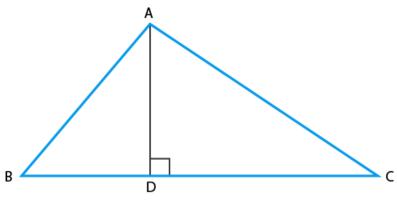
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1. In figure, if $\angle BAC = 90^{\circ}$ and $AD \perp BC$. Then,

(a) $BD.CD = BZC^2$ (b) $AB.AC = BC^2$

(c) $BD.CD=AD^2$

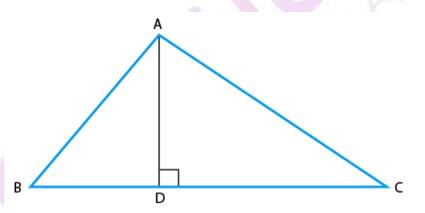
(d) $AB.AC = AD^2$



Solution:

c) BD.CD=AD²

Explanation:



From \triangle ADB and \triangle ADC,

According to the question, we have,

 $\angle D = \angle D = 90^{\circ} (:: AD \perp BC)$

 $\angle DBA = \angle DAC$ [each angle = 90° - $\angle C$]

Using AAA similarity criteria,

 $\triangle ADB \sim \triangle ADC$

BD/AD = AD/CD

 $BD.CD = AD^2$

2. If the lengths of the diagonals of rhombus are 16 cm and 12 cm. Then, the length of the sides of the rhombus is

- (a) 9 cm
- (b) 10 cm
- (c) 8 cm
- (d) 20 cm

Solution:

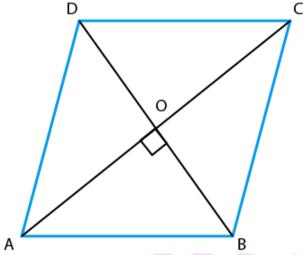
(b) 10 cm

Explanation:

We know that,

A rhombus is a simple quadrilateral whose four sides are of same length and diagonals are perpendicular bisector of each other.

According to the question, we get,



According to the question,

$$AC = 16 \text{ cm}$$
 and $BD = 12 \text{ cm}$

$$\angle AOB = 90^{\circ}$$

: AC and BD bisects each other

$$AO = \frac{1}{2} AC$$
 and $BO = \frac{1}{2} BD$

Then, we get,

AO = 8 cm and BO = 6 cm

Now, in right angled $\triangle AOB$,

Using the Pythagoras theorem,

We have.

$$AB^2 = AO^2 + OB^2$$

$$AB^2 = 8^2 + 6^2 = 64 + 36 = 100$$

∴ AB =
$$\sqrt{100}$$
 = 10 cm

We know that the four sides of a rhombus are equal.

Therefore, we get,

one side of rhombus = 10 cm.

3. If $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle EDF$ and $\triangle ABC$ is not similar to $\triangle DEF$, then which of the following is not true?

(a)
$$BC \cdot EF = AC \cdot FD$$

(b)
$$AB \cdot EF = AC \cdot DE$$

(c)
$$BC \cdot DE = AB \cdot EF$$

(d)
$$BC \cdot DE = AB \cdot FD$$

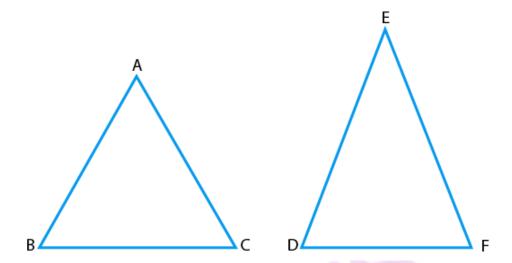
Solution:

(c)
$$BC \cdot DE = AB \cdot EF$$

Explanation:

We know that,

If sides of one triangle are proportional to the side of the other triangle, and the corresponding angles are also equal, then the triangles are similar by SSS similarity.



