

11. Similarity

Exercise 11.1

1. Question

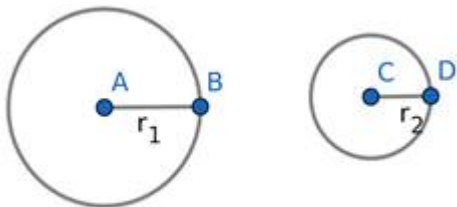
Fill in the blanks:

- (i) All circles are
- (ii) All squares are
- (iii) All triangles are similar.
- (iv) Two polygons with same number of sides are similar if
(a) (b).....

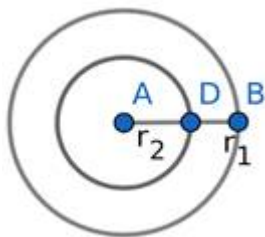
Answer

- (i) All circles are similar.

Let there be two circles of radii r_1 and r_2 .

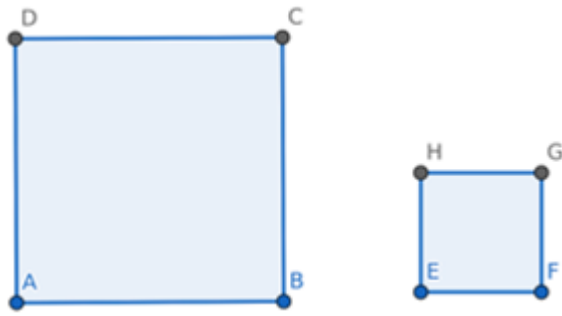


Now, shifting the centre of smaller circle to the bigger circle.



If we slowly increase the radius of smaller circle, it will coincide with bigger circle when $r_2 = r_1$. Thus, the circles are similar.

- (ii) All squares are similar.



Let there be two squares ABCD and EFGH. When the smaller square is kept at the centre of the square ABCD, then on increasing the side of EFGH both of them will coincide. Thus, they are similar.

Two polygons are similar if their corresponding angles are equal. The corresponding angles of the squares are 90° . Thus, they are similar.

(iii) All equiangular triangles are similar.

Two equiangular triangles have equal corresponding angles. Thus, they are similar by AA or AAA Similarity Rule.

(iv) Two polygons with same number of sides are similar if

(a) their all the corresponding angles are equal

(b) their corresponding sides are in the same ratio

2. Question

State whether the following statements are true or false:

(i) Two congruent figures are similar.

(ii) Two similar figures are congruent.

(iii) Two polygons are similar if their corresponding sides are proportional.

(iv) Two polygons are similar if their corresponding sides are proportional and the corresponding angles are equal.

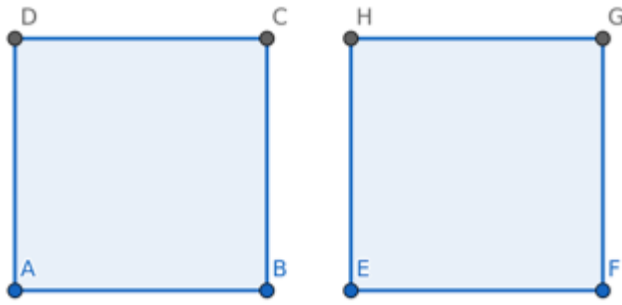
(v) Two polygons are similar if their corresponding angles are equal.

Answer

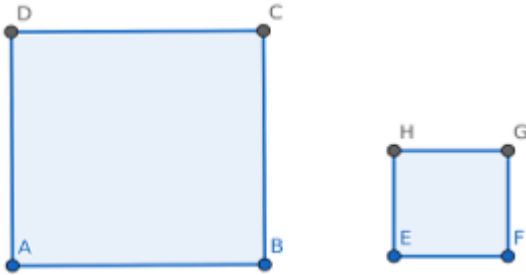
(i) True

Two figures are said to be congruent if their corresponding sides are equal and their corresponding angles are also equal.

For figures to be similar, the corresponding angles should be equal which is true in case of congruent figures. Thus, the congruent figures are also similar.



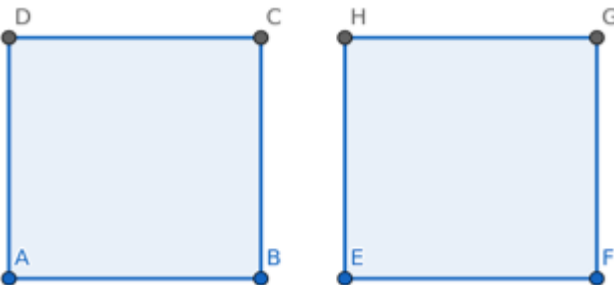
(ii) False



For figures to be similar, the corresponding angles are equal.

Two figures are said to be congruent if their corresponding sides are equal and their corresponding angles are also equal.

Thus, two similar figures are congruent only if their corresponding sides are equal.



(iii) False

Two polygons have proportional sides are similar if and only if the corresponding angles are also equal.

(iv) True

(v) True

Two polygons are similar if their corresponding sides are proportional and the corresponding angles are equal.

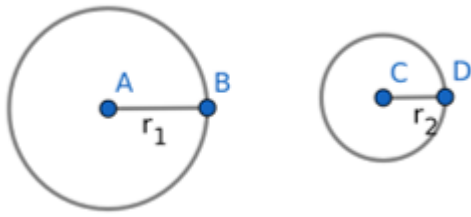
3. Question

Give two different examples of pairs of similar figures.

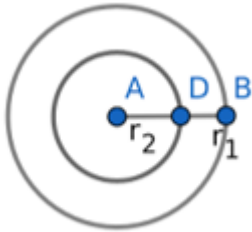
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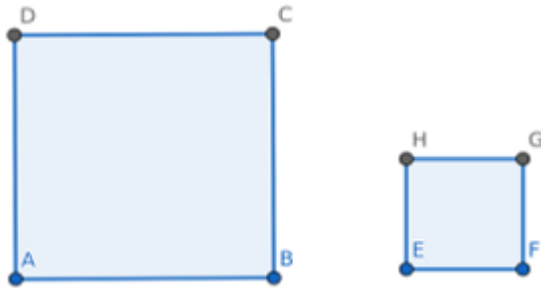


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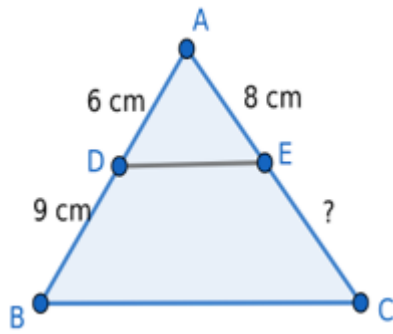
Exercise 11.2

1 A. Question

Point D and E lie on the sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$ such that $DE \parallel BC$. Then,

If $AD = 6$ cm, $DB = 9$ cm and $AE = 8$ cm then find the value of AC.

Answer



In $\triangle ABC$,

$\therefore DE \parallel BC$

$\therefore \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC}$ (By Thales Theorem)

$$\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{6}{15} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = \frac{5}{2} \times AE$$

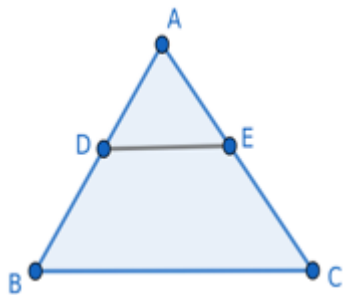
$$\Rightarrow AC = \frac{5}{2} \times 8 = 20 \text{ cm}$$

1 B. Question

Point D and E lie on the sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$ such that $DE \parallel BC$. Then,

If $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{4}{13}$ and $AC = 20.4 \text{ cm}$ then find the value of EC.

Answer



Given,

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{4}{13}$$

In $\triangle ABC$,

$\therefore DE \parallel BC$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \text{ (By Thales Theorem)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{4}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow EC = \frac{13}{4} \times AE$$

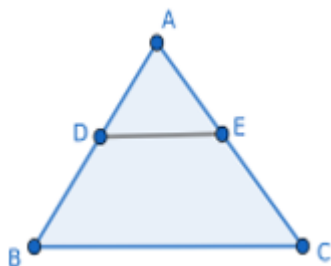
$$\Rightarrow EC = \frac{13}{4} \times 8 = 26 \text{ cm}$$

1 C. Question

Point D and E lie on the sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$ such that $DE \parallel BC$. Then,

If $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{4}{7}$ and $AE = 6.3 \text{ cm}$ then find the value of AC.

Answer



Given,

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{7}{4}$$

In $\triangle ABC$,

$\therefore DE \parallel BC$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \text{ (By Thales Theorem)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow EC = \frac{4}{7} \times AE$$

$$\Rightarrow EC = \frac{4}{7} \times 6.3 = 3.6 \text{ cm}$$

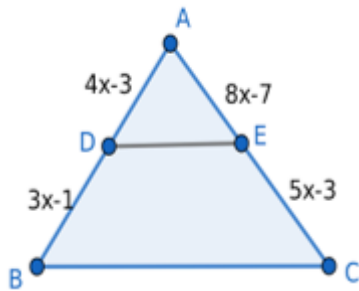
$$AC = AE + EC = 6.3 + 3.6 = 9.9 \text{ cm}$$

1 D. Question

Point D and E lie on the sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$ such that $DE \parallel BC$. Then,

If $AD = 4x - 3$, $AE = 8x - 7$, $BD = 3x - 1$ and $CE = 5x - 3$, then find the value of x .

