

Exercise 7.1



Question 1:

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

Answer 1:

In $\triangle ACB$ and $\triangle ADB$,

$$AC = AD$$

[\because Given]

$$\angle CAB = \angle DAB$$

[\because AB bisects angle A]

$$AB = AB$$

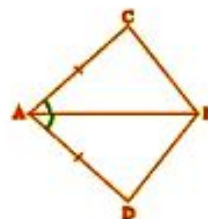
[\because Common]

$$\therefore \triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABD$$

[\because SAS Congruency Rule]

$$BC = BD$$

[\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]



Question 2:

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

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

$$(ii) BD = AC$$

$$(iii) \angle ABD = \angle BAC$$

Answer 2:

(i) In $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle BAC$,

$$AD = BC$$

[\because Given]

$$\angle DAB = \angle CBA$$

[\because Given]

$$AB = AB$$

[\because Common]

$$\text{Hence, } \triangle ABD \cong \triangle BAC$$

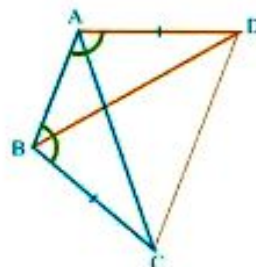
[\because SAS Congruency Rule]

$$(ii) BD = AC$$

[\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]

$$(iii) \angle ABD = \angle BAC$$

[\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]



Question 3:

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

Answer 3:

In $\triangle OCB$ and $\triangle ODA$,

$$\angle BOC = \angle AOD$$

[\because Vertically Opposite Angles]

$$\angle CBO = \angle DAO$$

[\because Each 90°]

$$BC = AD$$

[\because Given]

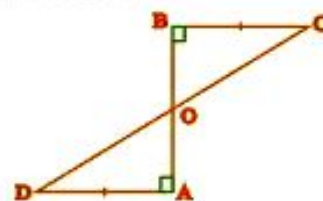
$$\text{Hence, } \triangle OCB \cong \triangle ODA$$

[\because AAS Congruency Rule]

$$BO = AO$$

[\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]

Hence, CD bisects AB .



Question 4:

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

Answer 4:

In $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle CDA$,

$$\angle BAC = \angle ACD$$

[\because Alternate Angles]

$$AC = AC$$

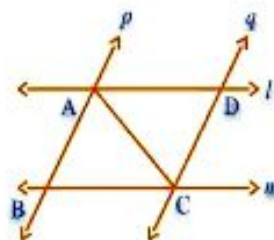
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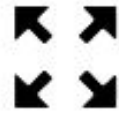
$$\angle BCA = \angle DAC$$

[\because Alternate Angles]

$$\text{Hence, } \triangle ABC \cong \triangle CDA$$

[\because ASA Congruency Rule]





Question 5:

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

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

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

Answer 5:

(i) In $\triangle APB$ and $\triangle AQB$,

$\angle APB = \angle AQB$

[\because Each 90°]

$\angle PAB = \angle QAB$

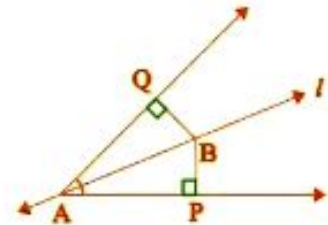
[\because Line l bisects angle A]

$AB = AB$

[\because Common]

Hence, $\triangle APB \cong \triangle AQB$

[\because AAS Congruency Rule]



(ii) $BP = BQ$

[\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]

Question 6:

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

Answer 6:

$\angle BAD = \angle EAC$

[\because Given]

Adding $\angle DAC$ both sides, we have

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

$\Rightarrow \angle BAC = \angle EAD$

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

$AB = AD$

[\because Given]

$\angle BAC = \angle EAD$

[\because Proved above]

$AC = AE$

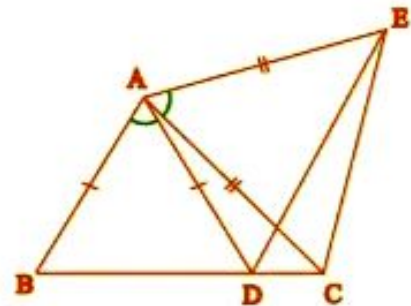
[\because Given]