So, ΔABC ~ ΔEDF

Using similarity property,

AB/ED = BC/DF = AC/EF

Taking AB/ED = BC/DF, we get

AB/ED = BC/DF

AB.DF = ED.BC

So, option (d) BC · DE = AB · FD is true

Taking BC/DF = AC/EF, we get

BC/DF = AC/EF

⇒ BC.EF = AC.DF

So, option (a) BC · EF = AC · FD is true

Taking AB/ED = AC/EF, we get,

AB/ED = AC/EF

AB.EF = ED.AC

So, option (b) AB · EF = AC · DE is true.

4. If in two \triangle PQR,AB/QR = BC/PR = CA/PQ, then

(a) Δ PQR~Δ CAB

(b) \triangle PQR \sim \triangle ABC

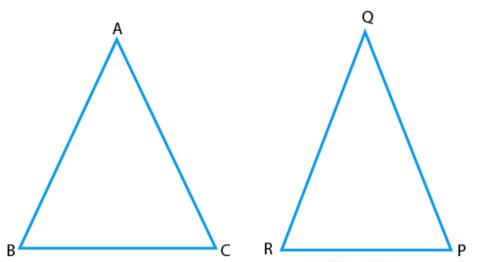
(c) Δ CBA $\sim \Delta$ PQR

(d) \triangle BCA \sim \triangle PQR

Solution:

(a) Δ PQR~Δ CAB

Explanation:



From \triangle ABC and \triangle PQR, we have,

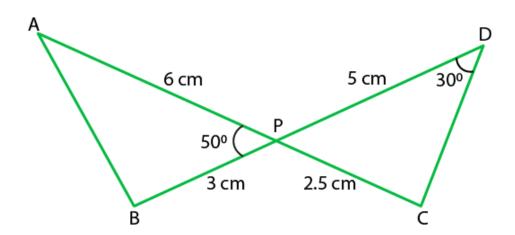
AB/QR = BC/PR = CA/PQ

If sides of one triangle are proportional to the side of the other triangle, and their corresponding angles are also equal, then both the triangles are similar by SSS similarity.

Therefore, we have,

Δ PQR~Δ CAB

5. In figure, two line segments AC and BD intersect each other at the point P such that PA = 6 cm, PB = 3 cm, PC = 2.5 cm, PD = 5 cm, \angle APB = 50° and \angle CDP = 30°. Then, \angle PBA is equal to (a) 50° (b) 30° (c) 60° (d) 100°



Solution:

(d) 100°

Explanation:

From \triangle APB and \triangle CPD,

 $\angle APB = \angle CPD = 50^{\circ}$ (since they are vertically opposite angles)

AP/PD = 6/5 ... (i)

Also, BP/CP = 3/2.5

Or BP/CP = 6/5 ... (ii)

From equations (i) and (ii),

We get,

AP/PD = BP/CP

So, \triangle APB ~ \triangle DPC [using SAS similarity criterion]

 $\therefore \angle A = \angle D = 30^{\circ}$ [since, corresponding angles of similar triangles]

Since, Sum of angles of a triangle = 180° ,

In $\triangle APB$,

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

So, $30^{\circ} + \angle B + 50^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$

Then, $\angle B = 180^{\circ} - (50^{\circ} + 30^{\circ})$

 $\angle B = 180 - 80^{\circ} = 100^{\circ}$

Therefore, $\angle PBA = 100^{\circ}$

EXERCISE 6.2

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1. Is the triangle with sides 25 cm, 5 cm and 24 cm a right triangle? Give reason for your answer. Solution:

False

According to the question,

Let us assume that,

A = 25 cm

B = 5 cm

C = 24 cm

Now, Using Pythagoras Theorem,

We have,

 $A^2 = B^2 + C^2$

 $B^2 + C^2 = (5)^2 + (24)^2$

 $B^2 + C^2 = 25 + 576$

 $B^2 + C^2 = 601$

 $A^2 = 600$

 $600 \neq 601$

 $A^2 \neq B^2 + C^2$

Since the sides does not satisfy the property of Pythagoras theorem, triangle with sides 25cm, 5cm and 24cm is not a right triangle.

2. It is given that $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle RPQ$. Is it true to say that $\angle D = \angle R$ and $\angle F = \angle P$? Why? Solution:

False

We know that,

Corresponding angles are equal in similar triangles.

