# **11. Congruency of triangles**

# Exercise 11.1

#### 1 A. Question

Identify the corresponding sides and corresponding angles in the following congruent triangles:



#### Answer

Corresponding Sides of the two triangles are

PQ = XY

QR = YZ

RP = ZX

Corresponding Angles of the two triangles are

 $\angle PQR = \angle XYZ$ 

 $\angle PRQ = \angle XZY$ 

 $\angle QPR = \angle YXZ$ 

#### **1 B. Question**

Identify the corresponding sides and corresponding angles in the following congruent triangles:



#### Answer

Corresponding Sides of the two triangles are

PQ = AB QR = BC RP = CACorresponding Angles of the two triangles are  $\angle PQR = \angle ABC$   $\angle PRQ = \angle ACB$ 

 $\angle QPR = \angle CAB$ 

# 2 A. Question

Pair of congruent triangles and incomplete statements related to them are given below. Observe the figures carefully and fill up the blanks:

In the adjoining figure if  $\angle C = \angle F$ , then AB = \_\_\_\_\_ and BC = \_\_\_\_\_.



#### Answer

In the adjoining figure if  $\angle C = \angle F$ , then AB = DE and BC = EF.

Since the triangles are congruent the corresponding sides of the triangles are equal

Since  $\angle C = \angle F$ AB = DE

BC = EF

## 2 B. Question

Pair of congruent triangles and incomplete statements related to them are given below. Observe the figures carefully and fill up the blanks:

In the adjoining figure if BC = EF, then  $\angle C$  = \_\_\_\_\_and  $\angle A$  = \_\_\_\_\_.



#### Answer

In the adjoining figure if BC = EF, then  $\angle C = \angle F$  and  $\angle A = \angle D$ .

Since the triangles are congruent the corresponding angles of the triangles are equal

Since BC = EF

 $\angle C = \angle F$ 

 $\angle A = \angle D$ 

#### 2 C. Question

Pair of congruent triangles and incomplete statements related to them are given below. Observe the figures carefully and fill up the blanks:

In the adjoining figure, if AC = CE and  $\triangle$ ABC  $\cong \triangle$ DEC, then  $\angle$ D = \_\_\_\_ and  $\angle$ A = \_\_\_\_.



#### Answer

In the adjoining figure, if AC = CE and  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEC$ , then  $\angle D = \angle B$  and  $\angle A = \angle E$ .

Since the triangles  $\Delta ABC$  and  $\Delta DEC$  are congruent the corresponding angles of the triangles are equal

Since AC = CE  $\angle D = \angle B$   $\angle A = \angle E$ Exercise 11.2

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1. Question

In the adjoining figure, PQRS is a rectangle. Identify the congruent triangles formed by the diagonals.



#### Answer

In  $\Delta$  POQ and  $\Delta$  SOR

OP = OR(Diagonals of a rectangle bisect each other)

OQ = OS(Diagonals of a rectangle bisect each other)

PQ = SR(Diagonals are equal in length)

 $\Delta \text{ POQ} \cong \Delta \text{ SOR by S.S.S.}$  axiom of congruency

In  $\Delta$  POS and  $\Delta$  QOR

OP = OR(Diagonals of a rectangle bisect each other)

OQ = OS(Diagonals of a rectangle bisect each other)

PS = QR(Diagonals are equal in length)

 $\Delta \text{ POS} \cong \Delta \text{ QOR}$  by S.S.S. axiom of congruency

In  $\triangle$  PSQ,  $\triangle$  PQR,  $\triangle$  QRS and  $\triangle$  PRS

PS = QR = QR = PS(Opposite sides of rectangle)

PQ = PQ = SR = SR(Opposite sides of the rectangle)

 $\angle P = \angle Q = \angle R = \angle S$  (Angles of a rectangle)

 $\Delta PSQ \cong \Delta PQR \cong \Delta QRS \cong \Delta PRS$  by S.A.S. axiom of congruency

#### 2. Question

In the figure ABCD is a square, M, N, O, and P are the midpoints of sides AB, BC, CD and DA respectively. Identify the congruent triangles.





In  $\triangle$  APM,  $\triangle$  BMN,  $\triangle$  CNO and  $\triangle$  DOP

AB = BC = CD = DA (Sides of a square)

Since M, N, O, and P are the midpoints of sides AB, BC, CD and DA

 $\Rightarrow 2AM = 2BN = 2CO = 2DP$   $\Rightarrow AM = BN = CO = DP ...(i)$   $\Rightarrow 2AP = 2BM = 2CN = 2DO$   $\Rightarrow AP = BM = CN = DO ...(ii)$  $\angle PAM = \angle MBN = \angle NCO = \angle ODP(Angles of a square) ...(iii)$ 

## 3. Question

In a triangle ABC, AB = AC. Points E on AB and D on AC are such that AE = AD. Prove that triangles BCD and CBE are congruent.

