

Congruency of Triangles

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What is Congruency?

See the triangles in *Fig.1*. Are they of same measure? If you put one triangle on the other, do they cover each other? In this figure we can see that they are not same, as the sides of the triangle are not same.

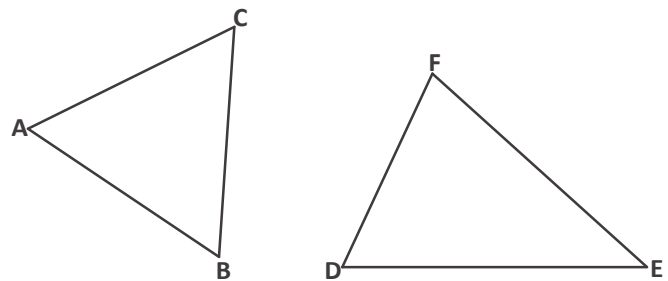


Fig. 1

How can we know whether two shapes cover each other completely or not? In the given triangles it will only happen when point A falls on point D, point B on point E and point C falls on point F and that is only possible if all the sides and angles of one triangle are equal to the other. That means the two triangles are congruent.

Congruence means that all parts are equal. Those shapes, in which all their parts are equal will cover each other completely.

In reference to triangles it means all sides and angles of one triangle are equal to the corresponding side and angle of the other triangle. Similarly we can also check congruency in quadrilaterals and pentagons. But is it necessary to check the equality of all parts when two figures are congruent? Or is there some special circumstances when we can see some parts of those figures and comment on the congruency?

Circle, Square and Rectangle

A Square has four sides and four angles and each of its side is equal and every angle is 90° . If the side of two squares are equal, we can say that both are congruent, and they would cover each other completely.

But if one side of a rectangle is equal to the corresponding side of an other rectangle, will they be congruent? Obviously it won't be so. When the two adjacent sides of one rectangle is equal to the corresponding sides of the other rectangle only then will they congruent. Now think when we can say the two circles are congruent? Just by equality of the radii of those circles, we can say that they are congruent.

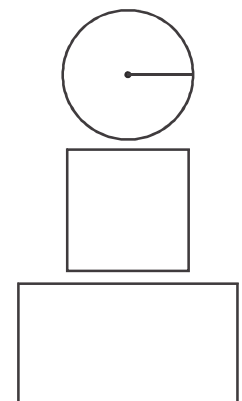


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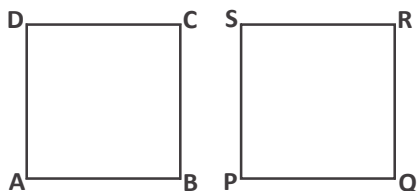


Fig. 3

Precisely we can say-

1. Two squares ABCD and PQRS are congruent if $AB = PQ$.

2. Two circles are congruent if their radii are equal that is $OA_1 = O_2B$.



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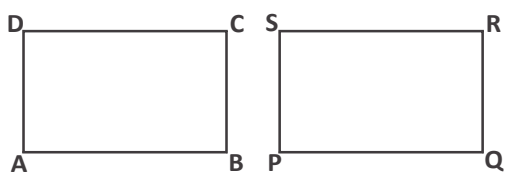


Fig. 5

3. In this way two rectangles are congruent. If their corresponding adjacent sides are equal that is $AB = PQ$, $AD = PS$. Like wise in triangles, can we find some conditions for the congruency? In this chapter we will investigate about this in detail.

Congruency of triangle

In geometry, triangle is a closed figure which is made by the least number of line segments.

All the polygons are made up of triangles, that is why triangle congruency helps in checking the congruency of polygons.

We know that the triangles are congruent if their corresponding sides and angles are equal.

Corresponding Part of a Triangle

Look the triangles ABC and PQR, if we consider sides AB and PQ to be corresponding sides then the remaining corresponding parts of the triangles are as given in the table below.

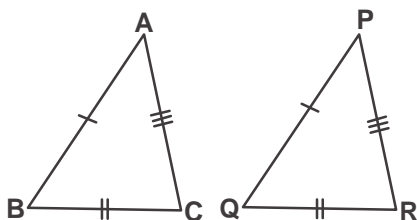


Fig. 6

Corresponding sides	Corresponding Angle	Vertex
$AB \leftrightarrow PQ$	$\angle A \leftrightarrow \angle P$	$A \leftrightarrow P$
$BC \leftrightarrow QR$	$\angle B \leftrightarrow \angle Q$	$B \leftrightarrow Q$
$AC \leftrightarrow PR$	$\angle C \leftrightarrow \angle R$	$C \leftrightarrow R$

\leftrightarrow sign indicates correspondancy and \cong sign relates to congruency.

If two triangles $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$ are congruent. That is $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PQR$, then $AB = PQ$, $BC = QR$, $AC = PR$, $\angle A = \angle P$, $\angle B = \angle Q$, $\angle C = \angle R$

We can also write $\triangle BCA \cong \triangle QRP$ or $\triangle CAB \cong \triangle RPQ$.

We know that $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle BCA$ or $\triangle CAB$ all are same.

We can write $\triangle BCA$ congruent to $\triangle QRP$. But we shouldn't write-

$$\triangle ABC \cong \triangle RQP \quad \text{or} \quad \triangle BCA \cong \triangle RPQ \quad (\text{why?})$$

In triangles congruency it is necessary to write angle and vertices in the correct sequence. An abbreviation for corresponding parts of congruent triangles is CPCT.

How to check triangle congruency

Is it necessary to show the equality of all parts of a triangle when looking for congruency in triangles? Let us try to find conditions for triangles congruency mathematically.

- (i) **Side-angle-side congruency (SAS congruency)**- "Two triangles are congruent if two sides and the included angle of one triangle are equal to the two sides and the included angle of the other triangle".
- (ii) **Angle-side-angle congruency (ASA congruency)**- "Two triangles are congruent if two angles and the included side of the one are equal to the two angles and the included side of the other.
- (iii) **Side-side-side congruency (SSS congruency)**- Two triangles are said to be congruent if three sides of one triangles are equal to the three sides of the other triangles.

These three self evident postulate, can be used to identify the congruence of triangles, and on the basis of these tests we can find new tests to check for congruency of triangles. But identification is only possible if we can prove these like the theorems.

AXIOM, POSTULATE AND THEOREM

While learning mathematics we come across words like Axioms, postulates, theorem, corollary. Let us understand these words in brief-

Axiom and Postulate : Both are self evident, based on this we make new statements and prove them. In general, logical self evident statements are used in all subjects. We call them Axioms. Like in euclidian geometry some axioms are (i) if a is equal to b, and a also equals c, then b is equal to c. (2) Whole is bigger than its part. Like wise we can take some others axioms.

Postulate : Those self evident truths which are related to some specific subjects are know as postulates. Often axioms and postulates are treated as synonyms. Some geometrical postulates are- A straight line can be drawn using two given points and the points will be on this line. Or any line segment can be extended on either side to form a line.

Theorem and corollary : All those mathematical statements which are logically proved by using axioms, postulate and definitions are called theorems. Like the sum of interior angles of a triangle is 180°

On the basis of theorems, axioms and postulate some more theorems can be proved, these are called corollaries. In geometry there is no clear distinction between corollary and theorems. They often used one instead of the other.

(iv) Angle-angle-side congruence (AAS congruence theorem):

Theorem-10.1 : Two triangles are congruent if any two pairs of angles and one pair of corresponding sides are equal.

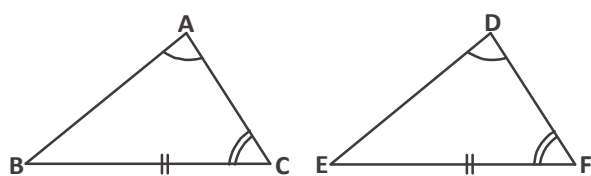


Fig. 7

Given $\angle A = \angle D$, $\angle C = \angle F$

and $\overline{BC} = \overline{EF}$

Two angles in triangle $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ are equal so the third angle is also equal.