So, we get,

 $\angle D = \angle R$

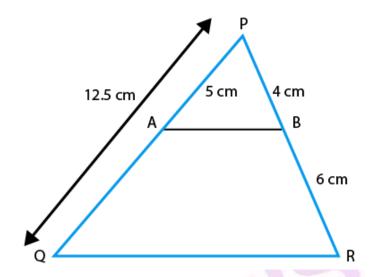
 $\angle E = \angle P$

 $\angle F = \angle Q$

3. A and B are respectively the points on the sides PQ and PR of a Δ PQR such that PQ = 12.5 cm, PA = 5 cm, BR = 6 cm and PB = 4 cm. Is AB || QR? Give reason for your answer. Solution:

True

According to the question,



PQ = 12.5 cm

PA = 5 cm

BR = 6 cm

PB = 4 cm

Then,

QA = QP - PA = 12.5 - 5 = 7.5 cm

So,

 $PA/AQ = 5/7.5 = 50/75 = 2/3 \dots (i)$

 $PB/BR = 4/6 = 2/3 \dots (ii)$

Form Equations (i) and (ii).

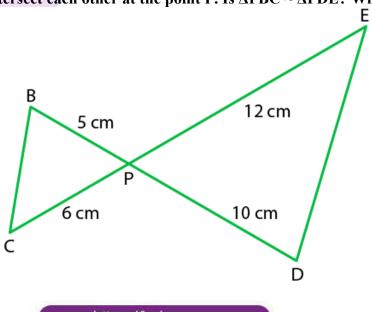
PA/AQ = PB/BR

We know that, if a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line is parallel to the third side.

Therefore,

 $AB \parallel QR$.

4. In figure, BD and CE intersect each other at the point P. Is $\Delta PBC \sim \Delta PDE$? Why?



Solution:

True

In $\triangle PBC$ and $\triangle PDE$,

 $\angle BPC = \angle EPD$ [vertically opposite angles]

 $PB/PD = 5/10 = \frac{1}{2} \dots (i)$

 $PC/PE = 6/12 = \frac{1}{2} \dots (ii)$

From equation (i) and (ii),

We get,

PB/PD = PC/PE

Since, $\angle BPC$ of $\triangle PBC = \angle EPD$ of $\triangle PDE$ and the sides including these.

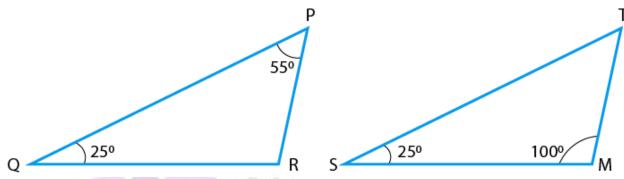
Then, by SAS similarity criteria

 $\Delta PBC \sim \Delta PDE$

5. In $\triangle PQR$ and $\triangle MST$, $\angle P = 55^{\circ}$, $\angle Q = 25^{\circ}$, $\angle M = 100^{\circ}$ and $\angle S = 25^{\circ}$. Is $\triangle QPR \sim \Delta TSM$? Why? Solution:

We know that,

Sum of the three angles of a triangle = 180° .



Then, from $\triangle PQR$,

$$\angle P + \angle Q + \angle R = 180^{\circ}$$

$$55^{\circ} + 25^{\circ} + \angle R = 180^{\circ}$$

So, we get,

$$\angle R = 180^{\circ} - (55^{\circ} + 25^{\circ}) = 180^{\circ} - 80^{\circ} = 100^{\circ}$$

Similarly, from ΔTSM ,

$$\angle T + \angle S + \angle M = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\angle T + \angle 25^{\circ} + 100^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$$

So, we get,

$$\angle T = 180^{\circ} - (\angle 25^{\circ} + 100^{\circ})$$

$$\angle T = 180^{\circ} - 125^{\circ} = 55^{\circ}$$

In $\triangle PQR$ and $\triangle TSM$,

We have,

$$\angle P = \angle T$$
,

$$\angle Q = \angle S$$

$$\angle R = \angle M$$

Hence, $\Delta PQR \sim \Delta TSM$

Since, all corresponding angles are equal,

 \triangle QPR is similar to \triangle TSM,



6. Is the following statement true? Why?

"Two quadrilaterals are similar, if their corresponding angles are equal".