So  $\triangle$  APM  $\cong \triangle$  BMN  $\cong \triangle$  CNO  $\cong \triangle$  DOP by S.A.S. axiom of congruency.

#### Answer



In  $\triangle$  BCD and  $\triangle$  CBE we have

AB = AC

AE = AD

Subtracting the above two equations we get

$$AB-AE = AC-AD$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 Be = CD

∠EBC = ∠DCB(Base angle of an isosceles triangle)

BC = BC(Common side)

So  $\Delta$  BCD and  $\Delta$  CBE are congruent to each other by S.A.S. axiom of congruency.

# 4. Question

In the adjoining figure, the sides BA and CA have been produced such that BA = AD and CA = AE. Prove that DE || BC. [ hint:-use the concept of alternate angles.]



# Answer

In  $\triangle$  AED and  $\triangle$  ABC we have

BA = AD(Given)

CA = AE(Given)

 $\angle$ EAD =  $\angle$ BAC (Vertically Opposite)

So  $\Delta$  AED and  $\Delta$  ABC are congruent by S.A.S. axiom of congruency

So we can say

∠AED = ∠ACB(Corresponding parts of Congruent triangles)

So ∠AED & ∠ACB forms a pair of alternate interior angles

Hence DE || BC

# Exercise 11.3

# 1. Question

In a  $\triangle$ ABC, AB = AC and  $\angle$ A = 50°. Find  $\angle$ B and  $\angle$ C.

Answer



In  $\Delta$  ABC since AB = AC , so the triangle is isosceles

In an isosceles triangle, the base angles are always equal

So  $\angle B = \angle C = x$ (Let's assume)

Since the sum of interior angles of a triangle is  $180^0$ 

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^{0}$$
$$\Rightarrow 2x = 180^{0} - 50^{0} = 130^{0}$$
$$\Rightarrow x = 65^{0}$$
$$\angle B = \angle C = 65^{0}$$

# 2. Question

In  $\triangle$ ABC, AB = BC and  $\angle$ B = 64°. Find  $\angle$ C.

#### Answer





In an isosceles triangle the base angles are always equal

So  $\angle A = \angle C = x$ (Let's assume)

Since sum of interior angles of a triangle is  $180^{\rm 0}$ 

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

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 180^{0} - 64^{0} = 116^{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 x = 58<sup>0</sup>

$$\angle A = \angle C = 58^{\circ}$$

# **3 A. Question**

In each of the following figure, find the value of x:



#### Answer

 $\Delta$  ABC is isosceles with AB = AC

$$\angle BAC = 40^{0}$$
 (Given)

In an isosceles triangle since the base angles are equal so

$$\angle ABC = \angle ACB = y$$
 (Let's assume)

 $\angle ABC + \angle ACB + \angle BAC = 180^{\circ}$  (Sum of interior angles of a triangle)

$$\Rightarrow 2y = 180^{0} - 40^{0} = 140^{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 y = 70<sup>0</sup>

$$\Rightarrow \angle ACB = 70^{\circ}$$

 $\angle ACB + x = 180^{0}$  (Angle on a straight line)

 $\Rightarrow x = 180^{0} - 70^{0} = 110^{0}$ 

#### **3 B. Question**

In each of the following figure, find the value of x:



#### Answer

 $\Delta$  ACD is isosceles where AC = CD

 $\angle DAC = \angle CDA = 30^{\circ}$ 

 $\angle BAD = \angle DAC + \angle CAB$ 

 $\Rightarrow \angle BAD = 65^0 + 30^0 = 95^0$ 

In  $\Delta$  ABD,

 $\angle ABD + \angle BDA + \angle DAB = 180^{\circ}$  (Sum of interior angles of a triangle)

 $x = 180^0 - (95^0 + 30^0) = 55^0$ 

#### **3 C. Question**

In each of the following figure, find the value of x:



#### Answer

 $\Delta$  ABC is isosceles with AB = AC

 $\angle ABC = \angle ACB = 55^0$  (Base angles are equal)

 $\angle ABC + \angle ACB + \angle BAC = 180^{\circ}$  (Sum of interior angles of a triangle)

$$\Rightarrow \angle BAC = 180^{0} - (55^{0} + 55^{0}) = 70^{0}$$

$$\angle BAC - x = 180^{\circ} - (55^{\circ} + 75^{\circ})$$

$$\Rightarrow -x = 180^{0} - 200^{0} = -20^{0}$$

 $\Rightarrow x = 20^0$ 

# **3 D. Question**

In each of the following figure, find the value of x:



#### Answer

 $\Delta$  ABD and  $\Delta$  ADC is isosceles

 $\angle ABD = \angle BAD = 50^{\circ}$  (Base angle of an isosceles triangle)

 $\angle$ DAC =  $\angle$ DCA = x (Base angle of an isosceles triangle)

 $In\,\Delta\,ABC$ 

 $\angle ABC + \angle ACB + \angle BAC = 180^{\circ}$  (Sum of interior angles of a triangle)

 $50^{0} + 50^{0} + 2x = 180^{0}$  $\Rightarrow 2x = 80^{0}$  $\Rightarrow x = 40^{0}$ 

## 4. Question

Suppose ABC is an equilateral triangle. Its base BC is produced to D such that BC = CD. Calculate (i)  $\angle$ ACD and (ii)  $\angle$ ADC.