$\therefore \angle A = \angle D$ and $\angle C = \angle F$ (given)

$\therefore \angle B = \angle E$ (sum of interior angles of a triangle is 180°)

Because side \overline{BC} lies in between $\angle B$ and $\angle C$,

We can use ASA congruence rule to prove that $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ are congruent.

Therefore $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ (ASA congruency)

(v) Right angle hypotenuse side theorem:

Theorem-10.2 : Two triangles are congruent if the hypotenuse and one side of one triangle are respectively equal to the hypotenuse and corresponding side of the other.

Given in triangle $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$

$\angle B = \angle E = 90^\circ$, $AC = DF$ and $BC = EF$

We have to prove that $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$,

Produce DE to P so that $EP = AB$, join PF .

$\therefore \triangle ABC \cong \triangle PEF$ (by S.A.S.)

$\therefore \angle A = \angle P$... (1) C.P.C.T.

$AC = PF$... (2) C.P.C.T.

But $AC = DF$ given.

$\therefore DF = PF$ and $\angle D = \angle P$... (3) (Angles opposite to equal sides of $\triangle DPF$ are equal)

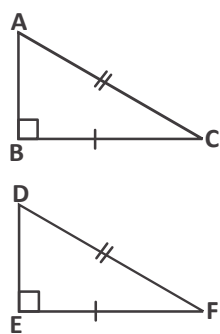


Fig. 8



From (1) and (3)

$$\angle A = \angle D$$

Now again in $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$

$BC = EF$, $AC = DF$ (known)

$$\angle ACB = \angle DFE$$

$\therefore \triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ (SAS Congruency)

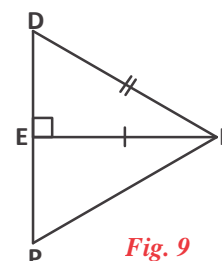


Fig. 9

THEOREMS AND SELF PROOFS

There are few statements in geometry, where it is not sure, whether they be considered as theorem or postulates. To prove theorem in a simple way and understand logical relationships in Geometry, we can select postulates in different ways. In some books AAS and ASA are taken as postulate to prove the theorem SSS. While in some others, AAS is taken as a postulate to prove the theorem ASA.

In this textbook we will consider ASA, SAS and SSS as postulates (self proved) and AAS, RHS as theorems.

Solution of the problems can be demonstrated in different ways. Some are shown below:-

EXAMPLE-1. In this example we use SAS condition to know more about this given figure.

In figure $OA = OD$ and $OB = OC$.

Prove that

1. $\triangle AOB \cong \triangle DOC$
2. $AB \parallel CD$

SOLUTION : 1. In triangle $\triangle AOB$ and $\triangle DOC$ -

$$OA = OD \quad \text{given} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\angle AOB = \angle DOC \quad (\text{vertically opposite angles are equal}) \quad \dots(2)$$

$$OB = OC \quad \text{given} \quad \dots(3)$$

Equation (1), (2) and (3) fulfill all the three conditions for congruence.

Therefore by SAS rule of congruency we have proved

$$\triangle AOB \cong \triangle DOC$$

2. The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles $\triangle AOB$ and $\triangle DOC$ are also equal.

Therefore $\angle OBA = \angle OCD$. Because they are the alternate angles between AB and CD line segment. Hence in this example $AB \parallel CD$.

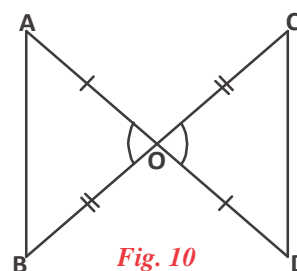


Fig. 10

EXAMPLE-2. If in triangle $\triangle ABC$, $AP = PB$ and $CP \perp AB$. Then prove that-

1. $\triangle CPA \cong \triangle CPB$

2. $AC = BC$

SOLUTION : 1. In $\triangle CPA$ and $\triangle CPB$

$AP = PB$ (given)(1)

$\angle APC = \angle BPC = 90^\circ$ (given)(2)

$CP = CP$ (common side) ...(3)

Therefore by SAS congruence $\triangle CPA \cong \triangle CPB$

2. $\triangle CPA \cong \triangle CPB$ so $AC = BC$ (Corresponding parts of Congruent Triangle)

EXAMPLE-3. Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal.

SOLUTION : If we have a triangle $\triangle ABC$ in which $AB = AC$

Construct a bisector of $\angle A$, which meets BC in point D .

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

$AB = AC$ (given)

$\angle BAD = \angle CAD$ (by construction)

$AD = AD$ (common)

$\therefore \triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$ (SAS congruence)

$\angle B = \angle C$ (C.P.C.T.)

EXAMPLE-4. If \overrightarrow{BD} is a bisector of $\angle ABC$, and $\overline{AB} = \overline{BC}$ then with the help of SAS congruency prove that $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle CBD$

SOLUTION :

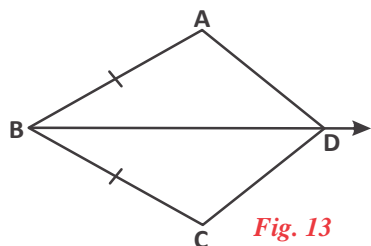


Fig. 13

Statement	Reason
$AB = BC$	given
\overrightarrow{BD} is bisector of $\angle ABC$	given
$\angle ABD = \angle CBD$	By definition of angle bisector
$BD = BD$	common side
$\triangle ABD \cong \triangle CBD$	by SAS congruence

EXAMPLE-5. In figure $AC = BC$, and $\angle DCA = \angle ECB$ and $\angle DBC = \angle EAC$

Prove that- $\triangle DBC \cong \triangle EAC$ in which $DC = EC$

SOLUTION : $\because AC = BC$ (given)

$\therefore C$ is the mid point of AB

$\angle DCA = \angle ECB$ (given)

add $\angle DCE$ on both side

$\angle DCA + \angle DCE = \angle ECB + \angle DCE$

$\Rightarrow \angle ACE = \angle BCD$

$\angle DBC = \angle EAC$ (given)

$\therefore \triangle DBC \cong \triangle EAC$ (by ASA congruence)

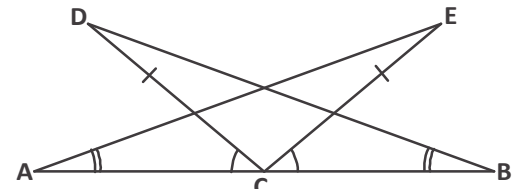


Fig. 14

EXAMPLE-6. Ray \overrightarrow{AZ} bisects angle A, and B is any point on ray \overrightarrow{AZ} . BP and BQ are perpendiculars from B to the arms of angle A. Show that-

1. $\triangle APB \cong \triangle AQB$

2. $BP = BQ$ that means point B is equidistant from the sides forming angle A.

SOLUTION : Given \overrightarrow{AZ} is bisector of $\angle QAP$

$\therefore \angle QAB = \angle PAB$

$\angle Q = \angle P = 90^\circ$

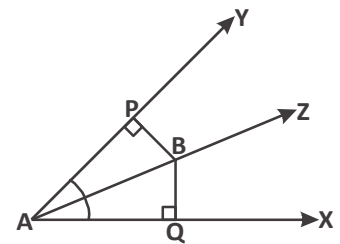


Fig. 15

1. Now in $\triangle APB = \triangle AQB$

$AB = AB$ (common)

$\angle APB = \angle AQB = 90^\circ$ (given)

$\angle PAB = \angle QAB$

$\therefore \triangle APB \cong \triangle AQB$ (by AAS congruence)

2. $\because \triangle APB \cong \triangle AQB$

$\therefore BP = BQ$ (\because corresponding parts are equal)

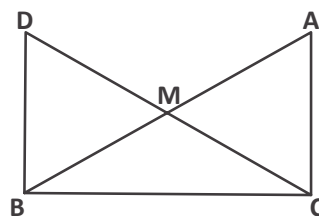
Hence, perpendicular distance of B from AP = perpendicular distance of B from AQ. Therefore, point B is equidistant from $\angle A$.