Hence, $\triangle BAC \cong \triangle DAE$

[\because SAS Congruency Rule]

$BC = DE$

[\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]



Question 7:

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

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

(ii) $AD = BE$

Answer 7:

(i) $\angle EPA = \angle DPB$

[\because Given]

Adding $\angle EPD$ both sides, we have

$\angle EPA + \angle EPD = \angle DPB + \angle EPD$

$\Rightarrow \angle APD = \angle BPE$

In $\triangle DAP$ and $\triangle EBP$,

$\angle A = \angle B$

[\because Given]

$AP = PB$

[\because P is mid-point of line segment AB]

$\angle APD = \angle BPE$

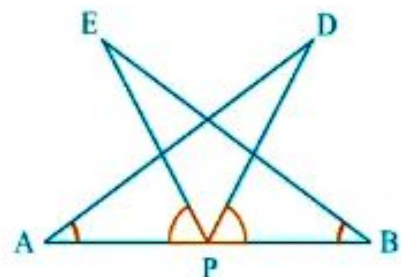
[\because Proved above]

Hence, $\triangle DAP \cong \triangle EBP$

[\because ASA Congruency Rule]

(ii) $AD = BE$

[\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]



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Question 8:

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

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

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

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

Answer 8:

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

$CM = DM$

$\angle AMC = \angle BMD$

$AM = MB$

Hence, $\triangle AMC \cong \triangle BMD$

[\because Given]

[\because Vertically Opposite Angles]

[\because M is the mid-point of line segment AB]

[\because SAS Congruency Rule]

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

$\angle CAM = \angle DBM$

[\because Proved above]

[\because Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]

Since, alternate angles ($\angle CAM$ and $\angle DBM$) are equal, therefore $AC \parallel BD$.

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

[\because Co-interior angles]

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

[\because Angle C is right angle]

$\Rightarrow \angle DBC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ$

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

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

$DB = AC$

[$\because \triangle AMC \cong \triangle BMD$]

$\angle DBC = \angle ACB$

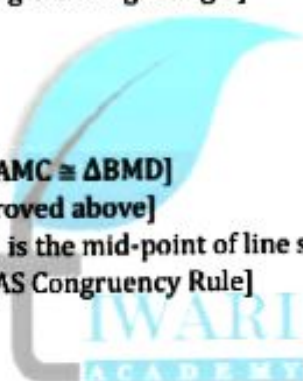
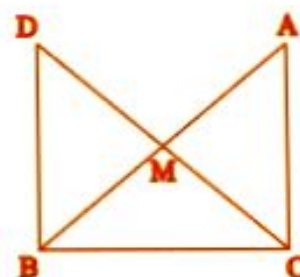
[\because Proved above]

$BC = BC$

[\because M is the mid-point of line segment AB]

Hence, $\triangle DBC \cong \triangle ACB$

[\because SAS Congruency Rule]





Question 1:

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

(i) $OB = OC$

(ii) AO bisects $\angle A$

Answer 1:

(i) In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = AC$

Hence, $\angle ACB = \angle ABC$

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

$$\Rightarrow \angle ACO = \angle ABO$$

In $\triangle ABO$ and $\triangle ACO$,

$$AB = AC$$

$$\angle ABO = \angle ACO$$

$$AO = AO$$

Hence, $\triangle ABO \cong \triangle ACO$

$$OB = OC$$

(ii) $\triangle ABO \cong \triangle ACO$

$$\angle BAO = \angle CAO$$

Hence, OA bisects angle A.

[\because Given]

[\because Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

[\because OB and OC bisect $\angle B$ and $\angle C$ respectively]

[\because Given]

[\because Proved above]

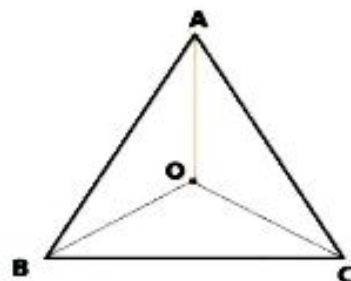
[\because Common]

[\because SAS Congruency Rule]

[\because CPCT]

[\because Proved above]

[\because CPCT]



Question 2:

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

Answer 2:

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

$$BD = DC$$

$$\angle ADB = \angle ADC$$

$$AD = AD$$

Hence, $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$

$$AB = AC$$

Hence, $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle.

