

Chapter - 6: Triangles

Exercise 6.1 (Page 122 of Grade 10 NCERT)

Q1. Fill in the blanks using the correct word given in brackets:

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

Difficulty Level : Easy

(i) Reasoning:

As we know that two similar figures have the same shape but not necessarily the same size. (Same size means radii of the circles are equal)

Solution:

Similar.

Since the radii of all the circles are not equal.

(ii) Reasoning:

Same as above (i) same size means sides of the squares are equal.

Solution:

Similar.

Since the sides of the squares are not given equal.

(iii) Reasoning:

All equilateral triangles are similar.

Solution:

Equilateral.

Each angle in an equilateral triangle is 60° .

(iv) Reasoning:

As we know that two polygons of same number of sides are similar if their corresponding angles are equal and all the corresponding sides are in the same ratio or proportion.

Solution:

- (a) Equal
- (b) Proportional

(a) Since the polygons have same number of sides, we can find each angle using formula $\left(\frac{2n-4}{n}\right)$ right angles. Here 'n' means number of sides of a polygon.

(b) We can verify by comparing corresponding sides.

Related Problems:

Are all similar figures congruent?

Solution:

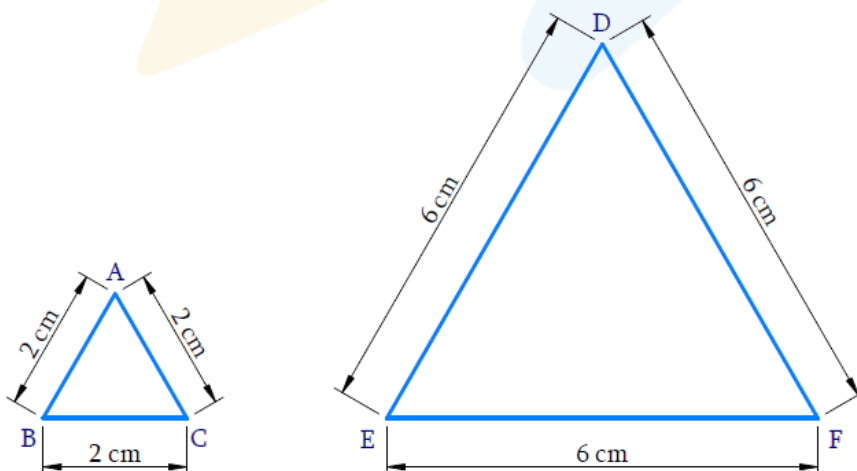
All congruent figures are similar but all the similar figures need not be congruent.

Q2. Give two different examples of pair of

- (i) similar figures
- (ii) non-similar figures

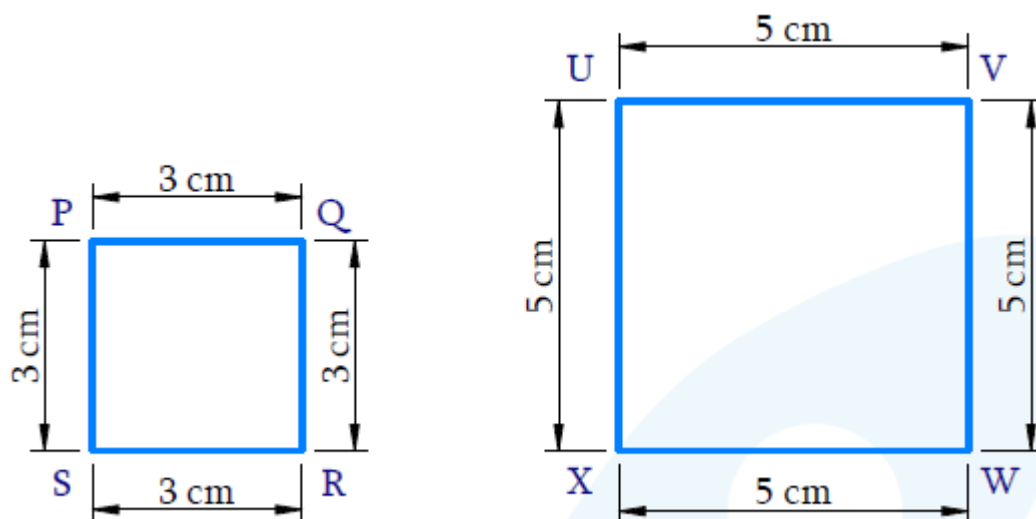
Difficulty Level : Easy**Solution:**

- (i) Two equilateral triangles of sides 2cms and 6cms are examples for Similar figures.

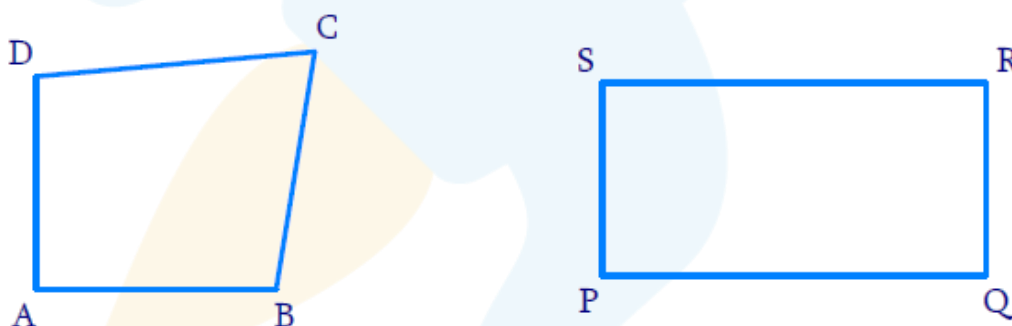


$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ (~ is similar to)

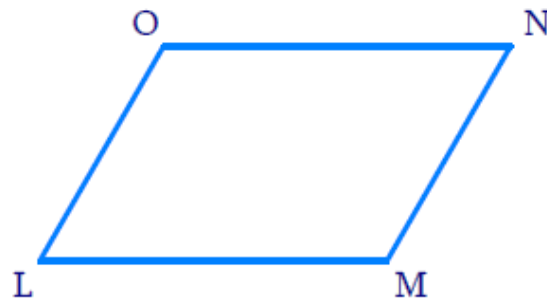
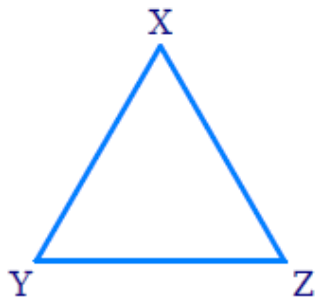
Two squares of sides 3cms and 5cms are examples for Similar figures.



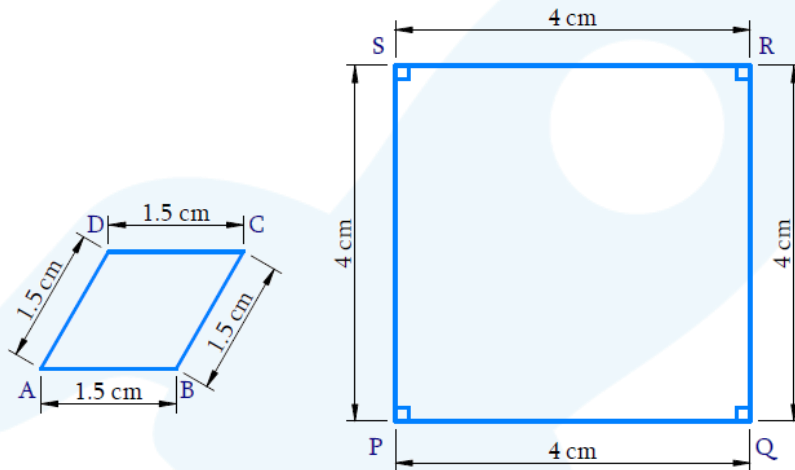
(ii) A quadrilateral and a rectangle are examples for Non-Similar figures.



A triangle and a parallelogram are examples for Non-Similar figures.



Q3. State whether the following quadrilaterals are similar or not:



Difficulty Level : Easy

Reasoning:

Two polygons of the same number of sides are similar, if (i) all the corresponding angles are equal and (ii) all the corresponding sides are in the same ratio (or proportion).

Solution:

ABCD $\not\sim$ (is not similar to) PQRS.

In Quadrilateral ABCD and PQRS

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{CD}{RS} = \frac{DA}{SP}$$

\Rightarrow Corresponding sides are in proportion

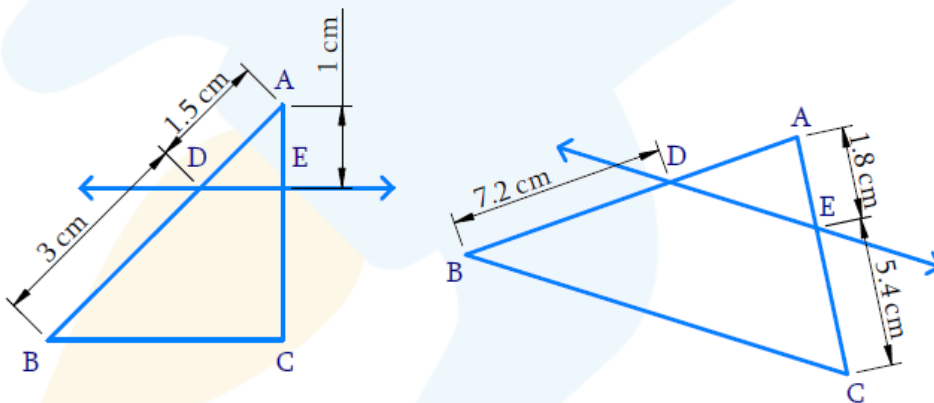
But $\angle A \neq \angle P; \angle B \neq \angle Q$

Corresponding angles are not equal

Therefore, Quadrilateral ABCD $\not\sim$ (is not similar to) Quadrilateral PQRS

Exercise 6.2 (Page 128 of Grade 10 NCERT)

Q1. In Fig. 6.17, (i) and (ii), $DE \parallel BC$. Find EC in (i) and AD in (ii)



Difficulty Level : Medium

Reasoning:

As we all know the basic proportionality theorem (Thales Theorem)(B.P.T)

Two triangles are similar if :

- (i) Their corresponding angles are equal
- (ii) Their corresponding sides are in the same ratio (or proportion)

Given :

$DE \parallel BC$

Solution:

(i) In, $\triangle ABC$

$$BC \parallel DE$$

In $\triangle ABC$ & $\triangle ADE$

$$\angle ABC = \angle ADE \left[\because \text{corresponding angles} \right]$$

$$\angle ACB = \angle AED \left[\because \text{corresponding angles} \right]$$

$$\angle A = \angle A \text{ common}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle ADE$$

Since the two triangles are similar, their corresponding sides are in the same ratio.

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

$$\frac{1.5}{3} = \frac{1}{EC}$$

$$EC = \frac{3 \times 1}{1.5}$$

$$EC = 2\text{cm}$$

(ii) Similarly, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle ADE$

Since the two triangles are similar, their corresponding sides are in the same ratio.

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

$$\frac{AD}{7.2} = \frac{1.8}{5.4}$$

$$AD = \frac{7.2 \times 1.8}{5.4}$$

$$AD = 2.4\text{cm}$$

Q2. E and F are points on the sides PQ and PR respectively of a $\triangle PQR$. For each of the following cases, state whether $EF \parallel QR$:

(i) $PE = 3.9$ cm, $EQ = 3$ cm, $PF = 3.6$ cm and $FR = 2.4$ cm

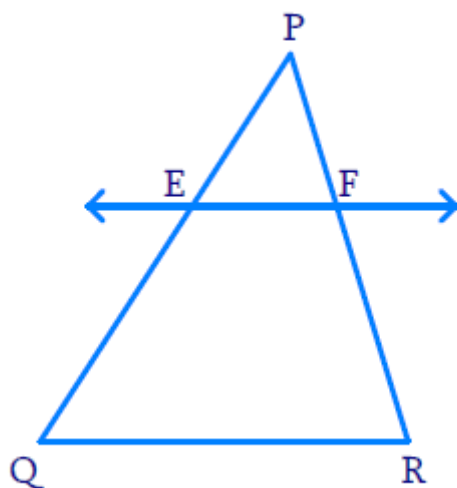
(ii) $PE = 4$ cm, $QE = 4.5$ cm, $PF = 8$ cm and $RF = 9$ cm

(iii) $PQ = 1.28$ cm, $PR = 2.56$ cm, $PE = 0.18$ cm and $PF = 0.36$ cm

Difficulty Level : Easy

(i) Reasoning:

As we know that a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side (converse of BPT)

Solution:

According to converse of BPT

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

$$EF \parallel QR$$

$$\frac{PE}{EQ} = \frac{3.9}{3}$$

$$= 1.3 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{PF}{FR} = \frac{3.6}{2.4}$$

$$= \frac{36}{24}$$

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

$$= 1.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PE}{EQ} \neq \frac{PF}{FR}$$

$$\Rightarrow EF \text{ is not parallel to } QR.$$
(ii) Reasoning:

Theorem 6.2 : If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side.

Solution:

According to converse of BPT

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{PE}{EQ} &= \frac{PF}{FR} \\ EF &\parallel QR \\ \frac{PE}{EQ} &= \frac{4}{4.5} \\ &= \frac{8}{9} \\ \frac{PF}{FR} &= \frac{8}{9} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{PE}{EQ} &= \frac{PF}{FR} \\ \Rightarrow EF &\parallel QR\end{aligned}$$

(iii) **Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.2: If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side.

Solution:

According to converse of BPT

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{PE}{EQ} &= \frac{PF}{FR} \\ \Rightarrow EF &\parallel QR\end{aligned}$$

PQ = 1.28 cm and PE = 0.18cm

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow QE &= PQ - PE \\ &= 1.28 - 0.18 \\ &= 1.10 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}PR &= 2.56 \text{ cm} \\ PF &= 0.36 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow RF &= PR - PF \\ &= 2.56 - 0.36 \\ &= 2.20 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

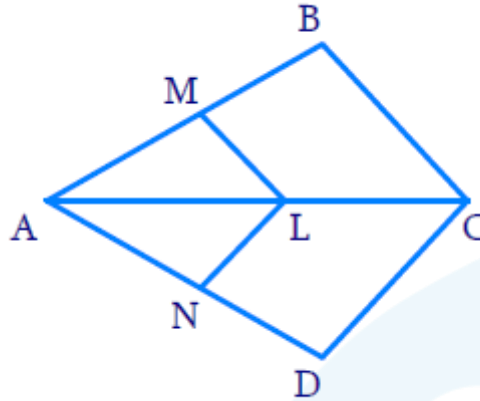
Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{PE}{EQ} &= \frac{0.18\text{cm}}{1.10\text{cm}} \\ &= \frac{18}{110} \\ \frac{PF}{FR} &= \frac{0.36\text{cm}}{2.20\text{cm}} \\ &= \frac{36}{220} = \frac{18}{110}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow EF \parallel QR \left(\because \frac{PE}{EQ} = \frac{PF}{FR} \right)$$

Q3. In Fig. 6.18, if $LM \parallel CB$ and $LN \parallel CD$, prove that

$$\frac{AM}{AB} = \frac{AN}{AD}$$



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

As we know if a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

Solution:

In $\triangle ABC$

$$LM \parallel CB$$

$$\frac{AM}{MB} = \frac{AL}{LC} \dots\dots\dots (\text{Eq 1})$$

In $\triangle ACD$

$$LN \parallel CD$$

$$\frac{AN}{DN} = \frac{AL}{LC} \dots\dots\dots (\text{Eq 2})$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\frac{AM}{MB} = \frac{AN}{DN}$$

According to Euclid's axiom (1): Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{MB}{AM} = \frac{DN}{AN}$$

Adding 1 on both sides

$$\frac{MB}{AM} + 1 = \frac{DN}{AN} + 1$$

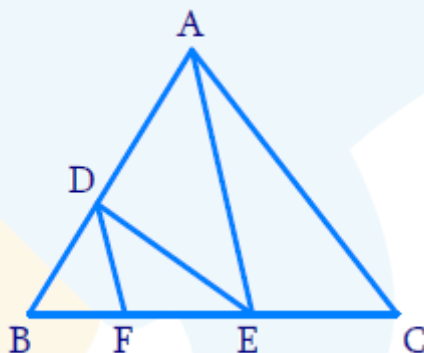
$$\frac{MB + AM}{AM} = \frac{DN + AN}{AN}$$

$$\frac{AB}{AM} = \frac{AD}{AN}$$

$$\frac{AM}{AB} = \frac{AN}{AD}$$

Q4. In Fig. 6.19, $DE \parallel AC$ and $DF \parallel AE$. Prove that

$$\frac{BF}{FE} = \frac{BE}{EC}$$



Difficulty Level : Medium**Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.1 : If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

Solution:

In $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{BD}{AD} = \frac{BE}{EC} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

In $\triangle ABE$

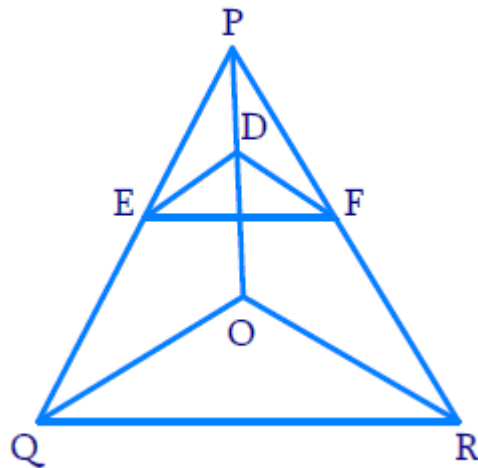
$$DF \parallel AE$$

$$\frac{BD}{AD} = \frac{BF}{FE} \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{BD}{AD} = \frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{BF}{FE}$$
$$\frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{BF}{FE}$$

Q5. In Fig. 6.20, $DE \parallel OQ$ and $DF \parallel OR$. Show that $EF \parallel QR$.