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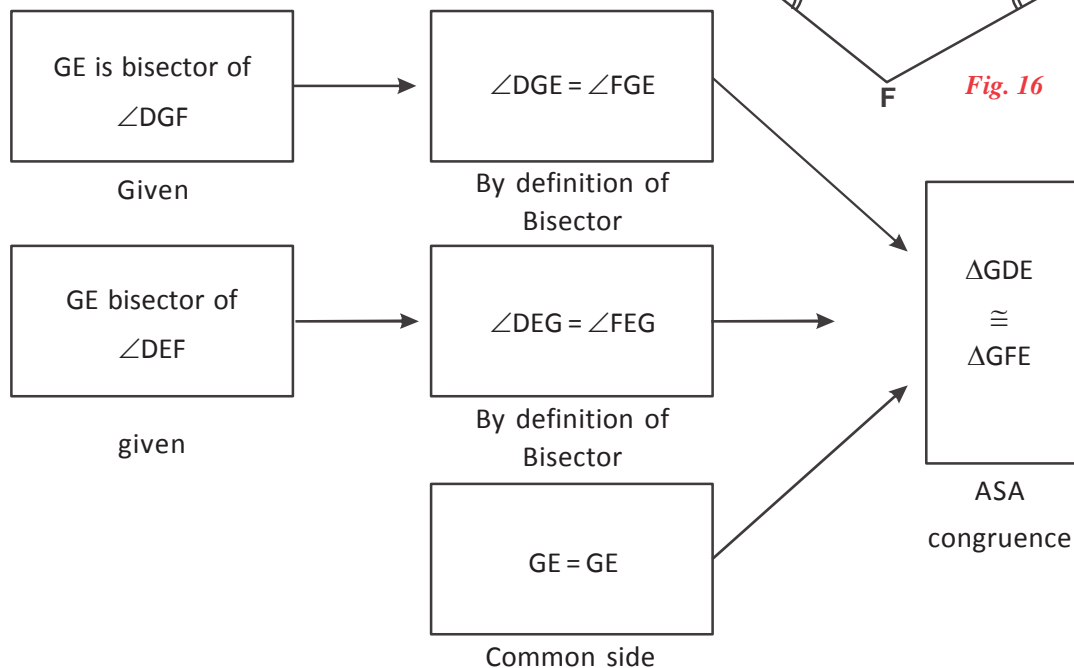
In a right angle triangle $\triangle ABC$. $\angle C$ is right angle, M mid point of hypotenuse AB. Join C to M and extend it to D such that $DM = CM$. Join Point D to B. Show that

1. $\triangle AMC \cong \triangle BMD$
2. $CM = \frac{1}{2} AB$
3. $\triangle DBC \cong \triangle ACB$
4. $\angle DBC = 90^\circ$



EXAMPLE-7. Given GE is a bisector of $\angle DGF$ and $\angle DEF$.
Prove that- $\triangle GDE \cong \triangle GFE$

SOLUTION :



EXAMPLE-8. In a triangle XYZ of $\angle Y = \angle Z$ and XP is a bisector of $\angle X$, then prove that P is the midpoint of YZ and $XP \perp YZ$

SOLUTION : In $\triangle XYP$ and $\triangle XZP$

- $\angle Y = \angle Z$ (given)
- $\angle YXP = \angle ZXP$ (XP is angle bisector)
- $XP = XP$ (Common side)
- $\triangle XYP \cong \triangle XZP$ (AAS congruence)
- $\therefore YP = PZ$ (by CPCT)

Hence P is the mid point of YZ

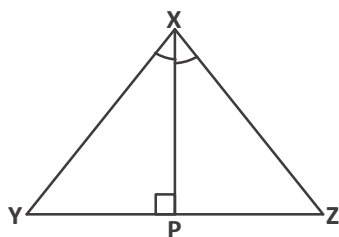


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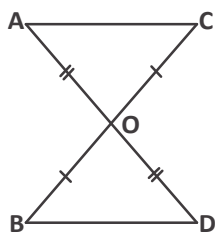
$$\begin{aligned} \angle YPX &= \angle ZPX && \text{(by CPCT)} \\ \therefore \angle YPX + \angle ZPX &= 180^\circ && \text{(linear pair)} \\ \angle YPX + \angle YPX &= 180^\circ && (\because \angle YPX = \angle ZPX) \\ \angle YPX &= 90^\circ = \angle ZPX \\ \therefore XP &\perp YZ \end{aligned}$$



Try This

Prove that the two triangles made by the diagonal of parallelogram are always congruent to each other.

Exercise - 10.1



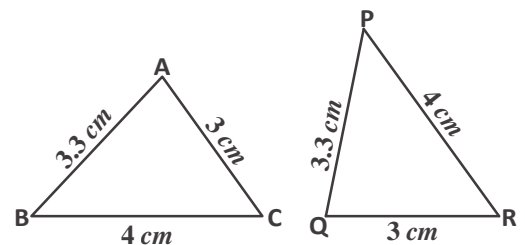
1. In a figure if $OA = OD$ and $OB = OC$ then which of the given statements is true-

- $\triangle AOC \cong \triangle BDO$
- $\triangle AOC \cong \triangle DOB$
- $\triangle CAO \cong \triangle BOD$

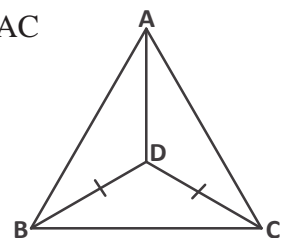


2. See the given figure of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$ and tell which statement is true-

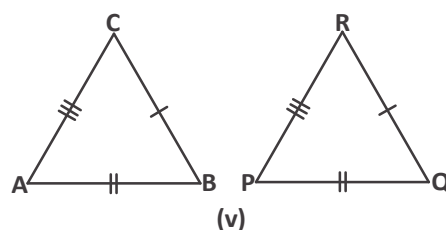
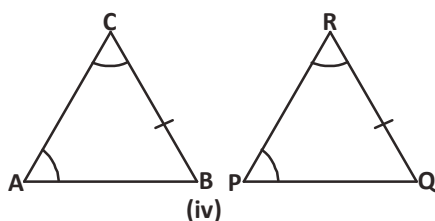
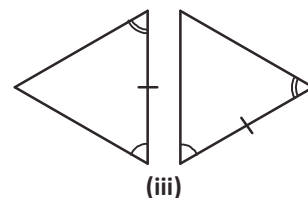
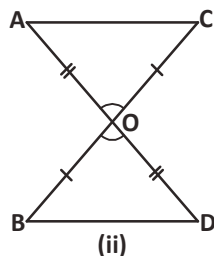
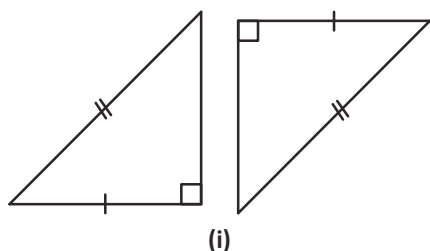
- $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PQR$
- $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle QPR$
- $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PRQ$



3. From the following which is not the condition for congruence.
- SSS
 - SAS
 - AAA
4. Besides equivalence of two corresponding angle, which least element is necessary to state that the given two triangles are congruent.
- No corresponding side is equal
 - At least one corresponding side is equal.
 - Third corresponding angle is equal
5. In the figure $\angle B = \angle C$, BD and CD are the bisector of them. Then $AB : AC$ will be-
- 2 : 1
 - 3 : 2
 - 1 : 1

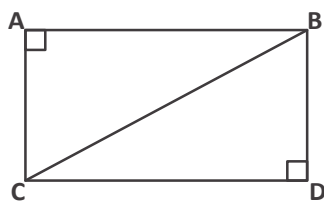
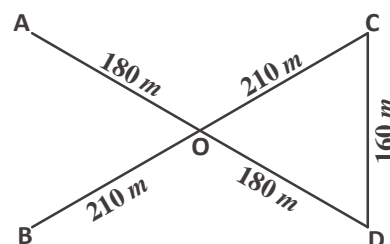


6. See the triangle pairs and state which condition of congruence applies to which pair.



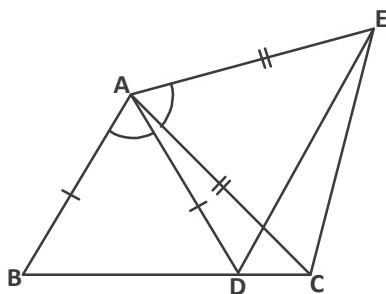
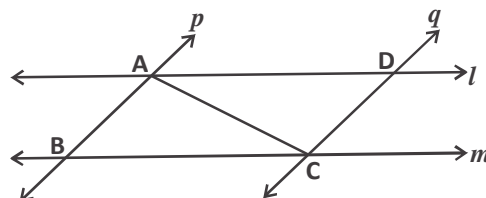
7. If $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PQR$, $AC = 3x + 2$, $PR = 6x - 13$ and $BC = 5x$ then find the value of QR .