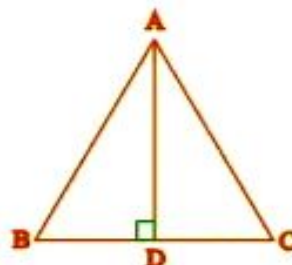
[\because AD bisects BC]

[\because Each 90°]

[\because Common]

[\because SAS Congruency Rule]

[\because CPCT]



Question 3:

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

Answer 3:

In $\triangle ABE$ and $\triangle ACF$,

$$\angle AEB = \angle AFC$$

$$\angle A = \angle A$$

$$AB = AC$$

Hence, $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$

$$BE = CF$$

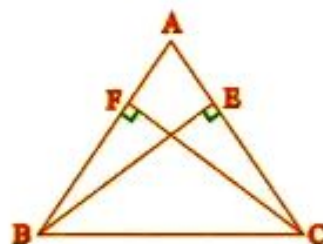
[\because Each 90°]

[\because Common]

[\because Given]

[\because AAS Congruency Rule]

[\because CPCT]



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Question 4:

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

(i) $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$

(ii) $AB = AC$, i.e., ABC is an isosceles triangle.

Answer 4:

(i) In $\triangle ABE$ and $\triangle ACF$,

$$\angle AEB = \angle AFC$$

[\because Each 90°]

$$\angle A = \angle A$$

[\because Common]

$$BE = CF$$

[\because Given]

Hence, $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$

[\because AAS Congruency Rule]

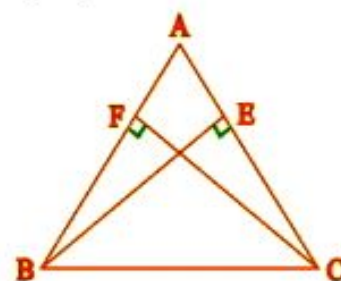
(ii) In $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$

[\because Proved above]

$$AB = AC$$

[\because CPCT]

Hence, $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle.



Question 5:

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

Answer 5:

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$AB = AC$$

[\because Given]

$$\angle ABC = \angle ACB$$

... (1) [\because Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

In $\triangle DBC$,

$$DB = DC$$

[\because Given]

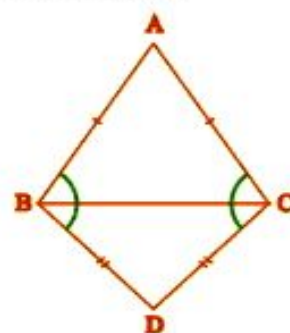
$$\angle DBC = \angle DCB$$

... (2) [\because Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

Adding equation (1) and (2), we get

$$\angle ABC + \angle DBC = \angle ACB + \angle DCB$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABD = \angle ACD$$



Question 6:

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

Answer 6:

In $\triangle ACD$,

$$AB = AC$$

[\because Given]

$$\angle ACD = \angle D$$

... (1) [\because Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$AB = AC$$

[\because Given]

$$\angle B = \angle ACB$$

... (2) [\because Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

In $\triangle DBC$,

$$\angle D + \angle B + \angle BCD = 180^\circ$$

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

[\because From the equation (1) and (2)]

$$\Rightarrow \angle BCD + \angle BCD = 180^\circ$$

[$\because \angle ACD + \angle ACB = \angle BCD$]

$$\Rightarrow 2\angle BCD = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BCD = \frac{180^\circ}{2} = 90^\circ$$

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



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Question 7:

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

Answer 7:

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$AB = AC$$

[\because Given]

$$\angle B = \angle C$$

[\because Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

In $\triangle ABC$,

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

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

[$\because \angle A = 90^\circ$]

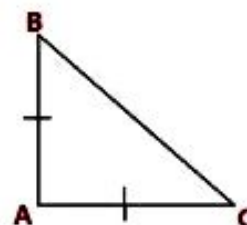
$$\Rightarrow 90^\circ + \angle B + \angle B = 180^\circ$$

[$\because \angle C = \angle B$]

$$\Rightarrow 2\angle B = 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle B = \frac{90^\circ}{2} = 45^\circ$$

Hence, $\angle B = \angle C = 90^\circ$



Question 8:

Show that the angles of an equilateral triangle are 60° each.

