \Delta PQN$  (By SSS congruence rule  $\dots(2)$ )

$\angle ABM = \angle PQN$ (ByCPCT)

$\angle ABC = \angle PQR$

(iii) In  $\Delta ABC$  and  $\Delta PQR$ ,

$AB = PQ$ ( Given )

$\angle ABC = \angle PQR$ [From Equation (2)]

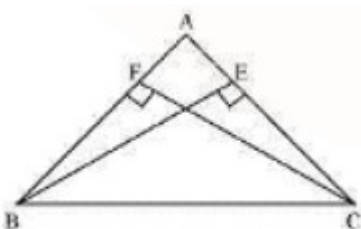
$BC = QR$ ( Given )

$\therefore \Delta ABC \cong \Delta PQR$  (By SAS congruence rule)

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Q4 BE and CF are two equal altitudes of a triangle ABC. Using RHS congruence rule, prove that the triangle ABC is isosceles.

Answer.

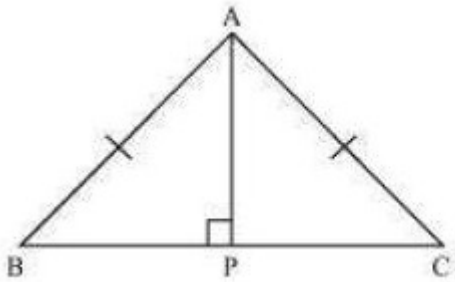


In  $\triangle BEC$  and  $\triangle CFB$  ,  
 $\angle BEC = \angle CFB$  (Each  $90^\circ$ )  
 $BC = CB$  (Common)  
 $BE = CF$  (Given)  
 $\therefore \triangle BEC \cong \triangle CFB$  (By RHS congruency)  
 $\therefore \angle BCE = \angle CBF$  (By CPCT)  
 $\therefore AB = AC$  (Sides opposite to equal angles of a triangle are equal)  
Hence,  $\triangle ABC$  is isosceles.

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Q5 ABC is an isosceles triangle with  $AB = AC$ . Draw  $AP \perp BC$  to show that  $\angle B = \angle C$ .

Answer.



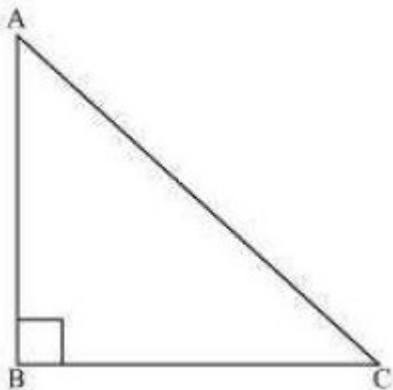
In  $\triangle APB$  and  $\triangle APC$  ,  
 $\angle APB = \angle APC$  (Each  $90^\circ$ )  
 $AB = AC$  (Given)  
 $AP = AP$  (Common)  
 $\therefore \triangle APB \cong \triangle APC$  (Using RHS congruence rule)  
 $\therefore \angle B = \angle C$  (By using CPCT)

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### Exercise 7.4

Q1 Show that in a right angled triangle, the hypotenuse is the longest side.

Answer.



Let us consider a right-angled triangle ABC, right-angled at B.  
In  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ \text{ (Angle sum property of a triangle)}$$

$$\angle A + 90^\circ + \angle C = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle A + \angle C = 90^\circ$$

Hence, the other two angles have to be acute (i.e., less than  $90^\circ$ ).

$\angle B$  is the largest angle in  $\triangle ABC$ .

$$\angle B > \angle A \text{ and } \angle B > \angle C$$

$$AC > BC \text{ and } AC > AB$$

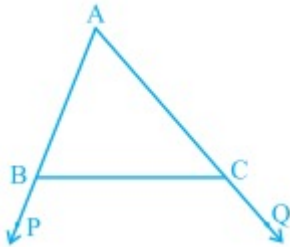
[In any triangle, the side opposite to the larger (greater) angle is longer.]

Therefore,  $AC$  is the largest side in  $\triangle ABC$

However,  $AC$  is the hypotenuse of  $\triangle ABC$ . Therefore, hypotenuse is the longest side in a right-angled triangle.

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Q2 In Figure, sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  of  $\triangle ABC$  are extended to points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. Also,  $\angle PBC < \angle QCB$ . Show that  $AC > AB$ .