#### Answer



 $\Delta$  ABC is an equilateral triangle

CD is drawn such that CD = BC

 $\angle ACB = 60^{\circ}$  (Interior angle of an equilateral triangle)

 $\angle$ ACD = 180<sup>0</sup>-60<sup>0</sup> = 120<sup>0</sup>(Angle on a straight line)

In an equilateral triangle since all sides are equal so

AC = CD

Hence  $\Delta$  ACD is isosceles

Since base angles of an isosceles triangle is equal so

 $\angle$ CAD =  $\angle$ CDA = x(Let us assume)

 $\angle$ ACD +  $\angle$ CAD +  $\angle$ CDA = 180<sup>0</sup>(Sum of interior angles of a triangle)

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 180^{0} - 120^{0} = 60^{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 x = 30<sup>0</sup>

 $\angle ADC = 30^{0}$ 

# 5. Question

Show that the perpendiculars drawn from the vertices of the base of an isosceles triangle to the opposite sides are equal.

## Answer



Let  $\Delta$  ABC be the isosceles triangle

BE and CF are the two perpendiculars drawn which cuts at  $\boldsymbol{0}$ 

In  $\Delta$  BFC and  $\Delta$  BEC

∠FBC = ∠ECB (Base angles of isosceles triangle)

 $\angle$ BFC =  $\angle$ BEC = 90<sup>0</sup> (Perpendiculars)

BC = BC(Common side)

So  $\Delta$  BFC and  $\Delta$  BEC are congruent to each other by R.H.S. axiom of congruency

BE = FC (Corresponding Part of Congruent Triangle)

Hence its proved

## 6. Question

Prove that a  $\Delta ABC$  is an isosceles triangle if the altitude AD from A on BC bisects BC.



 $\Delta$  ABC is isosceles with AB = AC

AD is the altitude on BC

In  $\Delta$  ABD and  $\Delta$  ACD

 $\angle ABD = \angle ACD$  (Base angles of an isosceles triangle)

 $\angle ADB = \angle ADC$  (AD is a perpendicular)

AD = AD (Common side)

So  $\Delta$  ABD and  $\Delta$  ACD are congruent to each other by A.A.S. axiom of congruency

BD = DC(Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangles)

Since BD = DC so D is the midpoint of BC

So altitude AD bisects BC

## 7. Question

Suppose a triangle is equilateral. Prove that it is equiangular.

Answer



 $\Delta$  ABC is an equilateral triangle

Let AD be the perpendicular from A on BC

In  $\Delta$  ABD and  $\Delta$  ACD

AB = AC ( $\triangle$ ABC is equilateral)

 $\angle ADB = \angle ADC$  (AD is a perpendicular)

AD = AD (Common side)

So  $\Delta$  ABD and  $\Delta$  ACD are congruent to each other by S.A.S. axiom of congruency

∠ABD = ∠ACD (Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangles)

∠BAD = ∠CAD (Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangles)

Since the triangle is equilateral and  $\angle ABD = \angle ACD$ , so

 $\angle ABD = \angle ACD = \angle BAC$ 

Hence the triangle is equiangular

## **Exercise 11.4**

#### 1. Question

In the given figure, If AB || DC and P is the midpoint of BD, prove that P is also the midpoint of AC.



#### Answer

In  $\Delta$  DPC and  $\Delta$  APB we have

DP = PB(P is the midpoint of BD)

∠DPC = ∠APB( Vertically Opposite)

 $\angle$ DCP =  $\angle$ PAB (Alternate interior angle)

So  $\Delta$  DPC and  $\Delta$  APB are congruent to each other by A.A,S. axiom of congruency

## 2. Question

In the adjacent figure, CD and BE are altitudes of an isosceles triangle ABC with AC = AB. Prove that AE = AD.



Answer

In  $\Delta$  ABC BE and CD are the perpendiculars drawn on sides AC and AB respectively

In  $\Delta$  BDC and  $\Delta$  BEC

 $\angle$ BDC =  $\angle$ BEC = 90<sup>0</sup> (Perpendiculars)

 $\angle$ DBC =  $\angle$ ECB(Base angle of the isosceles triangle)

BC = BC(Common side)

So  $\Delta$  BDC and  $\Delta$  BEC are congruent to each other by A.A.S. axiom of congruency

DB = EC (Corresponding Part of Congruent Triangle) ...(i)

AB = AC (Given) ...(ii)

Subtracting (i) from (ii) we get

AB-DB = AC-EC

 $\Rightarrow AD = AE$ 

Hence Proved

#### 3. Question

In the figure, AP and BQ are perpendiculars to the line segment AB and AP = BQ. Prove that O is the midpoint of line segment AB as well as PQ.