Solution:

False

Two quadrilaterals cannot be similar, if only their corresponding angles are equal

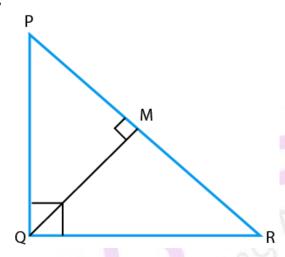


EXERCISE 6.3 PAGE NO: 66

1. In a ΔPQR , $PR^2 - PQ^2 = QR^2$ and M is a point on side PR such that $QM \perp PR$. Prove that $QM^2 = PM \times MR$.

Solution:

According to the question,



In $\triangle PQR$,

 $PR^2 = QR^2$ and $QM \perp PR$

Using Pythagoras theorem, we have,

 $PR^2 = PQ^2 + QR^2$

 Δ PQR is right angled triangle at Q.

From \triangle QMR and \triangle PMQ, we have,

 $\angle M = \angle M$

 \angle MQR = \angle QPM [= 90°- \angle R]

So, using the AAA similarity criteria,

We have,

 $\Delta QMR \sim \Delta PMQ$

Also, we know that,

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

So, by property of area of similar triangles,

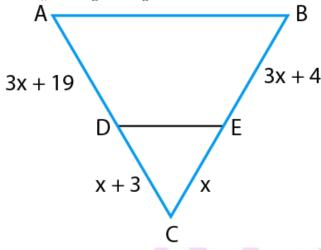
$$\frac{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta QMR)}{\operatorname{ar}(PMQ)} = \frac{(QM)^2}{(PM)^2}$$

$$\frac{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta QMR)}{\operatorname{ar}(PMQ)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times RM \times QM}{\frac{1}{2} \times PM \times QM}$$

$$\frac{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta QMR)}{\operatorname{ar}(PMQ)} = \frac{(QM)^2}{(PM)^2}$$

 $QM^2 = PM \times RM$ Hence proved.

2. Find the value of x for which DE||AB in given figure.



Solution:

According to the question,

DE || AB

Using basic proportionality theorem,

CD/AD = CE/BE

 \therefore If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle such that it intersects the other sides at distinct points, then, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

Hence, we can conclude that, the line drawn is equal to the third side of the triangle.

$$\frac{x+3}{3x+19} = \frac{x}{3x+4}$$

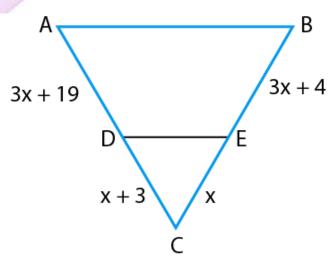
$$(x+3)(3x+4) = x(3x+19)$$

$$3x^2 + 4x + 9x + 12 = 3x^2 + 19x$$

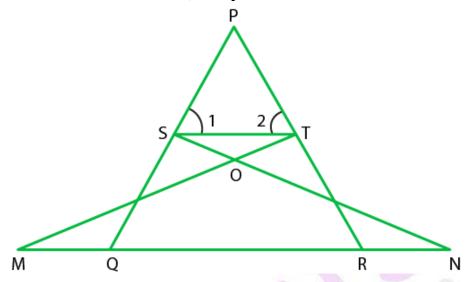
$$19x - 13x = 12$$

$$6x = 12$$

$$\therefore x = 12/6 = 2$$



3. In figure, if $\angle 1 = \angle 2$ and $\Delta NSQ = \Delta MTR$, then prove that $\Delta PTS \sim \Delta PRQ$.



Solution:

According to the question,

 $\Delta NSQ \cong \Delta MTR$

 $\angle 1 = \angle 2$

Since,

 $\Delta NSQ = \Delta MTR$

So,

SQ = TR(i)

Also,

 $\angle 1 = \angle 2 \Rightarrow PT = PS...(ii)$

[Since, sides opposite to equal angles are also equal]

From Equation (i) and (ii).