Answer 8:

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$AB = AC$$

[\because Given]

$$\angle C = \angle B$$

... (1) [\because Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

Similarly,

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$AB = BC$$

[\because Given]

$$\angle C = \angle A$$

... (2) [\because Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

From the equation (1) and (2), we have

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

... (3)

In $\triangle ABC$,

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

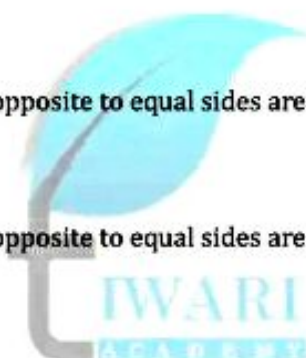
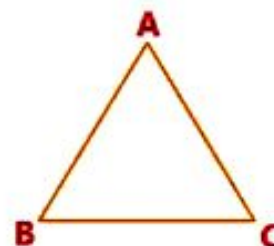
$$\Rightarrow \angle A + \angle A + \angle A = 180^\circ$$

[\because From the equation (3)]

$$\Rightarrow 3\angle A = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = \frac{180^\circ}{3} = 60^\circ$$

Hence, $\angle A = \angle B = \angle C = 60^\circ$



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Exercise 7.3



Question 1:

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

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

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

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

(iv) AP is the perpendicular bisector of BC .

Answer 1:

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

$AB = AC$

[\because Given]

$BD = CD$

[\because Given]

$AD = AD$

[\because Common]

Hence, $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$

[\because SSS Congruency Rule]

(ii) In $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$

[\because Proved above]

$\angle BAD = \angle CAD$

[\because CPCT]

In $\triangle ABP$ and $\triangle ACP$,

$AB = AC$

[\because Given]

$\angle BAP = \angle CAP$

[\because Proved above]

$AP = AP$

[\because Common]

Hence, $\triangle ABP \cong \triangle ACP$

[\because SAS Congruency Rule]

(iii) In $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$

[\because Proved above]

$\angle BAD = \angle CAD$

[\because CPCT]

$\angle BDA = \angle CDA$

[\because CPCT]

Hence, AP bisects both the angles A and D .

(iv) In $\triangle ABP \cong \triangle ACP$

[\because Proved above]

$BP = CP$

[\because CPCT]

$\angle BPA = \angle CPA$

[\because CPCT]

$\angle BPA + \angle CPA = 180^\circ$

[\because Linear Pair]

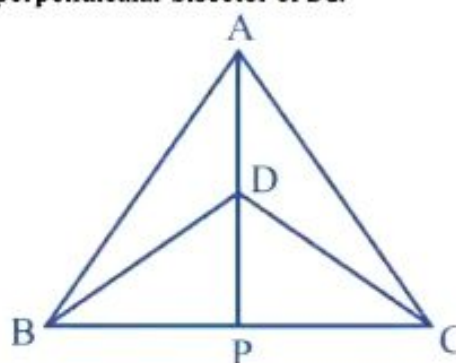
$\Rightarrow \angle CPA + \angle CPA = 180^\circ$

[$\because \angle BPA = \angle CPA$]

$\Rightarrow 2\angle CPA = 180^\circ$

$\Rightarrow \angle CPA = \frac{180^\circ}{2} = 90^\circ$

$\Rightarrow AP$ is perpendicular to BC . $\Rightarrow AP$ is perpendicular bisector of BC . [$\because BP = CP$]



Question 2:

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

(i) AD bisects BC

(ii) AD bisects $\angle A$.

Answer 2:

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

$\angle ADB = \angle ADC$

[\because Each 90°]

$AB = AC$

[\because Given]

$AD = AD$

[\because Common]

Hence, $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$

[\because RHS Congruency Rule]

$BD = DC$

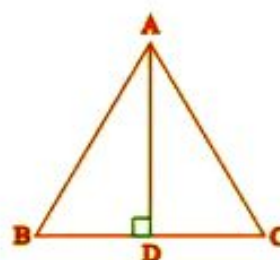
[\because CPCT]

Hence, AD bisects BC .