In  $\triangle$  AOP and  $\triangle$  BOQ

AP = BQ (Given)

∠AOP = ∠BOQ (Vertically Opposite)

∠PAO = ∠OBO (Perpendiculars)

So AOP and  $\Delta$  BOQ are congruent to each other by A.A.S. axiom of congruency

Hence we can say

AO = OB(Corresponding parts of Congruent triangles)

PO = OQ(Corresponding parts of Congruent triangles)

# 4. Question

Suppose ABC is an isosceles triangle with AB = AC; BD and CE are bisectors of  $\angle B$  and  $\angle C$ . Prove that BD = CE.

#### Answer



BD and CE are bisectors of  $\angle B$  and  $\angle C$ 

∠ABD = ∠DBC

 $\angle ACE = \angle BCE$ 

Since  $\Delta$  ABC is isosceles so

 $\angle ABC = \angle ACB \dots (i)$ 

Since BD and CE are bisectors so

2∠DBC = 2∠ECB

 $\Rightarrow \angle DBC = \angle ECB \dots (ii)$ 

BC = BC (Common) ...(iii)

From (i), (ii) and (iii) we can say

 $\Delta$  BCE and  $\Delta$  BCD are congruent to each other by A.A.S. axiom of congruency

So we can say

BD = EC (Corresponding parts of Congruent triangles)

## 5. Question

Suppose ABC is an equiangular triangle. Prove that it is equilateral.(You have seen earlier that an equilateral triangle is equiangular. Thus for triangles equiangularity is equivalent to equilaterality.)

#### Answer



 $\Delta$  ABC is an equiangular triangle

Let AD be the perpendicular from A on BC

In  $\Delta$  ABD and  $\Delta$  ACD

 $\angle ABD = \angle ACD (\triangle ABC \text{ is equiangular})$ 

 $\angle ADB = \angle ADC$  (AD is a perpendicular)

AD = AD (Common side)

So  $\Delta$  ABD and  $\Delta$  ACD are congruent to each other by A.A.S. axiom of congruency

AB = AC (Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangles)

BD = DC(Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangles)

Since the triangle is equiangular and AB = AC , so

AB = AC = BC

Hence the triangle is equilateral

# Exercise 11.5

# 1. Question

In a triangle, ABC, AC = AB, and the altitude AD bisect BC. Prove that  $\triangle$ ADC  $\cong$   $\triangle$ ADB.

#### Answer



In  $\Delta ADC$  and  $\Delta ADB$ 

AC = AB(Given)

BD = DC(AD bisects BC)

AD = AD(Common)

So  $\triangle ADC \cong \triangle ADB$  by S.S.S. axiom of congruency

#### 2. Question

In a square PQRS, diagonals bisect each other at O. Prove that  $\triangle POQ \cong \triangle QOR \cong \triangle ROS \cong \triangle SOP$ .

Answer



In  $\Delta POQ, \Delta QOR$  ,  $\Delta ROS,$  and  $\Delta SOP$ 

PQ = QR = RS = SP (All sides of a square are equal)

 $\angle POQ = \angle QOR = \angle ROS = \angle SOP = 90^{0}$  (Diagonals of a square bisect at right angle)

PO = QO = RO = SO (Diagonals bisect each other)

So  $\triangle POQ \cong \triangle QOR \cong \triangle ROS \cong \triangle SOP$  by S.A.S. axiom of congruency

# 3. Question

In the figure, two sides AB, BC and the median AD of  $\triangle$ ABC are respectively equal to two sides PQ, QR and median PS of  $\triangle$ PQR. Prove that

(i)  $\triangle ADB \cong \triangle PSQ$ ;

(ii)  $\triangle ADC \cong \triangle PSR$ .

Does it follow that triangles ABC and PQR are congruent?



#### Answer

(i) In  $\Delta$  ADB and  $\Delta$  PQS

AB = PQ

AD = PS

$$BC = QR$$

Since D and S are midpoints of BC and QR

 $\Rightarrow$  2DC = 2SR

 $\Rightarrow$  DC = SR

So  $\Delta$  ADB and  $\Delta$  PQS are congruent to each other by S.S.S. axiom of congruency

(ii) In  $\Delta$  ADC and  $\Delta$  PSR

AD = PS

BC = QR

Since D and S are midpoints of BC and QR

 $\Rightarrow$  2BD = 2QS

 $\Rightarrow$  BD = QS

∠ADB = ∠PSO(Corresponding parts of Congruent triangles)

 $\Rightarrow 180^{0} \angle ADB = 180^{0} \angle PSO$ 

 $\angle ADC = \angle PSR$ 

So  $\Delta$  ADC and  $\Delta$  PSR are congruent to each other by S.A.S. axiom of congruency

Yes it follows  $\triangle$  ABC and  $\triangle$  PQR are congruent because  $\triangle$  ABC is the sum of  $\triangle$  ADB and  $\triangle$  ADC and  $\triangle$  PQR is the sum of  $\triangle$  PQS and  $\triangle$  PSR

#### 4. Question

In  $\Delta$ PQR, PQ = QR; L, M, and N are the midpoints of the sides of PQ, QR and RP respectively. Prove that LN = MN.