PS/SQ = PT/TR

 \Rightarrow ST || QR

By converse of basic proportionality theorem, If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

 $\therefore \angle 1 = PQR$

And

 $\angle 2 = \angle PRQ$

In $\triangle PTS$ and $\triangle PRQ$.

 $\angle P = \angle P$ [Common angles]

 $\angle 1 = \angle PQR \text{ (proved)}$

 $\angle 2 = \angle PRQ \text{ (proved)}$

 $\therefore \Delta PTS - \Delta PRQ$

[By AAA similarity criteria]

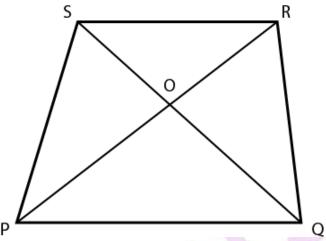
Hence proved.

4. Diagonals of a trapezium PQRS intersect each other at the point 0, PQ || RS and PQ = 3 RS. Find the ratio of the areas of Δ POQ and Δ ROS. Solution:

According to the question,

PQRS is a trapezium in which PQ \parallel RS and PQ = 3RS

PQ/RS = 3/1 = 3 ...(i)



In $\triangle POQ$ and $\triangle ROS$,

 \angle SOR = \angle QOP [vertically opposite angles]

 \angle SRP = \angle RPQ [alternate angles]

 $\therefore \Delta POQ \sim \Delta ROS$ [by AAA similarity criterion]

By property of area of similar triangle,

$$\frac{\operatorname{Ar}(\Delta POQ)}{\operatorname{ar}(SOR)} = \frac{(PQ)^2}{(RS)^2} = \left(\frac{PQ}{RS}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{1}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta POQ)}{\operatorname{ar}(SOR)} = \frac{9}{1}$$

Therefore, the required ratio = 9:1.

5. In figure, if AB \parallel DC and AC, PQ intersect each other at the point O. Prove that OA.CQ = 0C.AP.

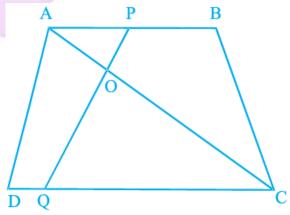


Fig. 6.10

Solution:

According to the question,

AC and PQ intersect each other at the point O and AB||DC.

From $\triangle AOP$ and $\triangle COQ$,

 $\angle AOP = \angle COQ$ [Since they are vertically opposite angles]

 $\angle APO = \angle CQO$ [since, AB||DC and PQ is transversal, the angles are alternate angles]

 $\therefore \triangle AOP \sim \triangle COQ$ [using AAA similarity criterion]

Then, since, corresponding sides are proportional

We have,

OA/OC = AP/CQ

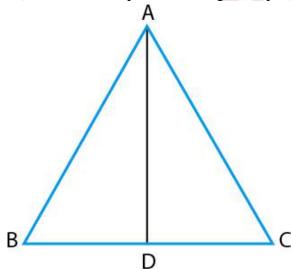
 $OA \times CO = OC \times AP$

Hence Proved.

6. Find the altitude of an equilateral triangle of side 8 cm. Solution:

Let ABC be an equilateral triangle of side 8 cm

AB = BC = CA = 8 cm. (all sides of an equilateral triangle is equal)



Draw altitude AD which is perpendicular to BC.

Then, D is the mid-point of BC.

$$\therefore$$
 BD = CD = $\frac{1}{2}$

$$BC = 8/2 = 4 \text{ cm}$$

Now, by Pythagoras theorem

$$AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 (8)² = AD² + (4)²

$$\Rightarrow$$
 64 = AD² + 16

$$\Rightarrow$$
 AD = $\sqrt{48}$ = $4\sqrt{3}$ cm.

Hence, altitude of an equilateral triangle is $4\sqrt{3}$ cm.