(ii) $\angle BAD = \angle CAD$

[\because CPCT]

Hence, AD bisects angle A .



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Question 3:

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

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

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

Answer 3:

(i) Given that: $BC = QR$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}BC = \frac{1}{2}QR \Rightarrow BM = QN$$

[\because AM and PN are medians]

In $\triangle ABM$ and $\triangle PQN$,

$$AB = PQ$$

[\because Given]

$$AM = PN$$

[\because Given]

$$BM = QN$$

[\because Proved Above]

Hence, $\triangle ABM \cong \triangle PQN$

[\because SSS Congruency Rule]

(ii) In $\triangle ABM \cong \triangle PQN$

[\because Proved Above]

$$\angle B = \angle Q$$

[\because CPCT]

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

$$AB = PQ$$

[\because Given]

$$\angle B = \angle Q$$

[\because Proved Above]

$$BC = QR$$

[\because Given]

Hence, $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PQR$

[\because SAS Congruency Rule]



Question 4:

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

Answer 4:

In $\triangle FBC$ and $\triangle ECB$,

$$\angle BFC = \angle CEB$$

[\because Each 90°]

$$BC = BC$$

[\because Common]

$$FC = BE$$

[\because Given]

Hence, $\triangle FBC \cong \triangle ECB$

[\because RHS Congruency Rule]

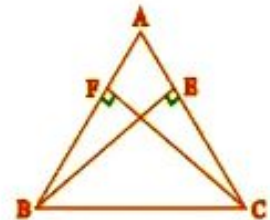
$$\angle FBC = \angle ECB$$

[\because CPCT]

$$\Rightarrow AC = AB$$

[\because Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

Hence, $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle.



Question 5:

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

Answer 5:

In $\triangle ABP$ and $\triangle ACP$,

$$\angle APB = \angle APC$$

[\because Each 90°]

$$AB = AC$$

[\because Given]

$$AP = AP$$

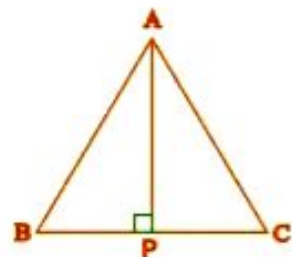
[\because Common]

Hence, $\triangle ABP \cong \triangle ACP$

[\because RHS Congruency Rule]

$$\angle B = \angle C$$

[\because CPCT]



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Exercise 7.4



Question 1:

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

Answer 1:

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

[\because Given]

Therefore, $\angle A < 90^\circ$ and $\angle C < 90^\circ$

[$\because \angle A + \angle C = 90^\circ$]

Hence, in $\triangle ABC$,

$\angle B > \angle C$

[$\because \angle B = 90^\circ$ and $\angle C < 90^\circ$]

$AC > AB$... (1)

[\because In a triangle, greater angle has longer side opposite to it]

Similarly, in $\triangle ABC$, $\angle B > \angle A$

[$\because \angle B = 90^\circ$ and $\angle A < 90^\circ$]

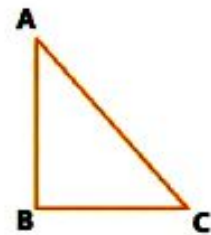
$AC > BC$... (2)

[\because In a triangle, greater angle has longer side opposite to it]

From the equation (1) and (2), we have

$AC > AB$ and $AC > BC$

Hence, hypotenuse AC is the longest side.



