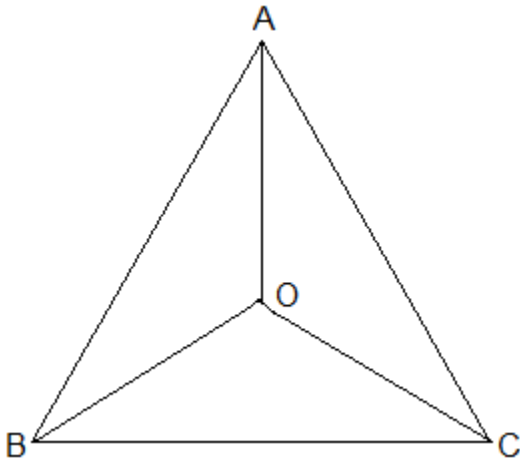


EXERCISE: 7.2

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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 $\angle A$



Solution:

Given:

$AB = AC$ and

the bisectors of $\angle B$ and $\angle C$ intersect each other at O

(i) Since ABC is an isosceles with $AB = AC$,

$$\angle B = \angle C$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \angle B = \frac{1}{2} \angle C$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle OBC = \angle OCB \text{ (Angle bisectors)}$$

$\therefore OB = OC$ (Side opposite to the equal angles are equal.)

(ii) In $\triangle AOB$ and $\triangle AOC$,

$AB = AC$ (Given in the question)

$AO = AO$ (Common arm)

$OB = OC$ (As Proved Already)

So, $\triangle AOB \cong \triangle AOC$ by SSS congruence condition.

$\angle BAO = \angle CAO$ (by CPCT)

Thus, AO bisects $\angle A$.

2. In $\triangle ABC$, AD is the perpendicular bisector of BC (see Fig. 7.30). Show that $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle in which $AB = AC$.

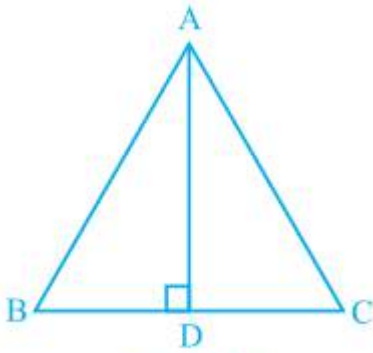


Fig. 7.30

Solution:

It is given that AD is the perpendicular bisector of BC

To prove:

$$AB = AC$$

Proof:

In $\triangle ADB$ and $\triangle ADC$,

$$AD = AD \text{ (It is the Common arm)}$$

$$\angle ADB = \angle ADC$$

$$BD = CD \text{ (Since AD is the perpendicular bisector)}$$

So, $\triangle ADB \cong \triangle ADC$ by **SAS congruency criterion**.

Thus,

$$AB = AC \text{ (by CPCT)}$$

3. ABC is an isosceles triangle in which altitudes BE and CF are drawn to equal sides AC and AB respectively (see Fig. 7.31). Show that these altitudes are equal.

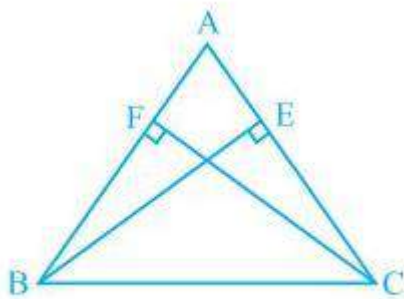


Fig. 7.31

Solution:

Given:

(i) BE and CF are altitudes.

(ii) $AC = AB$

To prove:

$BE = CF$

Proof:

Triangles $\triangle AEB$ and $\triangle AFC$ are similar by AAS congruency since

$\angle A = \angle A$ (It is the common arm)

$\angle AEB = \angle AFC$ (They are right angles)

$AB = AC$ (Given in the question)

$\therefore \triangle AEB \cong \triangle AFC$ and so, $BE = CF$ (by CPCT).

4. ABC is a triangle in which altitudes BE and CF to sides AC and AB are equal (see Fig. 7.32). Show that

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

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

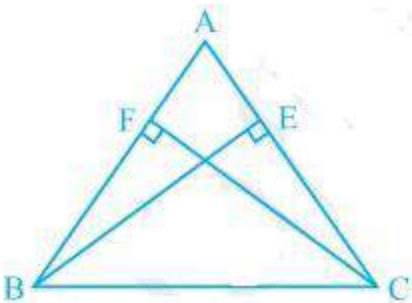


Fig. 7.32

Solution:

It is given that $BE = CF$

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

$\angle A = \angle A$ (It is the common angle)

$\angle AEB = \angle AFC$ (They are right angles)

$BE = CF$ (Given in the question)

$\therefore \triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$ by **AAS congruency condition**.