7. If $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$, AB = 4 cm, DE = 6, EF = 9 cm and FD = 12 cm, then find the perimeter of $\triangle ABC$.

Solution:

According to the question,

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



DE = 6 cm

EF = 9 cm

FD = 12 cm

Also,

 $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$

We have,

$$\frac{AB}{ED} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$$

$$\frac{4}{6} = \frac{BC}{9} = \frac{AC}{12}$$

By taking first two terms, we have

$$\frac{4}{6} = \frac{BC}{9}$$

$$BC = \frac{(4 \times 9)}{6} = 6cm$$

And by taking last two terms, we have,

$$\frac{BC}{9} = \frac{AC}{12}$$

$$\frac{6}{9} = \frac{AC}{12}$$

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

Now,

Perimeter of
$$\triangle ABC = AB + BC + AC$$

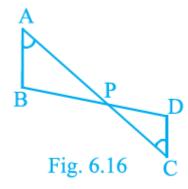
= $4 + 6 + 8 = 18$ cm

Thus, the perimeter of the triangle is 18 cm.

EXERCISE 6.4

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1. In Fig. 6.16, if $\angle A = \angle C$, AB = 6 cm, BP = 15 cm, AP = 12 cm and CP = 4 cm, then find the lengths of PD and CD.



Solution:

According to the question,

$$\angle A = \angle C$$
,

$$AB = 6 \text{ cm}, BP = 15 \text{ cm},$$

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

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

From \triangle APB and \triangle CPD,

$$\angle A = \angle C$$

 $\angle APB = \angle CPD$ [vertically opposite angles]

∴ By AAA similarity criteria,

$$\triangle APD \sim \triangle CPD$$

Using basic proportionality theorem,

$$\frac{AP}{CP} = \frac{PB}{PD} = \frac{AB}{CD}$$

$$\frac{12}{4} = \frac{15}{PD} = \frac{6}{CD}$$

Considering AP/CP = PB/PD, we get,

$$\frac{12}{4} = \frac{15}{PD}$$

$$PD = \frac{15 \times 4}{12} = \frac{60}{12} = 5 \, cm$$

Considering, AP/CP = AB/CD

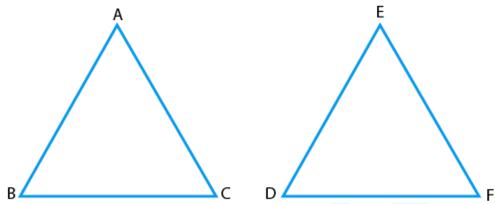
$$CD = \frac{\left(6 \times 4\right)}{12} = 2 \text{ cm}$$

Therefore,

Length of PD = 5 cm

Length of CD = 2 cm

2. It is given that \triangle ABC \sim \triangle EDF such that AB = 5 cm, AC = 7 cm, DF= 15 cm and DE = 12 cm. Find the lengths of the remaining sides of the triangles. Solution:



According to the question,

 $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta EDF$

From property of similar triangle,

We know that, corresponding sides of \triangle ABC and \triangle EDF are in the same ratio.

$$AB/ED = AC/EF = BC/DF \dots (i)$$

According to the question,

$$AB = 5cm, AC = 7cm$$

$$DF = 15cm$$
 and $DE = 12cm$

Substituting these values in Equation (i), we get,

$$\frac{5}{12} = \frac{7}{EF} = \frac{BC}{15}$$

On taking 5/12 = 7/EF, we get,

$$\frac{5}{12} = \frac{7}{EF}$$

$$EF = \frac{12 \times 7}{5} = 16.8 \text{ cm}$$

On taking 5/12 = BC/15, we get,

$$\frac{5}{12} = \frac{BC}{15}$$

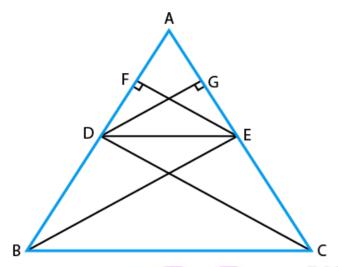
BC =
$$\frac{5 \times 15}{12}$$
 = 6.25 cm

Hence, lengths of the remaining sides of the triangles are EF = 16.8 cm and BC = 6.25 cm

3. Prove that if a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides, then the two sides are divided in the same ratio. Solution:



Let a \triangle ABC in which a line DE parallel to BC intersects AB at D and AC at E. To prove DE divides the two sides in the same ratio. AD/DB = AE/EC



Construction:

Join BE, CD

Draw EF \perp AB and DG \perp AC.