Difficulty Level : Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.2: If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side.

Solution:

Using Theorem 6.2

In $\triangle POQ$

$DE \parallel OQ$ (given)

$$\frac{PE}{EQ} = \frac{PD}{OD} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

In $\triangle POR$

$DF \parallel OR$ (given)

$$\frac{PF}{FR} = \frac{PD}{DO} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

From (1) & (2)

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

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

According to Euclid's axiom (1): Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another.

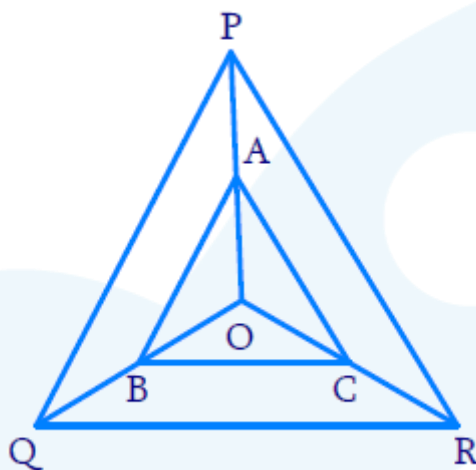
In $\triangle PQR$

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

$QR \parallel EF$ (Converse of BPT page no. 126)

According to **Theorem 6.2** : If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side.

Q6. In Fig. 6.21, A, B and C are points on OP, OQ and OR respectively such that $AB \parallel PQ$ and $AC \parallel PR$. Show that $BC \parallel QR$.



Difficulty Level : Medium

Reasoning:

According to **Theorem 6.2** : If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side.

Solution:

In $\triangle OPQ$

$AB \parallel PQ$ (given)

$$\frac{OA}{AP} = \frac{OB}{BQ} \text{(i)}$$

$[\because \text{Theorem 6.1 BPT}]$

Theorem 6.1 : If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

In $\triangle OPR$

$AC \parallel PQ$ (given)

$$\frac{OA}{AP} = \frac{OC}{CR} \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

$[\because \text{Theorem 6.1 BPT}]$

Theorem 6.1 : If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

From (i) & (ii)

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

According to Euclid's axiom (1): Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another.

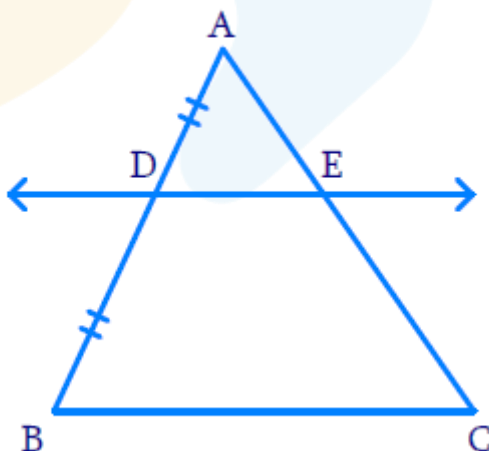
$$\frac{OB}{BQ} = \frac{OC}{CR}$$

Now, In $\triangle OQR$

$$\frac{OB}{BQ} = \frac{OC}{CR}$$

$BC \parallel QR [\because \text{Theorem 6.2}]$

Q7. Using Theorem 6.1, prove that a line drawn through the midpoint of one side of a triangle parallel to another side bisects the third side. (Recall that you have proved it in Class IX).



Difficulty Level : Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.1 states that “If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio (BPT)”.

Solution:

In $\triangle ABC$, D is the midpoint of AB
 $AD = BD$

$$\frac{AD}{BD} = 1$$

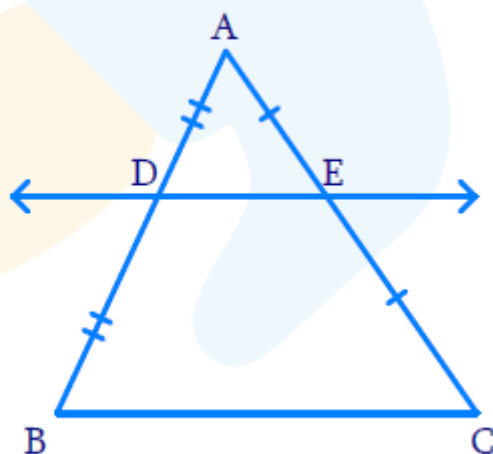
$$DE \parallel BC$$

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

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

\Rightarrow E is the midpoint of AC.

Q8. Using Theorem 6.2, prove that the line joining the mid-points of any two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side. (Recall that you have done it in Class IX).



Difficulty Level : Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.2 tells us if a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side. (Converse of BPT)

Solution:In $\triangle ABC$

D is the midpoint of AB

$$AD = BD$$

We can write,

$$\frac{AD}{BD} = 1 \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

E is the midpoint of AC

$$AE = CE$$

We can write,

$$\frac{AE}{BE} = 1 \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AE}{BE} = 1 [\text{Euclid's axiom}]$$

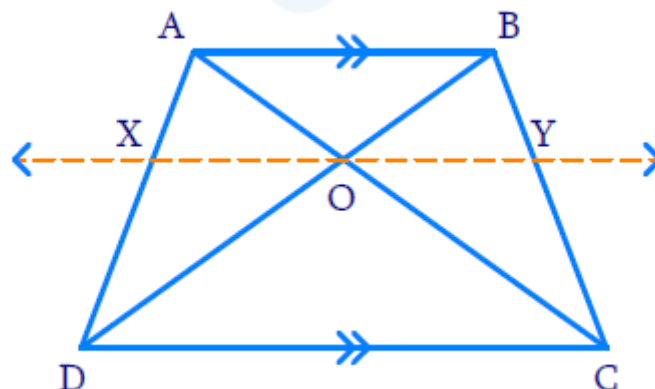
$$\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AE}{BE}$$

According to Euclid's axiom (1): Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another.

Thus, according to theorem 6.2,

$$DE \parallel BC$$

Q9. ABCD is a trapezium in which $AB \parallel DC$ and its diagonals intersect each other at the point O. Show that $\frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{CO}{DO}$



Difficulty Level : Medium**Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.1 : If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

Solution:

In trapezium ABCD

$AB \parallel CD$ and diagonals AC, BD intersect at 'O'

Construct $XY \parallel AB$ and CD through 'O'

In $\triangle ABC$

$$OY \parallel AB (\because \text{construction})$$

According to theorem 6.1 (BPT)

Theorem 6.1 : If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

$$\frac{BY}{CY} = \frac{OA}{OC} \dots\dots\dots(I)$$

In $\triangle BCD$

$$OY \parallel CD$$

$$\frac{BY}{CY} = \frac{OB}{OD} \dots\dots\dots(II) \text{ [According to BPT]}$$

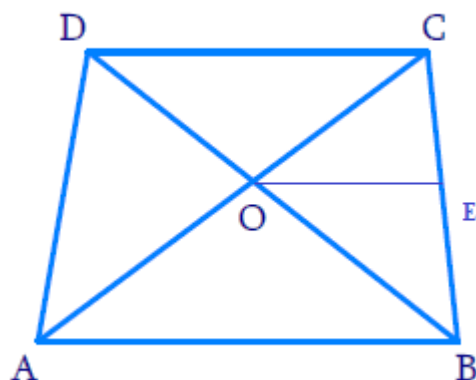
From (I) and (II)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{OA}{OC} &= \frac{OB}{OD} \text{ [Euclid's axiom 1 of Grade 9]} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{OA}{OB} &= \frac{OC}{OD} \end{aligned}$$

According to Euclid's axiom (1): Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another.

Q10. The diagonals of a quadrilateral ABCD intersect each other at the point 'O'

such that $\frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{CO}{DO}$. Show that ABCD is a trapezium.



Difficulty Level : Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.1 [BPT] : If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

Solution:

In quadrilateral ABCD
Diagonals AC, BD intersect at 'O'

Draw $OE \parallel AB$

In $\triangle ABC$

$OE \parallel AB$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{BE}{CE} \text{ (BPT)} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

But $\frac{OA}{OB} = \frac{OC}{OD} \text{ (given)}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{OB}{OD} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\frac{OB}{OD} = \frac{BE}{CE} \text{ [Euclid's Axiom-1]}$$

According to Euclid's axiom (1): Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another.

In $\triangle BCD$

$$\frac{OB}{OD} = \frac{BE}{CE}$$

$$OE \parallel CD$$

$$OE \parallel AB \text{ and } OE \parallel CD$$

$$\Rightarrow AB \parallel CD$$

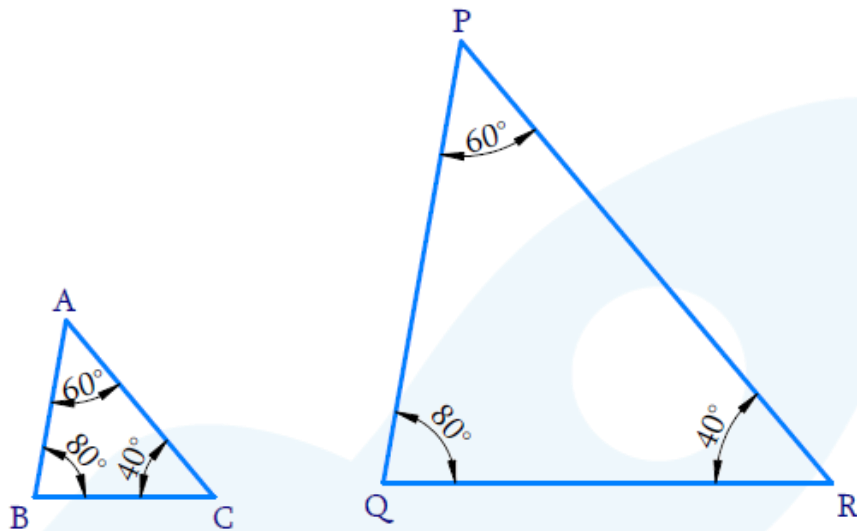
$$\Rightarrow ABCD \text{ is a trapezium}$$



Exercise 6.3(Page 138 of Grade 10 NCERT)

Q1. State which pairs of triangles in Fig. 6.34 are similar. Write the similarity criterion used by you for answering the question and also write the pairs of similar triangles in the symbolic form:

1)



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.3: If in two triangles, corresponding angles are equal, then their corresponding sides are in the same ratio (or proportion) and hence the two triangles are similar.

This criterion is referred to as the AAA (Angle–Angle–Angle) criterion of similarity of two triangles.

Solution:

According to AAA criterion
 $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$

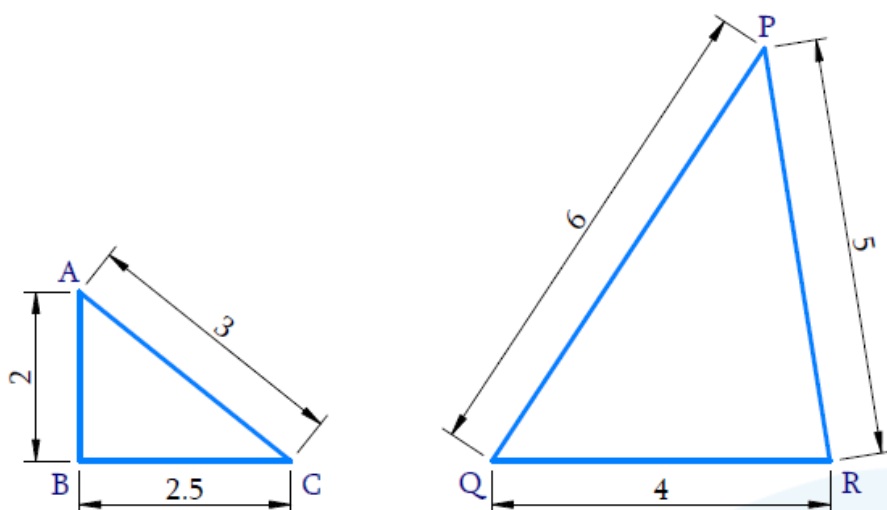
\therefore In $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR \Rightarrow$ All the corresponding angles of the triangles are equal
 $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$

$$\angle A = \angle P = 60^\circ$$

$$\angle B = \angle Q = 80^\circ$$

$$\angle C = \angle R = 40^\circ$$

2)

**Reasoning:****Theorem**

: If in two triangles, sides of one triangle are proportional to (i.e., in the same ratio of) the sides of the other triangle, then their corresponding angles are equal and hence the two triangles are similar.

This criterion is referred to as the SSS (Side–Side–Side) similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution:

According to SSS criterion,

$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle QRP$$

\therefore In $\triangle ABC, \triangle QRP$

$$\frac{AB}{QR} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{BC}{PR} = \frac{2.5}{5} = \frac{1}{2}$$

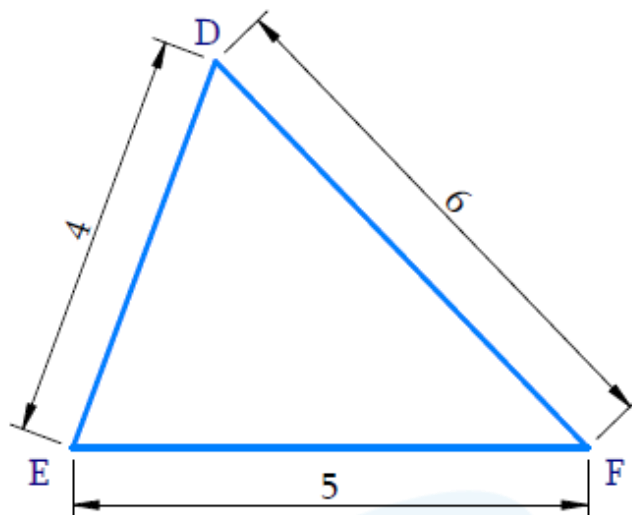
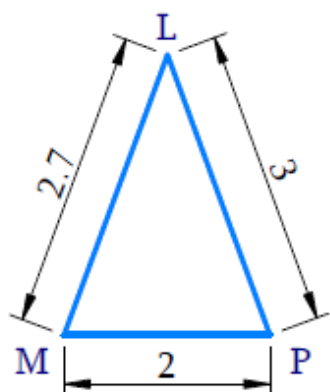
$$\frac{AC}{PQ} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{QR} = \frac{BC}{PR} = \frac{AC}{PQ} = \frac{1}{2}$$

\Rightarrow All the corresponding sides of two triangle are in same portion.