Answer



Given,

$$AD = 4x - 3$$

$$BD = 3x - 1$$

$$AE = 8x - 7$$

$$CE = 5x - 3$$

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$\because DE \parallel BC$$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \text{ (By Thales Theorem)}$$

$$\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{4x - 3}{3x - 1}$$

$$\frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{8x - 7}{5x - 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4x - 3}{3x - 1} = \frac{8x - 7}{5x - 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (4x - 3)(5x - 3) = (8x - 7)(3x - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 20x^2 - 27x + 9 = 24x^2 - 29x + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 2x - 2 = 0$$

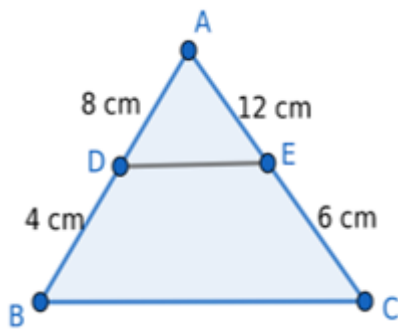
$$\Rightarrow x = 1, -1/2$$

2 A. Question

Two points D and E lie on sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$. Give the information that $DE \parallel BC$ is not true through the values given in the following questions:

AB = 12 cm, AD = 8 cm, AE = 12 cm and AC = 18 cm.

Answer



Suppose $DE \parallel BC$,

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

$\angle A = \angle A$ |common angle

$\angle ADE = \angle ABC$ |corresponding angles

$\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$ by AA Similarity Rule

By Thales Theorem,

$\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC}$ should be true for $DE \parallel BC$.

$$\text{Here, } \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{8}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{12}{18} = \frac{2}{3}$$

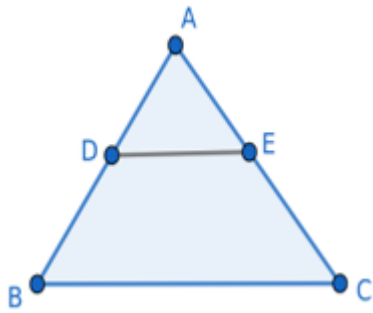
Hence, $DE \parallel BC$ is true.

2 B. Question

Two points D and E lie on sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$. Give the information that $DE \parallel BC$ is not true through the values given in the following questions:

AB = 5.6 cm, AD = 1.4 cm, AC = 9.0 cm and AE = 1.8 cm.

Answer



$$\text{Here, } \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{1.4}{5.6} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{1.8}{9.0} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{AD}{AB} \neq \frac{AE}{AC}$$

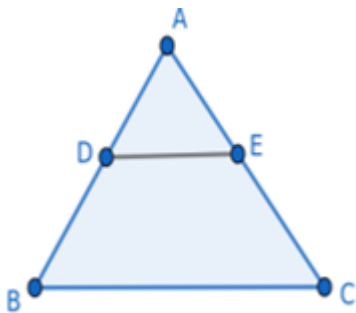
Hence, $DE \parallel BC$ is false.

2 C. Question

Two points D and E lie on sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$. Give the information that $DE \parallel BC$ is not true through the values given in the following questions:

AD = 10.5 cm, BD = 4.5 cm, AC = 4.8 cm and AE = 2.8 cm.

Answer



$$\text{Here, } \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{10.5}{10.5 + 4.5} = \frac{10.5}{15} = 7:10$$

$$\frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{2.8}{4.8} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$\frac{AD}{AB} \neq \frac{AE}{AC}$$

Hence, $DE \parallel BC$ is false.

2 D. Question

Two points D and E lie on sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$. Give the information that $DE \parallel BC$ is not true through the values given in the following questions:

AD = 5.7 cm, BD = 9.5 cm, AE = 3.3 cm and EC = 5.5 cm.

Answer

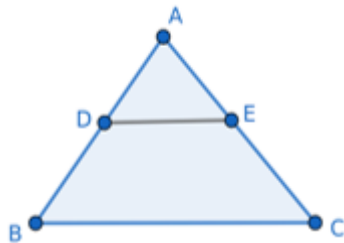
Given,

AD = 5.7 cm

BD = 9.5 cm

AE = 3.3 cm

EC = 5.5 cm.



$AB = AD + BD = 5.7 + 9.5 = 15.2$ cm

Here, $\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{5.7}{5.7 + 9.5} = \frac{5.7}{15.2} = 3:8$

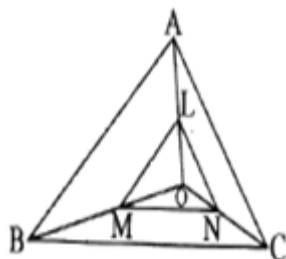
$\frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{3.3}{3.3 + 5.5} = \frac{3.3}{8.8} = 3:8$

$\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC}$

Hence, $DE \parallel BC$ is true.

3. Question

In the given figure points L, M and N respectively lie on OA, OB and OC such that $LM \parallel AB$ and $MN \parallel BC$. Then, show that $LN \parallel AC$.



Answer

In $\triangle OAB$ & $\triangle OLM$

LM||AB

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OL}{AL} = \frac{OM}{BM} \dots(1) \text{ |By Basic Proportionality Theorem(BPT)}$$

In $\triangle OMN$ & $\triangle OBC$,

MN||BC

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OM}{BM} = \frac{ON}{NC} \dots(2) \text{ |By BPT}$$

From (1)&(2)

$$\frac{OM}{BM} = \frac{ON}{NC} \dots(3)$$

In $\triangle OLN$ & $\triangle OAC$

$$\frac{OM}{BM} = \frac{ON}{NC}$$

$\Rightarrow LN||AC$ by Converse of BPT

Hence, proved.

4. Question

In $\triangle ABC$ points D and E are situated on sides AB and AC respectively such that $BD = CE$. If $\angle B = \angle C$ then show that $DE || BC$.

Answer

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

$$\angle B = \angle C \text{ |Given}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = AB \text{ |sides opposite to equal angles are equal}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = AC \dots(1)$$

Given,

$$BD = CE$$

Subtracting BD from AB and CE from AC,

$$\Rightarrow AB - BD = AC - CE$$

$$\Rightarrow AD = AE \text{ |...}(2)$$

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

From (1) and (2)

$$\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC}$$

$$\angle B = \angle C$$

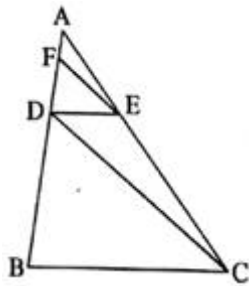
$\Rightarrow \triangle ABC \sim \triangle ADE$ by SAS Similarity Rule

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADE = \angle ABC$$

$\Rightarrow DE \parallel BC$ as all corresponding angles are equal.

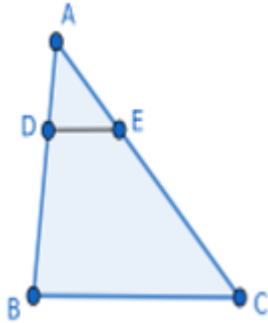
5. Question

In figure, if $DE \parallel BC$ and $CD \parallel EF$ then prove that $AD^2 = AB \times AF$.



Answer

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



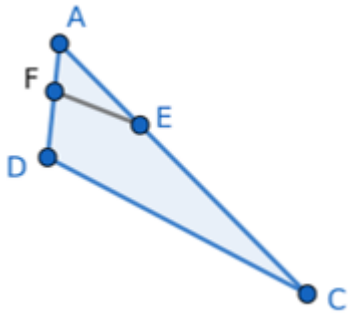
$$\angle A = \angle A \text{ |common angle}$$

$$\angle ADE = \angle ABC \text{ |corresponding angles}$$

$\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$ by AA Similarity Rule

$$\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} \dots (1)$$

In $\triangle AFE$ & $\triangle ADC$,



$\angle A = \angle A$ |common angle

$\angle AFE = \angle ADC$ |corresponding angles

$\triangle AFE \sim \triangle ADC$ by AA Similarity Rule

$$\frac{AF}{AD} = \frac{AE}{AC} \dots (2)$$

From (1) & (2),

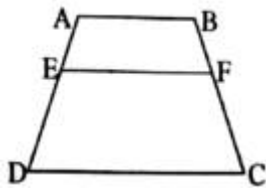
$$\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AF}{AD}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AB \times AF$$

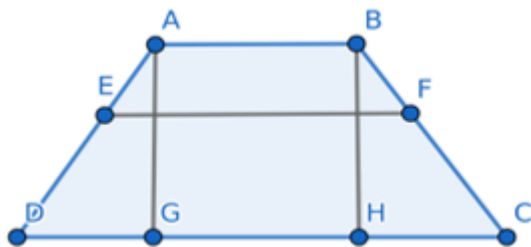
Hence, proved.

6. Question

In figure, if $EF \parallel DC \parallel AB$ then prove that $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$.