We know that,

Area of triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \times base \times height$ Then,

$$\frac{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta ADE)}{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta BDE)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times AD \times EF}{\frac{1}{2} \times DB \times EF}$$

$$\frac{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta ADE)}{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta BDE)} = \frac{AD}{DB}$$
 ...(i)

$$\frac{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta ADE)}{\operatorname{ar}(\Delta DEC)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times AE \times GD}{\frac{1}{2} \times EC \times GD}$$

$$\frac{ar(\Delta ADE)}{ar(\Delta DEC)} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$
 ...(ii)

Since,

 ΔBDE and ΔDEC lie between the same parallel DE and BC and are on the same base DE. We have,

area ($\triangle BDE$) = area($\triangle DEC$)(iii)

From Equation (i), (ii) and (iii),

We get,

AD/DB = AE/EC

Hence proved.

4. In Fig 6.17, if PQRS is a parallelogram and AB||PS, then prove that OC||SR.

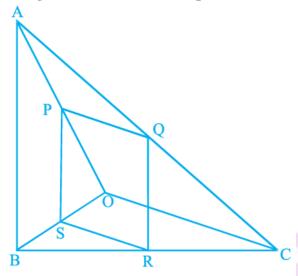
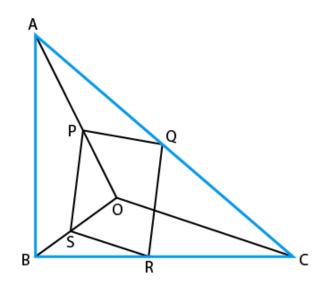


Fig. 6.17

Solution:

According to the question, PQRS is a parallelogram, Therefore, PQ || SR and PS || QR. Also given, AB || PS.



To prove:

 $OC \parallel SR$

From ΔOPS and OAB,

PS||AB

 $\angle POS = \angle AOB$ [common angle]

 $\angle OSP = \angle OBA$ [corresponding angles]

 $\triangle OPS \sim \triangle OAB$ [by AAA similarity criteria]

Then,

Using basic proportionality theorem,

We get,

PS/AB = OS/OB ...(i)

From $\triangle CQR$ and $\triangle CAB$,

 $QR \parallel PS \parallel AB$

 $\angle QCR = \angle ACB$ [common angle]

 \angle CRQ = \angle CBA [corresponding angles]

 Δ CQR ~ Δ CAB

Then, by basic proportionality theorem

$$\frac{QR}{AB} = \frac{CR}{CB}$$

$$\frac{PS}{AB} = \frac{CR}{CB} \quad ...(ii)$$

[PS \cong QR Since, PQRS is a parallelogram,]

From Equation (i) and (ii),

$$\frac{OS}{OB} = \frac{CR}{CB}$$

$$\frac{OB}{OS} = \frac{CB}{CR}$$

Subtracting 1 from L.H.S and R.H.S, we get,

$$\frac{OB}{OS} - 1 = \frac{CB}{CR} - 1$$

$$\frac{OB - OS}{OS} = \frac{(CB - CR)}{CR}$$

$$\frac{BS}{OS} = \frac{BR}{CR}$$

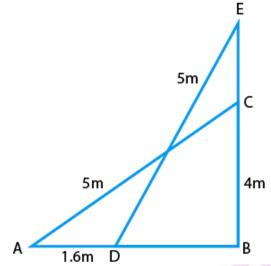
 $SR \parallel OC \ [By \ converse \ of \ basic \ proportionality \ theorem]$

Hence proved.