$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle QPR$$

3)



Reasoning:

Theorem 6.4

Solution:

$$\triangle LMP \not\sim \triangle FED$$

$$\frac{LM}{FE} = \frac{2.7}{5}$$

$$\frac{MP}{ED} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

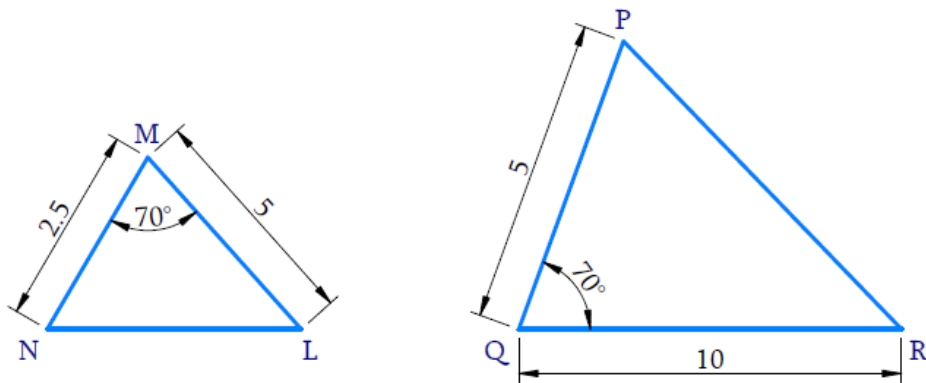
$$\frac{LP}{FD} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{LM}{FE} \neq \frac{MP}{ED} \text{ or } \frac{LP}{FD}$$

\Rightarrow All the corresponding sides of the two triangles are not in the same proportion.

$$\Rightarrow \triangle LMP \not\sim \triangle FED$$

4)

**Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.5 : If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of the other triangle and the sides including these angles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar. This criterion is referred to as the **SAS (Side–Angle–Side)** similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution:

Using SAS Criterion,

$$\triangle NML \sim \triangle PQR$$

In $\triangle NML$, $\triangle PQR$

$$\frac{NM}{PQ} = \frac{2.5}{5} = \frac{1}{2}$$

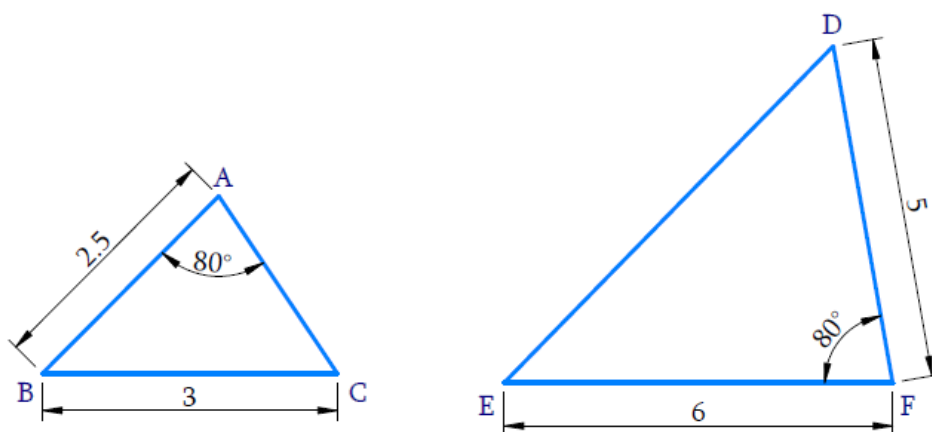
$$\frac{ML}{QR} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{NM}{PQ} = \frac{ML}{QR} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \triangle NML \sim \triangle PQR$$

5)

**Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.5 (Page 134)

Solution:

$$\triangle ABC \not\sim \triangle DFE$$

In $\triangle ABC$, $\triangle DFE$

$$\frac{AB}{DF} = \frac{2.5}{5} = \frac{1}{2}$$

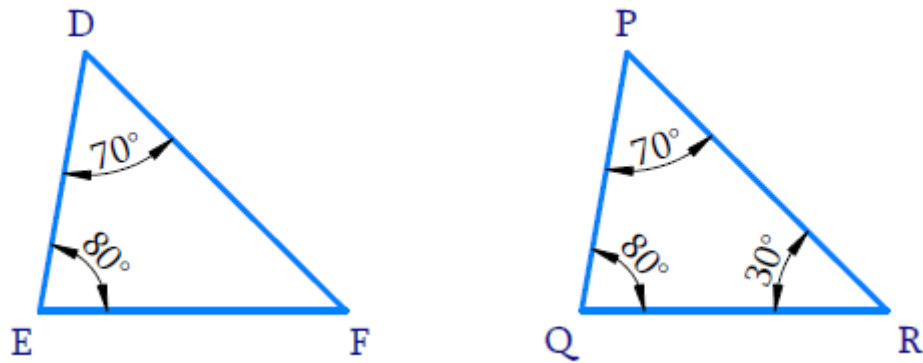
$$\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{AB}{DF} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

But $\angle B$ must be equal to 80° (\because The sides AB, BC includes $\angle B$ not $\angle A$) \Rightarrow SAS criterion is not satisfied $\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \not\sim \triangle DFE$

6)

**Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.3 : If in two triangles, corresponding angles are equal, then their corresponding sides are in the same ratio (or proportion) and hence the two triangles are similar.

This criterion is referred to as the AAA (Angle–Angle–Angle) criterion of similarity of two triangles

Solution:

AAA criterion

$$\triangle DEF \sim \triangle PQR$$

In $\triangle DEF$

$$\angle D = 70^\circ; \angle E = 80^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle F = 30^\circ [\because \text{Sum of the angles in a } \triangle \text{ is } 180^\circ]$$

Similarly, In $\triangle PQR$

$$\angle Q = 80^\circ; \angle R = 30^\circ \Rightarrow \angle P = 70^\circ$$

In $\triangle DEF, \triangle PQR$

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

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

$$\angle F = \angle R = 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle DEF \sim \triangle PQR \text{ [AAA Criterion]}$$

Alternate method:**Reasoning:**

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles..

Solution:

According to AA criterion

$$\triangle DEF \sim \triangle PQR$$

In $\triangle DEF$

$$\angle D = 70^\circ; \angle E = 80^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle F = 30^\circ [\because \text{Sum of the angles in a } \triangle \text{ is } 180^\circ]$$

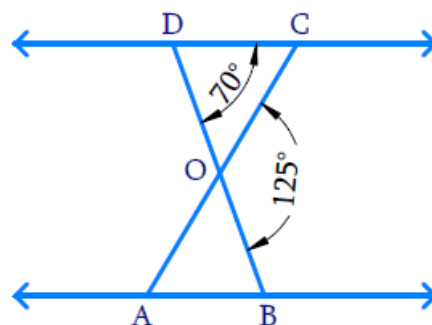
Now, In $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle PQR$

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

$$\angle F = \angle R = 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle DEF \sim \triangle PQR$$

Q2. In Figure 6.35 $\triangle ODC \sim \triangle OBA$, $\angle BOC = 125^\circ$ and $\angle CDO = 70^\circ$. Find $\angle DOC$, $\angle DCO$ and $\angle OAB$.

Diagram

Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution:

In the given figure.

$$\angle DOC = 180^\circ - \angle COB$$

[$\because \angle DOC$ and $\angle COB$ from a linear pair]

$$\angle DOC = 180^\circ - 125^\circ$$

$$\angle DOC = 55^\circ$$

In $\triangle ODC$

$$\angle DCO = 180^\circ - [\angle DOC + \angle ODC]$$

[\because angle sum property]

$$\angle DCO = 180^\circ - [55^\circ + 70^\circ]$$

$$\angle DCO = 55^\circ$$

In $\triangle ODC, \triangle OBA$

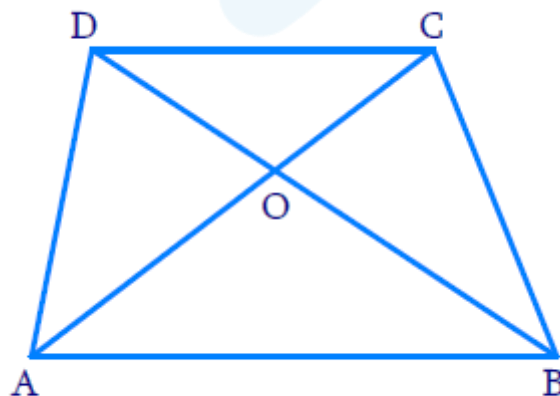
$$\triangle ODC \sim \triangle OBA$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DCO = \angle OAB \text{ [}\because \text{AA criterion]}$$

$$\angle DCO = 55^\circ$$

Q3. Diagonals AC and BD of a trapezium ABCD with $AB \parallel DC$ intersect each other at the point O. Using a similarity criterion for two triangles, show that $\frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{OB}{OD}$.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium**Reasoning:**

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to the two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar. This is referred to as the AA criterion.

Solution

In $\triangle AOB$, $\triangle COD$

$\angle AOB = \angle COD$ (vertically opposite angles)

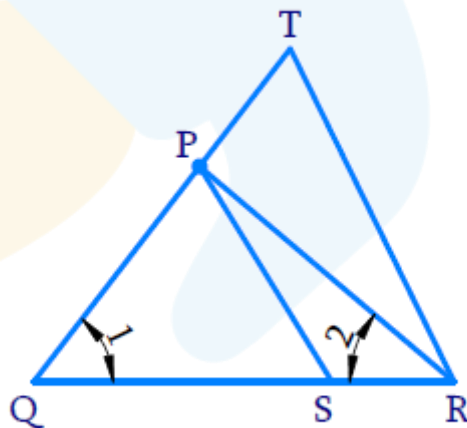
$\angle BAO = \angle DCO$ [\because alternate interior angles]

$\Rightarrow \triangle AOB \sim \triangle COD$ [AA criterion]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{OB}{OD}$$

(Theorem 6.3 : If in two triangles, corresponding angles are equal, then their corresponding sides are in the same ratio (or proportion) and hence the two triangles are similar. This criterion is referred to as the AAA (Angle–Angle–Angle) criterion of similarity of two triangles.)

Q4. In Figure 6.36 $\frac{QR}{QS} = \frac{QT}{PR}$ and $\angle 1 = \angle 2$. Show that $\triangle PQS \sim \triangle TQR$.

Diagram**Difficulty Level: Medium****Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.5 : If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of the other triangle and the sides including these angles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar. This criterion is referred to as the SAS (Side–Angle–Side) similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

$$\frac{QR}{QS} = \frac{QT}{PR}$$

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2$$

In $\triangle PQR$

$$\angle 1 = \angle 2 \Rightarrow PR = PQ$$

(\because In a triangle sides opposite to equal angles are equal)

In $\triangle PQS, \triangle TQR$

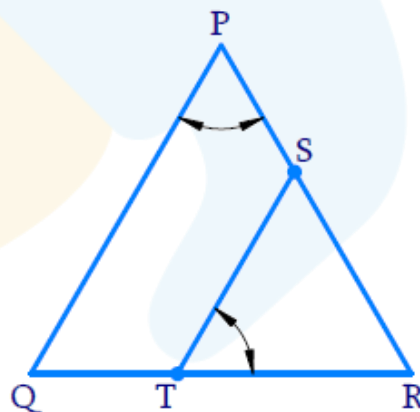
$$\angle PQS = \angle TQR = \angle 1 \text{ [common angle]}$$

$$\frac{QR}{QS} = \frac{QT}{PQ} [\because PR = PQ]$$

\therefore By SAS Criterion,

$$\Rightarrow \triangle PQS \sim \triangle TQR$$

Q5. S and T are points on sides PR and QR of $\triangle PQR$ such that $\angle P = \angle RTS$. Show that $\triangle RPQ \sim \triangle RTS$.

Diagram

Difficulty Level: Easy

Reasoning:

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

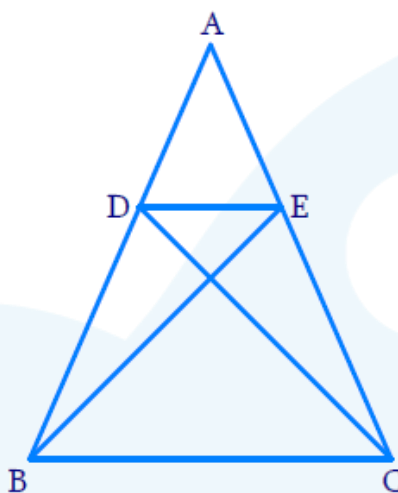
In $\triangle RPQ$, $\triangle RTS$

$$\angle RPQ = \angle RTS \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\angle PRQ = \angle TRS \quad (\text{Common angle})$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle RPQ \sim \triangle RTS \quad (\text{AA criterion})$$

Q6. In Figure 6.37, if $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACD$, show that $\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$.

Diagram

Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.5 : If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of the other triangle and the sides including these angles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar.

This criterion is referred to as the **SAS (Side–Angle–Side)** similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

In $\triangle ABE$, $\triangle ACD$

$$AE = AD \quad (\because \triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACD \text{ given}) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$AB = AC \quad (\because \triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACD \text{ given}) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Now Consider $\triangle ADE$, $\triangle ABC$

$$\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} \quad \text{from (1) \& (2)}$$

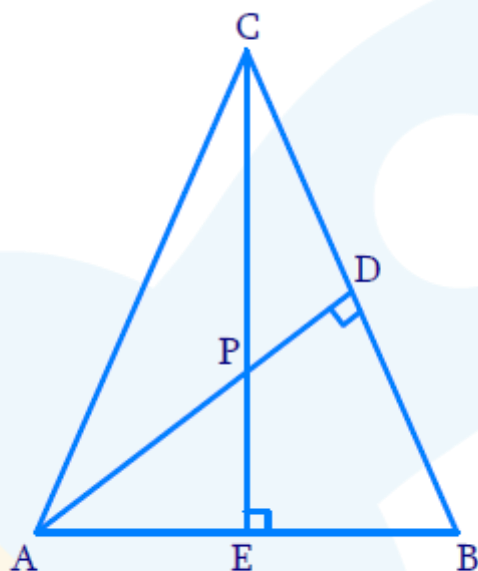
$$\text{and } \angle DAE = \angle BAC \quad (\text{Common angle})$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC \quad (\text{SAS criterion})$$

Q7. In Figure 6.38, altitudes AD and CE of $\triangle ABC$ intersect each other at the point P . Show that:

- (i) $\triangle AEP \sim \triangle CDP$
- (ii) $\triangle ABD \sim \triangle CBE$
- (iii) $\triangle AEP \sim \triangle ADB$
- (iv) $\triangle PDC \sim \triangle BEC$

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

(i) Reasoning:

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar. This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution:

In $\triangle AEP$ and $\triangle CDP$

$$\angle AEP = \angle CDP = 90^\circ$$

[$\because CE \perp AB$ and $AD \perp BC$; altitudes]

$$\angle APE = \angle CPD \text{ (Vertically opposite angles)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle AEP \sim \triangle CDP \text{ (AA criterion)}$$

(ii) Reasoning:

AA criterion

Solution*In $\triangle ABD$, $\triangle CBE$*

$$\angle ADB = \angle CEB = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle ABD = \angle CBE \text{ (Common angle)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABD \sim \triangle CBE \text{ (AA criterion)}$$

(iii) Reasoning:

AA criterion

Solution*In $\triangle AEP$, $\triangle ADP$*

$$\angle AEP = \angle ADB = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle PAE = \angle BAD \text{ (Common angle)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle AEP \sim \triangle ADB$$

(iv) Reasoning:

AA criterion

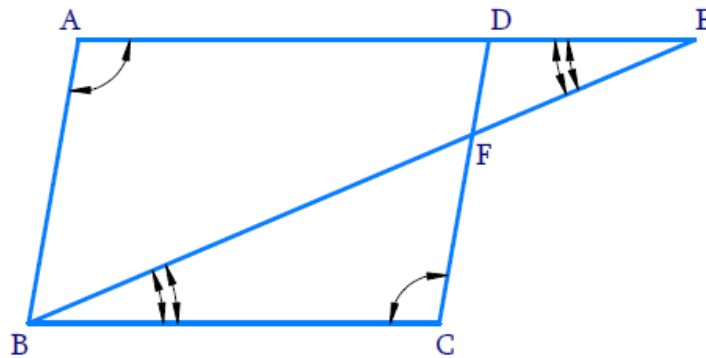
Solution*In $\triangle PDC$, $\triangle BEC$*

$$\angle PDC = \angle BEC = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle PCD = \angle BCE \text{ (Common angle)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle PDC \sim \triangle BEC$$

Q8. E is a point on the side AD produced of a parallelogram ABCD and BE intersects CD at F. Show that $\triangle ABE \sim \triangle CFB$.

