

EXERCISE 10.6

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Question 1: In $\triangle ABC$, if $\angle A = 40^\circ$ and $\angle B = 60^\circ$. Determine the longest and shortest sides of the triangle.

Solution: In $\triangle ABC$, $\angle A = 40^\circ$ and $\angle B = 60^\circ$

We know the sum of angles in a triangle = 180°

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

$$40^\circ + 60^\circ + \angle C = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle C = 180^\circ - 100^\circ = 80^\circ$$

$$\angle C = 80^\circ$$

$$\text{Now, } 40^\circ < 60^\circ < 80^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle A < \angle B < \angle C$$

$\Rightarrow \angle C$ is a greater angle and $\angle A$ is a smaller angle.

$$\text{Now, } \angle A < \angle B < \angle C$$

We know the side opposite to a greater angle is larger, and the side opposite to a smaller angle is smaller.

Therefore, $BC < AC < AB$

AB is the longest and BC is the shortest side.

Question 2: In a $\triangle ABC$, if $\angle B = \angle C = 45^\circ$, which is the longest side?

Solution: In $\triangle ABC$, $\angle B = \angle C = 45^\circ$

The sum of angles in a triangle = 180°

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

$$\angle A + 45^\circ + 45^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle A = 180^\circ - (45^\circ + 45^\circ) = 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle A = 90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle B = \angle C < \angle A$$

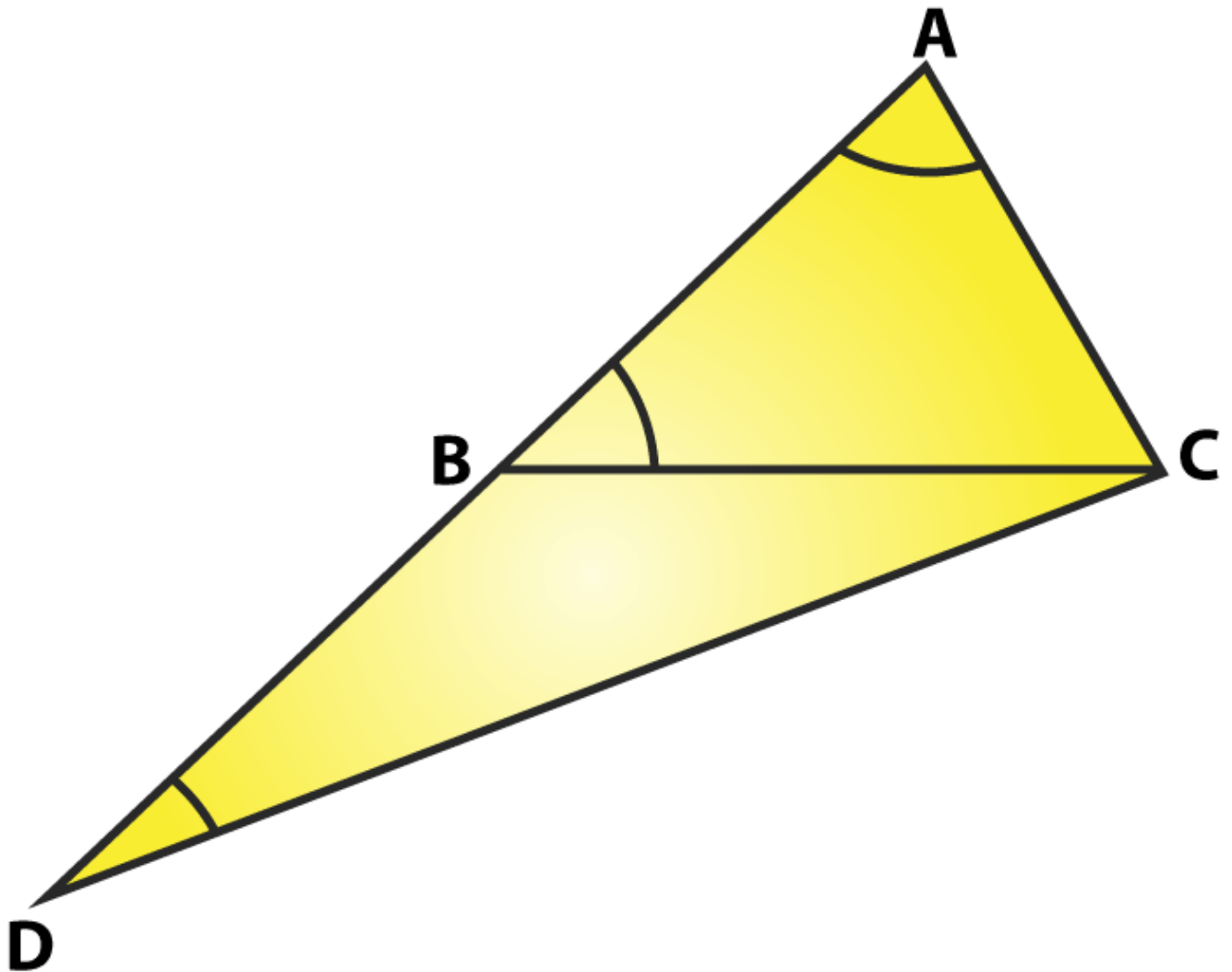
Therefore, BC is the longest side.