(ii) $AB = AC$ by CPCT and so, ABC is an isosceles triangle.

5. ABC and DBC are two isosceles triangles on the same base BC (see Fig. 7.33). Show that $\angle ABD = \angle ACD$.

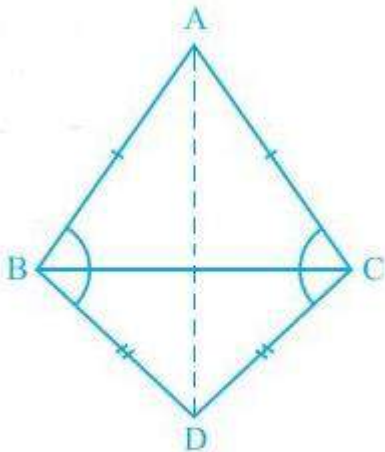


Fig. 7.33

Solution:

In the question, it is given that $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DCB$ are two isosceles triangles.

We will have to show that $\angle ABD = \angle ACD$

Proof:

Triangles $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle ACD$ are similar by SSS congruency since

$AD = AD$ (It is the common arm)

$AB = AC$ (Since $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle)

$BD = CD$ (Since $\triangle DCB$ is an isosceles triangle)

So, $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$.

$\therefore \angle ABD = \angle ACD$ by CPCT.

6. $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle in which $AB = AC$. Side BA is produced to D such that $AD = AB$ (see Fig. 7.34). Show that $\angle BCD$ is a right angle.

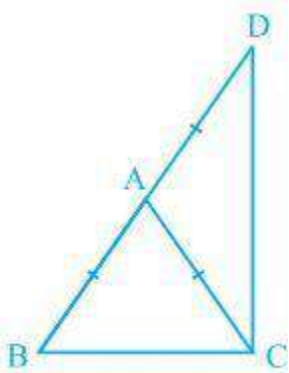


Fig. 7.34

Solution:

It is given that $AB = AC$ and $AD = AB$

We will have to now prove $\angle BCD$ is a right angle.

Proof:

Consider $\triangle ABC$,

$AB = AC$ (It is given in the question)

Also, $\angle ACB = \angle ABC$ (They are angles opposite to the equal sides and so, they are equal)

Now, consider $\triangle ACD$,

$AD = AB$

Also, $\angle ADC = \angle ACD$ (They are angles opposite to the equal sides and so, they are equal)

Now,

In $\triangle ABC$,

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

$$\text{So, } \angle CAB + 2\angle ACB = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CAB = 180^\circ - 2\angle ACB \text{ — (i)}$$

Similarly, in $\triangle ADC$,

$$\angle CAD = 180^\circ - 2\angle ACD \text{ — (ii)}$$

also,

$$\angle CAB + \angle CAD = 180^\circ \text{ (BD is a straight line.)}$$

Adding (i) and (ii) we get,

$$\angle CAB + \angle CAD = 180^\circ - 2\angle ACB + 180^\circ - 2\angle ACD$$

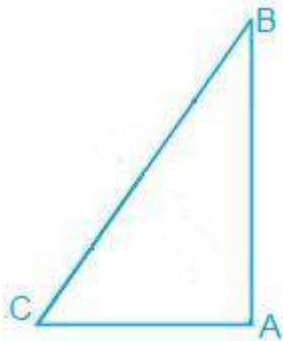
$$\Rightarrow 180^\circ = 360^\circ - 2\angle ACB - 2\angle ACD$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\angle ACB + \angle ACD) = 180^\circ$$

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

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

Solution:



In the question, it is given that

$$\angle A = 90^\circ \text{ and } AB = AC$$

$$AB = AC$$

$\Rightarrow \angle B = \angle C$ (They are angles opposite to the equal sides and so, they are equal)

Now,

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ \text{ (Since the sum of the interior angles of the triangle)}$$

$$\therefore 90^\circ + 2\angle B = 180^\circ$$

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

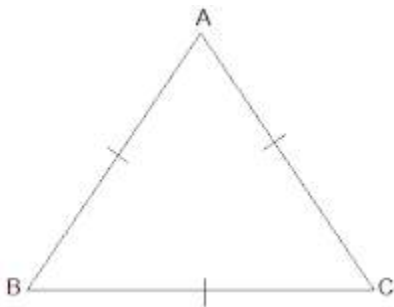
$$\Rightarrow \angle B = 45^\circ$$

So, $\angle B = \angle C = 45^\circ$

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

Solution:

Let ABC be an equilateral triangle as shown below:



Here, $BC = AC = AB$ (Since the length of all sides is same)

$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle B = \angle C$ (Sides opposite to the equal angles are equal.)

Also, we know that

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

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

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

$$\therefore \angle A = \angle B = \angle C = 60^\circ$$

So, the angles of an equilateral triangle are always 60° each.