8. With the help of the given points, find the distance between A and B , also give reason to your statement.



9. For a running competition there is a special arrangement made for two teams. One team runs from A to B and then from B to C and returns to the starting point A . While the other team starts from C and via D to B and then B to the point C again. If $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{CD}$ and $\angle A = \angle D = 90^\circ$, then the length of the travel done by the teams are equal. Also explain your answer.

10. l and m are parallel lines, which have been intersected by the parallel lines p and q . Show $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle CDA$ (write answer in flow-chart way).



11. In a figure $AC = AE$, $AB = AD$ and $\angle BAD = \angle EAC$. Then show that $BC = DE$.

Property of Isosceles Triangle

So far we have studied about the rules of congruency in triangles. Let us apply these rules to know some more characteristics of triangles.

A triangle which has two equal sides is called an isosceles triangle. Let us understand some characteristics of isosceles triangles.

Try This

Construct a triangle which has two sides of measure 4.5 cm and another side is of 6 cm.

Measure the angles opposite each side, are they equal. You will find, angle opposite to equal sides are equal.

Make some more isosceles triangles with different sides, which shows this important characteristic of isosceles triangle.



Theorem-10.3 : Any triangle which has equal sides will have equal angles opposite to these.

Let us prove this mathematical statement.

We have taken isosceles triangle ABC

Which has sides $AB = AC$

We have to prove that $\angle B = \angle C$

For this we draw angle bisector of $\angle A$ which meet to side BC at point D.

After angle bisector we can see two triangles

In- $\triangle BAD$ and $\triangle CAD$

$AB = AC$ (given)

$\angle BAD = \angle CAD$ (by construction)

$AD = AD$ (common side)

Therefore, $\triangle BAD \cong \triangle CAD$ (side-angle-side congruency law)

$\therefore \angle B = \angle C$ (by CPCT)

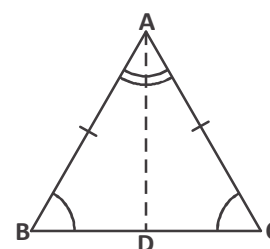


Fig. 18

Therefore this statement is true for every isosceles triangle. Now let us consider its converse and think about it.

Theorem-10.4 : (Converse of theorem-10.3) If two angles of a triangle are equal, then the sides opposite to these must be equal.

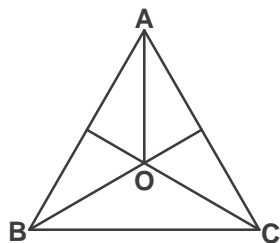


Fig. 19

EXAMPLE-9. In an isosceles triangle ABC, $AB = AC$. The angle bisectors of $\angle B$ and $\angle C$ intersect at point O. Show that-

1. $OB = OC$
2. AO bisects angle A

SOLUTION : $\triangle ABC$

Statement	Reason
$AB = AC$	given
$\therefore \angle C = \angle B$	angles opposite to equal sides are equal
$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \angle B = \frac{1}{2} \angle C$	
$\angle OCB = \angle OBC$	bisector
$OB = OC$	sides opposite to equal angles are equal

2. In $\triangle ABO$ and $\triangle ACO$

Statement	Reason
$AB = AC$	given
$OB = OC$	already proved
$\angle OBA = \angle OCA$	$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \angle C = \frac{1}{2} \angle B$
$\therefore \triangle ABO \cong \triangle ACO$	by SAS congruency
$\Rightarrow \angle OAB = \angle OAC$	C.P.C.T

Therefore AO bisects angle A.

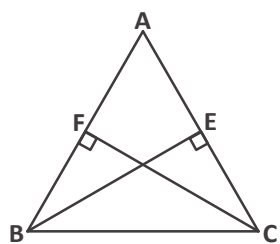


Fig. 20

EXAMPLE-10. ABC is an isosceles triangle in which altitudes BE and CF are drawn to equal sides AC and AB respectively. Show that these altitudes are equal.

SOLUTION : Given, In $\triangle ABC$, AB and AC are equal.

We have to prove that altitude $BE = CF$

1. From the given reasons select the appropriate reason for each statement.

Angle opposite to equal sides are equal

Each angle is of 90°

Common side

Given

By ASA congruence

Corresponding part of congruent triangles are equal

Statement	Reason
$AB = AC$ $\angle ACB = \angle ABC$ $\angle BFC = \angle BEC$ $BC = BC$ $\angle BEC = \angle CFB$ $\therefore \triangle BEC \cong \triangle CFB$ $BF = CF$	

EXAMPLE-11. In a given figure M is a mid point of AB. $\overline{CA} = \overline{CB}$ then prove that $\triangle ACM \cong \triangle BCM$.

SOLUTION : Given- M, is a mid point of AB and $\overline{CA} = \overline{CB}$
 We have to prove that $\triangle ACM \cong \triangle BCM$.

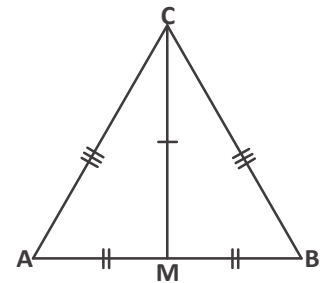
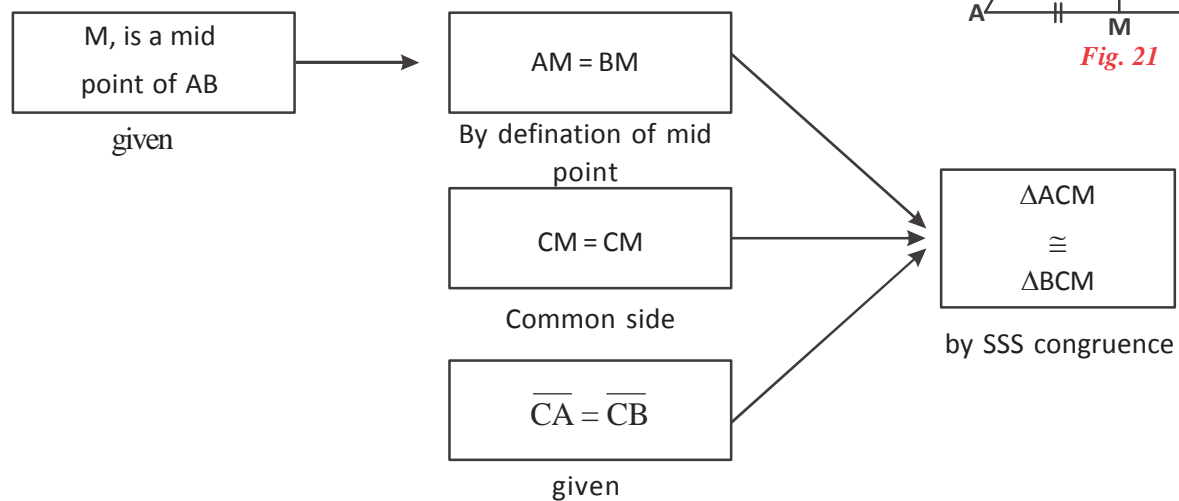