Answer

In  $\Delta$  LNP and  $\Delta$  MNR

LP = MR(Since PQ = QR)

PN = NR(N is a midpoint)

∠LPN = ∠MRN(Base angles of an isosceles triangle)

So  $\Delta$  LNP and  $\Delta$  MNR to each other by S.A.S. axiom of congruency

Hence LN = MN (Corresponding parts of Congruent Triangles)

## **Exercise 11.6**

## 1. Question

Suppose ABCD is a rectangle. Using the RHS theorem, prove that triangles ABC and ADC are congruent.



ABCD is a rectangle

AC is a diagonal

In  $\triangle$  ABC and  $\triangle$  ADC

AD = BC (Opposite sides of a rectangle)

 $\angle ADC = \angle ABC = 90^{\circ}$  (Angle of a rectangle)

AC = AC (Common side)

So  $\Delta$  ABC and  $\Delta$  ADC is congruent by R.H.S. axiom of congruency.

#### 2. Question

Suppose ABC is a triangle and D is the midpoint of BC. Assume that the perpendiculars from D to AB and AC are of equal length. Prove that ABC is isosceles.

#### Answer



In  $\Delta$  ABC, D is the midpoint on BC

Let PD and QD be the two perpendiculars drawn from D on AB and AC respectively

In  $\Delta$  BPD and  $\Delta$  CQD we have

PD = QD(Given)

 $\angle$ DPB =  $\angle$ DQC = 90<sup>0</sup>(Perpendiculars)

BD = DC(D is a midpoint)

So  $\Delta$  BPD and  $\Delta$  CQD are congruent by R.H.S. axiom of congruency

So according to Corresponding Parts of Congruent triangles we get

∠PBD = ∠QCD

Since the two angles of ABC are equal so  $\Delta$  ABC isosceles.

# 3. Question

Suppose ABC is a triangle in which BE and CF are respectively the perpendiculars to the sides AC and AB. If BE = CF, prove that triangle ABC is isosceles.

#### Answer



In  $\Delta$  ABC BE and CF are the perpendiculars drawn on sides AC and AB respectively

Let O be the intersection of the two perpendiculars

In  $\Delta$  BFC and  $\Delta$  BEC

BE = FC(Given)

 $\angle$ BFC =  $\angle$ BEC = 90<sup>0</sup> (Perpendiculars)

BC = BC(Common side)

So  $\Delta$  BFC and  $\Delta$  BEC are congruent to each other by R.H.S. axiom of congruency

∠FBC = ∠ECB (Corresponding Part of Congruent Triangle)

Since two angles are the same so  $\Delta$  ABC is isosceles.

## Exercise 11.7

# 1. Question

In a triangle ABC,  $\angle B = 28^{\circ}$  and  $\angle C = 56^{\circ}$ . Find the largest and the smallest sides.

The side opposite to the smallest angle is the smallest side and the angle opposite to the largest angle is the largest side

Since the sum of interior angles of a triangle is  $180^0$ 

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

 $\Rightarrow \angle A = 180^{0} \text{-} (28^{\circ} + 56^{\circ})$ 

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = 96^{\circ}$$

Since  $\angle A$  is the largest angle so BC is the largest side

Since  $\angle B$  is the smallest angle so AC is the smallest side

## 2. Question

In a triangle ABC, we have AB = 4cm, BC = 5.6cm and CA = 7.6cm. Write the angles of the triangle in ascending order of measures.

#### Answer

The side opposite to the smallest angle is the smallest side and the angle opposite to the largest angle is the largest side

The largest side among the three sides of  $\Delta$  ABC is CA = 7.6 cm

So the largest angle of  $\triangle$  ABC is  $\angle$ B

The smallest side among the three sides of  $\triangle$  ABC is AB = 4 cm

So the smallest angle of  $\triangle$  ABC is  $\angle$ C

So in ascending order, the angles will be

 $\angle C < \angle A < \angle B$ 

## 3. Question

Let ABC be a triangle such that  $\angle B = 70^{\circ}$  and  $\angle C = 40^{\circ}$ . Suppose D is a point on BC such that AB = AD. Prove that AB > CD.