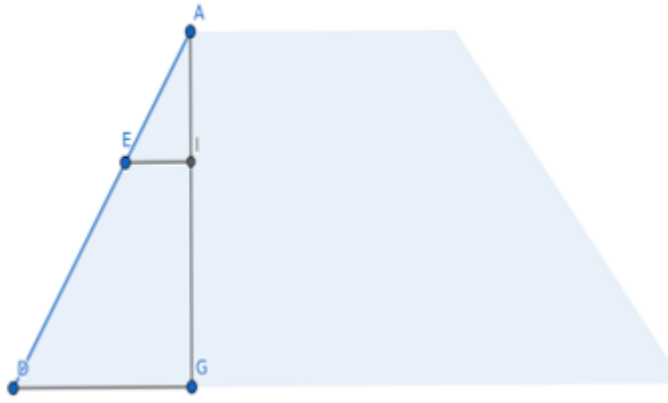


Answer



Let us drop a perpendicular AG and BH to CD cutting EF at I and J and CD.

In $\triangle ADG$ & $\triangle AEI$,



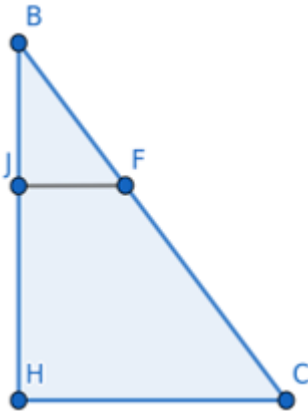
$$\angle AGD = \angle AIE \text{ |Right Angle}$$

$$\angle AEI = \angle ADG \text{ |corr. } \angle s$$

$\triangle ADG \sim \triangle AEI$ by AA Similarity Rule

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{AI}{IG}$$

In $\triangle BJF$ & $\triangle BHC$,



$$\angle BJF = \angle BHC \text{ |Right angle}$$

$$\angle BFJ = \angle BCH \text{ |corr. } \angle s$$

$\triangle BJF \sim \triangle BHC$ by AA Similarity Rule

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BJ}{BH} = \frac{BF}{FC}$$

In rectangle ABHG & ABJI,

$$AI = BJ \text{ ...(a) |opposite sides of rectangle are equal}$$

$$AG = BH \text{ ...(b) |opp. sides of rectangle}$$

From eqn. (b) - (a)

$$AG - AI = BH - BJ$$

$$\Rightarrow GI = HJ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AI}{IG} = \frac{BJ}{BH}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BF}{FC} = \frac{BJ}{BH} = \frac{AI}{IG} \dots (2)$$

From (1) & (2),

$$\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$$

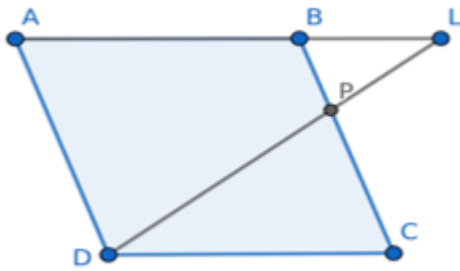
Hence, proved.

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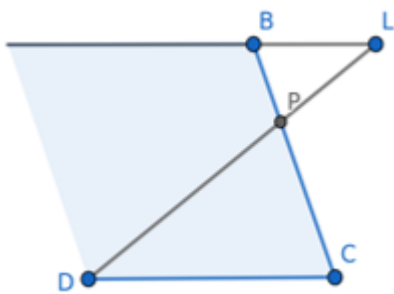
ABCD is a parallelogram on whose side BC a point P lies. It DP and AB are produced ahead then they meet at L. Then prove that

$$(i) \frac{DP}{PL} = \frac{DC}{BL} \quad (ii) \frac{DL}{DP} = \frac{AL}{DC}$$

Answer

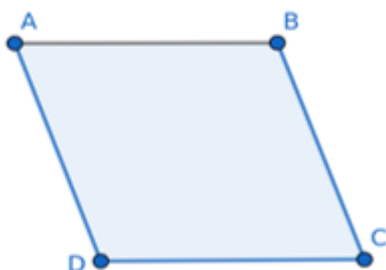


(i) In $\triangle DPC$ & $\triangle BPL$,



$\angle DPC = \angle BPL$ | vertically opposite \angle s

In ||gm ABCD,



$DC \parallel AB$ or $DC \parallel AL$,

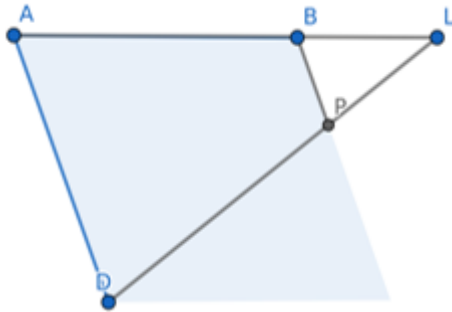
$$\Rightarrow \angle DCP = \angle LBP$$

$\triangle DPC \sim \triangle BPL$ by AA Similarity Rule

$$\frac{DP}{PL} = \frac{DC}{BL}$$

Hence, proved.

(ii) In $\triangle PLB$ & $\triangle DLA$,



$\angle L = \angle L$ | common angle

In $\parallel gm$ ABCD, $AD \parallel BC$ or $AD \parallel BP$,

$\Rightarrow \angle LPB = \angle LDC$ | corresponding angles

$\triangle PLB \sim \triangle DLA$ by AA Similarity Rule

$$\frac{PL}{DL} = \frac{BL}{AL} \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{DL}{PL} = \frac{AL}{BL}$$

Subtracting 1 from both sides of the above equation,

$$\frac{DL}{PL} - 1 = \frac{AL}{BL} - 1$$

$$\frac{DL - PL}{PL} = \frac{AL - BL}{BL}$$

$$\frac{DP}{PL} = \frac{AB}{BL} = \frac{DC}{BL} \dots (2)$$

Multiplying (1) & (2),

$$\frac{DP}{DL} = \frac{DC}{AL}$$

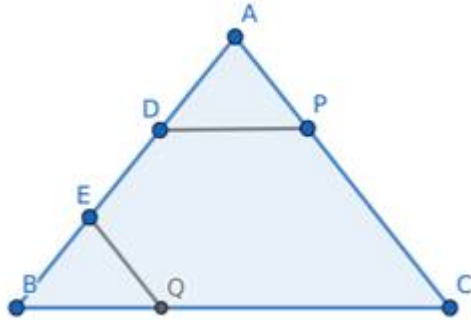
$$\text{Or, } \frac{DL}{DP} = \frac{AL}{DC}$$

Hence, proved.

8. Question

On side AB of $\triangle ABC$ two points D and E lie such that $AD = BE$. If $DP \parallel BC$ and $EQ \parallel AC$ then prove that $PQ \parallel AB$.

Answer



In $\triangle ABC$,

$EQ \parallel AC$

By Basic Proportionality Theorem,

$$\frac{BQ}{CQ} = \frac{BE}{AE}$$

$AD = BE$ | Given

$$AE = AD + DE = BE + ED = BD$$

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

In $\triangle ABC$,

$DP \parallel BC$

By Basic Proportionality Theorem,

$$\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AP}{PC} \dots (2)$$

From (1) & (2),

$$\frac{BQ}{CQ} = \frac{AP}{PC}$$

By Converse of BPT, $PQ \parallel AB$.

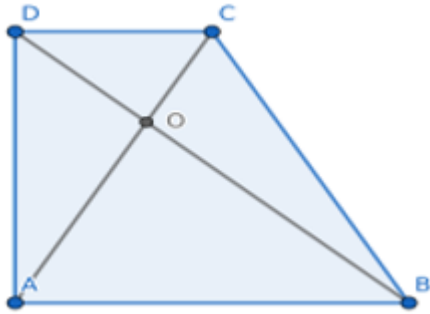
Hence, proved.

9. Question

ABCD is a trapezium in which $AB \parallel DC$ and its diagonals intersect at O. Show

that $\frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{CO}{DO}$.

Answer



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

$$\angle AOB = \angle COD$$

$$\angle ABO = \angle ODC$$

$$\angle OAB = \angle OCD$$

$\triangle AOB \sim \triangle COD$ by AAA Similarity Rule

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AO}{CO} = \frac{BO}{DO}$$

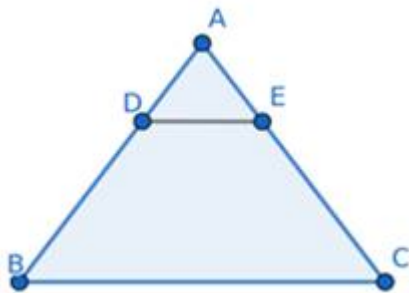
$$\Rightarrow \frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{CO}{DO}$$

Hence, proved.

10. Question

If D and E are points lying on sides AB and AC respectively of $\triangle ABC$ such that $BD = CE$. Then prove that $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle.