Diagram**Difficulty Level: Medium****Reasoning:**

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

In $\triangle ABE$, $\triangle CFB$

$\angle BAE = \angle FCB$ (opposite angles of a parallelogram)

$\angle AEB = \angle FBC$ [$\because AE \parallel BC$ and EB is a transversal alternate angle]

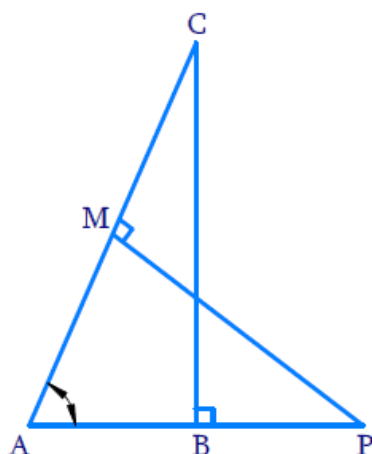
$\Rightarrow \triangle ABE \sim \triangle CFE$ (AA criterion)

Q9. In Figure 6.39, ABC and AMP are two right triangles, right angled at B and M respectively.

Prove that:

(i) $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle AMP$

(ii) $\frac{CA}{PA} = \frac{BC}{MP}$

Diagram**Difficulty Level: Medium****(i) Reasoning:**

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

In $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle AMP$

$$\angle ABC = \angle AMP = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle BAC = \angle MAP \text{ (Common angle)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle AMP$$

(ii) Reasoning:

As we know that the ratio of any two corresponding sides in two equiangular triangles is always the same

Solution

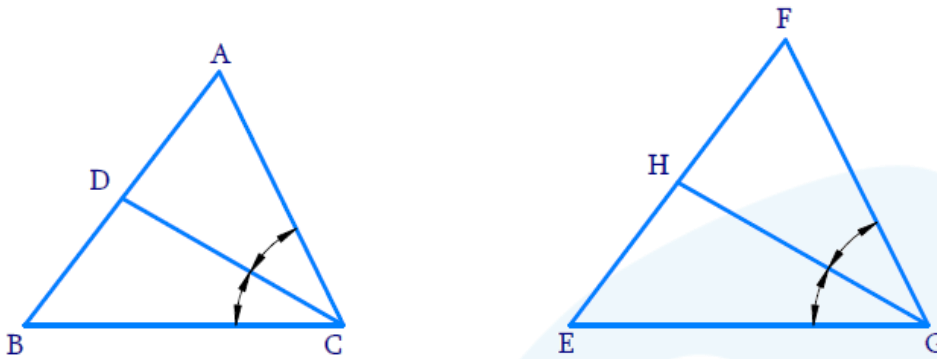
In $\triangle ABC$, $\triangle AMP$

$$\frac{CA}{PA} = \frac{BC}{MP} [\because \triangle ABC \sim \triangle AMP]$$

Q10. CD and GH are respectively the bisectors of $\angle ACB$ and $\angle EGF$ such that D and H lie on sides AB and FE of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle EFG$ respectively. If $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle FEG$, show that:

- (i) $\frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{AC}{FG}$
 (ii) $\triangle DCB \sim \triangle HGE$
 (iii) $\triangle DCA \sim \triangle HGF$

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

(i) Reasoning:

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

In $\triangle ADC$, $\triangle FHG$

$$\angle DAC = \angle HFG [\because \triangle ADC \sim \triangle FEG]$$

$$\angle ACD = \angle FGH \text{ (CD and GH are bisectors } \angle C \text{ and } \angle G \text{ respectively)}$$

$$\left[\angle ACB = \angle FGE \rightarrow \frac{\angle ACB}{2} = \frac{\angle FGE}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ADC \sim \triangle FHG$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CD}{GH} = \frac{AC}{FG}$$

[If two triangles are similar, then their corresponding sides are in the same ratio]

(ii) Reasoning:

AA criterion

Solution

In $\triangle DCB$ and $\triangle HGE$

$$\angle DBC = \angle HEG \left[\because \triangle ABC \sim \triangle FEG \right]$$

$$\angle DCB = \angle HGE \left[\because \frac{\angle ACB}{2} = \frac{\angle FGE}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle DCB \sim \triangle HGE \text{ (AA criterion)}$$

(iii) Reasoning:

AA criterion

Solution

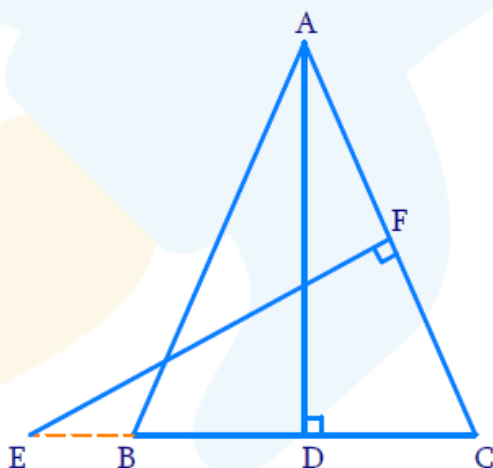
In $\triangle DCA$, $\triangle HGF$

$$\angle DAC = \angle HFG \left[\because \triangle ABC \sim \triangle FEG \right]$$

$$\angle ACD = \angle FGH \left[\because CD \text{ and } GH \text{ are bisectors of } \angle ACB \text{ and } \angle FGE \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle DCA \sim \triangle HGF \text{ (AA criterion)}$$

Q11. In Figure 6.40, E is a point on side CB produced of an isosceles triangle ABC with $AB = AC$. If $AD \perp BC$ and $EF \perp AC$, prove that $\triangle ABD \sim \triangle ECF$.

Diagram

Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

In $\triangle ABD, \triangle ECF$

$$\angle ADB = \angle EFC = 90^\circ$$

$$[\because AD \perp BC \text{ and } EF \perp AC]$$

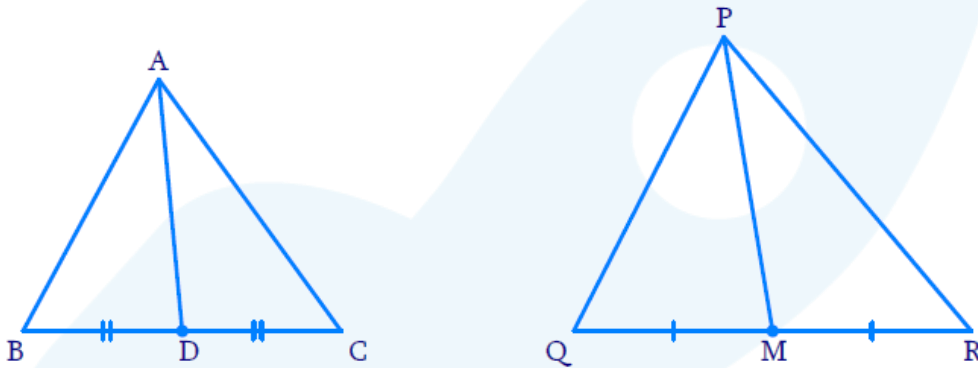
$$\angle ABD = \angle ECF$$

$$[\because \text{In } \triangle ABC, AB = AC \Rightarrow \angle ABC = \angle ACB]$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABD \sim \triangle ECF \text{ (AA criterion)}$$

Q12. Sides AB and BC and median AD of a triangle ABC are respectively proportional to sides PQ, QR and median PM of $\triangle PQR$ (see Figure 6.41). Show that $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.5 : If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of the other triangle and the sides including these angles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar.

This criterion is referred to as the **SAS (Side–Angle–Side)** similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

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

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{AD}{PM}$$

Now In $\triangle ABD, \triangle PQM$

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BD}{QM} = \frac{AD}{PM}$$

$$\left[\because AD \text{ and } PM \text{ are median of } \triangle ABC \text{ and } \triangle PQR \Rightarrow \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{BC/2}{QR/2} = \frac{BD}{QM} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABD \sim \triangle PQM$$

Now In $\triangle ABC, \triangle PQR$

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} \text{ (given in the statement)}$$

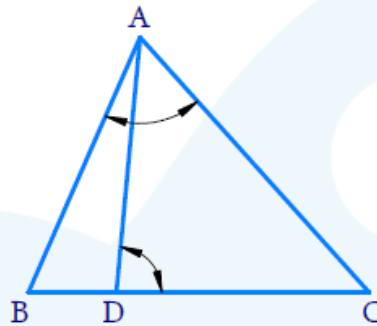
$$\angle ABC = \angle PQR [\because \triangle ABD \sim \triangle PQM]$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR \text{ [SAS criteion]}$$

Q13. D is a point on the side BC of a triangle ABC such that $\angle ADC = \angle BAC$.

Show that $CA^2 = CB \cdot CD$.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

- If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar. This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.
- If two triangles are similar then their corresponding sides are in the same proportion.

Solution

In $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DAC$

$$\angle BAC = \angle ADC \text{ (Given in the statement)}$$

$$\angle ACB = \angle ACD \text{ (Common angles)}$$

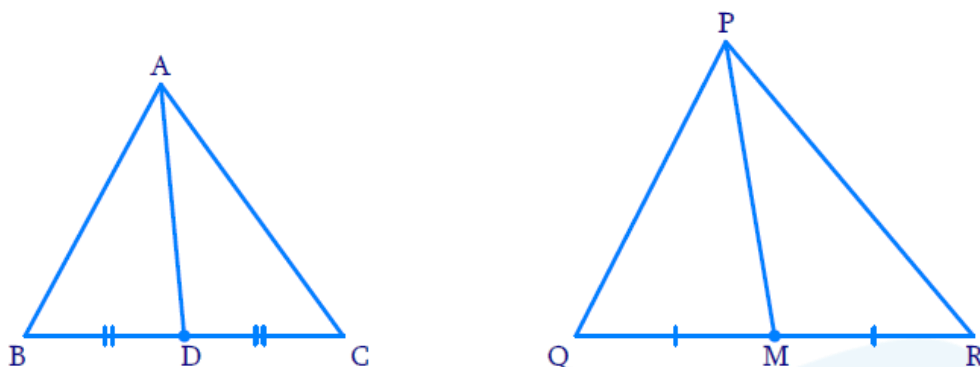
$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle DAC \text{ (AA criterion)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CA}{CD} = \frac{CB}{CA} \text{ [Corresponding sides are in same ratio]}$$

[Sides opposite to equal angles are compared]

$$\Rightarrow CA^2 = CB \cdot CD$$

Q14. Sides AB and AC and median AD of a triangle ABC are respectively proportional to sides PQ and PR and median PM of another triangle PQR. Show that $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$.



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.5 : If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of the other triangle and the sides including these angles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar. This criterion is referred to as the **SAS (Side–Angle–Side)** similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

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

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QM} = \frac{AD}{PM}$$

Now In $\triangle ABD, \triangle PQM$

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BD}{QM} = \frac{AD}{PM}$$

$$\left[\because AD \text{ and } PM \text{ are median of } \triangle ABC \text{ and } \triangle PQR \Rightarrow \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{BC/2}{QR/2} = \frac{BD}{QM} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABD \sim \triangle PQM$$

Now In $\triangle ABC, \triangle PQR$

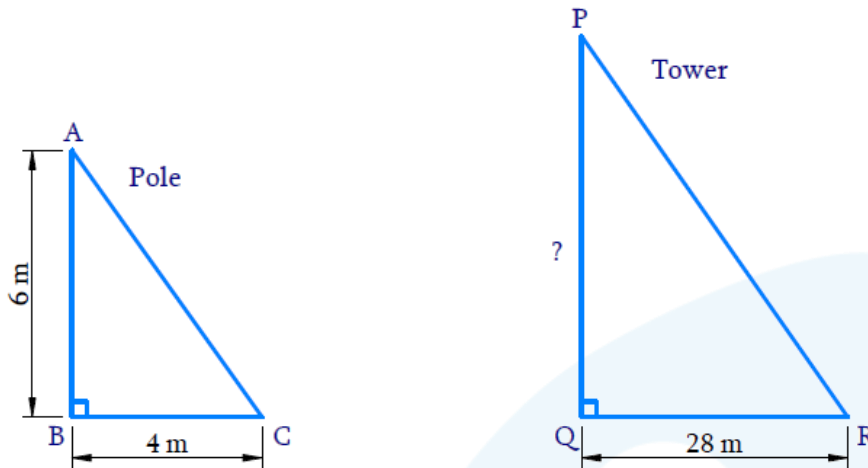
$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} \text{ (given in the statement)}$$

$$\angle ABC = \angle PQR [\because \triangle ABD \sim \triangle PQM]$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR \text{ [SAS criteion]}$$

Q15. A vertical pole of length 6 m casts a shadow 4 m long on the ground and at the same time a tower casts a shadow 28 m long. Find the height of the tower.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

The ratio of any two corresponding sides in two equiangular triangles is always the same.

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

AB is the pole = 6m

BC is the shadow of pole = 4m

PQ is the tower = ?

QR is the shadow of the tower = 28m

Now in $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$

$$\angle ABC = \angle PQR = 90^\circ$$

[\because The objects and shadow are perpendicular to each other]

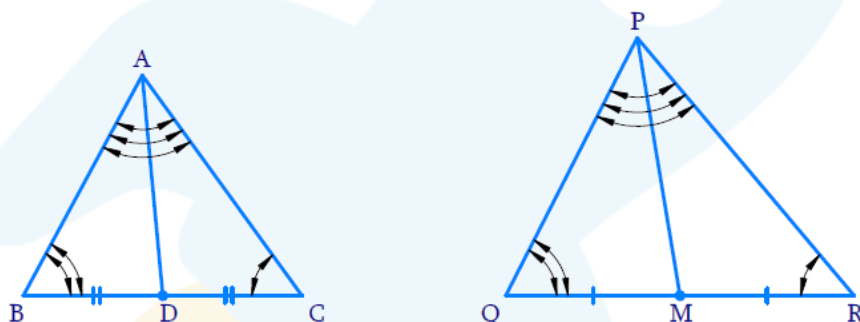
$$\angle BAC = \angle QPR$$

[\therefore sunrays fall on the pole and tower at the same angle, at the same time]

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR \text{ (AA criterion)} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{PQ}{QR} \\ &\quad \frac{6m}{6m} = \frac{PQ}{28m} \\ &\Rightarrow PQ = \frac{6 \times 28}{4} \\ &\quad PQ = 42m \end{aligned}$$

Q16. If AD and PM are medians of triangles ABC and PQR, respectively where $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$, prove that $\frac{AD}{PQ} = \frac{AD}{PM}$.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.5 : If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of the other triangle and the sides including these angles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar. This criterion is referred to as the **SAS (Side–Angle–Side)** similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} &\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR \\ &\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \angle PQR \text{ (corresponding angles)} \\ &\text{and } \frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} \text{ (corresponding sides are in the same ratio)} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC/2}{QR/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BD}{QM} \quad [\because D \text{ and } M \text{ are mid points of } BC \text{ and } QR]$$

In $\triangle ABD, \triangle PQM$

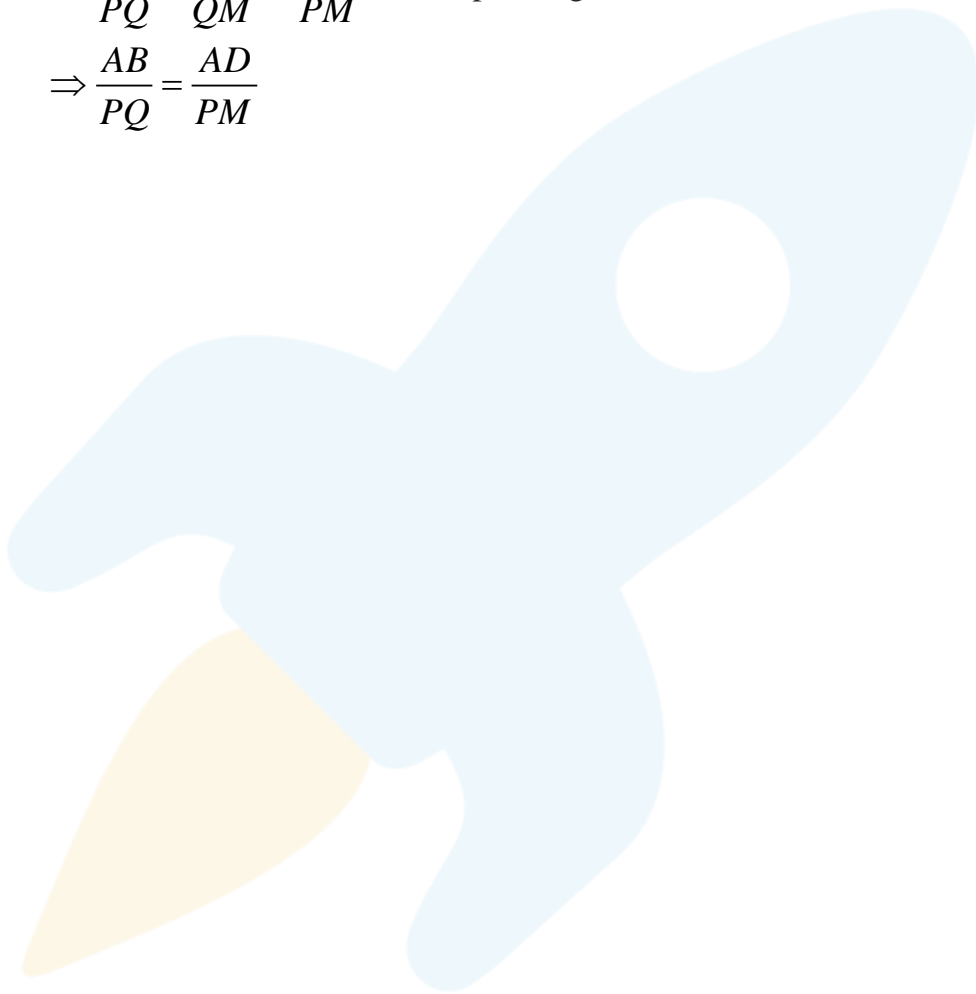
$$\angle ABD = \angle PQM \quad (\text{proved})$$