Question 2:

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

Answer 2:

$\angle PBC + \angle ABC = 180^\circ$

[\because Linear Pair]

$\Rightarrow \angle PBC = 180^\circ - \angle ABC$... (1)

Similarly,

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

[\because Linear Pair]

$\Rightarrow \angle QCB = 180^\circ - \angle ACB$... (2)

Given that:

$\angle PBC < \angle QCB$

$\Rightarrow 180^\circ - \angle ABC < 180^\circ - \angle ACB$

[\because From the equation (1) and (2)]

$\Rightarrow -\angle ABC < -\angle ACB$

$\Rightarrow \angle ABC > \angle ACB$... (3)

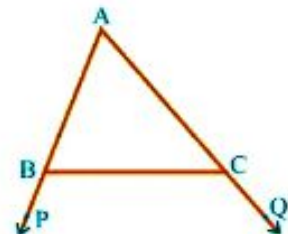
In $\triangle ABC$,

$\angle ABC > \angle ACB$

[\because From the equation (3)]

Hence, $AC > AB$

[\because In a triangle, greater angle has longer side opposite to it]



Question 3:

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

Answer 3:

In $\triangle ABO$,

$\angle B < \angle A$ [\because Given]

Hence, $AO < BO$... (1)

[\because In a triangle, greater angle has longer side opposite to it]

Similarly,

In $\triangle CDO$,

$\angle C < \angle D$ [\because Given]

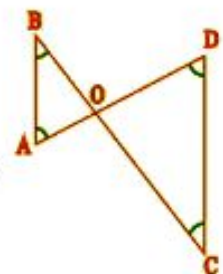
Hence, $DO < CO$... (2)

[\because In a triangle, greater angle has longer side opposite to it]

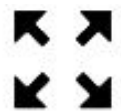
From the equation (1) and (2), we have

$AO + DO < BO + CO$

$\Rightarrow AD < BC$



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Question 4:

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

Answer 4:

Construction: Join AC.

In $\triangle ABC$, $BC > AB$ [\because AB is the shortest side of the quadrilateral ABCD]
Hence, $\angle 1 > \angle 3$... (1) [\because In a triangle, longer side has greater angle opposite to it]

Similarly,

In $\triangle ADC$,
 $CD > AD$ [\because CD is the longest side of the quadrilateral ABCD]
Hence, $\angle 2 > \angle 4$... (2) [\because In a triangle, longer side has greater angle opposite to it]

From the equation (1) and (2), we have

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

$$\Rightarrow \angle A > \angle C$$

Construction: Join BD.

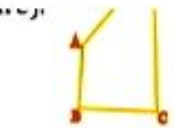
In $\triangle ABD$, $AD > AB$ [\because AB is the shortest side of the quadrilateral ABCD]
Hence, $\angle 5 > \angle 7$... (3) [\because In a triangle, longer side has greater angle opposite to it]

Similarly,

In $\triangle BDC$, $CD > BC$ [\because CD is the longest side of the quadrilateral ABCD]
Hence, $\angle 6 > \angle 8$... (4) [\because In a triangle, longer side has greater angle opposite to it]

From the equation (3) and (4), we have

$$\angle 5 + \angle 6 > \angle 7 + \angle 8 \Rightarrow \angle B > \angle D$$



Question 5:

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

Answer 5:

In $\triangle PQR$,

$PR > PQ$ [\because Given]

Hence, $\angle Q > \angle R$ [\because In a triangle, longer side has greater angle opposite to it]

Adding $\angle RPS$ both sides,

$$\angle Q + \angle RPS > \angle R + \angle RPS$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle Q + \angle RPS > \angle PSQ$$

[\because $\angle PSQ$ is exterior angle of triangle PSR]

$$\Rightarrow \angle Q + \angle QPS > \angle PSQ$$

[$\because \angle RPS = \angle QPS$]

$$\Rightarrow \angle PSR > \angle PSQ$$

[$\because \angle PSR$ is exterior angle of triangle PQS]



Question 6:

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

Answer 6:

Given: FB is a line and A is a point outside of FB.

To Prove: AB is smallest line segment.

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

[\because Given]

Therefore, $\angle BAC < 90^\circ$ and $\angle ACB < 90^\circ$

$$[\because \angle BAC + \angle ACB = 90^\circ]$$

Hence, in $\triangle ABC$, $\angle B > \angle ACB$

$$[\because \angle B = 90^\circ \text{ and } \angle ACB < 90^\circ]$$

$AC > AB$

[\because In a triangle, greater angle has longer side opposite to it]

Similarly, $AD > AB$, $AE > AB$ and $AF > AB$,

Hence, AB is the smallest line.