Answer. In the given figure,

$$\angle ABC + \angle PBC = 180^\circ \text{ (Linear pair)}$$

$$\angle ABC = 180^\circ - \angle PBC \quad \dots (1)$$

Also,

$$\angle ACB + \angle QCB = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle ACB = 180^\circ - \angle QCB \quad \dots (2)$$

As  $\angle PBC < \angle QCB$

$$180^\circ - \angle PBC > 180^\circ - \angle QCB$$

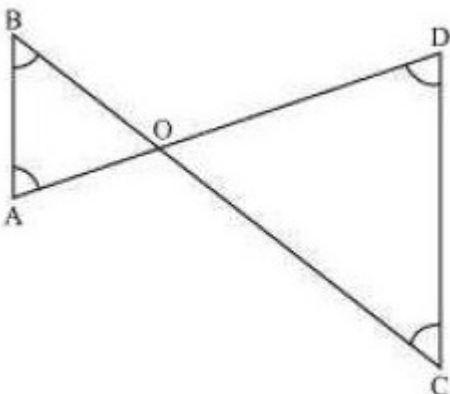
$$\angle ABC > \angle ACB \text{ [From Equations (1) and (2)]}$$

$AC > AB$  (Side opposite to the larger angle is larger.)

Hence proved  $AC > AB$

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Q3 In Figure,  $\angle B < \angle A$  and  $\angle C < \angle D$ . Show that  $AD < BC$ .



Answer. In  $\triangle AOB$

$$\angle B < \angle A$$

$$AO < BO \text{ ( Side opposite to smaller angle is smaller) } \dots(1)$$

In  $\triangle COD$ ,

$$\angle C < \angle D$$

$$OD < OC \text{ ( Side opposite to smaller angle is smaller) } \dots(2)$$

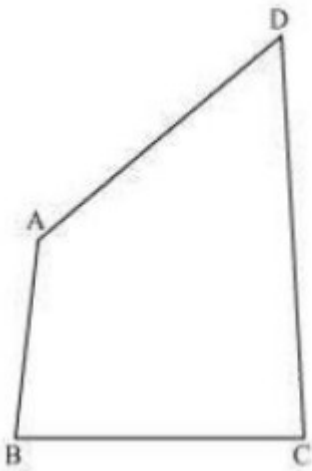
On adding Equations (1) and (2), we obtain

$$AO + OD < BO + OC$$

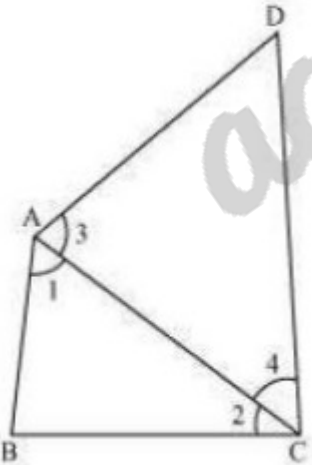
$$AD < BC, \text{ proved}$$

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Q4 AB and CD are respectively the smallest and longest sides of a quadrilateral ABCD (see Figure). Show that  $\angle A > \angle C$  and  $\angle B > \angle D$ .



Answer.



Let us join AC.

In  $\triangle ABC$

$AB < BC$  (AB is the smallest side of quadrilateral ABCD)

$$\angle 2 < \angle 1 \text{ ( Angle opposite to the smaller side is smaller) } \dots(1)$$

In  $\triangle ADC$

$AD < CD$  (CD is the largest side of quadrilateral ABCD)

$$\angle 4 < \angle 3 \text{ (Angle opposite to the smaller side is smaller) } \dots(2)$$

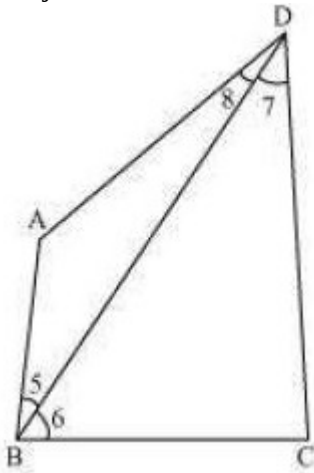
On adding equations(1) and (2),we obtain

$$\angle 2 + \angle 4 < \angle 1 + \angle 3$$

$$\angle C < \angle A$$

$$\angle A > \angle C$$

Let us join BD.



In  $\triangle ABD$

$AB < AD$  ( $AB$  is the smallest side of quadrilateral  $ABCD$ )

$\angle 8 < \angle 5$  (Angle opposite to the smaller side is smaller)...(3)

In  $\triangle BDC$

$BC < CD$  ( $CD$  is the largest side of quadrilateral  $ABCD$ )

$\angle 7 < \angle 6$  (Angle opposite to the smaller side is smaller)...(4)

On adding equations (3) and (4), we obtain

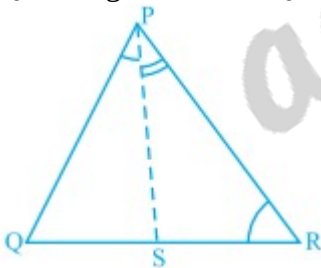
$$\angle 8 + \angle 7 < \angle 5 + \angle 6$$

$$\angle D < \angle B$$

$\angle B > \angle D$  (Hence, proved)

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Q5 In Figure,  $PR > PQ$  and  $PS$  bisects  $\angle QPR$ . Prove that  $\angle PSR > \angle PSQ$ .