Fig. 21



EXAMPLE-12. Given $\angle O = \angle P = 90^\circ$, $\overline{MN} = \overline{QR}$, $\overline{OM} = \overline{PQ}$
 Prove that $\triangle MOR \cong \triangle QPN$

Statement	Reason
$\angle O = \angle P = 90^\circ$	given
$OM = PQ$	$\overline{OM} = \overline{PQ}$ (given)
$MN = QR$	$\overline{MN} = \overline{QR}$ (given)
$MN + NR = QR + NR$	adding NR in both the sides
$MR = NQ$	by figure
$\triangle MOR \cong \triangle QPN$	by RHS congruence theorem

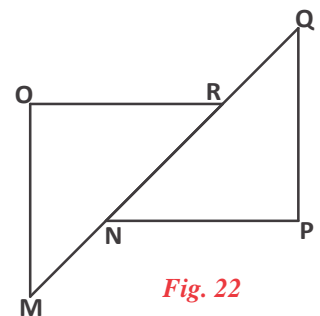
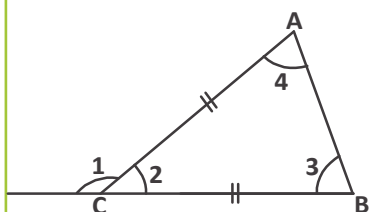
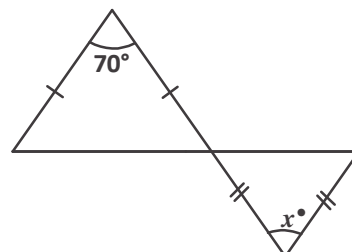
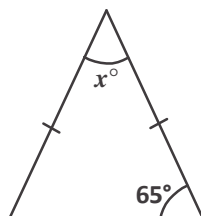
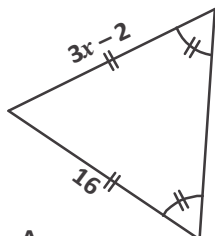


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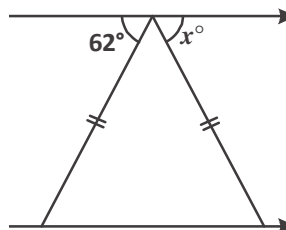
Try This



1. In a given isosceles triangle find the value of x .



2. $BC \cong AC$ (given) and $\angle 1 = 140^\circ$ then find the measurement of angle $\angle 2$, $\angle 3$ and $\angle 4$.



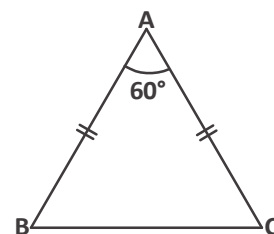
3. In the given figure find the value of x .

Exercise - 10.2



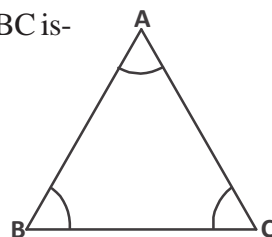
1. In the given figure $AB = AC$ and $\angle A = 60^\circ$ then the measurement of $\angle C$ is -

- (i) 35° (ii) 45°
(iii) 60° (iv) 180°



2. In the given figure if $\angle A = \angle B$ then $AC : BC$ is-

- (i) 1:1 (ii) 1:2
(iii) 2:1
(iv) None of these



3. In $\triangle ABC$ if $AB = AC$ and $\angle B = 50^\circ$ then find the measurement of $\angle A$.

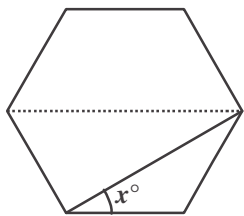
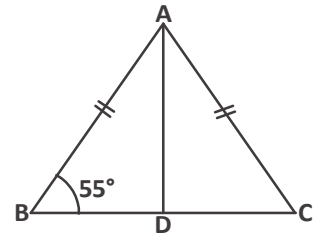
- (i) 50° (ii) 180° (iii) 100° (iv) 80°

4. In triangle $\triangle ABC$ if $\angle C = \angle A$ and $AB = 4$ cm, $AC = 5$ cm then BC would be-

- (i) 2 cm. (ii) 3 cm. (iii) 4 cm. (iv) 9 cm.

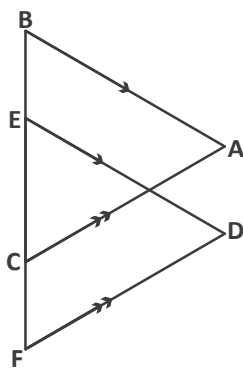
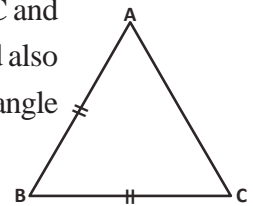
5. In the given figure $\angle B = 55^\circ$. If D is a mid point of BC and $AB = AC$. Then the measurement of $\angle BAD$ is-

- (i) 70° (ii) 55°
(iii) 35° (iv) 180°



6. For the given hexagon find the value of x .

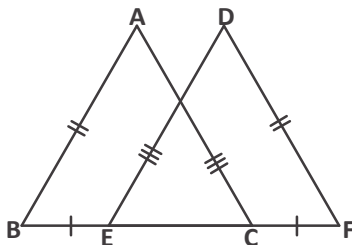
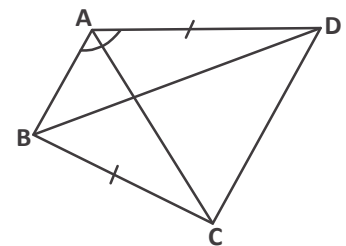
7. In an isosceles triangle ABC, $AB = BC$ with base AC and $\angle A = 2x + 8$, $\angle B = 4x - 20$ then find the value of x and also verify whether this triangle is acute, obtuse or a right angle triangle.



8. In the given figure $AB \parallel ED$, $CA \parallel FD$ and $BC = EF$ prove that $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$.

9. ABCD is a quadrilateral in which $AD = BC$ and $\angle DAB = \angle CBA$. Prove that-

1. $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle BAC$
2. $BD = AC$
3. $\angle ABD = \angle BAC$



10. If $AB = DF$, $AC = DE$, $BE = FC$ then prove that $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DFE$

Application of Congruency

Two figures of same shape and size are congruent. There are some conditions under which the given two triangles can be called congruent. Like side-side-side equality, angle-side-angle equality etc. Here we shall see the relationship of congruency of a figure and its area.

Will the Area of the Congruent Figures be Equal?

Look at the triangles ABC and PQR drawn on the graph paper. Are they congruent? Which congruence conditions do they satisfy?

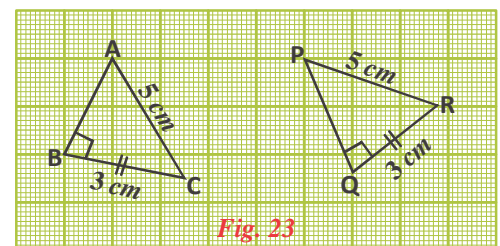


Fig. 23

In $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$ -

$$\angle B = \angle Q = 90^\circ, AC = PR \text{ and } BC = QR$$

That means by RHS congruency theorem $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$ are congruent.

Now we will find the area of these triangles.

In $\triangle ABC$, $BC = 3 \text{ cm}$ and $AC = 5 \text{ cm}$.

$$\text{Then, } AB = \sqrt{(AC)^2 - (BC)^2} = \sqrt{(5)^2 - (3)^2} = \sqrt{16} = 4 \text{ (why?)}$$

$$\therefore AB = 4 \text{ cm.}$$

$$\text{Therefore, the area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 4 = 6 \text{ cm}^2$$

Likewise in $\triangle PQR$, $PQ = 4 \text{ cm}$

Then, the area of $\triangle PQR$ is 6 cm^2

$$\therefore \text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \text{Area of } \triangle PQR$$

Make some more triangles congruent to $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$. Are they all are equal in area?

You will find that all the congruent triangles have the same area.

Now, Look at Fig.23.