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BD}{QM} \quad (\text{proved})$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABD \sim \triangle PQM \quad (\text{SAS criterion})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BD}{QM} = \frac{AD}{PM} \quad (\text{corresponding sides})$$

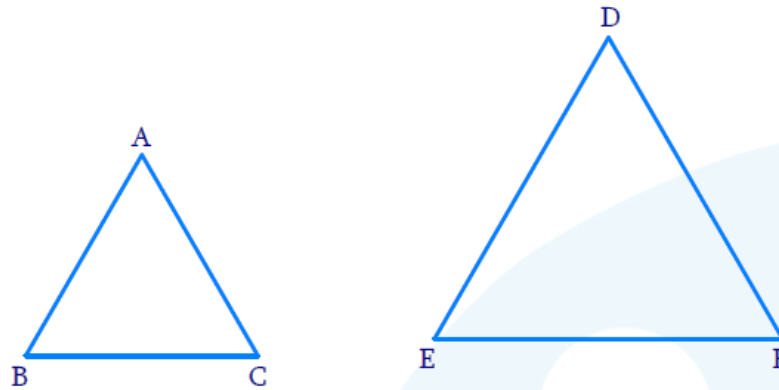
$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{AD}{PM}$$



Exercise 6.4 (Page 143 of Grade 10 NCERT)

Q1. Let $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ and their areas be, respectively, 64cm^2 and 121cm^2 . If $EF = 15.4\text{ cm}$, find BC .

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Easy

Reasoning:

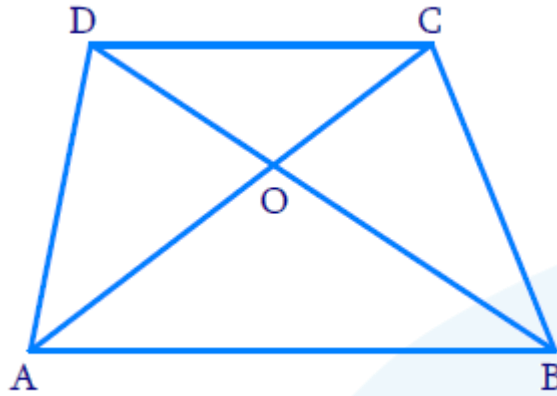
Theorem 6.6 : The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding sides.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\triangle ABC &\sim \triangle DEF \\ \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{Area of } \triangle DEF} &= \frac{(BC)^2}{(EF)^2} \\ \frac{64\text{cm}^2}{121\text{cm}^2} &= \frac{(BC)^2}{(15.4)^2} \\ (BC)^2 &= \frac{(15.4)^2 \times 64}{121} \\ BC &= \frac{15.4 \times 8}{11} \\ BC &= 11.2\text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

Q2. Diagonals of a trapezium ABCD with $AB \parallel DC$ intersect each other at the point O. If $AB = 2 CD$, find the ratio of the areas of triangles AOB and COD.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar. This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Theorem 6.6: The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding sides.

Solution

In trapezium ABCD, $AB \parallel CD$ and $AB = 2CD$

Diagonals AC, BD intersect at 'O'

In $\triangle AOB, \triangle COD$

$$\angle AOB = \angle COD \text{ (vertically opposite angles)}$$

$$\angle ABO = \angle CDO \text{ [alternate interior angles]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle AOB \sim \triangle COD \text{ (AA criterion)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle AOB}{\text{Area of } \triangle COD} = \frac{(AB)^2}{(CD)^2} \text{ [theorem 6.6]}$$

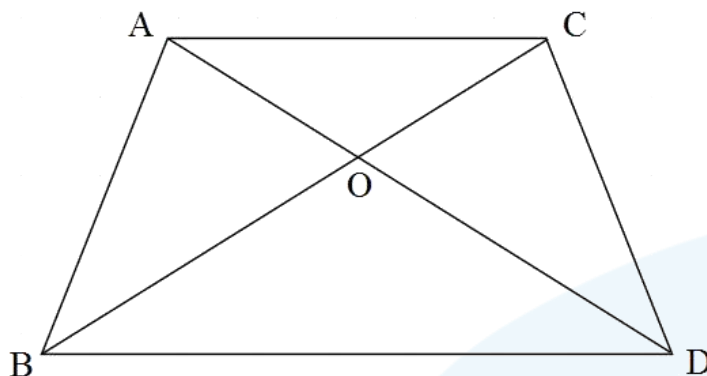
Since $AB = 2 CD$,

$$= \frac{(2CD)^2}{(CD)^2} = \frac{4CD^2}{CD^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of } \triangle AOB : \text{area of } \triangle COD = 4:1$$

Q3. In Fig. 6.44, ABC and DBC are two triangles on the same base BC. If AD intersects BC at O, show that $\frac{\text{area}(ABC)}{\text{area}(DBC)} = \frac{AO}{DO}$

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

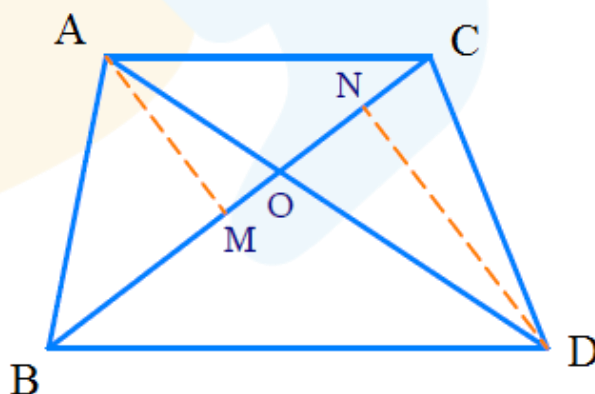
Reasoning:

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Theorem 6.6 : The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding sides.

Solution:



In $\triangle ABC$

Draw $AM \perp BC$

In $\triangle DBC$

Draw $DN \perp BC$

Now in $\triangle AOM, \triangle DON$

$$\angle AMO = \angle DNO = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle AOM = \angle DON \text{ (Vertically opposite angles)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle AOM \sim \triangle DON \text{ (AA criterion)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AM}{DN} = \frac{OM}{ON} = \frac{AO}{DO} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Now,

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times BC \times AM$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle DBC = \frac{1}{2} \times BC \times DN$$

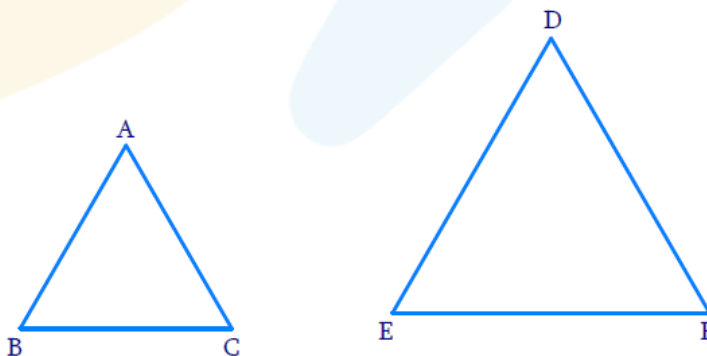
$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{Area of } \triangle DBC} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times BC \times AM}{\frac{1}{2} \times BC \times DN}$$

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{Area of } \triangle DBC} = \frac{AM}{DN}$$

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{Area of } \triangle DBC} = \frac{AO}{DO} \text{ (from (1))}$$

Q4. If the areas of two similar triangles are equal, prove that they are congruent.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

- Two triangles are similar if their corresponding angles are equal and their corresponding sides are in the same ratio.
- **SSS Congruency:** If three sides of one triangle are equal to the three sides of another triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.
- **Theorem 6.4:** If in two triangles, sides of one triangle are proportional to (i.e., in the same ratio of) the sides of the other triangle, then their corresponding angles are equal and hence the two triangles are similar.
This criterion is referred to as the SSS (Side–Side–Side) similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution:

$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{CA}{FD} \text{ (SSS criterion)}$$

But area of $\triangle ABC$ = area of $\triangle DEF$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{Area of } \triangle DEF} = 1 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

But $\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{Area of } \triangle DEF} = \frac{(AB)^2}{(DE)^2} = \frac{(BC)^2}{(EF)^2} = \frac{(CA)^2}{(FD)^2}$

From (1)

$$\frac{(AB)^2}{(DE)^2} = \frac{(BC)^2}{(EF)^2} = \frac{(CA)^2}{(FD)^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(AB)^2}{(DE)^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (AB)^2 = (DE)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = DE \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Similarly, $BC = EF \dots\dots\dots(3)$

$$CA = FD \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Now, in $\triangle ABC, \triangle DEF$

$$AB = DE \text{ (form 2)}$$

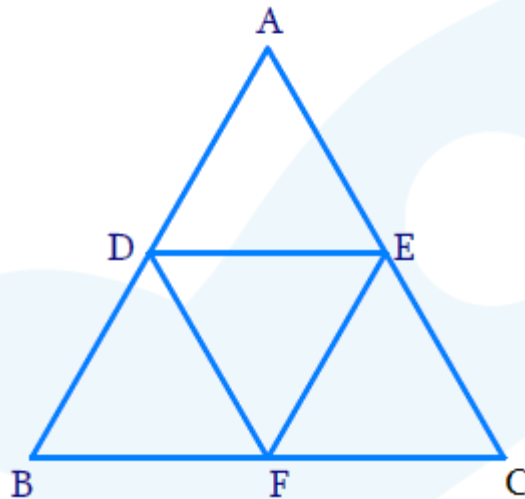
$$BC = EF \text{ (form 3)}$$

$$CA = FD \text{ (form 4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF \text{ (SSS congruency)}$$

Q5. D, E and F are respectively the mid-points of sides AB, BC and CA of $\triangle ABC$. Find the ratio of the areas of $\triangle DEF$ and $\triangle ABC$.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

- As we know that the line segment joining the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and half of it – midpoint theorem.
- If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.
This may be referred to as the AA similarity criterion for two triangles.

Solution

In $\triangle ABC$ D, E are the midpoints of AB, AC

$$\Rightarrow DE \parallel BC \text{ and } DE = \frac{1}{2} BC \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

E, F are mid points of AC, BC

$$\Rightarrow EF \parallel AB \text{ and } EF = \frac{1}{2} AB \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

In quadrilateral DBFE,

$$DE = BF \text{ and } DE \parallel BF \text{ (from 1)}$$

\Rightarrow DBFE is a parallelogram

$$\angle B = \angle E \text{ (opposite angles of a parallelogram are equal)....(3)}$$

Similarly, we can prove that

DFCE is a parallelogram

$$\Rightarrow \angle C = \angle D \text{ (opposite angles of a parallelogram are equal).....(4)}$$

Now ,In $\triangle DEF$ and $\triangle ABC$

$$\angle DEF = \angle ABC \text{ (from 3)}$$

$$\angle EDF = \angle ACB \text{ (from 4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle DEF \sim \triangle ABC \text{ [AA Criterion]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DE}{BC} = \frac{EF}{AB} = \frac{DF}{AC} \text{ (The corresponding sides of similar triangles are proportional)}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle DEF}{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC} = \frac{(DE)^2}{(AB)^2} = \frac{(EF)^2}{(AB)^2} = \frac{(DF)^2}{(AC)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle DEF}{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC} &= \frac{(EF)^2}{(AB)^2} \\ &= \frac{(\frac{1}{2}AB)^2}{(AB)^2} \text{ [From (2)]} \\ &= \frac{AB^2}{4AB^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle DEF : \text{Area of } \triangle ABC = 1:4$$

Alternate method:

Reasoning:

Mid-Point Theorem : The line segment joining the mid-points of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side.

Solution:

In $\triangle ABC$ D and E are midpoints of sides AB and AC

$$\Rightarrow DE \parallel BC \text{ and } DE = \frac{1}{2}BC \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Now in quadrilateral DBFE

$$\Rightarrow DE \parallel BC \text{ and } DE = BF \text{ (from 1)}$$

\Rightarrow DBFE is a parallelogram

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of } \triangle DBF = \text{area of } \triangle DEF \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

(\because diagonal DF divides the parallelogram into two triangle of equal area)

Similarly, we can prove

$$\text{Area of } \triangle DBF = \text{Area of } \triangle EFC \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$\text{And area of } \triangle DEF = \text{Area of } \triangle ADE \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

From (2) (3) and (4)

$$\text{Area of } \triangle DBF = \text{Area of } \triangle DEF = \text{Area of } \triangle EFC = \text{Area of } \triangle ADE \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

(Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another – Euclid's 1st axiom.)

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \text{Area of } \triangle ADE + \text{Area of DBF} + \text{Area of } \triangle EFD + \text{Area of } \triangle DEF$$

From (5)

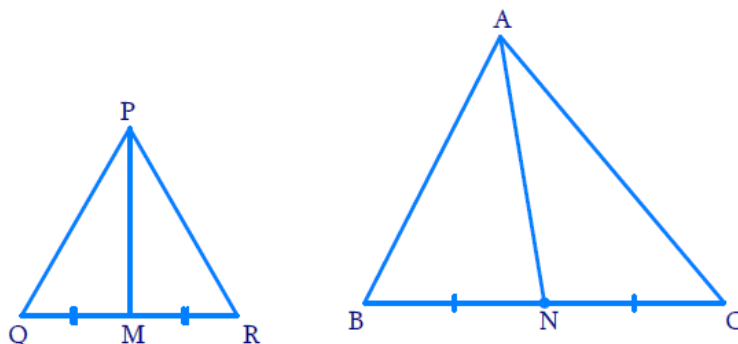
$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = 4 \times \text{Area of } \triangle DEF$$

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle DEF}{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle DEF : \text{Area of } \triangle ABC = 1:4$$

Q6. Prove that the ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding medians.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.5 : If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of the other triangle and the sides including these angles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar.

This criterion is referred to as the **SAS (Side–Angle–Side)** similarity criterion for two triangles.

Theorem 6.6 : The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding sides.

