

CH – 6 SIMILAR TRIANGLES

1. Similar Figures :

Two geometrical figures are said to be similar figures, if they have same shape but not necessarily the same size.

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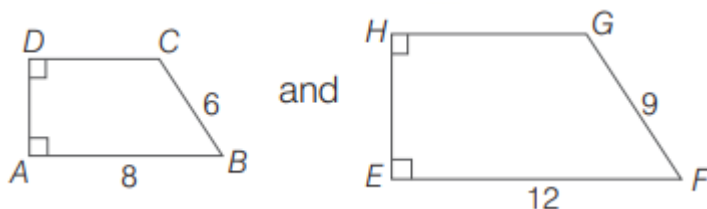
A shape is said to be similar to other, if the ratio of their corresponding sides is equal and the corresponding angles are equal.

Note Principle of similarity is used in measuring the heights and distance of objects like mountain or moon.

2. Similar Polygons :

Two polygons of the same number of sides are similar, if

- (i) all the corresponding angles are equal and
- (ii) all the corresponding sides are in the same ratio (or proportion).



If only one condition from (i) and (ii) is true for two polygons, then they cannot be similar.

3. The ratio that compares the measurements of two similar shapes, is called the **scale factor** or **representative fraction**. It is equal to the ratio of corresponding sides of two figures. We can use the ratio of corresponding sides to find unknown sides of similar shapes.

4. Two triangles are said to be **similar triangles**, if their corresponding angles are equal and their corresponding sides are proportional (i.e., the ratios between the lengths of corresponding sides are equal).

e.g., If in $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$,

$$\angle A = \angle P, \angle B = \angle Q, \angle C = \angle R$$

$$\text{and } \frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{AC}{PR}$$

then, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$

where, symbol \sim is read as, 'is similar to'.

Conversely

If $\triangle ABC$ is similar to $\triangle PQR$, then

$$\angle A = \angle P, \angle B = \angle Q, \angle C = \angle R$$

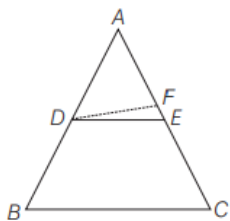
$$\text{and } \frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{AC}{PR}$$

Note The ratio of any two corresponding sides in two equiangular triangles is always the same.

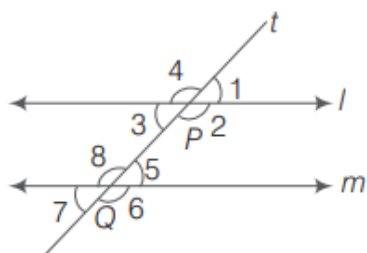
5. If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, then other two sides are divided in the same ratio. This theorem is known as **Basic Proportionality Theorem (BPT) or Thales theorem**.

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6. If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then the line must be parallel to the third side (converse of basic proportionality theorem).



7. Let us consider two parallel lines l and m and draw one transversal line t , which intersect l and m at P and Q . Then,



(i) Corresponding Angles

The angles on the same side of a transversal line are known as the corresponding angles, if both lie either above the two lines or below the two lines. i.e.,

- (a) $\angle 1$ and $\angle 5$ (b) $\angle 2$ and $\angle 6$
(c) $\angle 4$ and $\angle 8$ (d) $\angle 3$ and $\angle 7$

(ii) Alternate Interior Angles

The following pairs of angles are called pairs of alternate interior angles

- (a) $\angle 3$ and $\angle 5$ (b) $\angle 2$ and $\angle 8$

(iii) Consecutive Interior Angles

The pairs of interior angles on same side of the transversal line are called pair of consecutive interior angles.

- (a) $\angle 2$ and $\angle 5$ (b) $\angle 3$ and $\angle 8$

(iv) Alternate Exterior Angles

The following pair of angles are called alternate exterior angles

- (a) $\angle 1$ and $\angle 7$ (b) $\angle 4$ and $\angle 6$

(v) Vertically Opposite Angles

The following pair of angles are called vertically opposite angles.