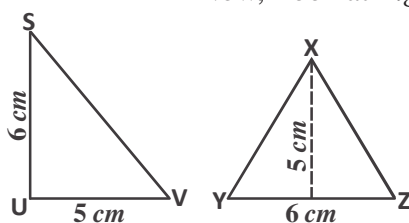


Fig. 24

Area of $\triangle SUV$ and $\triangle XYZ$ is 15 cm^2 (How?)

Are $\triangle SUV$ and $\triangle XYZ$ congruent? These two triangles are not congruent because they are not of same shape and size.

Make triangles with area of 15 cm^2 and test their congruency.

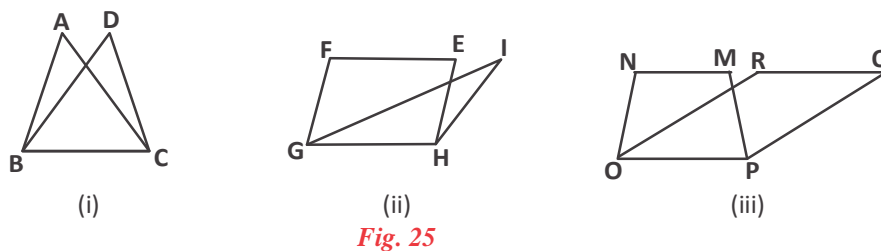
We can say that if two figures are congruent then their area must be equal. But if the area of two figures is the same they may and may not be congruent.

This characteristic is not limited to triangles only but we can also see this in other geometrical shapes like circle, quadrilateral, pentagon etc.

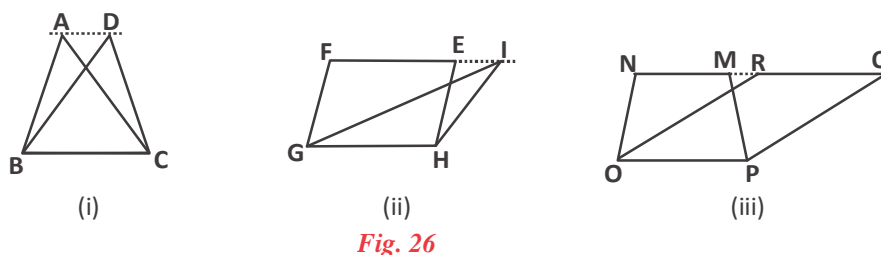
This characteristic of congruent figures can be used in finding the area of different figures in different contexts. Now we will consider some situations where we use this characteristic to find some new information or some new relationships.

Figures on the Same Base & between Same Parallels

See the figures given below :



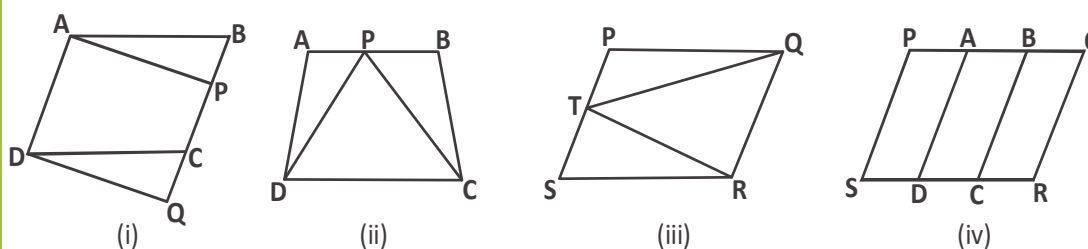
You can see that in figure (i), $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DBC$ have the same common base BC. In figure (ii) quadrilateral EFGH and $\triangle IGH$ have the common base GH. Likewise in figure (iii) trapezium MNOP and parallelogram QROP have a common base OP. Now if we construct in figure (i), (ii) and (iii) we find some new situations.



After the construction we see that in figure (i) $AD \parallel BC$ $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DBC$ are on the same base and in between same parallel lines AD and BC. Likewise EFGH and GHI are on the same base GH and in between same parallel lines EI and GH. In figure (iii) Trapezium MNOP and parallelogram OPQR are on the same base OP and in between same parallel lines NQ and OP.

Try This

Find the figures which are situated on the same base and in between the same parallel lines?



Area of the Figures which are on the Same Base and between Same Parallel Lines.

Now we will see the relationship between the area of those figures which are on the same base and between same parallel lines.

Suppose two parallelograms ABRS and PQRS are on the base SR and in between same parallel line AQ and SR.

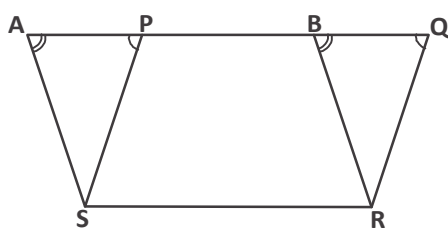


Fig. 27

In $\triangle APS$ and $\triangle BQR$, $AS \parallel BR$ and AQ is transversal.

$\angle SAP = \angle RBQ$ (corresponding angle)

and $PQ \parallel SR$ and AQ is transversal

$\angle SPA = \angle RQB$ (corresponding angle)

and $AS = BR$ (\because ABRS is parallelogram)

$\therefore \triangle SPA \cong \triangle RQB$

therefore, area of $\triangle SPA =$ area of $\triangle RQB$

So, area of ABRS = area of $\triangle APS$ + area of trapezium PBRQ (why?)

Area of parallelogram PQRS = area of $\triangle BQR$ + area of trapezium PBRQ

Area of parallelogram ABRS = area of parallelogram PQRS

Clearly the area of parallelograms which are on the same base and in between the same parallel lines is equal.

So, parallelograms which are drawn on same base and lie between same parallel lines have an equal area. This is clearly a theorem which can be written as follows:

Theorem-10.5 : Parallelograms which are on the same base and between the same parallels have an equal area.

EXAMPLE-13. PQRS is a parallelogram and PQTV is a rectangle. SU is a perpendicular on PQ.

Prove that (i) area of PQRS = area of PQTV

(ii) area of PQRS = $PQ \times SU$

SOLUTION : (i) Rectangle is also a parallelogram, and we have to prove that area of parallelogram PQRS = area of rectangle PQTV.

Can we prove this through the help of Fig. 27?

Yes, we can see in the figure that parallelogram PQRS and rectangle PQTV are on the same base PQ and these two figures lie between parallel lines PQ and VR.

We already know that the area of the parallelograms which are on the same base and between the same parallels are equal to one another, therefore,

area of parallelogram PQRS = area of rectangle PQTV

(ii) area of PQRS = area of PQTV

$$= PQ \times TQ$$

$$= PQ \times SU \text{ (SU is a perpendicular on PQ, so } SU = TQ \text{ why?)}$$

Therefore, area of PQRS = $PQ \times SU$

So, the area of a parallelogram is the product of any parallel side to the height with reference to these parallel lines.

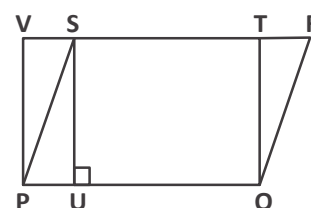


Fig. 28

EXAMPLE-14. If triangle ABC and parallelogram ABEF are on the same base AB and in between parallel lines AB and EF, then prove that-

$$\text{area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{area of parallelogram ABEF}$$

SOLUTION : According to the question construct $\triangle ABC$ and parallelogram ABEF on the same base AB and in between parallel lines AB and EF.

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{area of parallelogram ABEF} \text{ to prove this}$$

Construct BH parallel to AC which intersect FE extended in H.

Through construction we get parallelogram ABHC. BC is a diagonal which divides it into two triangles $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle BCH$.

area of $\therefore \triangle ABC = \text{area of } \triangle BCH$ (why?)