Answer



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

$$\angle ADE = \angle ABC$$

$$\angle A = \angle A$$

$\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$ by AA Similarity Rule

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

$$BD = CE$$

$$\Rightarrow AD = AE$$

Now,

$$AD + BD = AE + CE$$

$$AB = AC$$

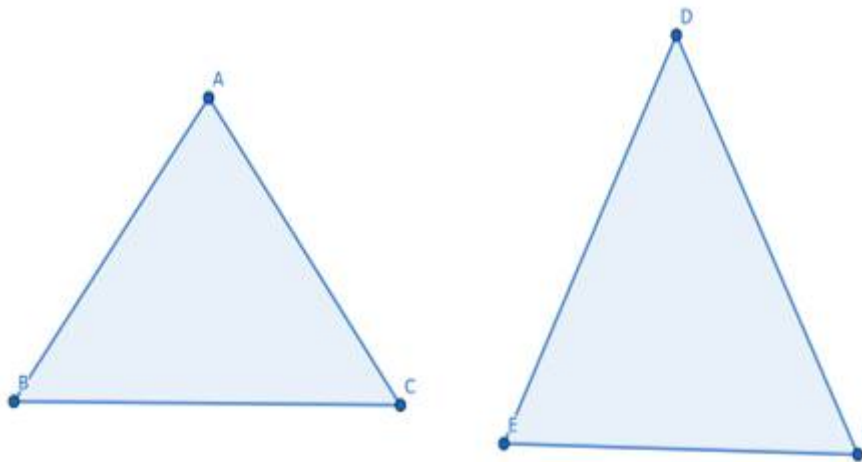
Thus, the triangle ABC is isosceles.

Exercise 11.3

1. Question

In two triangles ABC and PQR $\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR}$. Name two angles of two triangles which must be equal so that these triangles may be similar. Give reason also for your answer.

Answer



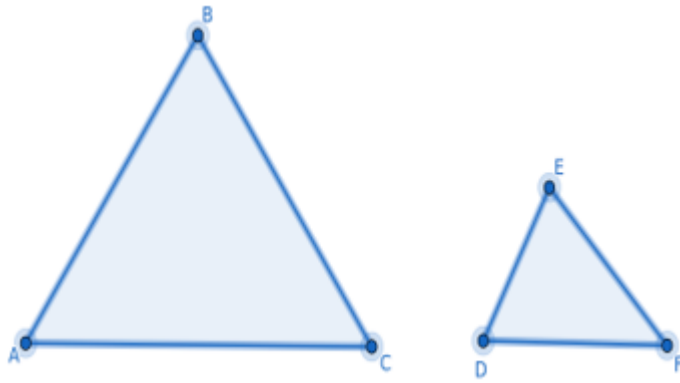
As per SAS rule of similarity, the angle between sides AB & BC of $\triangle ABC$ and PQ & QR of $\triangle PQR$ should be equal.

$$\angle ABC = \angle PQR$$

2. Question

In triangles ABC and DEF, if $\angle A = \angle D$, $\angle B = \angle F$ then is $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$? Give reason for your answer.

Answer



Thus,

$\triangle ABC$ is not similar to $\triangle DEF$ as the order should be $\triangle DFE$ to be similar as given conditions.

3. Question

If $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle FDE$ then can you say that $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{CA}{FD}$? Write your answer with reason.

Answer

For similar triangles, the ratio of corresponding sides are equal. The order of sides should be such that the similar sides are written at the same position of naming.

In the given question, the ratio cannot be written as the order of sides is not same. The order should be

$$\frac{AB}{FD} = \frac{BC}{DE} = \frac{AC}{EF}$$

4. Question

If two sides and one angle of a triangle and respectively proportional and equal to two sides and one angle of another triangle then the two triangles are similar. Is this statement true? Write answer with reason.

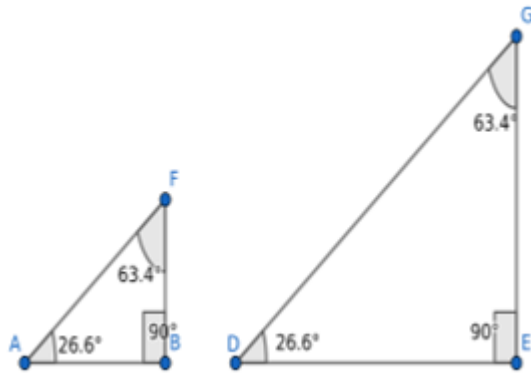
Answer

The triangles may not be similar. The triangles should have corresponding sides proportional and the angle between them to be similar by SAS Similarity Rule.

5. Question

What do you mean by equiangular triangles? What mutual relation can these hold?

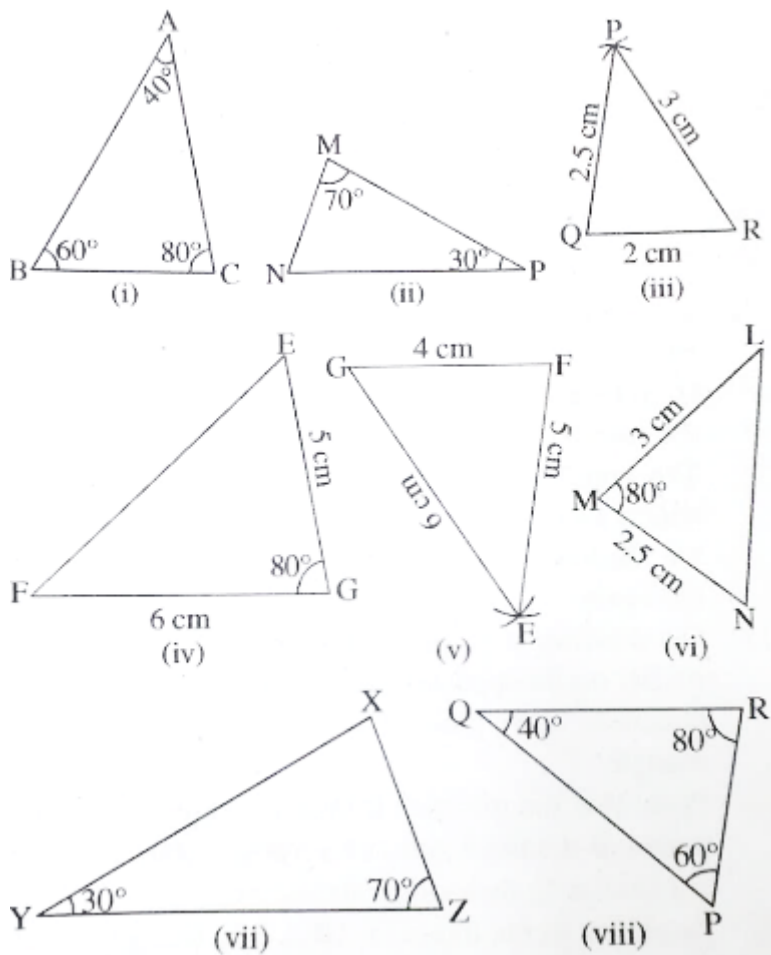
Answer



If the corresponding angles in two triangles are equal, then they are said to be equiangular. The equiangular triangles are always similar by AAA Similarity Rule.

6. Question

Select the pairs of similar triangles from the figures of triangles given below and write them in symbolic language of their being similar.



Answer

In $\triangle ABC$ & $\triangle Q'P'R$,

$$\angle A = \angle Q'$$

$$\angle B = \angle P'$$

$$\angle C = \angle R'$$

Thus, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle Q'P'R'$ |AAA Similarity Rule

In $\triangle MNP$ & $\triangle ZXY$,

$$\angle M = \angle Z$$

$$\angle P = \angle Y$$

Thus, $\triangle MNP \sim \triangle ZXY$ |AA Similarity Rule

In $\triangle PQR$ & $\triangle EFG$,

$$\frac{PQ}{EF} = \frac{QR}{FG} = \frac{PR}{EG} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, the corresponding sides are proportional.

Thus, $\triangle PQR \sim \triangle EFG$ |SSS Similarity Rule

In $\triangle E'G'F'$ & $\triangle NML$,

$$\angle E'G'F' = \angle NML$$

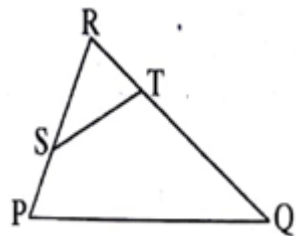
$$\frac{E'G'}{G'F'} = \frac{NM}{ML}$$

Thus, the corresponding sides are proportional with the angle between them equal.

Thus, $\triangle E'G'F' \sim \triangle NML$ |SAS Similarity Rule

7. Question

Figure $\triangle PRQ \sim \triangle TRS$. Then state which angles must be mutually equal in this pair of similar triangles.

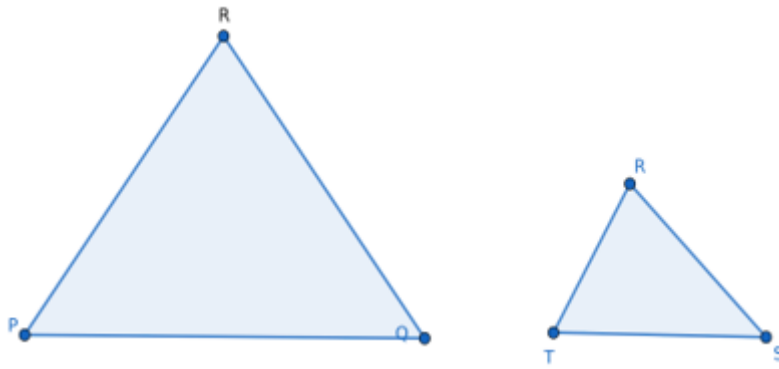


Answer

Given,

$$\triangle PRQ \sim \triangle TRS$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{PR}{TR} = \frac{PQ}{ST} = \frac{QR}{SR}$$



The mutually equal angles are

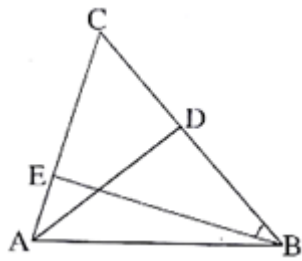
$$\angle PRQ = \angle TRS$$

$$\angle RPQ = \angle RTS$$

$$\angle RQP = \angle RST$$

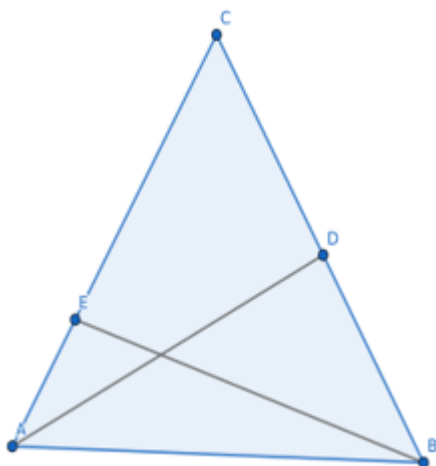
8. Question

You are to select two triangles in the figure which are mutually similar if $\angle CBE = \angle CAD$.