Solution:

In ΔPQR , PM is the median and, in ΔABC AN is the median

$$\Delta PQR \sim \Delta ABC \text{ (given)}$$

$$\angle PQR = \angle ABC \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\angle QPR = \angle BAC \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\angle QRP = \angle BCA \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{PQ}{AB} = \frac{QR}{BC} = \frac{RP}{CA} \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

(\because If two triangles are similar, then their corresponding angles are equal and corresponding sides are in the same ratio)

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \Delta PQR}{\text{Area of } \Delta ABC} = \frac{(PQ)^2}{(AB)^2} = \frac{(QR)^2}{(BC)^2} = \frac{(RP)^2}{(CA)^2} \text{ [from Theorem 6.6]} \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

Now In ΔPQM and ΔABN

$$\angle PQM = \angle ABN \text{ (from 1)}$$

And $\frac{PQ}{AB} = \frac{QM}{BN}$

$$\left[\because \frac{PQ}{AB} = \frac{QR}{BC} = \frac{2QM}{2BN}; M, N \text{ mid points of } QR \text{ and } BC \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta PQM \sim \Delta ABN \text{ [SAS similarity]}$$

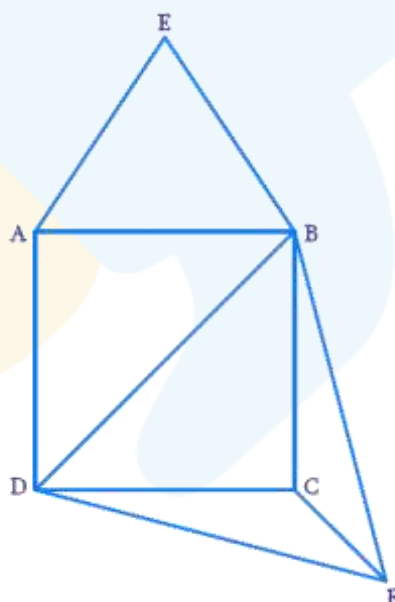
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area of } \Delta PQM}{\text{Area of } \Delta ABN} = \frac{(PQ)^2}{(AB)^2} = \frac{(QM)^2}{(BN)^2} = \frac{(PM)^2}{(AN)^2} [\because \text{theorem 6.6}] \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

from(5) and (6)

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \Delta PQR}{\text{Area of } \Delta ABC} = \frac{(PM)^2}{(AN)^2}$$

Q7. Prove that the area of an equilateral triangle described on one side of a square is Equal to half the area of the equilateral triangle described on one of its diagonals. Tick the correct answer and justify:

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.6 : The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding sides.

Solution:

$\triangle ABE$ is described on the side AB of the square ABCD

$\triangle DBF$ is described on the diagonal BD of the square ABCD

Since $\triangle ABE$ and $\triangle DBF$ are equilateral triangles

[Each angle in an equilateral triangle measures 60°]

$\triangle ABE \sim \triangle DBF$

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABE}{\text{Area of } \triangle DBF} = \frac{(AB)^2}{(DB)^2} \quad [\text{Theorem 6.6}]$$

$$= \frac{(AB)^2}{(\sqrt{2}AB)^2}$$

[\because diagonal of a square is $\sqrt{2} \times \text{side}$]

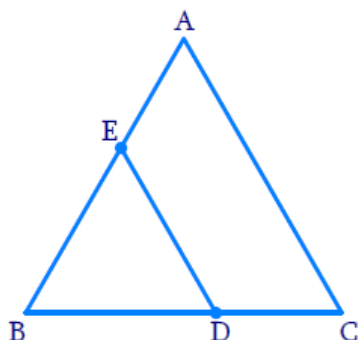
$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABE}{\text{Area of } \triangle DBF} = \frac{AB^2}{2AB^2}$$

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABE}{\text{Area of } \triangle DBF} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of } \triangle ABE = \frac{1}{2} \text{Area of } \triangle DBF$$

Q8. ABC and BDE are two equilateral triangles such that D is the mid-point of BC. Ratio of the areas of triangles ABC and BDE is

(A) 2 : 1 (B) 1 : 2 (C) 4 : 1 (D) 1 : 4

Diagram

Difficulty Level: Medium**Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.6 : The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding sides.

Solution: (c)

$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle BDE \quad (\because \text{equilateral triangles})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Area } \triangle ABC}{\text{Area } \triangle BDE} &= \frac{(BC)^2}{(BD)^2} [\text{Theorem 6.6}] \\ &= \frac{(BC)^2}{\left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2} [\because D \text{ is the midpoint of } BC] \\ &= \frac{(BC)^2 \times 4}{(BC)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{area of } \triangle ABE : \text{area of } \triangle BDE = 4:1$$

Q9. Sides of two similar triangles are in the ratio 4 : 9. Areas of these triangles are in the ratio

(A) 2 : 3 (B) 4 : 9 (C) 81 : 16 (D) 16 : 81

Difficulty Level: Easy**Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.6 : The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding sides.

Solution: (d)

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ratio of the areas of two similar triangles} &= \text{square of the ratio of their sides} \\ &= (4:9)^2 \\ &= 16 : 81 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6.5(Page 150 of Grade 10 NCERT)

Q1. Sides of triangles are given below. Determine which of them are right triangles.

In case of a right triangle, write the length of its hypotenuse.

- (i) 7 cm, 24 cm, 25 cm
- (ii) 3 cm, 8 cm, 6 cm
- (iii) 50 cm, 80 cm, 100 cm
- (iv) 13 cm, 12 cm, 5 cm

Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution

(i) Let us consider,

$$(25)^2 = 625$$

$$7^2 + 24^2 = 49 + 576 \\ = 625$$

$$\therefore (25)^2 = 7^2 + 24^2$$

This is a right triangle as the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Length of hypotenuse = 25cm

(ii)) Let us consider,

$$8^2 = 64$$

$$3^2 + 6^2 = 9 + 36 \\ = 45$$

$$8^2 \neq 3^2 + 6^2$$

This is not a right triangle as the square of the hypotenuse is not equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

(iv) Let us consider,

$$(100)^2 = 10000$$

$$50^2 + 80^2 = 2500 + 6400$$

$$= 8900$$

$$(100)^2 \neq 50^2 + 80^2$$

This is not a right triangle as the square of the hypotenuse is not equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

(iv) Let us consider,

$$(13)^2 = 169$$

$$12^2 + 5^2 = 144 + 25$$

$$= 169$$

$$\therefore (13)^2 = 12^2 + 5^2$$

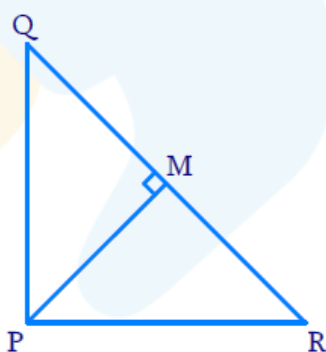
This is a right triangle as the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Length of hypotenuse = 13cm

\Rightarrow (i) and (iv) are right triangle.

Q2. PQR is a triangle right angled at P and M is a point on QR such that $PM \perp QR$. Show that $(PM)^2 = QM \cdot MR$

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.7 : If a perpendicular is drawn from the vertex of the right angle of a right triangle to the hypotenuse then triangles on both sides of the perpendicular are similar to the whole triangle and to each other.

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.
This may be referred to as the **AA similarity criterion** for two triangles.

Solution

In $\triangle PQR$; $\angle QPR = 90^\circ$ and

$$PM \perp QR$$

In $\triangle PQR$ and $\triangle MQP$

$$\angle QPR = \angle QMP = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle PQR = \angle MQP \text{ (Common Angles)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle PQR \sim \triangle MQP \text{ (AA Criterion) } \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

In $\triangle PQR$ and $\triangle MPR$

$$\angle QMP = \angle PMR = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle PRQ = \angle RPM \text{ (Common Angle)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle PQR \sim \triangle MPR \text{ (AA Criterion) } \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\triangle MQP \sim \triangle MPR$$

Now In $\triangle MQP$ and $\triangle MPR$

$$\angle QMP = \angle PMR = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle PQM = \angle RPM$$

$$\angle QPM = \angle PRM$$

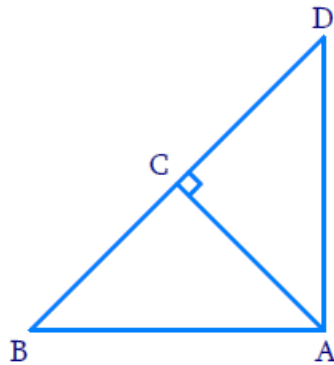
Comparing corresponding sides
[Comparing sides opposite to equal angles]

$$\frac{PM}{MR} = \frac{QM}{PM}$$

$$\Rightarrow PM^2 = QM.MR$$

Q3. In Fig. 6.53, ABD is a triangle right angled at A and $AC \perp BD$. Show that

- (i) $AB^2 = BC.BD$
- (ii) $AC^2 = BC.DC$
- (iii) $AD^2 = BD.CD$

Diagram**Difficulty Level: Medium****Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.7 : If a perpendicular is drawn from the vertex of the right angle of a right triangle to the hypotenuse then triangles on both sides of the perpendicular are similar to the whole triangle and to each other.

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the **AA similarity criterion** for two triangles.

Solution:

i). In $\triangle BAD, \triangle BCA$

$$\angle BAD = \angle BCA = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle ABD = \angle CBA \text{ (common angle)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle BAD \sim \triangle BCA \text{ (AA criterion)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{BD}{AB} \text{ (Corresponding sides of similar triangle)}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = BC \cdot BD$$

ii). In $\triangle BCA, \triangle ACD$

$$\angle BCA = \angle ACD = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle CBA = \angle CAD \text{ (corresponding angle)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle BCA \sim \triangle ACD \text{ [AA criterion]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{CD} = \frac{BC}{AC} \text{ [Corresponding sides are similar ratio]}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = BC \cdot DC$$

iii). In $\triangle BAD$ and $\triangle ACD$

$$\angle BAD = \angle ACD = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle BDA = \angle ADC \text{ (Common angle)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle BAD \sim \triangle ACD \text{ [AA Criterion]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{CD} = \frac{BD}{AD} \text{ [Corresponding sides of similar]}$$

$$AD^2 = BD \cdot CD$$

Q4. ABC is an isosceles triangle right angled at C. Prove that $AB^2 = 2AC^2$.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Easy

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

In $\triangle ABC$, $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$

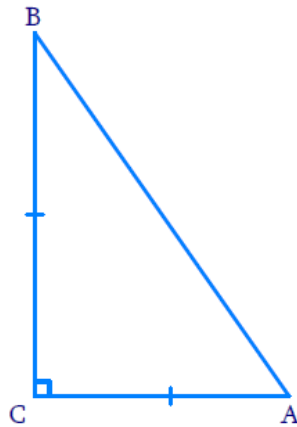
and $AC = BC$

$$\text{But } AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$$

$$= AC^2 + AC^2 [\because AC = BC]$$

$$AB^2 = 2AC^2$$

Q5. ABC is an isosceles triangle with $AC = BC$. If $AB^2 = 2AC^2$, prove that ABC is a right triangle.

Diagram**Difficulty Level: Medium****Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.9 Converse of the Pythagoras Theorem : In a triangle, if square of one side is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides, then the angle opposite the first side is a right angle.

Solution

In $\triangle ABC$

$$AC = BC$$

And $AB^2 = 2AC^2$

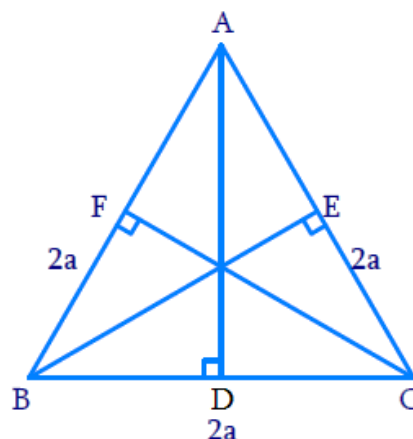
$$= AC^2 + AC^2$$

$$AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2 [\because AC = BC]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ACB = 90^\circ \text{ Using the Converse of the Pythagoras Theorem}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \text{ is a right triangle}$$

Q6. ABC is an equilateral triangle of side $2a$. Find each of its altitudes.

Diagram

Difficulty Level: Medium**Reasoning:**

We know that in an equilateral triangle perpendicular drawn from vertex to the opposite side, bisects the side.

Theorem 6.8: In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution

In $\triangle ABC$

$$AB = BC = CA = 2a$$

$AD \perp BC$ [perpendicular drawn from vertex to the opposite side, bisects the side.]

$$\Rightarrow BD = CD = a$$

In $\triangle ADB$, Using Pythagoras Theorem,

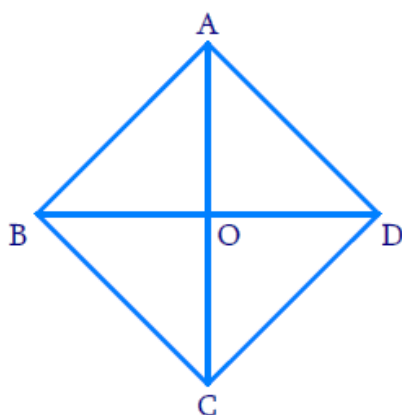
$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AD^2 + BD^2 \\ \Rightarrow AD^2 &= AB^2 - BD^2 \\ &= (2a)^2 - a^2 \\ &= 4a^2 - a^2 \\ AD^2 &= 3a^2 \\ \Rightarrow AD &= \sqrt{3}a \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can prove that

$$BE = CF = \sqrt{3}a \text{ units}$$

Q7. Prove that the sum of the squares of the sides of a rhombus is equal to the sum of the squares of its diagonals.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

In a rhombus, the diagonals bisect each other perpendicularly.

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

In rhombus ABCD

$$AC \perp BD \text{ and } OA = OC; OB = OD$$

In $\triangle AOB$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle AOB &= 90^\circ \\ \Rightarrow AB^2 &= OA^2 + OB^2 \text{ [Using Pythagoras Theorem]} \dots\dots\dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can prove

$$BC^2 = OB^2 + OC^2 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$CD^2 = OC^2 + OD^2 \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$AD^2 = OD^2 + OA^2 \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Adding (1), (2), (3) and (4)

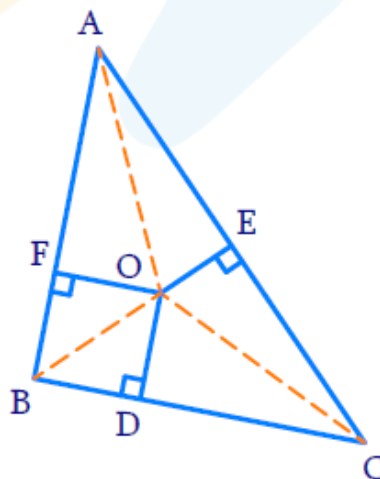
$$AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + AD^2 = OA^2 + OB^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 + OC^2 + OD^2 + OD^2 + OA^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2OA^2 + 2OB^2 + 2OC^2 + 2OD^2 \\
 &= 2[OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 + OD^2] \\
 &= 2\left[\left(\frac{AC}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{BD}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{AC}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{BD}{2}\right)^2\right] \\
 &\quad \left[\because OA = OC = \frac{AC}{2} \text{ and } OB = OD = \frac{BD}{2}\right] \\
 &= 2\left[\frac{AC^2 + BD^2 + AC^2 + BD^2}{4}\right] \\
 &= 2\left[\frac{2AC^2 + 2BD^2}{4}\right] \\
 &= 4\left[\frac{AC^2 + BD^2}{4}\right] \\
 AB^2 &= BC^2 + CD^2 + AD^2 \\
 &= AC^2 + BD^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Q8. In Figure 6.54, O is a point in the interior of a triangle ABC, $OD \perp BC$, $OE \perp AC$ and $OF \perp AB$. Show that

- i. $OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 - OD^2 - OE^2 - OF^2 = AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2$
- ii. $AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2 = AE^2 + CD^2 + BF^2$

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium**Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

(i) In $\triangle ABC$

$$OD \perp BC, OE \perp AC \text{ and } OF \perp AB$$

$$OA = OB + OC$$

In $\triangle OAF$

$$OA^2 = AF^2 + OF^2 [\because \angle OFA = 90^\circ] \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Similarly, In $\triangle OBD$

$$OB^2 = BD^2 + OD^2 [\because \angle ODB = 90^\circ] \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

In $\triangle OCE$

$$OC^2 = CE^2 + OE^2 [\because \angle OEC = 90^\circ] \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Adding (1), (2) and (3)

$$\begin{aligned} OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 &= AF^2 + OF^2 + BD^2 + OD^2 + CE^2 + OE^2 \\ OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 - OD^2 - OE^2 - OF^2 &= AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2 \dots\dots\dots(4) \end{aligned}$$

(ii) From (4)

On Re-grouping,

$$(OA^2 - OE^2) + (OB^2 - OF^2) + (OC^2 - OD^2) = AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2$$

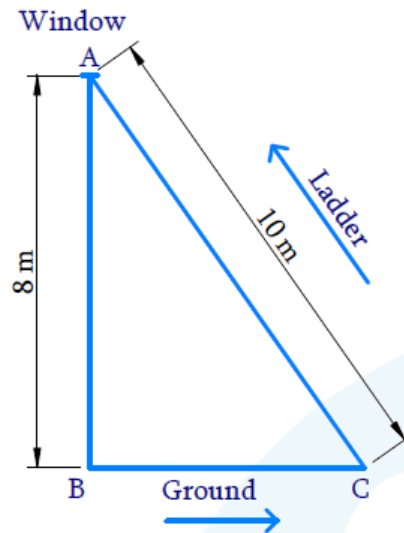
(Rearranging the left side terms)

$$AE^2 + BF^2 + CD^2 = AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2$$

[$\because \triangle OAE, \triangle OBD$ and $\triangle OCE$ are right triangles and by using Pythagoras Theorem it can be mentioned how $OA^2 - OE^2 = AE^2$]

Q9. A ladder 10 m long reaches a window 8 m above the ground. Find the distance of the foot of the ladder from base of the wall.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Easy

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

AB is height of the windows from the ground = 8m

AC is the length of the ladder = 10m

BC is the foot of the ladder from the base of ground = ?