You know that diagonal of parallelogram divides it into two congruent triangles.

therefore, area of parallelogram ABHC = area of $\triangle ABC$ + area of $\triangle BCH$

area of parallelogram ABHC = area of $\triangle ABC$ + area of $\triangle ABC$

area of parallelogram ABHC = 2 area of $\triangle ABC$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{2} \times \text{area of parallelogram ABHC} = \text{area of } \triangle ABC$$

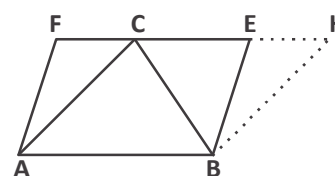


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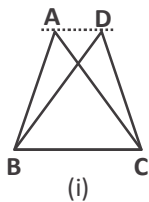
Here area of $\triangle ABHC$ = area of $\triangle ABEF$ (why?)

(Because $\triangle ABHC$ and $\triangle ABEF$ are on the same base and lie between same parallel lines)

therefore, area of triangle $\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \times$ area of $\triangle ABEF$

Triangles on the Same Base and lying between Same parallel Lines

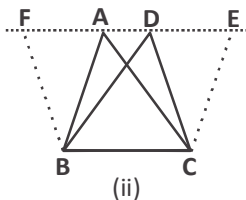
Let there be two triangle $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DBC$ on the same base BC and between parallel lines AD and BC .



Now we construct $CE \parallel BA$ and $BF \parallel CD$ so we get parallelograms $AECB$ and $FDCB$ on the same base BC and between parallel lines BC and EF .

Where the area of $AECB$ = area of $FDCB$ (why?)

area of $\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \times$ area of $AECB$ (1)



(diagonal of parallelogram divides it into two congruent triangle)

and area of $\triangle DBC = \frac{1}{2} \times$ area of $FDCB$

(\therefore area of $AECB$ = area of $FDCB$)

area of $\triangle DBC = \frac{1}{2} \times$ area of $AECB$ (2)

Fig. 30

therefore, from eq. (1) and (2) we can say that-

area of $\triangle ABC$ = area of $\triangle DBC$

It is clear now that triangles which are on the same base and between the same parallel lines are equal in area. This is a theorem and can be written as-

Theorem-10.6 : Triangles which are on the same base and in between same parallel lines are equal in area.

Now we will find the relation of the area of a triangle to its base and the corresponding height (altitude)

Assume $\triangle PSR$ is a triangle, where SR is base and PT its height.

$PT \perp SR$ now construct PQ and RQ such that $PQ \parallel RS$ and $RQ \parallel SP$ so that

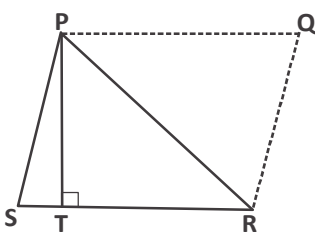


Fig. 31

we get PQRS as parallelogram in which area of ΔPSR = area of ΔPQR (why?)

The diagonal divides a parallelogram into two congruent triangles.

Area of parallelogram PQRS = area of ΔPSR + area of ΔPQR

Area of parallelogram PQRS = area of ΔPSR + area of ΔPSR

$$\text{Area of } \Delta PSR = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{area of PQRS}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times SR \times PT$$

Clearly the area of a triangle is half of the products of base and its corresponding height.

Theorem-10.7 : The area of a triangle is half of the product of its base and its corresponding height.

We know that triangles on the same base and between same parallels are equal in area. Now can we say that two triangles with same base and equal areas lie between the same parallel?

EXAMPLE-15. According to the figure $XA \parallel YB \parallel ZC$. Prove that the area of (ΔXBZ) = area of (ΔAYC) .

SOLUTION : ΔXYB and ΔBYA , on the same base YB and between same parallel lines XA and YB .

$$\therefore \text{area } (\Delta XYB) = \text{area } (\Delta BYA) \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly,

ΔYBZ and ΔBYC on the same base YB and between same parallel lines YB and ZC .

$$\therefore \text{area of } (\Delta YBZ) = \text{area of } (\Delta BYC) \quad \dots(ii)$$

Here area of (ΔXBZ) = area of (ΔXYB) + area of (ΔYBZ)

and area of (ΔAYC) = area of (ΔAYB) + area of (ΔBYC)

by adding equation (i) and (ii),

area of (ΔXYB) + area of (ΔYBZ) = area of (ΔAYB) + area of (ΔBYC)

therefore, area of (ΔXBZ) = area of (ΔAYC)

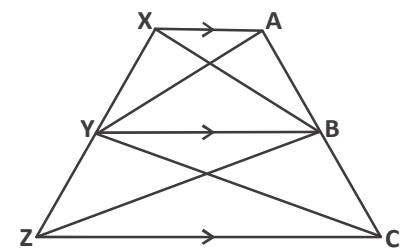
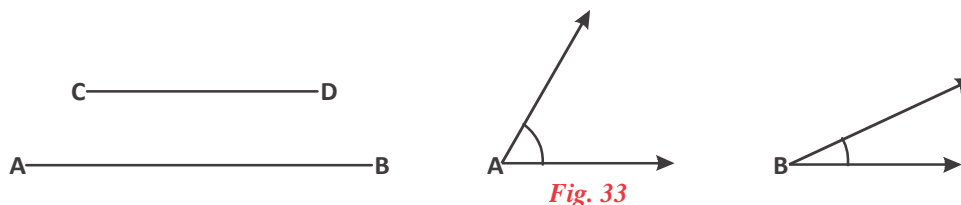


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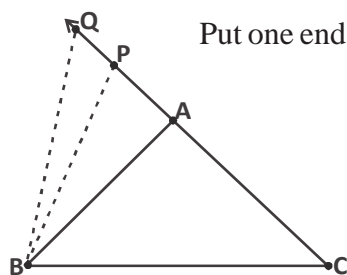
Inequalities in Triangles

We have learnt the relation between triangles based on the equality of sides and angles, but there are a lot of geometrical shapes which are not same but we still compare them for example, the length of segment AB is more than segment CD or $\angle A$ is bigger than $\angle B$.



We will learn about the relation between unequal sides and the angles of a triangle through this activity.

Activity- On a drawing board take two points B and C, put a thread using pin on B and C, now we have a side BC of a triangle.



Put one end of a different thread on C and fix its second end to a pencil. Draw ray \overrightarrow{CQ} .

Mark a point A with a pencil. Join A to B. Now mark another point P on the same ray. Join P to B, and also Q to B. Now compare the length of PC and AC.

Is $PC > AC$? Yes (comparing the length)

Comparing triangle $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PBC$ $\angle PBC > \angle ABC$

Likewise if we mark points on CA and keep joining them to B, we will see that as we increase the length of AC, the measurement of $\angle B$ also increases.

Do this with different triangles. We can see other important and interesting inequalities of triangles, some of them are given below in the form of theorems.

Theorem-10.8 : If in a triangle two sides are unequal then the angle opposite to the longer side is greater.

Theorem-10.9 : Side opposite to greater angle is longer in a triangle.

Theorem-10.10 : Sum of lengths of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side.

We will understand theorem 10.10 through an activity.

Fix nails (A, B and C) on a drawing board such that they make a triangular shape.

Now join these three points by a thread and compare the length of the thread of any one side of a triangle to the other two side threads together, you will always find the length of two threads together is always greater than the third thread.

Measure the three sides AB, BC and CA and compare the sum of any two sides in different group to the third side. You will see that-

- (i) $AB + BC > CA$
- (ii) $BC + CA > AB$
- (iii) $CA + AB > BC$

Similarly we can find more results and prove them in the form of theorems.

Let us some examples based on these theorems.

EXAMPLE-16. Prove that hypotenuse is the longest side of any right angles triangle.

SOLUTION : Given in $\triangle ABC$

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

We have to prove that $AC > AB$

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

In $\triangle ABC$

$$\angle B = 90^\circ \text{ (given)}$$

$$\text{So } \angle A + \angle C = 90^\circ \text{ (sum of internal angles of triangle is } 180^\circ)$$

$$\therefore \angle A + \angle C = \angle B$$

$$\text{that means } \angle A < \angle B \text{ and } \angle C < \angle B$$

So we can say that $\angle B$ is the biggest angle of $\triangle ABC$

We know that the side opposite to the biggest angle is the largest side.