AB = AD

 $\angle B = 70^0$ 

 $\angle ADB = 70^{\circ}$  (Base angles of an isosceles triangle)

 $\angle$ ADC = 180<sup>0</sup>-70<sup>0</sup> = 110<sup>0</sup>(Angles on a straight line)

 $\angle C = 40^0$ 

 $\angle DAC = 180^{0} - (110^{0} + 40^{0}) = 30^{0}$ 

Comparing  $\angle$  ACD and  $\angle$  DAC we find

∠ACD>∠DAC

Since the side opposite to the largest angle is the largest so

AB > CD

# 4. Question

Let ABCD be a quadrilateral in which AD is the largest side and BC is the smallest side. Prove that  $\angle A < \angle C$ . (Hint: Join AC)

#### Answer



ABCD is a quadrilateral with AD being the largest and BC being the smallest side

AC is a diagonal of the quadrilateral

Applying the law of Inequality of triangle in  $\Delta$  BAC

∠BAC < ∠BCA (BC is the shortest side) ...(i)

Applying the law of Inequality of triangle in  $\Delta$  ACD

∠CAD < ∠DCA (AD is the largest side) ...(ii)

Adding (i) and (ii) we get

 $\angle BAC + \angle CAD < \angle BCA + \angle DCA$ 

 $\Rightarrow \angle A < \angle C$ 

Hence Proved

# 5. Question

Let ABC be a triangle and P be an interior point. Prove that AB + BC + CA < 2 (PA + PB + PC).

Answer



According to triangle inequality the sum of smaller two sides is always greater than the largest side

In ∆APB

AP + PB > AB ...(i)

In **AAPC** 

AP + PC>AC ...(ii)

In  $\Delta CPB$ 

CP + PB>CB ...(iii)

Adding (i),(ii) and (iii) we get

2 (PA + PB + PC) > AB + BC + CA

or changing the sign of inequality we can say

AB + BC + CA < 2 (PA + PB + PC)

# **Additional Problems 11**

# 1. Question

Fill in the blanks to make the statements true.

(a) In right triangle the hypotenuse is the \_\_\_\_\_ side.

(b) The sum of three altitudes of a triangle is \_\_\_\_\_ than its perimeter.

(c) The sum of any two sides of a triangle is \_\_\_\_\_ than the third side.

(d) If two angles of a triangle are unequal, then the smaller angle has the \_\_\_\_\_ side opposite to it.

(e) Difference of any two sides of a triangle is \_\_\_\_\_ than the third side.

(f) If two sides of a triangle are unequal, then the larger side has \_\_\_\_\_ angle opposite to it.

## Answer

(a) In the right triangle, the hypotenuse is the **longest** side.

Explanation: The longest side is the side opposite to the largest angle and in a right-angled triangle the largest angle is 90° and the side opposite to it is the hypotenuse.

(b) The sum of three altitudes of a triangle is <u>less</u> than its perimeter

Explanation: Consider  $\triangle$ ABC with altitudes as AP, BQ and CR on segments BC, AB and AC respectively



Consider  $\triangle APC$ 

 $\angle APC = 90^{\circ} \dots AP$  is altitude

∠ACP is some acute angle less than 90°

Hence  $AC > AP \dots (i)$ 

Similarly we can prove

BC > CR ... (ii)

AB > BQ ... (iii)

Adding (i), (ii) and (iii) we get

 $\Rightarrow$  AC + BC + AB > AP + CR + BQ

 $\Rightarrow$  sum of sides > sum of altitudes

(c) The sum of any two sides of a triangle is **<u>larger</u>** than the third side.

Explanation: if the sum of two sides is equal to the third then the points will be collinear and these points won't form a triangle

(d) If two angles of a triangle are unequal, then the smaller angle has the **smaller** side opposite to it.

Explanation: The side opposite to larger angle is larger. And the side opposite to shorter angle is shorter. So, the smaller angle has smaller side opposite to it.

(e) The difference of any two sides of a triangle is <u>less</u> than the third side.

Explanation: if a, b, c are sides of a triangle we know that the sum of two sides is greater than the third

i.e. a + b > c

rearranging we get a > c – b

(f) If two sides of a triangle are unequal, then the larger side has <u>larger</u> angle opposite to it.

Explanation: consider  $\triangle$ ABC with AC the longer side than AB

Construct a line BD to AC from point B such that AB = AD



The angles are as marked

We have to prove that (x + z) > y

From figure

 $\Rightarrow$  x +  $\angle$ BDC = 180° ... linear pair of angles  $\angle$ ADB and  $\angle$ BDC

 $\Rightarrow \angle BDC = 180^{\circ} - x$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  z + y +  $\angle$ BDC = 180° ... angles of  $\triangle$ BDC

 $\Rightarrow$  z + y +180° - x = 180°

 $\Rightarrow$  z + y = x

 $\Rightarrow x > y$ 

 $\Rightarrow \angle ABD > \angle BDC$ 

If x is greater than y then x plus something will obviously be greater than y

 $\Rightarrow$  x + z > y

 $\Rightarrow \angle ABC > \angle ACB$ 

Hence proved

# 2 A. Question

Justify the following statements with reasons:

The sum of three sides of a triangle is more than the sum of its altitudes.