Since $\triangle ABC$ is right angled triangle ($\angle ABC = 90^\circ$)

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow BC^2 &= AC^2 - AB^2 \quad (\text{Pythagoras theorem}) \\ &= 10^2 - 8^2 \\ &= 100 - 64\end{aligned}$$

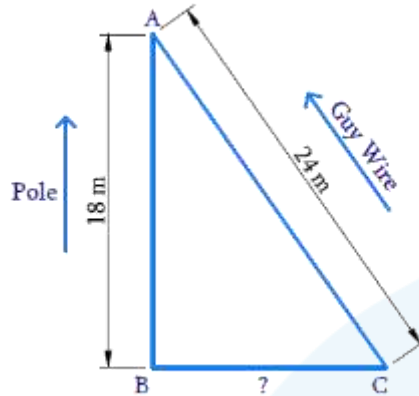
$$BC^2 = 36$$

$$BC = 6m$$

The distance of the foot of the ladder from the base of the wall = 6m

Q10. A guy wire attached to a vertical pole of height 18m is 24 m long and has a stake attached to the other end. How far from the base of the pole should the stake be driven so that the wire will be taut?

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Easy

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution

AB is the length of the pole = 18m

AC is the length of the guy wire = 24m

BC is the distance of the stake from the pole = ?

In $\triangle ABC$ $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$

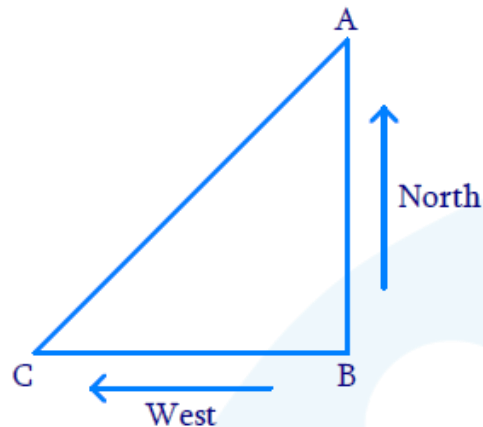
$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= AC^2 - AB^2 \text{ (Pythagoras theorem)} \\ &= 24^2 - 18^2 \\ &= 576 - 324 \\ &= 252 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} BC &= 2 \times 3\sqrt{7} \\ &= 6\sqrt{7} \end{aligned}$$

The distance of the stake from the pole = $6\sqrt{7}m$

Q11. An aeroplane leaves an airport and flies due north at a speed of 1000 km per hour. At the same time, another aeroplane leaves the same airport and flies due west at a speed of 1200 km per hour. How far apart will be the two planes after $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours?

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

We have to find the distance travelled by aeroplanes, we need to use

$$\text{distance} = \text{speed} \times \text{time}$$

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

AB is the distance travelled by aeroplanes travelling towards north

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \text{speed} \times \text{time} \\ &= 1000 \text{ km/hr} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \text{ hr} \\ &= 1000 \times \frac{3}{2} \text{ km} \\ AB &= 1500 \text{ km} \end{aligned}$$

BC is the distance travelled by another aeroplane travelling towards south

$$\begin{aligned}
 BC &= \text{speed} \times \text{time} \\
 &= 1200 \text{ km/hr} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \text{ hr} \\
 &= 1200 \times \frac{3}{2} \text{ hr} \\
 BC &= 1800 \text{ km}
 \end{aligned}$$

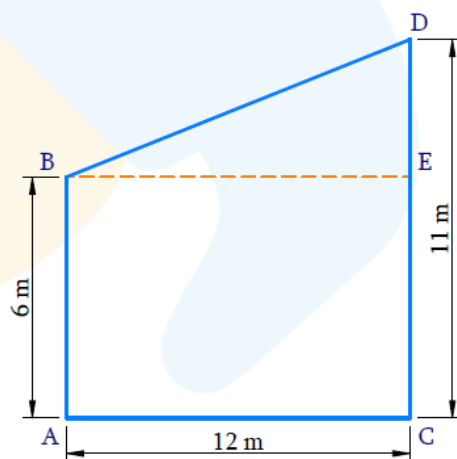
Now, In $\triangle ABC$, $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned}
 AC^2 &= AB^2 + BC^2 \text{ (Pythagoras theorem)} \\
 &= (1500)^2 + (1800)^2 \\
 &= 2250000 + 3240000 \\
 AC^2 &= 5490000 \\
 AC &= \sqrt{5490000} \\
 &= 300\sqrt{61} \text{ km}
 \end{aligned}$$

The distance between two planes after $1\frac{1}{2} \text{ hr} = 300\sqrt{61} \text{ km}$

Q12. Two poles of heights 6 m and 11 m stand on plane ground. If the distance between the feet of the poles is 12 m, find the distance between their tops.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

AB is the height of one pole = 6m

CD is the height of another pole = 11m

AC is the distance between two poles at bottom = 12m

BD is the distance between the tops of the poles =?

Draw $BE \parallel AC$

Now consider ,In $\triangle BED$

$$\angle BED = 90^\circ$$

$$BE = AC = 12 \text{ m [Opposite sides of a rectangle are equal.]}$$

$$DE = CD - CE$$

$$DE = 11 - 6 = 5 \text{ cm}$$

Now

$$BD^2 = BE^2 + DE^2 \text{ (Pythagoras theorem)}$$

$$= 12^2 + 5^2$$

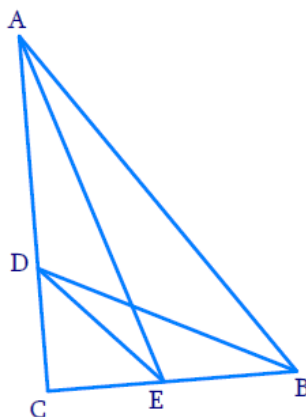
$$= 144 + 25$$

$$BD^2 = 169$$

$$BD = 13 \text{ m}$$

The distance between the tops of poles = 13m

Q13. D and E are points on the sides CA and CB respectively of a triangle ABC right angled at C. Prove that $AE^2 + BD^2 = AB^2 + DE^2$.

Diagram

Difficulty Level: Medium**Reasoning:**

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution

In $\triangle ABC$, $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$

D, E are points on AC and BC

Join AE, DE and BD

In $\triangle ACE$,

$$AE^2 = AC^2 + CE^2 \text{ (Pythagoras theorem).....(1)}$$

In $\triangle DCB$

$$BD^2 = CD^2 + BC^2 \text{(2)}$$

Adding (1) and (2)

$$\begin{aligned} AE^2 + BD^2 &= AC^2 + CE^2 + CD^2 + BC^2 \\ &= AC^2 + BC^2 + EC^2 + CD^2 \\ &= AB^2 + DE^2 \end{aligned}$$

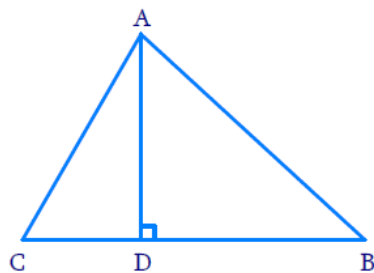
$$[\text{In } \triangle ABC, \angle C = 90^\circ \Rightarrow AC^2 + BC^2 = AB^2 \text{ and}$$

$$\text{In } \triangle CDE, \angle DCE = 90^\circ \Rightarrow CD^2 + CE^2 = DE^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow AE^2 + BD^2 = AB^2 + DE^2$$

Q14. The perpendicular from A on side BC of a $\triangle ABC$ intersects BC at D such that $DB = 3CD$ (see Fig. 6.55). Prove that $2AB^2 = 2AC^2 + BC^2$.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

In $\triangle ABC$, $AD \perp BC$

and $BD = 3CD$

In $\triangle ADB$

$$AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2 \quad (\angle ADB = 90^\circ)$$

$$\text{Using } AD^2 = AC^2 - CD^2$$

$$AB^2 = AC^2 + BD^2 - CD^2$$

$$\text{Using } BD = \frac{3BC}{4} \text{ and } CD = \frac{BC}{4}$$

$$= AC^2 + \left(\frac{3BC}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{BC}{4}\right)^2$$

$$AD^2 = \frac{3}{4}BC^2 + \left[\frac{BC}{2} - \frac{BC}{4}\right]^2$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}BC^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{4}\right)^2$$

$$AB^2 = AC^2 + BD^2 - CD^2$$

$$\left[\because \angle ADC = 90^\circ \Rightarrow AC^2 = AD^2 + CD^2 \right]$$

$$\therefore BD + CD = BC$$

$$3CD + CD = BC$$

$$4CD = BC$$

$$CD = \frac{BC}{4}$$

$$\text{and } BD + CD = BC$$

$$\Rightarrow BD + \frac{BD}{3} = BC$$

$$\frac{4BD}{3} = BC$$

$$BD = \frac{3BC}{4}$$

[converting BD and CD in terms of BC]

$$AB^2 = AC^2 + \frac{9BC^2 - BC^2}{16}$$

$$= AC^2 + \frac{8BC^2}{16}$$

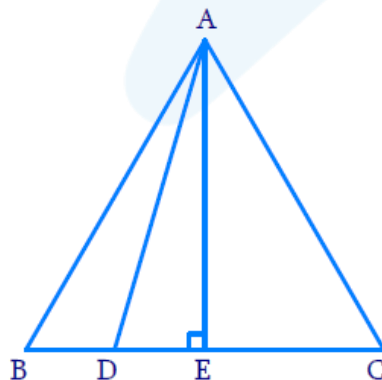
$$= AC^2 + \frac{BC^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2AB^2 = 2AC^2 + BC^2$$

Q15. In an equilateral triangle ABC, D is a point on side BC such that $BD = \frac{1}{3}BC$

Prove that $9AD^2 = 7AB^2$.

Diagram



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

In $\triangle ABC$; $AB=BC=CA$

$$BD = \frac{1}{3} BC$$

and $AD \perp BC$

$$AE = \frac{1}{2} BC$$

[\because In an equilateral triangle perpendicular drawn from vertex to opposite side bisects the side]

Now In $\triangle ADE$

$$AD^2 = AE^2 + DE^2 \text{ (Pythagoras theorem)}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} BC\right)^2 + (BE - BD)^2$$

[\because AE is the height of an equilateral triangle which is equal to $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ side]

$$\text{Using } BE = \frac{BC}{2}$$

$$AD^2 = \frac{3}{4} BC^2 + \left[\frac{BC}{2} - \frac{BC}{3}\right]^2$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} BC^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{6}\right)^2$$

$$AD^2 = \frac{3}{4} BC^2 + \frac{BC^2}{36}$$

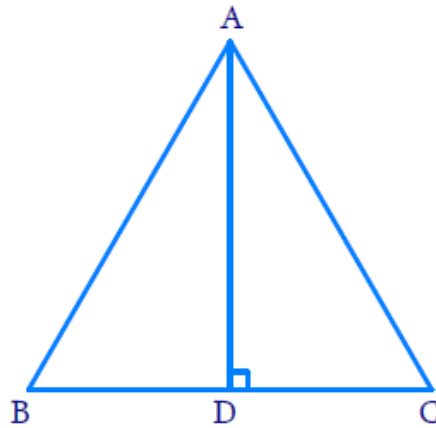
$$= \frac{27BC^2 + BC^2}{36}$$

$$36AD^2 = 28BC^2$$

$$9AD^2 = 7AB^2 \text{ [}\because AB = BC = CA\text{]}$$

Q16. In an equilateral triangle, prove that three times the square of one side is equal to four times the square of one of its altitudes.

Diagram



We have to prove $3BC^2 = 4AD^2$

Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning :

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution

In $\triangle ABC$

$$AB = BC = CA$$

$$AD \perp BC \Rightarrow BD = CD = \frac{BC}{2}$$

Now In $\triangle ADC$

$$AC^2 = AD^2 + CD^2$$

$$BC^2 = AD^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 \left[AC = BC \text{ and } CD = \frac{BC}{2} \right]$$

$$BC^2 = AD^2 + \frac{BC^2}{4}$$

$$BC^2 - \frac{BC^2}{4} = AD^2$$

$$\frac{3BC^2}{4} = AD^2$$

$$3BC^2 = 4AD^2$$

Q17. Tick the correct answer and justify : In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = 6\sqrt{3}$ cm , $AC = 12$ cm and $BC = 6$ cm. The angle B is

(A) 120° (B) 60° (C) 90° (D) 45°

Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Theorem 6.8

Solution: (c)

In $\triangle ABC$

$$AB = 6\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}; AC = 12 \text{ cm}; BC = 6 \text{ cm}$$

$$AB^2 = 108 \text{ cm}^2; AC^2 = 144 \text{ cm}^2; BC^2 = 36 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$AB^2 + BC^2 = (108 + 36) \text{ cm}^2$$

$$= 144 \text{ cm}^2$$

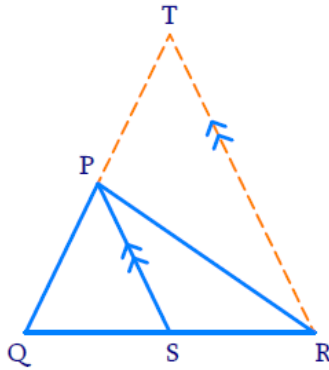
$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$$

Pythagoras theorem is satisfied

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABC = 90^\circ$$

Exercise 6.6 (Page 152 of Grade 10 NCERT)

Q1. In Fig. 6.50, PS is the bisector of $\angle QPR$ of $\triangle PQR$. Prove that $\frac{QS}{SR} = \frac{PQ}{PR}$



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.1 : If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

Solution:

Draw a line parallel to PS, through R, which intersect QP produced at T

Therefore $PS \parallel RT$

In $\triangle QPR$

$$\angle QPS = \angle SPR \text{ (Since PS is the bisector of } \angle QPR) \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{But } \angle PRT = \angle SPR \text{ (alternate interior angles)} \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

$$\angle QPS = \angle PTR \text{ (Corresponding angles)} \dots\dots\dots (iii)$$

From (i) , (ii) , (iii)

$$\angle PTR = \angle PRT$$

$$PR = PT \dots\dots\dots (iv)$$

(Since in a triangle, sides opposite to the equal angles are equal)

In $\triangle QSP, \triangle QRT$,

$$\triangle QRT \sim \triangle QSP$$

$$\frac{QS}{SR} = \frac{QP}{PT} \quad (\text{Corresponding sides are in same ratio})$$

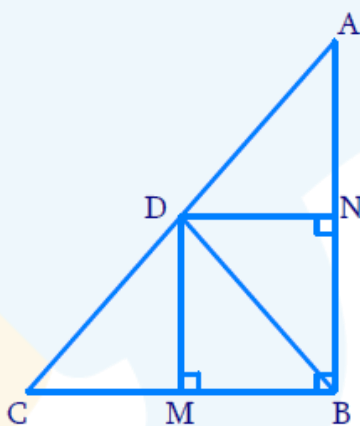
$$\frac{QS}{SR} = \frac{QP}{PR} \quad (\text{From iv})$$

Q2. In Fig. 6.57, D is a point on hypotenuse AC of $\triangle ABC$, such that $BD \perp AC$, $DM \perp BC$ and $DN \perp AB$.

Prove that:

(a) $DM^2 = DN \cdot MC$

(b) $DN^2 = DM \cdot AN$



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.1 : If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar. This may be referred to as the **AA similarity criterion** for two triangles.