Answer

Given,



$$\angle CBE = \angle CAD$$

In $\triangle CAD$ & $\triangle CBE$,

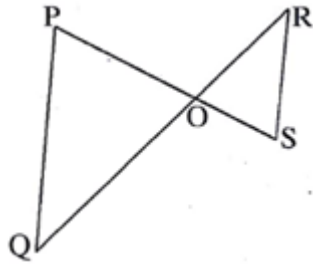
$$\angle ACD = \angle BCE \text{ |Common Angle}$$

$$\angle CBE = \angle CAD \text{ |Given}$$

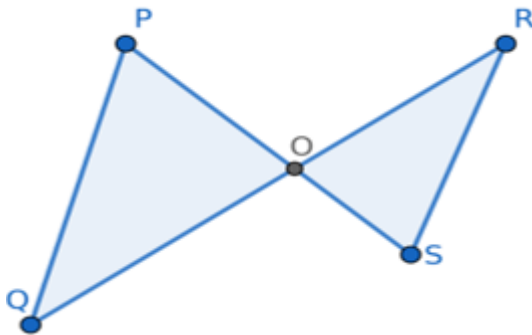
$\Rightarrow \triangle CAD \sim \triangle CBE$ by AA Similarity Rule

9. Question

In figure PQ and RS are parallel. Then prove that $\triangle POQ \sim \triangle SOR$.



Answer



Given,

$$PQ \parallel RS$$

In $\triangle POQ$ & $\triangle SOR$,

$$\Rightarrow \angle PQO = \angle ORS \text{ |Alternate angles}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle QPO = \angle OSR \text{ |Alternate angles}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle POQ = \angle ROS \text{ |Vertically opposite angles}$$

Thus, $\triangle POQ \sim \triangle SOR$ by AAA Similarity Rule

10. Question

A girl of height 90 cm is walking away from the base of a lamp – post at a speed of 1.2 m/s. If the lamp is at a height of 3.6 m above the ground, find the length of her shadow after 4 seconds.

Answer

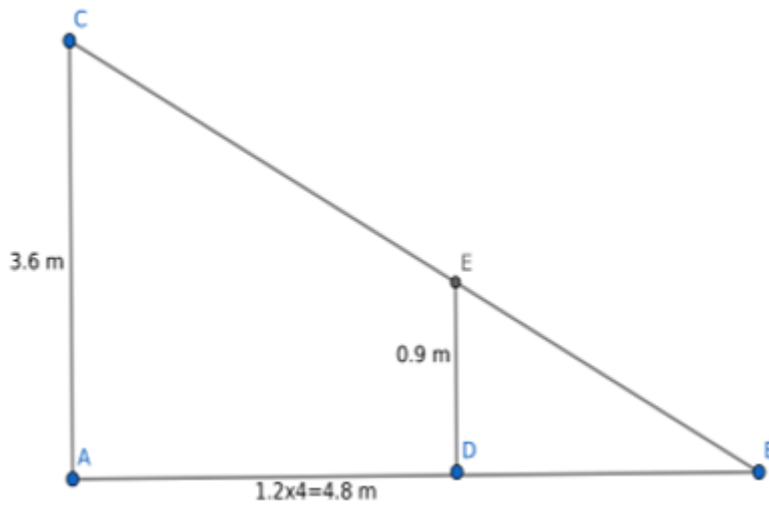
$$\text{The speed of girl} = 1.2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Time taken} = 4 \text{ seconds}$$

$$\text{Distance} = \text{speed} \times \text{time taken}$$

In 4 seconds, the distance walked is $1.2 \times 4 = 4.8$ m.

As both the lamp post and the give are perpendicular to the ground, they make the following similar triangles.



In $\triangle BDE$ & $\triangle BAC$,

$\angle B = \angle B$ |common angle

$DE \parallel AC$

$\angle BDE = \angle BAC$

$\triangle BDE \sim \triangle BAC$ by AA Similarity Rule

$$\frac{BD}{AB} = \frac{DE}{AC}$$

$$\frac{x}{x + 4.8} = \frac{0.9}{3.6} = \frac{1}{4}$$

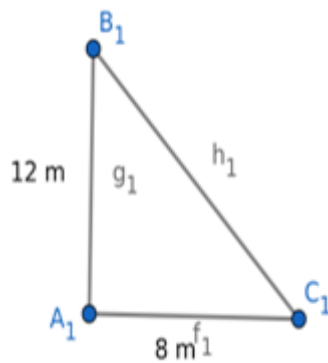
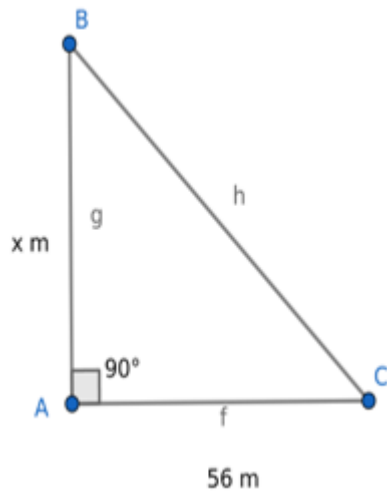
$$4x = x + 4.8$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1.6 \text{ m}$$

11. Question

The length of the shadow of a vertical pillar of length 12 m is 8 m. At the same time the length of the shadow of a tower is 56 m. Find the height of the tower.

Answer



Given,

length of the pillar = $A_1B_1 = 12$ m

length of the shadow of pillar = $A_1C_1 = 8$ m

length of the shadow of the tower = $AC = 56$ m

Let the length of the tower = AB be x m.

As seen from the figure,

ΔABC is similar to $\Delta A_1B_1C_1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{A_1B_1}{A_1C_1}$$

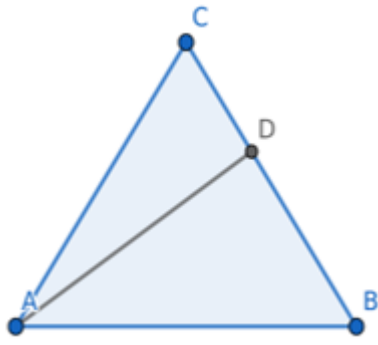
$$\Rightarrow AB = \frac{A_1B_1 \times AC}{A_1C_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \frac{12 \times 56}{8} = 84 \text{ m}$$

12. Question

On drawing a perpendicular from vertex A of a ΔABC on its opposite side BC, $AD^2 = BD \times DC$ is obtained. Then prove that ABC is a right angled triangle.

Answer



Given,

$$AD^2 = BD \times DC$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{DC}{AD} \quad (1)$$

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

In $\triangle ADC$ & $\triangle ADB$,

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

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

$\triangle ADC \sim \triangle ADB$ by SAS Similarity Rule

$$\Rightarrow \angle CAD = \angle ABD$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ACD = \angle BAD \quad \dots (1)$$

In $\triangle ADC$,

$$\angle CAD + \angle ACD + \angle ADC = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CAD + \angle ACD = 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ$$

From (1),

$$\Rightarrow \angle CAD + \angle BAD = 90^\circ$$

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

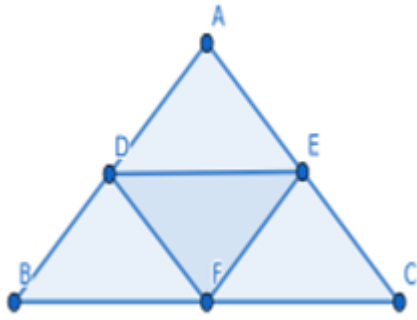
Thus, ABC is right angled triangle.

13. Question

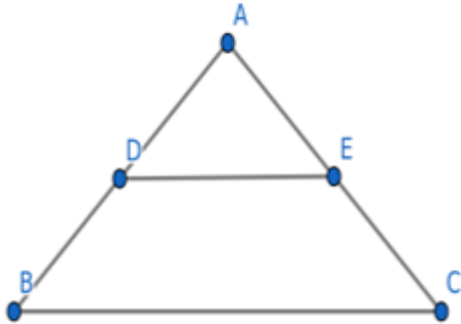
Prove that the triangles formed by joining the mid – points of the three sides of a triangle consecutively are similar to their original triangle.

Answer

Let there be a $\triangle ABC$ with the mid points D,E and F of sides AB, AC and BC.