Therefore $AC > AB$ and $AC > BC$

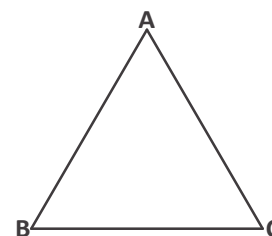


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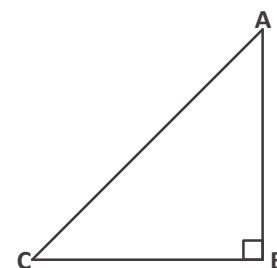
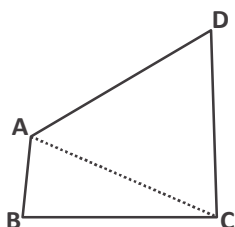


Fig. 36

Think and discuss



AB and CD are respectively the smallest and largest side of a quadrilateral ABCD. Show that $\angle A > \angle C$ and $\angle B > \angle D$.



EXAMPLE-17. In triangle ABC prove that- $\angle ABC > \angle ACB$

Construction- Take point D on AC. such that $AB = AD$, join B to D.

Corollary : In $\triangle ABD$

$AB = AD$ (by construction)

$\angle ABD = \angle ADB$ (i) (angle opposite to equal sides)

But $\angle ADB$, is a exterior angle of $\triangle BCD$

$\angle ADB > \angle BCD$ (ii) (by exterior angle theorem)

by equation (i) and (ii)

$\angle ABD > \angle BCD$

$\angle ABC > \angle ABD$ (by construction)

$\angle ABC > \angle ACB$

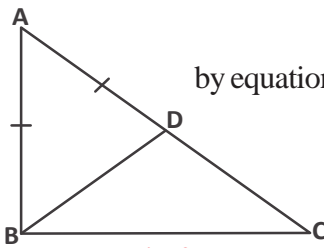


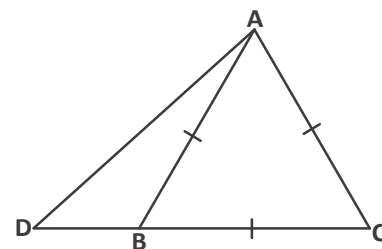
Fig. 37

Try This



Choose right option.

- From the following given measurement, which make a triangle-
 - 10cm, 5cm, 4cm
 - 8cm, 6cm, 3cm
 - 5cm, 8cm, 3cm
 - 14cm, 6cm, 7cm
- In triangle ABC if $\angle C > \angle B$ then which of the following is right-
 - $EF > DF$
 - $AB > AC$
 - $AB < AC$
 - $BC > CA$
- From the following given measurement, by which can you make a triangle-
 - $35^\circ, 45^\circ, 95^\circ$
 - $40^\circ, 50^\circ, 100^\circ$
 - $21^\circ, 39^\circ, 120^\circ$
 - $110^\circ, 80^\circ, 20^\circ$
- If in a triangle ABC, AD is a median, then which of the following statement is false-
 - $AB + BC > AD$
 - $AC + BC > AD$
 - $AB + BC < AD$
 - $AB + BD > DC$
- In a given figure if $AB = AC = BC$ then which of the following statement is true.
 - $AD = AC$
 - $AD < AB$
 - $BC = BD$
 - $AD > AB$



EXAMPLE-18. In a given figure $PR > PQ$ and PS is a angle bisector of $\angle QPR$, then prove that $\angle PSR > \angle PSQ$.

SOLUTION : Because $PR > PQ$

$$\therefore \angle 1 > \angle 2$$

$$\text{in } \triangle PQS \quad \angle 1 + \angle 4 + \angle 6 = 180^\circ \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{in } \triangle PRS \quad \angle 2 + \angle 5 + \angle 7 = 180^\circ \quad \dots(ii)$$

therefore in these two triangles

$$\angle 4 = \angle 5 \quad \dots(iii) \text{ (angle bisector of } \angle 3)$$

$$\angle 1 > \angle 2 \quad \dots(iv)$$

by adding (iii) and (iv)

$$\Rightarrow \angle 4 + \angle 1 > \angle 5 + \angle 2 \quad \dots(v)$$

$$\text{by equation (i)} \quad \angle 1 + \angle 4 = 180^\circ - \angle 6$$

$$\text{by equation (ii)} \quad \angle 5 + \angle 2 = 180^\circ - \angle 7$$

by putting value in equation (v)

$$180^\circ - \angle 6 > 180^\circ - \angle 7$$

$$-\angle 6 > -\angle 7 \text{ (by changing side)}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \angle 7 > \angle 6$$

$$\therefore \angle PSR > \angle PSQ$$

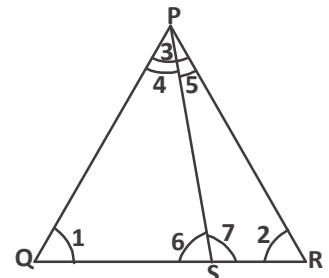
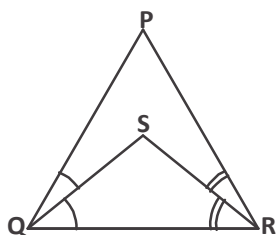
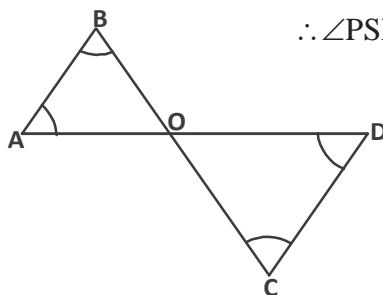


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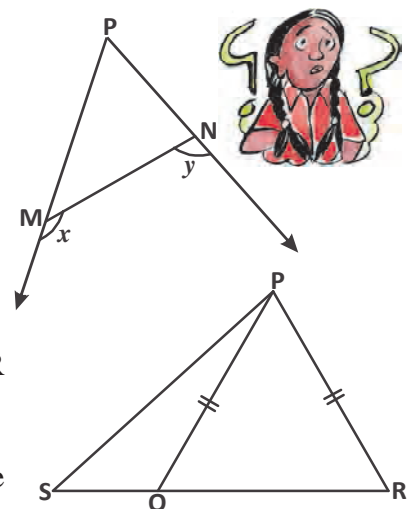
Exercise-10.3

1. In figure $\angle B < \angle A$ and $\angle C < \angle D$. Show that $AD < BC$.

2. In a given figure if $x > y$ then prove that $MP > NP$.

3. In a given figure $PQ > PR$ and QS and RS are angle bisectors of $\angle Q$ and $\angle R$ respectively. Prove that $SQ > SR$

4. In a given figure $PQ = PR$ then prove that $PS > PQ$.



Uses of Congruency

Congruency and congruent figures are not only useful in our daily life but this is also seen in the field of engineering when constructing bridges, buildings and towers.

What Have We Learnt



1. Geometrical shapes are congruent if they have the same shape and size.
2. Circle with the same length of radii are congruent.
3. Two squares are congruent if they have sides of equal length.
4. Two triangles are congruent when their corresponding sides and corresponding angles are equal.
5. If two sides and the included angle of one triangle are equal to the corresponding two sides and included angle of the triangle, then the triangles are congruent. (SAS)
6. If any two angles and their included side of triangle are equal to the corresponding two angles and included side of the other triangle, then the triangles are congruent. (ASA)
7. If two angles and a non-included side of one triangle are equal to the corresponding parts of another triangle, then the triangles are congruent.
8. Angles opposite to equal sides are equal.
9. Sides opposite to equal angles are equal.
10. If in two triangles, all three sides in one triangle are equal to the corresponding sides in the other, then the triangles are congruent.
11. If in two right triangles the hypotenuse and one side of one triangle are respectively equal to the hypotenuse and corresponding side of the other triangle, the triangles are congruent.
12. Angle opposite to greater side of a triangle is greater.
13. Side opposite to greater angle of a triangle is greater.
14. In a triangle, the sum of any two sides of the triangle is greater than the third side.
15. Each angle of an equilateral triangle is 60° .
16. If $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$ are congruent then we write it like $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PQR$.
17. We represent the corresponding parts of congruent triangles as CPCT.