#### Answer

Consider  $\triangle$ ABC with altitudes as AP, BQ and CR on segments BC, AB and AC respectively



Consider  $\triangle APC$ 

 $\angle APC = 90^{\circ} \dots AP$  is altitude

∠ACP is some acute angle less than 90°

Hence  $AC > AP \dots (i)$ 

Similarly we can prove

BC > CR ... (ii)

AB > BQ ... (iii)

Adding (i), (ii) and (iii) we get

 $\Rightarrow$  AC + BC + AB > AP + CR + BQ

 $\Rightarrow$  sum of sides > sum of altitudes

# 2 B. Question

Justify the following statements with reasons:

The sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than twice the median drawn to the third side.

Consider  $\triangle ABC$  and AP is the median as shown BP = PC

Construct PQ such that AP = PQ



Consider  $\Delta APB$  and  $\Delta QPC$ 

AP = PQ ... construction

 $\angle APB = \angle QCP$  ... vertically opposite angles

BP = PC ... AP is median

Thus by SAS test for congruency

 $\Delta APB \cong \Delta QPC$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  AB = CQ ... corresponding sides of congruent triangles...(i)

Consider  $\triangle AQC$ 

 $\Rightarrow AC + CQ > AQ$ 

Using (i)

 $\Rightarrow$  AC + AB > AQ

But AQ = AP + PQ and AP = PQ by construction hence AQ = 2AP

 $\Rightarrow$  AC + AB > 2AP

## 2 C. Question

Justify the following statements with reasons:

The difference of any two sides of a triangle is less than the third side.

If a, b, c are sides of a triangle we know that the sum of two sides is greater than the third

i.e. a + b > c

rearranging we get a > c - b

#### 3. Question

Two triangles ABC and DBC have common base BC. Suppose AB = DC and  $\angle ABC = \angle BCD$ . Prove that AC = BD.

#### Answer



In  $\Delta ABC$  and  $\Delta DBC$ 

BC = BC ... common side

 $\angle ABC = \angle DBC \dots$  given

 $AB = CD \dots$  given

Therefore, by SAS test for congruency

 $\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DCB$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  AC = BD ... corresponding sides of congruent triangles

Hence proved AC = BD

#### 4. Question

Let AB and CD be two line segments such that AD and BC intersect at O. Suppose AO = OC and BO = OD. Prove that AB = CD.



In  $\triangle AOB$  and  $\triangle COD$ 

 $AO = CO \dots$  given

 $\angle AOB = \angle COD$  ... vertically opposite angles

 $BO = OD \dots given$ 

Therefore, by SAS test for congruency

 $\Delta AOB \cong \Delta COD$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  AB = CD ... corresponding sides of congruent triangles

Hence proved AB = CD

#### **5.** Question

Let ABC be a triangle. Draw a triangle BDC externally on BC such that AB = BD and AC = CD. Prove that  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DBC$ .

#### Answer



In  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DCB$ 

 $AB = BD \dots$  given

 $AC = CB \dots given$ 

BC = BC ... common side

Therefore, by SSS test for congruency

 $\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DBC$ 

Hence proved

#### 6. Question

Let ABCD be a square and let points P on AB and Q on DC be such that DP = AQ. Prove that BP = CQ.



Consider  $\triangle ADQ$  and  $\triangle DAP$ 

 $DP = AQ \dots given$ 

 $\angle$ PAD =  $\angle$ QDA ... angles of square both 90°

AD = AD ... common side

Therefore, by SAS test for congruency

 $\Delta ADQ \cong \Delta DAP$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  AP = DQ ... corresponding sides of congruent triangles (i)

Now AB and CD are sides of square therefore,

AB = CD

 $\Rightarrow$  AP + PB = DQ + QC ... from figure AB = AP + PB and CD = DQ + QC

But using (i) AP = DQ

- $\Rightarrow$  DQ + PB = DQ + QC
- $\Rightarrow$  PB = QC

 $\Rightarrow$  BP = CQ

Hence proved

#### 7. Question

In a triangle ABC, AB = AC. Suppose P is a point on AB and Q is a point on AC such that AP = AQ. = Prove that  $\triangle APC \cong \triangle AQB$ .



In  $\triangle APC$  and  $\triangle AQB$ 

 $AP = AQ \dots given$ 

 $\angle BAQ = \angle CAP \dots \angle A$  common angle

 $AB = AC \dots$  given

Therefore, by SAS test for congruency

 $\Delta APC \cong \Delta AQB$ 

Hence proved

#### 8. Question

In an isosceles triangle, if the vertex angle is twice the sum of the base angles, calculate the angles of the triangle.