In $\triangle ADE$ and $\triangle ABC$,



D is the mid point of AB and E is the mid point of AC.

By Midpoint theorem,

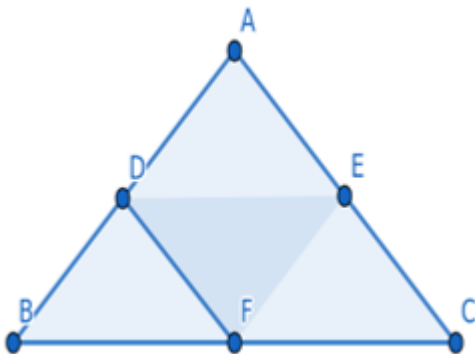
$$\frac{DE}{BC} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DE}{2 \times BF} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DE}{BF} = 1$$

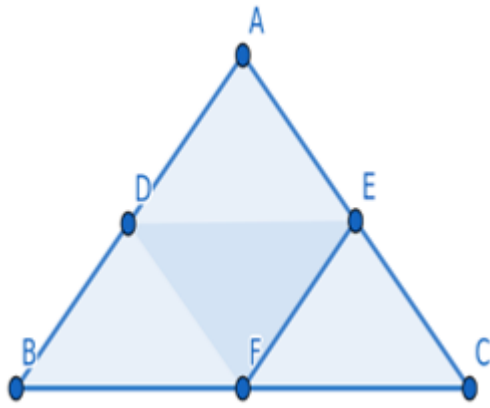
$$\Rightarrow DE = BF \quad |(1)|$$

Similarly in $\triangle BFD$ & $\triangle BCA$,



$$DF = EC = AE \quad |(2)|$$

Similarly in $\triangle CFE$ & $\triangle CBA$



$$EF = AD = DB \text{ (3)}$$

In $\triangle ADE$ & $\triangle BDF$,

$$AD = DB \text{ |D is mid point}$$

$$BF = DE \text{ |From (1)}$$

$$DF = EA \text{ |From (2)}$$

Thus, $\triangle ADE$ & $\triangle BDF$ are similar to each other by SSS Similarity Rule.

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ADE \sim \triangle BDF$$

Similarly,

$$\triangle ADE \sim \triangle EFC$$

$$\triangle DBF \sim \triangle EFC$$

In $\triangle ADE$ & $\triangle DEF$,

$$AD = EF \text{ |From (3)}$$

$$DE = DE$$

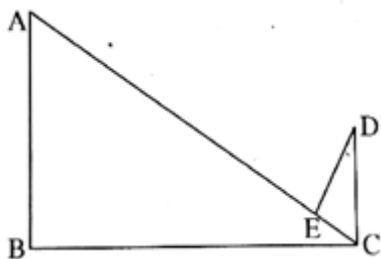
$$EA = DF \text{ |From (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle ADE \sim \triangle DEF$$

Thus, all the smaller triangles are similar to each other.

14. Question

As shown in the figure of $AB \perp BC$, $DC \perp BC$ and $DE \perp AC$ then prove that $\triangle CED \sim \triangle ABC$.



Answer

In $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle CED$,

$$DC \perp BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ACB + \angle DCE = 90^\circ$$

$$\text{Let } \angle ACB = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DCE = 90^\circ - x$$

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$\angle ACB + \angle ABC + \angle BAC = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 90^\circ + \angle BAC = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BAC = 90^\circ - x$$

In $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle CED$,

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

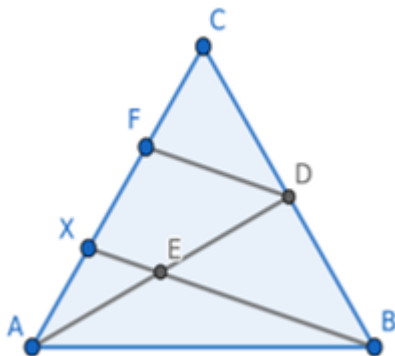
$$\angle ACB = \angle CDE = x$$

$$\angle BAC = \angle DCE = 90^\circ - x$$

Thus, the $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle CED$ are similar by AAA Similarity Rule.

15. Question

The mid point of side BC of $\triangle ABC$ is D. If from B a line is drawn bisecting AD such that cutting side AC at X. Then prove that $\frac{EX}{BE} = \frac{1}{3}$.

Answer

Let a point F on AC such that $DF \parallel BX$.

By Converse of Mid Point Theorem, as D is mid point of BC, F is the mid point of AC.

$$\Rightarrow CF = XF$$

In $\triangle CDF$ & $\triangle CXB$,

$$\frac{BX}{DF} = \frac{CX}{CF} = \frac{CF + CX}{CF} = \frac{2}{1} \text{ |By Mid Point Theorem}$$

$$\Rightarrow BX = 2DF$$

In $\triangle AXE$ & $\triangle AFD$

E is the mid point of AD

and $EX \parallel DF$

By Mid Point Theorem,

$$AX = XF$$

$$EX = \frac{DF}{2}$$

$$\frac{BE}{EX} = \frac{BX - EX}{EX} = \frac{2DF - \frac{DF}{2}}{\frac{DF}{2}} = 3:1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{EX}{BE} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Hence, proved.

Exercise 11.4

1. Question

Answer the following in True or False. Write the reason of your answer (if possible).

(i) The ratio of the corresponding sides of two similar triangles is 4 : 9. Then the ratio of the areas of these triangles is 4 : 9.

(ii) In two triangles respectively $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ of $\frac{\triangle ABC}{\triangle DEF} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{9}{4}$

then $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$.

(iii) The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is proportional to the squares of their sides.

(iv) If $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle AXY$ are similar and the values of their areas are the same then XY and BC may be coincident sides.

Answer

(i) False

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

So, in the given question the ratio of areas should be 16:81.

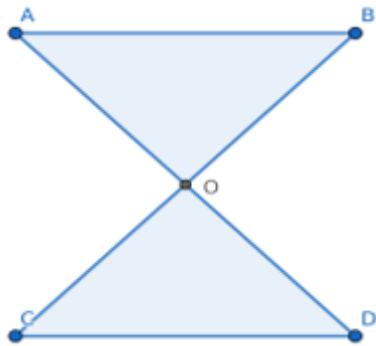
(ii) False

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

In two triangles respectively ΔABC and ΔDEF of $\frac{\text{area of } ABC}{\text{area of } DEF} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2}$ then $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$.

(iii) True

(iv) True



In the ΔABO & ΔDCO ,

$\angle AOB = \angle DOC$ |vertically opp. angles

As $AB \parallel CD$

$\angle ABO = \angle DCO$ |alternate angles

$\Delta ABO \sim \Delta DCO$

The sides BC and XY may or may not be coincident.

2. Question

If $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ and their areas are respectively 64 sq cm and 121 sq cm. If $EF = 15.4$ cm then find BC.

Answer

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

In two triangles respectively $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ $\frac{\text{area of } ABC}{\text{area of } DEF} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2}$ then

$$\frac{BC}{EF} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{area of } ABC}{\text{area of } DEF}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{EF} = \sqrt{\frac{64}{121}} = \frac{8}{11}$$

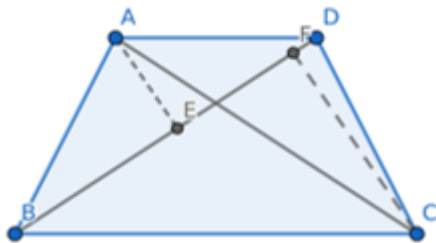
$$\Rightarrow BC = EF \times \frac{8}{11} = 15.4 \times \frac{8}{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 11.2 \text{ cm}$$

3. Question

Two triangles ABC and DBC are formed on the same base BC. If AD and BC intersect each other at O then prove that $\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{area of } \triangle DBC} = \frac{AO}{DO}$.

Answer



$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \times BC \times AF$$

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

$$\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{area of } \triangle DBC} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times BC \times AF}{\frac{1}{2} \times BC \times DG} = \frac{AF}{DG} \dots (1)$$

In $\triangle AOF$ & $\triangle DOG$,

$\angle AOF = \angle DOG$ | vertically opp. angles

$\angle AFO = \angle DGO$ | both right angles

$\triangle AOF \sim \triangle DOG$ by AA Similarity Rule

$$\frac{AF}{DG} = \frac{AO}{DO} \dots (2)$$

From (1) & (2),

$$\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{area of } \triangle DBC} = \frac{AO}{DO}$$

Hence, proved.

4 A. Question

Find the solutions of the following questions:

In $\triangle ABC$ $DE \parallel BC$ and $AD : DB = 2 : 3$ then find the ratio of the areas of $\triangle ADE$ and $\triangle ABC$.