Question 3: In $\triangle ABC$, side AB is produced to D so that $BD = BC$. If $\angle B = 60^\circ$ and $\angle A = 70^\circ$.

Prove that: (i) $AD > CD$ (ii) $AD > AC$

Solution: In $\triangle ABC$, side AB is produced to D so that $BD = BC$.

$$\angle B = 60^\circ, \text{ and } \angle A = 70^\circ$$



To prove: (i) $AD > CD$ (ii) $AD > AC$

Construction: Join C and D

We know the sum of angles in a triangle = 180°

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

$$70^\circ + 60^\circ + \angle C = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle C = 180^\circ - (130^\circ) = 50^\circ$$

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

$$\angle ACB = 50^\circ \dots\dots(i)$$

And also in $\triangle BDC$

$$\angle DBC = 180^\circ - \angle ABC = 180 - 60^\circ = 120^\circ$$

[$\angle DBA$ is a straight line]

and $BD = BC$ [given]

$\angle BCD = \angle BDC$ [Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

The sum of angles in a triangle $= 180^\circ$

$\angle DBC + \angle BCD + \angle BDC = 180^\circ$

$120^\circ + \angle BCD + \angle BCD = 180^\circ$

$120^\circ + 2\angle BCD = 180^\circ$

$2\angle BCD = 180^\circ - 120^\circ = 60^\circ$

$\angle BCD = 30^\circ$

$\angle BCD = \angle BDC = 30^\circ$ (ii)

Now, consider $\triangle ADC$.

$\angle DAC = 70^\circ$ [given]

$\angle ADC = 30^\circ$ [From (ii)]

$\angle ACD = \angle ACB + \angle BCD = 50^\circ + 30^\circ = 80^\circ$ [From (i) and (ii)]

Now, $\angle ADC < \angle DAC < \angle ACD$

$AC < DC < AD$

[Side opposite to the greater angle is longer, and the smaller angle is smaller]

$AD > CD$ and $AD > AC$

Hence proved.

Question 4: Is it possible to draw a triangle with sides of length 2 cm, 3 cm and 7 cm?

Solution:

Lengths of sides are 2 cm, 3 cm and 7 cm.

A triangle can be drawn only when the sum of any two sides is greater than the third side.

So, let's check the rule.

$2 + 3 \not> 7$ or $2 + 3 < 7$

$2 + 7 > 3$

and $3 + 7 > 2$

Here $2 + 3 \not> 7$

So, the triangle does not exist.