5. A 5 m long ladder is placed leaning towards a vertical wall such that it reaches the wall at a point 4 m high. If the foot of the ladder is moved 1.6 m towards the wall, then find the distance by which the top of the ladder would slide upwards on the wall. Solution:

Let the length of the ladder = AC = 5 m

Let the height of the wall on which ladder is placed = BC = 4m.



From right angled ΔEBD ,

Using the Pythagoras Theorem,

$$ED^2 = EB^2 + BD^2$$

$$(5)^2 = (EB)^2 + (14)^2$$
 [BD = 1.4]

$$25 = (EB)^2 + 1.96$$

$$(EB)^2 = 25 - 1.96 = 23.04$$

$$EB = \sqrt{23.04} = 4.8$$

Now, we have,

$$EC = EB - BC = 4.8 - 4 = 0.8$$

Hence, the top of the ladder would slide upwards on the wall by a distance of 0.8 m.

6. For going to a city B from city A, there is a route via city C such that $AC \perp CB$, $AC = 2 \times km$ and $CB = 2 \times km$. It is proposed to construct a 26 km highway which directly connects the two cities A and B. Find how much distance will be saved in reaching city B from city A after the construction of the highway.

Solution:

According to the question,

AC⊥CB,

$$AC = 2x \text{ km},$$

$$CB = 2 (x + 7) \text{ km and } AB = 26 \text{ km}$$

Thus, we get \triangle ACB right angled at C.

Now, from $\triangle ACB$,

Using Pythagoras Theorem,

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

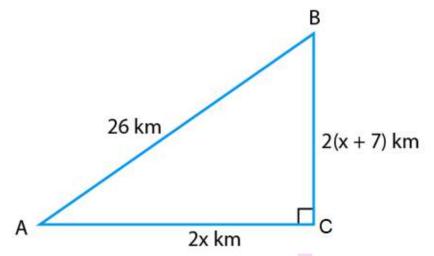
$$\Rightarrow (26)^2 = (2x)^2 + \{2(x+7)\}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 676 = 4x² + 4(x² + 196 + 14x)

$$\Rightarrow$$
 676 = 4x² + 4x² + 196 + 56x

$$\Rightarrow$$
 676 = 8² + 56x + 196

$$\Rightarrow 8x^2 + 56x - 480 = 0$$



Dividing the equation by 8, we get,

$$x^2 + 7x - 60 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 12x - 5x - 60 = 0$$

$$x(x + 12)-5(x + 12) = 0$$

$$(x + 12)(x - 5) = 0$$

$$\therefore$$
 x = -12 or x = 5

Since the distance can't be negative, we neglect x = -12

$$\therefore x = 5$$

Now,

$$AC = 2x = 10km$$

$$BC = 2(x + 7) = 2(5 + 7) = 24 \text{ km}$$

Thus, the distance covered to city B from city A via city C = AC + BC

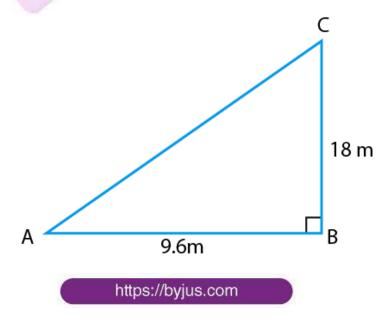
$$AC + BC = 10 + 24$$

$$=34 \text{ km}$$

Distance covered to city B from city A after the highway was constructed = BA = 26 kmTherefore, the distance saved = 34 - 26 = 8 km.

7. A flag pole 18 m high casts a shadow 9.6 m long. Find the distance of the top of the pole from the far end of the shadow.

Solution:





Let MN = 18 m be the flag pole and its shadow be LM = 9.6 m.

The distance of the top of the pole, N from the far end, L of the shadow is LN. In right angled Δ LMN,

LN² = LM² + MN² [by Pythagoras theorem] $\Rightarrow LN^2 = (9.6)^2 + (18)^2$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 LN² = $(9.6)^2 + (18)^2$

$$\Rightarrow LN^2 = 9.216 + 324$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 LN² = 416.16

$$\therefore$$
 LN = $\sqrt{416.16}$ = 20.4 m

Hence, the required distance is 20.4 m