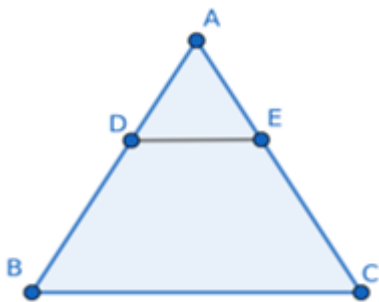
Answer

$$\text{Let } \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2k}{3k} \text{ (say)}$$

Let AD and DB be $2k$ and $3k$.

$$AB = AD + DB = 2k + 3k = 5k$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{2k}{5k} = \frac{2}{5}$$



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

$DE \parallel BC$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADE = \angle ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle AED = \angle ACB \text{ | alternate angles}$$

$\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$

$$\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ADE}{\text{area of } \triangle ABC} = \left(\frac{AD}{AB} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^2 = \frac{4}{25}$$

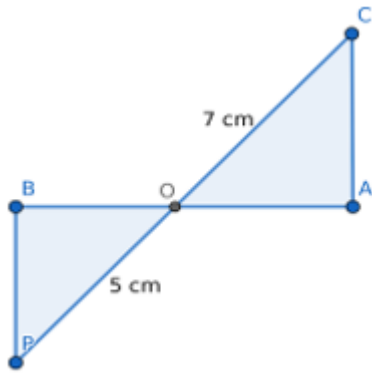
$$\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ADE}{\text{area of } \triangle ABC} = 4 : 25$$

4 B. Question

Find the solutions of the following questions:

PB and QA are perpendicular at points B and A of line segment AB . If P and Q lie on opposite sides of AB and on joining P and Q it intersects AB at O and $PO = 5$ cm, $QO = 7$ cm, area of $\triangle POB = 150$ cm² then find the area of $\triangle QOA$.

Answer



In ΔPOB & ΔQOA

$$\angle PBO = \angle QAO = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle POB = \angle QOA \text{ |vertically opposite angles}$$

$\Delta PBO \sim \Delta QOA$ by AA Similarity Rule

$$\frac{\text{area of } \Delta POB}{\text{area of } \Delta QOA} = \left(\frac{PO}{QO}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{49}$$

$$\text{area of } \Delta QOA = \text{area of } \Delta POB \times \frac{49}{25}$$

$$\text{area of } \Delta QOA = 150 \times \frac{49}{25} = 294 \text{ cm}^2$$

4 C. Question

Find the solutions of the following questions:

Find the value of x in terms of a, b and c in the figure.

Answer

In ΔBCD & ΔACE

$$\angle C = \angle C \text{ |common angle}$$

$$\angle CBD = \angle CAE \text{ |given}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta BCD \sim \Delta ACE$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{AE} = \frac{BC}{AC}$$

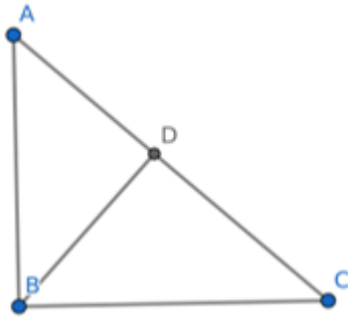
$$\Rightarrow BD = AE \times \frac{BC}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow BD = a \times \frac{c}{b + c} = \frac{ac}{b + c}$$

5. Question

In $\triangle ABC$ if $\angle B = 90^\circ$ and BD perpendicular to hypotenuse AC then prove that $\triangle ADB \sim \triangle BDC$.

Answer



Let $\angle ABD = x$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BAD = 90 - x$$

$$\angle DBC = 90 - x$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DCB = 90 - (90 - x) = x$$

In $\triangle ADB$ & $\triangle BDC$,

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

$$\angle ABD = \angle DCB = x$$

$$\angle BAD = \angle DBC = 90 - x$$

$\Rightarrow \triangle ADB \sim \triangle BDC$ by AAA Similarity Rule

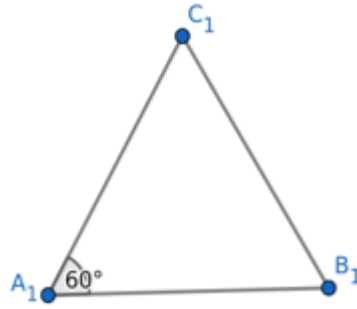
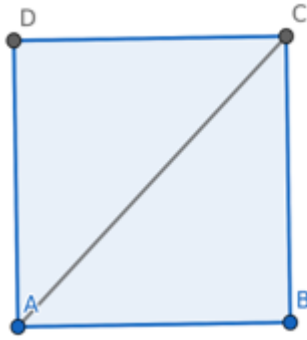
Hence, proved.

6. Question

Prove that area of an equilateral triangle formed on one side of a square is half of the area of the equilateral triangle formed on one diagonal of that square itself.

Answer

Let there be a square ABCD with diagonal AC of side 'a'.



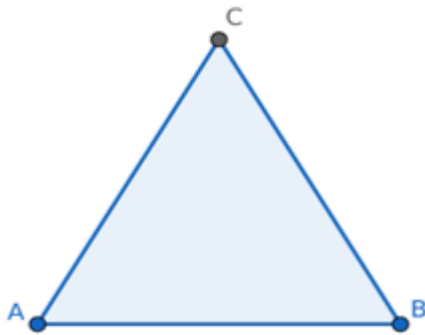
For equilateral triangle drawn on one side of the square,

In $\Delta B_1C_1E_1$,

Side = a

$$\text{Area}(A_1) = \frac{\sqrt{3}a^2}{2}$$

For the equilateral triangle formed on one diagonal of that square,



In ΔABC ,

side = $\sqrt{2}a$

$$\text{Area}(A_2) = \frac{\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{2}a)^2}{2} = 2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}a^2}{2} = 2 \times A_1$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \frac{A_2}{2}$$

Thus, the area of an equilateral triangle formed on one side of a square is half of the area of the equilateral triangle formed on one diagonal of that square itself.

Hence, proved.

Miscellaneous Exercise 11

1. Question

If figure $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD = 4$ cm, $DB = 6$ cm and $AE = 5$ cm, then the value of EC will be:

- A. 6.5 cm
- B. 7.0 cm
- C. 7.5 cm
- D. 8.0 cm

Answer

$DE \parallel BC$

By Basic Proportionality Theorem(BPT),

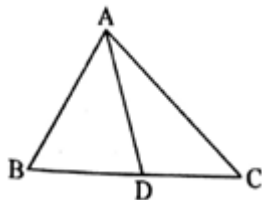
$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

Putting the values,

$$EC = \frac{AE}{AD} \times DB = \frac{5}{4} \times 6 = 7.5 \text{ cm}$$

2. Question

In figure AD is the bisector of $\angle A$. If $AB = 6 \text{ cm}$, $BD = 8 \text{ cm}$, $DC = 6 \text{ cm}$, then the value of AC will be:



- A. 4.0 cm
- B. 4.5 cm
- C. 5 cm
- D. 5.5 cm

Answer

Given,

$AB = 6 \text{ cm}$, $BD = 8 \text{ cm}$, $DC = 6 \text{ cm}$

In $\triangle ABC$, AD is the internal angle bisector of angle A.

By internal angle bisector theorem, the internal angle bisector divides the opposite side in the ratio of other two sides.

$$\frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{DC}{BD}$$

Putting given values,

$$\Rightarrow AC = AB \times \frac{DC}{BD} = 6 \times \frac{6}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 4.5 \text{ cm}$$

3. Question

If figure, if $DE \parallel BC$, then the value of x will be:

A. $\sqrt{5}$

B. $\sqrt{6}$

C. $\sqrt{3}$

D. $\sqrt{7}$

Answer

Given,

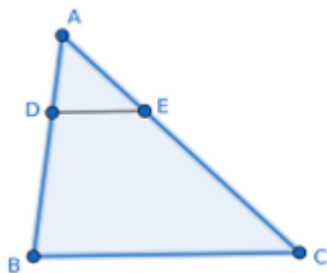
$$AD = x + 4$$

$$DB = x + 3$$

$$AE = 2x - 1$$

$$EC = x + 1$$

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



$$DE \parallel BC$$

By BPT,

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

Putting the values,

$$\frac{x + 4}{x + 3} = \frac{2x - 1}{x + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 4)(x + 1) = (2x - 1)(x + 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 5x + 4 = 2x^2 + 5x - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4 = 2x^2 - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{7}$$

4. Question

In figure, if AB = 3.4 cm, BD = 4 cm, BC = 10 cm, then the value of AC will be:

A. 5.1 cm

B. 3.4 cm

C. 6 cm

D. 5.3 cm

Answer

Given,

$$AB = 3.4 \text{ cm}, BD = 4 \text{ cm}, BC = 10 \text{ cm}$$

$$DC = BC - BD = 10 - 4 = 6 \text{ cm}$$

In $\triangle ACB$, AD is the internal angle bisector of angle A.