Answer. As  $PR > PQ$

$\angle PQR > \angle PRQ$  (Angle opposite to larger side is larger) ...(1)

$PS$  is the bisector of  $\angle QPR$ .

$$\angle QPS = \angle RPS \quad \dots (2)$$

$\angle PSR$  is the exterior angle of  $\triangle PQS$

$$\angle PSR = \angle PQR + \angle QPS \quad \dots (3)$$

$\angle PSQ$  is the exterior angle of  $\triangle PRS$  . ...(4)

$$\angle PSQ = \angle PRQ + \angle RPS$$

Adding Equations (1) and (2), we obtain

$$\angle PQR + \angle QPS > \angle PRQ + \angle RPS$$

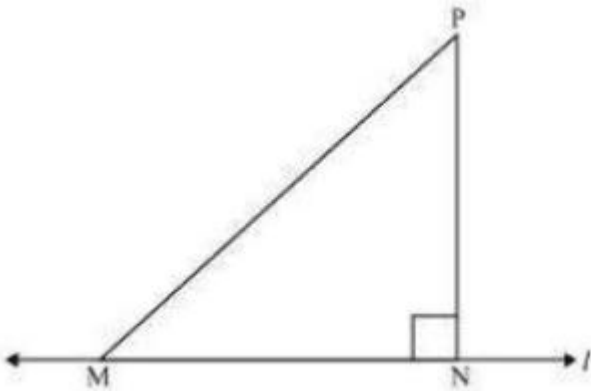
$\angle PSR > \angle PSQ$  [ Using the values of Equations (3) and (4)]

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Q6 Show that of all line segments drawn from a given point not on it, the perpendicular line segment is the shortest.

Answer.



Let us take a line  $l$  and from point  $P$  (i.e., not on line  $l$ ), draw two line segments  $PN$  and  $PM$ . Let  $PN$  be perpendicular to line  $l$  and  $PM$  is drawn at some other angle.

In  $\triangle PNM$

$$\angle N = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle P + \angle N + \angle M = 180^\circ \text{ ( Angle sum property of a triangle)}$$

$$\angle P + \angle M = 90^\circ$$

Clearly,  $\angle M$  is an acute angle

$$\angle M < \angle N$$

$PN < PM$  ( side opposite to the smaller angle is smaller)

Similarly, by drawing different line segments from  $P$  to  $l$ , it can be proved that  $PN$  is smaller in comparison to them.

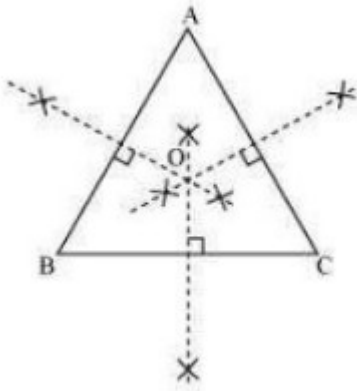
Therefore, it can be observed that of all line segments drawn from a given point not on it, the perpendicular line segment is the shortest.

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### Exercise 7.5

Q1 ABC is a triangle. Locate a point in the interior of  $\triangle ABC$  which is equidistant from all the vertices of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Answer. Circumference of a triangle is always equidistant from all the vertices of that triangle. Circumference is the point where perpendicular bisectors of all the sides of the triangle meet together.

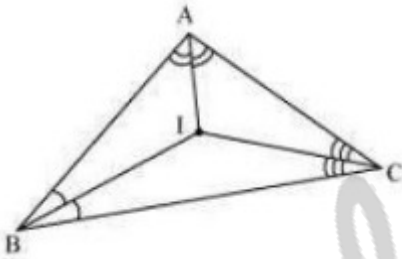


In  $\triangle ABC$ , we can find the circumference by drawing the perpendicular bisectors of sides AB, BC, AND CA of this triangle. O is the point where these bisectors are meeting together. Therefore, O is the point which is equidistant from all the vertices of  $\triangle ABC$ .

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Q2 In a triangle locate a point in its interior which is equidistant from all the sides of the triangle.

Answer. The point which is equidistant from all the sides of a triangle is called the incentre of the triangle. Incentre of a triangle is the intersection point of the angle bisectors of the interior angles of that triangle.