Solution:

(i) In quadrilateral $\triangle MBN$

$$DM \perp BC \text{ and } DN \perp AB$$

DMBN is a rectangle.

$$DM = BN \text{ and } DN = MB \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

In $\triangle DCM$

$$\angle DCM + \angle DMC + \angle CDM = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle DCM + 90^\circ + \angle CDM = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle DCM + \angle CDM = 90^\circ \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\text{But } \angle CDM + \angle BDM = 90^\circ \dots\dots\dots(iii)$$

$$\text{Since } BD \perp AC$$

From (ii) and (iii)

$$\angle DCM + \angle BDM \dots\dots\dots(iv)$$

In $\triangle BDM$

$$\angle DBM + \angle BDM = 90^\circ$$

$$DM \perp BC \dots\dots\dots(v)$$

From (iii) and (v)

$$\angle CDM = \angle DBM \dots\dots\dots(vi)$$

Now in $\triangle DCM, \triangle DBM$

$$\triangle DCM \sim \triangle DBM \text{ (From 4 and 6 AA criterion)}$$

$$\frac{BM}{MD} = \frac{MD}{MC} \text{ (Corresponding sides are in same ratio)}$$

$$MD^2 = BM \cdot MC$$

$$MD^2 = DN \cdot MC \text{ (} BM = DN \text{)}$$

(ii) In $\triangle BDN$

$$\angle BDN + \angle DBN = 90^\circ \text{ (Since } DN \perp AB \text{)} \dots\dots\dots(vii)$$

$$\text{But } \angle ADN + \angle BDN = 90^\circ \text{ (Since } BD \perp AC \text{)} \dots\dots\dots(viii)$$

From (vii) and (viii)

$$\angle DBN = \angle ADN \quad \text{_____ (ix)}$$

In $\triangle ADN$

$$\angle DAN + \angle ADN = 90^\circ \text{ (Since } DN \perp AC \text{).....(x)}$$

$$\text{But } \angle BDN + \angle ADN = 90^\circ \text{(xi)}$$

From (xi) and (x)

$$\angle DAN = \angle BDN \text{(xii)}$$

Now in $\triangle BDN, \triangle DAN$,

$\triangle BDN \sim \triangle DAN$ (From ix and xii AA criterion)

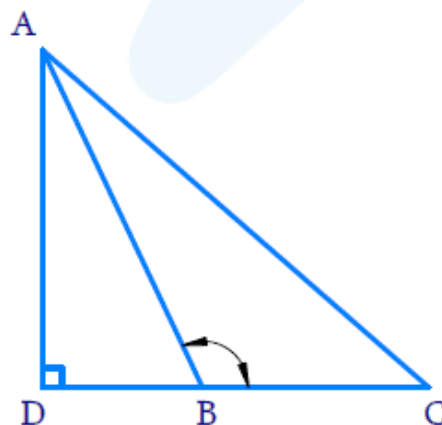
$$\frac{BN}{DN} = \frac{DN}{AN} \text{ (Corresponding sides are in same ratio)}$$

$$DN^2 = BN \cdot AN$$

$$DN^2 = DN \cdot AN [BN = DM]$$

Q3. In Fig. 6.58, ABC is a triangle in which $\angle ABC > 90^\circ$ and $AD \perp CB$ produced. Prove that:

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + 2BC \cdot BD$$



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

In $\triangle ADC$

$$\angle ADC = 90^\circ$$

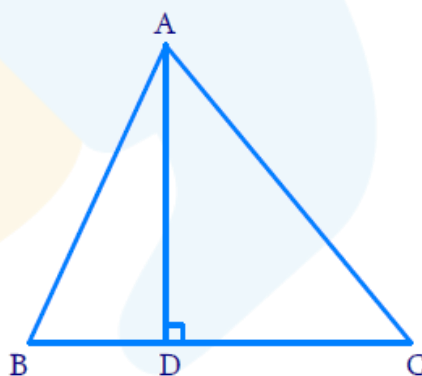
$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow AC^2 &= AD^2 + CD^2 \\ &= AD^2 + [BD + BC]^2 \\ &= AD^2 + BD^2 + BC^2 + 2BC \cdot BD \\ AC^2 &= AB^2 + BC^2 + 2BC \cdot BD\end{aligned}$$

(\therefore In $\angle ADB$, $AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$ by Pythagoras Theorem)

Q4. In Fig. 6.59, ABC is a triangle in which $\angle ABC < 90^\circ$ and $AD \perp BC$.

Prove that:

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2BC \cdot BD$$



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

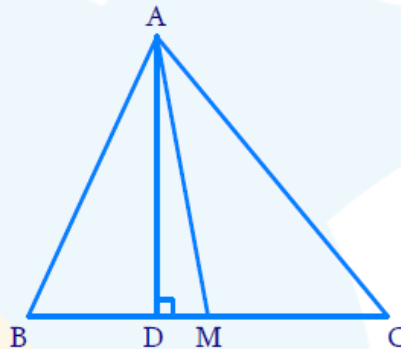
In $\triangle ADC$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \angle ADC &= 90^\circ \\
 AC^2 &= AD^2 + DC^2 \\
 &= AD^2 + [BD - BC]^2 \\
 &= AD^2 + BD^2 + BC^2 - 2BC \cdot BD \\
 AC^2 &= AB^2 + BC^2 - 2BC \cdot BD
 \end{aligned}$$

Q5. In Fig. 6.60, AD is a median of a triangle ABC and $AM \perp BC$.

Prove that:

- i) $AC^2 = AD^2 + BC \cdot DM + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2$
- ii) $AB^2 = AD^2 - BC \cdot DM + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2$
- iii) $AC^2 + AB^2 = 2AD^2 + \frac{1}{2}BC^2$



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

(i) In $\triangle AMC$

$$\angle AMC = 90^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 AC^2 &= AM^2 + MC^2 \\
 &= AM^2 + [MD + CD]^2 \\
 &= AM^2 + MD^2 + CD^2 + 2MD.CD \\
 &= AD^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 + 2MD.\frac{BC}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since, In $\triangle AMD$, $\angle AMD = 90^\circ$ and D is the midpoint of BC means $BD = CD = \frac{BC}{2}$

$$AC^2 = AD^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 + MD.BC \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

(ii) In $\triangle AMB$ $\triangle AMB$

$$\angle AMB = 90^\circ$$

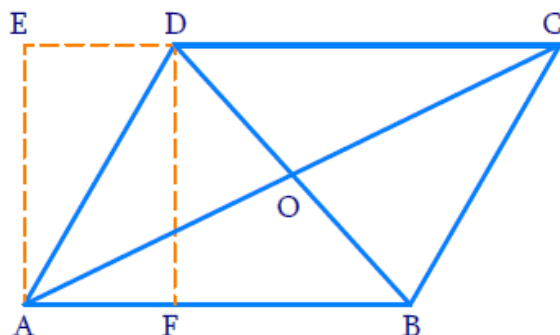
$$\begin{aligned}
 AB^2 &= AM^2 + BM^2 \\
 &= AM^2 + [BD - DM]^2 \\
 &= AM^2 + BD^2 + DM^2 - 2BD.DM \\
 &= AM^2 + DM^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 - 2 \times \frac{BC}{2} \times DM
 \end{aligned}$$

$$AB^2 = AD^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 - BC.DM \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

(iii) Adding (i) and (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 AC^2 + AB^2 &= AD^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 + BC.DM + AD^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 - BC.DM \\
 AC^2 + AB^2 &= 2AD^2 + 2\left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 \\
 &= 2AD^2 + \frac{BC^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q6. Prove that the sum of the squares of the diagonals of parallelogram is equal to the sum of the squares of its sides.



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

In parallelogram ABCD

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= CD \\ AD &= BC \end{aligned}$$

Draw $AE \perp CD$, $DF \perp AB$

$EA = DF$ (Perpendiculars drawn between same parallel lines)

In $\triangle AEC$

$$\begin{aligned} AC^2 &= AE^2 + EC^2 \\ &= AE^2 + [ED + DC]^2 \\ &= AE^2 + DE^2 + DC^2 + 2DE \cdot DC \\ AC^2 &= AD^2 + DC^2 + 2DE \cdot DC \dots\dots\dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

(Since $AD^2 = AE^2 + DE^2$)

In $\triangle DFB$

$$\begin{aligned} BD^2 &= DF^2 + BF^2 \\ &= DF^2 + [AB - AF]^2 \\ &= DF^2 + AB^2 + AF^2 - 2AB \cdot AF \\ &= AD^2 + AB^2 - 2AB \cdot AF \\ BD^2 &= AD^2 + AB^2 - 2AB \cdot AF \dots\dots\dots(ii) \end{aligned}$$

(Since $AD^2 = DF^2 + AF^2$)

Adding (i) and (ii)

$$AC^2 + BD^2 = AD^2 + DC^2 + 2DE \cdot DC + AD^2 + AB^2 - 2AB \cdot AF$$

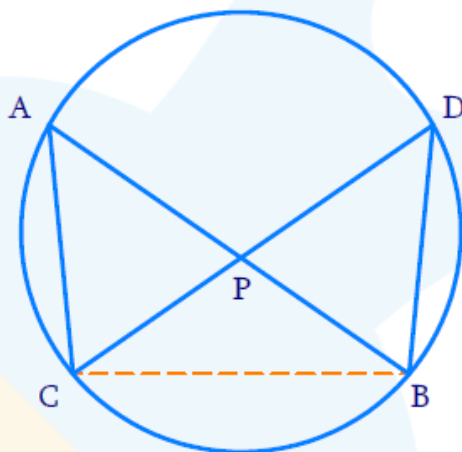
$$AC^2 + BD^2 = BC^2 + DC^2 + AD^2 + AB^2 + 2AB \cdot AF - 2AB \cdot F$$

(Since $AD = BC$ and $DE = AF$, $CD = AB$)

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 + BD^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + AD^2$$

Q7. In Fig. 6.61, two chords AB and CD intersect each other at the point P.
Prove that:

- (i) $\triangle APC \sim \triangle DPB$
- (ii) $AP \cdot PB = CP \cdot DP$



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

As we know that, two triangles, are similar if :

- (i) Their corresponding angles are equal
- (ii) Their corresponding sides are in the same ratio

The angles in the same segment of a circle are equal.

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

This may be referred to as the **AA similarity criterion** for two triangles.

Solution:

(i) In ,

$$\angle APC = \angle DPB \quad (\text{Vertically opposite angles})$$

$$\angle PAC = \angle PDB \quad (\text{Angles in the same segment})$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle APC \sim \triangle DPB \quad (\text{A.A criterion})$$

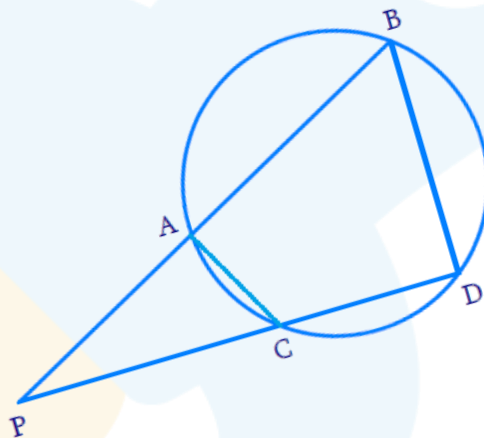
(ii) In $\triangle APC, \triangle DPB$

$$\frac{AP}{PD} = \frac{PC}{PB} = \frac{AC}{DB} [\triangle APC \sim \triangle DPB]$$

$$\frac{AP}{PD} = \frac{PC}{PB}$$

$$\Rightarrow AP \cdot PB = PC \cdot PD$$

Q8. In Fig. 6.62, two chords AB and CD of a circle intersect each other at the point P (when produced) outside the circle. Prove that

(i) $\triangle PAC \sim \triangle PDB$ (ii) $PA \cdot PB = PC \cdot PD$ **Difficulty Level: Medium****Reasoning:**

(i) Exterior angle of a cyclic quadrilateral is equal to the opposite interior angle.

Solution:(i) In , $\triangle PAC, \triangle PDB$

$$\angle APC = \angle BPD \quad (\text{Common angle})$$

$$\angle PAC = \angle PDB \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Exterior angle of a cyclic quadrilateral} \\ \text{is equal to the interior opposite angle.} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle PAC \sim \triangle PDB$$

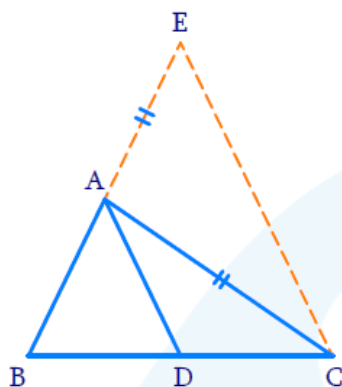
(ii) In $\triangle PAC, \triangle PDB$

$$\frac{PA}{PD} = \frac{PC}{PB} = \frac{AC}{BD}$$

$$\frac{PA}{PD} = \frac{PC}{PB}$$

$$PA \cdot PB = PC \cdot PD$$

Q9. In Fig. 6.63, D is a point on side BC of $\triangle ABC$ such that $\frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{BA}{CA}$. Prove that AD is the bisector of $\angle BAC$.



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

- (i) As we know that in an isosceles triangle, the angles opposite to equal sides are equal.
- (ii) **Theorem 6.2 Converse of BPT:** If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side.

Solution:

Extended BA to E such that $AE = AC$ and join CE.

In $\triangle AEC$

$$AE = AC \Rightarrow \angle AOE = \angle AEC \quad \text{_____ (i)}$$

It is given that

$$\frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{BA}{CA}$$

$$\frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{BA}{AE} (\because AC = AE) \quad \text{_____ (ii)}$$

In $\triangle ABD, \triangle EBC$

$AD \parallel EC$ (Converse of BPT)

$\Rightarrow \angle BAD = \angle BEC$ (Corresponding angles) _____ (iii)

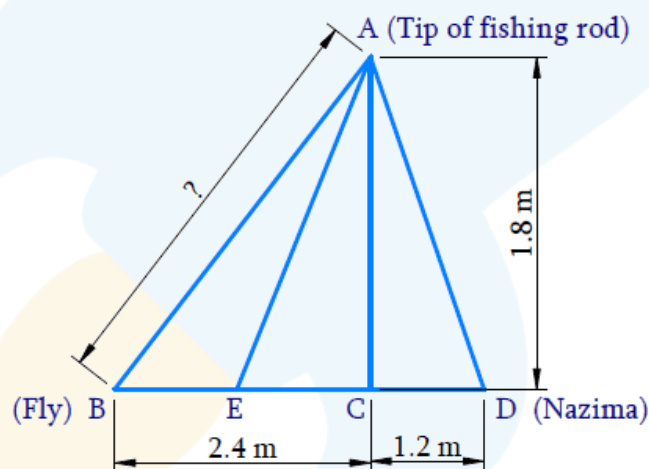
and $\angle DAC = \angle ACE$ (Alternative Angles) _____ (iv)

From (i) , (iii) and (iv)

$$\angle BAD = \angle DAC$$

$\Rightarrow AD$ is the bisector of $\angle BAC$

Q10. Nazima is fly fishing in a stream. The tip of her fishing rod is 1.8 m above the surface of the water and the fly at the end of the string rests on the water 3.6 m away and 2.4 m from a point directly under the tip of the rod. Assuming that her string (from the tip of her rod to the fly) is taut, how much string does she have out (see Fig. 6.64)? If she pulls in the string at the rate of 5 cm per second, what will be the horizontal distance of the fly from her after 12 seconds?



Difficulty Level: Medium

Reasoning:

Theorem 6.8 Pythagoras Theorem : In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.

Solution:

To find AB and ED

$BD = 3.6$ m , $BC = 2.4$ m , $CD = 1.2$ m

$AC = 1.8$ cm

In $\triangle ACB$

$$\begin{aligned}AB^2 &= AC^2 + BC^2 \\&= (1.8)^2 + (2.4)^2 \\&= 3.24 + 5.76 \\AB^2 &= 9.00\end{aligned}$$

Length of the string out AB = 3m

Let the fly at E after 12 seconds

String pulled in 12 seconds = 12×5

$$= 60 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 0.6 \text{ m}$$

$$AE = 3\text{m} - 0.6 \text{ m}$$

$$= 2.4 \text{ m}$$

Now In $\triangle ACE$

$$\begin{aligned}CE^2 &= AE^2 - AC^2 \\&= (2.4)^2 - (1.8)^2 \\CE^2 &= 5.76 - 3.24 \\&= 2.52 \\CE &= 1.587\text{m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}DE &= CE + CD \\&= 1.587 + 1.2 \\&= 2.787 \\DE &= 2.79 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

Horizontal distance of the fly after 12 seconds = 2.79 m