By internal angle bisector theorem,

$$\frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{DC}{BD}$$

Putting given values,

$$\Rightarrow AC = AB \times \frac{DC}{BD} = 3.4 \times \frac{6}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 5.1 \text{ cm}$$

5. Question

The areas of two similar triangles are respectively 25 cm^2 and 36 cm^2 . If the median of the smaller triangle is 10 cm, then the corresponding median of the larger triangle will be:

- A. 12 cm
- B. 15 cm
- C. 10 cm
- D. 18 cm

Answer

The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the ratio of squares of their corresponding medians.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{area of } \Delta 1}{\text{area of } \Delta 2} = \left(\frac{\text{median of } \Delta 1}{\text{median of } \Delta 2} \right)^2 = \frac{25}{36}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{median of } \Delta 1}{\text{median of } \Delta 2} = \sqrt{\frac{25}{36}} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{median of } \Delta 2 = \frac{6}{5} \times \text{median of } \Delta 1$$

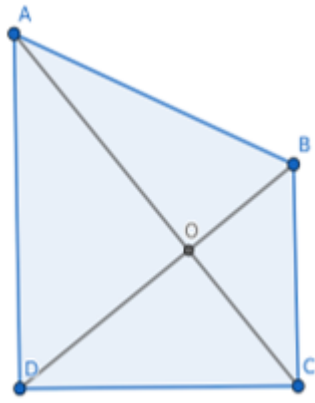
$$\Rightarrow \text{median of } \Delta 2 = \frac{6}{5} \times 10 = 12 \text{ cm}$$

6. Question

In a trapezium ABCD, $AB \parallel CD$ and its diagonals meet at point O. If $AB = 6 \text{ cm}$ and $DC = 3 \text{ cm}$ then the ratio of the areas of ΔAOB and ΔCOD will be:

- A. 4 : 1
- B. 1 : 2
- C. 2 : 1
- D. 1 : 4

Answer



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

$\angle O = \angle O$ |vertically opposite angle

As $AB \parallel CD$

$\angle BAO = \angle OCD$ |alternate \angle s

$\angle OBA = \angle ODC$ |alternate \angle s

Thus, $\triangle AOB \sim \triangle COD$

For two similar triangles, the ratio of their area is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding sides.

$$\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{area of } \triangle COD} = \left(\frac{AB}{DC}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{6}{3}\right)^2 = 4$$

$$\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{area of } \triangle COD} = 4:1$$

7. Question

If in $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ $\angle A = 50^\circ$, $\angle B = 70^\circ$, $\angle C = 60^\circ$, $\angle D = 60^\circ$, $\angle E = 70^\circ$ and $\angle F = 50^\circ$ then the correct of the following is:

- A. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$
- B. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle EDF$
- C. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DFE$
- D. $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle FED$

Answer

For similar triangles, the corresponding angles should be equal. Thus, the order of equal corresponding angles are angles A,B,C & angles F,E,D. So, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle FED$

8. Question

If $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ and $AB = 10$ cm, $DE = 8$ cm then the ratio of area of $\triangle ABC$ and area of $\triangle DEF$ will be:

- A. 25 : 16
- B. 16 : 25
- C. 4 : 5
- D. 5 : 4

Answer

To find: Ratio of Area of Similar triangles
Given: Their corresponding sides $AB = 10$ cm and $DE = 8$ cm
For similar triangles ABC & DEF , the ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the ratio of squares of their corresponding sides. For both triangles their corresponding sides will be AB and DE

$$\frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{area of } \triangle DEF} = \left(\frac{AB}{DE}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{10}{8}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{area of } \triangle DEF} = \frac{25}{16} = 25:16$$

Hence, Ratio of area of triangles ABC and DEF is 25:16

9. Question

D and E are points on sides AB and AC of triangle ABC such that $DE \parallel BC$ and $AD = 8$ cm, $AB = 12$ cm and $AE = 12$ cm. Then the measure of CE will be:

- A. 6 cm
- B. 18 cm
- C. 9 cm
- D. 15 cm

Answer

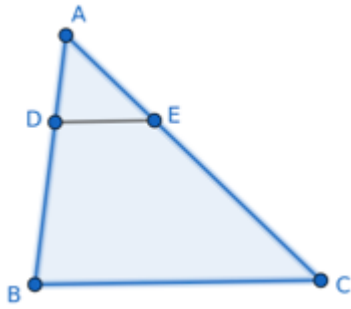
Given,

$$AD = 8 \text{ cm}$$

$$AB = 12 \text{ cm}$$

$$DB = AB - AD = 12 - 8 = 4 \text{ cm}$$

$$AE = 12 \text{ cm}$$



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

$DE \parallel BC$

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

Putting the values of AD,DB,AE,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8}{4} = \frac{12}{EC}$$

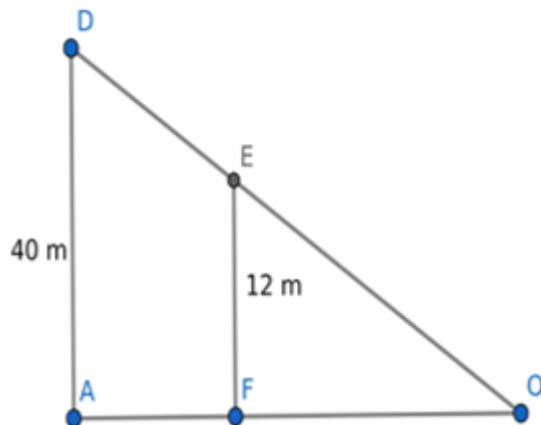
$$\Rightarrow EC = \frac{4}{8} \times 12 = 6 \text{ cm}$$

10. Question

The shadow of 12 cm long vertical rod on the ground is 8 cm long. If at the same time the length of the shadow of a tower is 40 m, then the height of the tower will be:

- A. 60 m
- B. 60 cm
- C. 40 cm
- D. 80 cm

Answer



The tower and the vertical rod are perpendicular to the ground and thus make a triangle like the above figure.

height of tower(AD) = 40 m

height of rod(EF) = 12 m

In $\triangle OEF$ & $\triangle OAD$,

$EF \parallel AD$

$$\frac{OE}{OA} = \frac{EF}{AD}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD = \frac{EF}{OE} \times OA = \frac{12}{8} \times 40 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD = 60 \text{ m}$$

11. Question

In $\triangle ABC$, D is a point on BC such that $\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{DC}$ and $\angle B = 70^\circ$, $\angle C = 50^\circ$
then find $\angle BAD$.

Answer

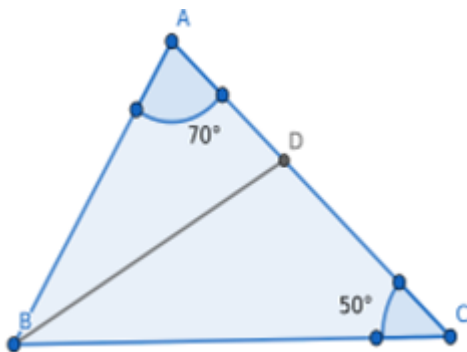
Given,

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{DC}$$

$$\angle B = 70^\circ$$

$$\angle C = 50^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = 180^\circ - (70 + 50)^\circ = 60^\circ$$



By Converse of Internal Angle Bisector Theorem, if the side opposite to the angle is in the ratio of the other two sides, then the side dividing side opposite to the angle is the internal angle bisector of the triangle.

$$\text{Thus, } \angle BAD = \frac{\angle A}{2} = \frac{60^\circ}{2} = 30^\circ$$

12. Question

If in $\triangle ABC$ $DE \parallel BC$ and $AD = 6$ cm, $DB = 9$ cm and $AE = 8$ cm, then find AC .

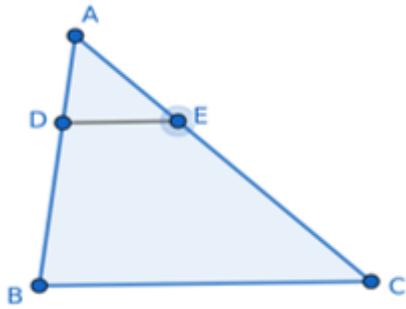
Answer

Given,

$$AD = 6 \text{ cm}$$

$$DB = 9 \text{ cm}$$

$$AE = 8 \text{ cm}$$



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

$$DE \parallel BC$$

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

Putting the values of AD, DB, AE ,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6}{9} = \frac{8}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow EC = \frac{8}{6} \times 9 = 12 \text{ cm}$$

$$AC = AE + EC$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 8 + 12 = 20 \text{ cm}$$

13. Question

If in $\triangle ABC$ AD is the bisector of $\angle A$ and $AB = 8$ cm, $BD = 5$ cm and $DC = 4$ cm then find AC .

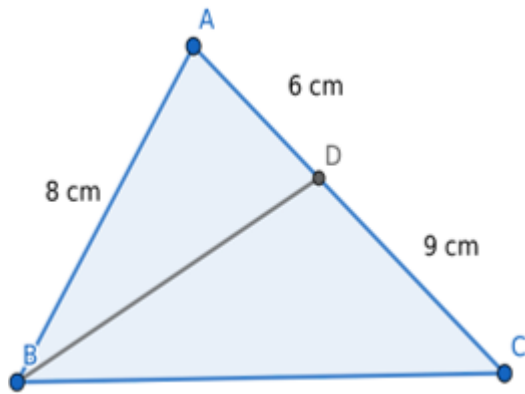
Answer

Given,

$$AB = 8 \text{ cm}$$

$$BD = 5 \text{ cm}$$

$$DC = 4 \text{ cm}$$



By internal angle bisector theorem, the bisector of internal angle of a triangle divides the side opposite to the angle in the ratio of the other two sides.

In $\triangle ABD$ & $\triangle ADC$,

$\angle A$ has internal bisector AD

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{BD}{DC}$$

Putting the values of AB, BD and DC,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8}{AC} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = \frac{32}{5} = 6.4 \text{ cm}$$

14. Question

If the ratio of heights of two similar triangles be 4 : 9 then find the ratio of the areas of both the triangles.

Answer

The ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the ratio of squares of their corresponding heights.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{area of } \Delta 1}{\text{area of } \Delta 2} = \left(\frac{\text{height of } \Delta 1}{\text{height of } \Delta 2} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{\text{area of } \Delta 1}{\text{area of } \Delta 2} = \left(\frac{4}{9} \right)^2 = 16:81$$