Here, in  $\triangle ABC$ , we can find the incentre of this triangle by drawing the angle bisectors of the interior angles of this triangle. I is the point where these angle bisectors are intersecting each other. Therefore, I is the point equidistant from all the sides of  $\triangle ABC$

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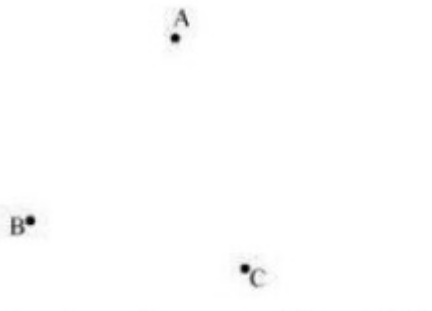
Q3 In a huge park, people are concentrated at three points (see Figure):

A : where there are different slides and swings for children,

B : near which a man-made lake is situated,

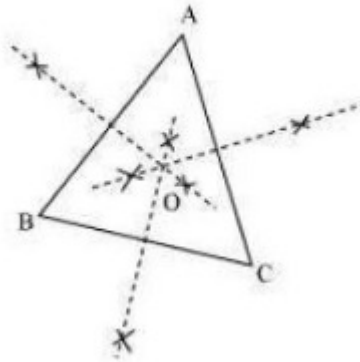
C : which is near to a large parking and exit. Where should an ice cream parlour be set up so that maximum number of persons can approach it?

(Hint : The parlour should be equidistant from A, B and C)



Answer. Maximum number of persons can approach the ice-cream parlour if it is equidistant from A, B and C from a triangle. In a triangle, the circumcentre is the only point that is equidistant from its

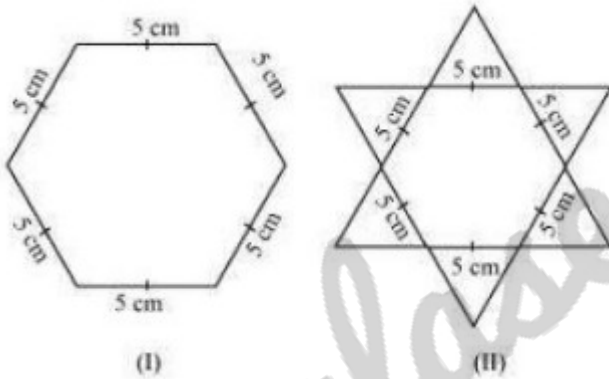
vertices. So, the ice-cream parlour should be set up at the circumcentre O of  $\triangle ABC$



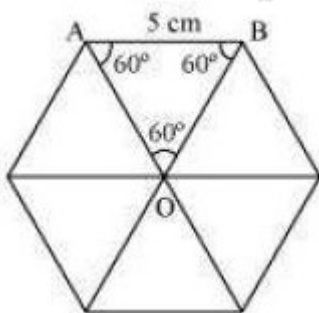
In this situation, maximum number of persons can approach it. We can find circumcentre O of this triangle by drawing perpendicular bisectors of the sides of this triangle.

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Q4 . Complete the hexagonal and star shaped Rangolies [see Figure (i) and (ii)] by filling them with as many equilateral triangles of side 1 cm as you can. Count the number of triangles in each case. Which has more triangles?



Answer. It can be observed that hexagonal-shaped rangoli has 6 equilateral triangles in it.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \triangle OAB &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (\text{side})^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (5)^2 \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (25) = \frac{25\sqrt{3}}{4} \text{cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

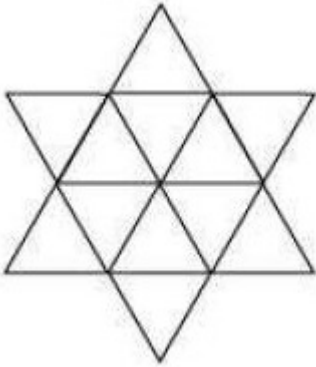
$$\text{Area of hexagonal-shaped rangoli} = 6 \times \frac{25\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{75\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{cm}^2$$

$$\text{Area of equilateral triangle having its sides as 1 cm} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (1)^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \text{cm}^2$$

Number of equilateral triangles of 1 cm side that can be filled in this hexagonal-shaped rangoli

$$= \frac{\frac{75\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}} = 150$$

Star-shaped rangoli has 12 equilateral triangles of side 5 cm in it.



$$\text{Area of star-shaped rangoli} = 12 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times (5)^2 = 75\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{Number of equilateral triangles of 1 cm side that can be filled in this star-shaped rangoli} = \frac{75\sqrt{3}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}} = 300$$

Therefore, star-shaped rangoli has more equilateral triangles in it.

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