#### Answer



Let the isosceles triangle be  $\Delta ABC$  as shown with base as BC and equal sides are AB and AC

In an isosceles triangle the base angles are equal let them be 'x°'

Thus  $\angle B = x^{\circ}$  and  $\angle C = x^{\circ}$ Given that  $\angle A = 2 \times (\angle B + \angle C)$  $\Rightarrow \angle A = 2 \times (x^{\circ} + x^{\circ})$  $\Rightarrow \angle A = 2 \times 2x^{\circ}$   $\Rightarrow \angle A = 4x^{\circ}$ 

Now the sum of all angles of a triangle is  $180^{\circ}$ 

$$\Rightarrow \angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^{\circ}$$
$$\Rightarrow 4x^{\circ} + x^{\circ} + x^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$$
$$\Rightarrow 6x^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$$
$$\Rightarrow x^{\circ} = \frac{180^{\circ}}{6}$$
$$\Rightarrow x = 30^{\circ}$$

Therefore, angles of triangle are  $\angle B = 30^\circ$ ,  $\angle C = 30^\circ$  and  $\angle A = 4x = 4 \times 30^\circ = 120^\circ$ 

#### 9. Question

If the bisector of the vertical angle of a triangle bisects the base, show that the triangle is isosceles.

#### Answer



Consider  $\triangle ABC$  and AM is the bisector of  $\angle A$  and AM bisects the base BC so BM = CM

Extend segment AM to D such that AM = MD and join points C and D to from  $\Delta$ DMC as shown

To prove  $\triangle ABC$  is isosceles we have to prove that AB = AC

Consider  $\Delta AMB$  and  $\Delta DMC$ 

AM = MD ... construction

∠AMB = ∠DMC ... vertically opposite angles

BM = MC ... AM bisects BC given

Hence by SAS test for congruency

 $\Delta AMB \cong \Delta DMC$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  AB = CD ... corresponding sides of congruent triangles ... (i)

 $\Rightarrow \angle BAM = \angle CDM$  ... corresponding angles of congruent triangles ... (a)

 $\Rightarrow \angle BAM = \angle MAC \dots$  given AM is angle bisector of  $\angle A \dots$  (b)

Thus using (a) and (b) we can conclude that

 $\angle CDM = \angle MAC \dots (c)$ 

Now consider  $\Delta ACD$ 

 $\angle CAD = \angle CDA \dots$  from (c)

As the two angles are equal  $\triangle$ ACD is isosceles hence we can say that

$$\Rightarrow$$
 AC = CD ... (ii)

Now using (i) and (ii) we can conclude that

 $\Rightarrow AB = AC$ 

And hence  $\triangle ABC$  is isosceles triangle

#### **10. Question**

Suppose ABC is an isosceles triangle with AB = AC. Side BA has produced to D such that BA = AD. Prove that  $\angle$ BCD is a right angle.

#### Answer

The figure is as shown

As AB = AC and AB = AD thus AC = AD

Therefore,  $\Delta ACD$  is also isosceles triangle

Let the base angles of  $\triangle$ ABC be x and the base angles of  $\triangle$ ACD be y as shown



In order to prove  $\angle$ BCD is a right angle we have to prove that x + y = 90°

Consider  $\triangle BCD$ 

∠DBC = x,

 $\angle DCB = x + y$  and

∠BDC = y

Sum of angles of a triangle is 180°

$$\Rightarrow \angle DBC + \angle DCB + \angle BDC = 180^{\circ}$$
$$\Rightarrow x + x + y + y = 180^{\circ}$$
$$\Rightarrow 2x + 2y = 180^{\circ}$$
$$\Rightarrow 2(x + y) = 180^{\circ}$$
$$\Rightarrow (x + y) = \frac{180^{\circ}}{2}$$
$$\Rightarrow x + y = 90^{\circ}$$
$$\Rightarrow \angle DCB = 90^{\circ}$$

Hence proved  $\angle$ BCD is a right angle.

# **11. Question**

Let AB, CD be two line segments such that AB || CD and AD ||BC. Let E be the midpoint of BC and let DE extended meet AB in F. Prove that AB = BF.



Given AB || CD and AD || BC hence ABCD is a parallelogram

 $\Rightarrow$  AB = CD ... opposite sides of parallelogram (i)

Consider  $\Delta CED$  and  $\Delta BEF$ 

∠DEC = ∠BEF ... vertically opposite angles

 $BE = EC \dots given$ 

 $\angle$ ECD =  $\angle$ EBF ... alternate angles as AF || CD with transversal BC

Therefore, by ASA test for congruency

 $\Delta CED \cong \Delta BEF$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  CD = BF ... corresponding sides of congruent triangles

Using (i)

 $\Rightarrow AB = BF$ 

Hence proved