- (a) $\angle 1$ and $\angle 3$ (b) $\angle 2$ and $\angle 4$
(c) $\angle 5$ and $\angle 7$ (d) $\angle 6$ and $\angle 8$

8. The line segment joining the mid-points of any two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side. (Mid-point theorem)

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9. The internal bisector

of an angle of a triangle divides the opposite side internally in the ratio of the sides containing the angle.
(Angle bisector theorem)

10. Similar Triangles

Two triangles are said to be similar, if corresponding angles are equal and corresponding sides are in the same ratio i.e., they are proportional.

11. AAA Similarity

If two angles of one triangle are respectively equal to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar (because by the angle sum property of a triangle, their third angle will also be equal) and it is called **AAA (or AA) similarity**.

12. SSS Similarity

In two triangles, if sides of one triangle are proportional to the sides of the other triangle, then their corresponding angles are equal and hence the two triangles are similar.

13. SAS Similarity

If one angle of a triangle is equal to one angle of the other triangle and the sides including these angles are proportional, then the two triangles are similar.

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

If $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$ are similar, then

$$\frac{ar(\triangle ABC)}{ar(\triangle PQR)} = \left(\frac{AB}{PQ}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{AC}{PR}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{BC}{QR}\right)^2$$

15. (i) In a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides. (Pythagoras theorem)

(ii) In a triangle, if square of one side is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides, then the angle opposite to first side is a right angle. (Converse of Pythagoras theorem)

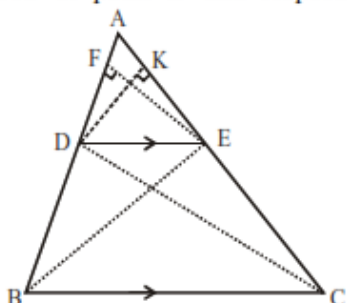
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Th.1 : In a triangle, a line drawn parallel to one side to intersect the other two sides in distinct points divides the two sides in the same ratio.

Given : A $\triangle ABC$ in which DE is drawn parallel to side BC . Intersects AB and AC at point D and E respectively.



To Prove : $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$

Const.: Join BE and CD and draw $EF \perp AB$ and $DK \perp AC$.

Proof :

$$\text{ar}(\triangle ADE) = \frac{1}{2} \times AD \times EF \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{ar}(\triangle BDE) = \frac{1}{2} \times BD \times EF \quad \text{(ii)}$$

Equation (i) divided by (ii)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle ADE)}{\text{ar}(\triangle BDE)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} AD \times EF}{\frac{1}{2} BD \times EF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle ADE)}{\text{ar}(\triangle BDE)} = \frac{AD}{BD} \quad \text{(iii)}$$

$$\text{Again } \text{ar}(\triangle ADE) = \frac{1}{2} \times AE \times DK \quad \text{(iv)}$$

$$\text{ar}(\triangle CDE) = \frac{1}{2} EC \times DK \quad \text{(v)}$$

Equation (iv) divided by (v)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle ADE)}{\text{ar}(\triangle CDE)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} AE \times DK}{\frac{1}{2} EC \times DK}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle ADE)}{\text{ar}(\triangle CDE)} = \frac{AE}{EC} \quad \text{(vi)}$$

Since, \triangle 's BDE and CDE lies on same base DE and same parallel BC .

$$\therefore \text{ar}(\triangle BDE) = \text{ar}(\triangle CDE)$$

From (iii) and (vi)

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \quad \text{Hence Proved}$$

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$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \quad \text{(i)} \quad \frac{DB}{AD} = \frac{EC}{AE} \quad \text{(iv)}$$

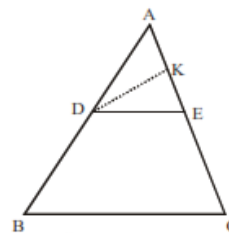
$$\frac{AB}{DB} = \frac{AC}{EC} \quad \text{(ii)} \quad \frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{AC}{AE} \quad \text{(v)}$$

$$\frac{DB}{AB} = \frac{EC}{AC} \quad \text{(iii)} \quad \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} \quad \text{(vi)}$$

Th.2 : **Convers of B.P.T. :** If a line divides any two sides of a triangle in the same ratio, then line is parallel to the third side.

Given : A $\triangle ABC$, DE is a line divides two sides AB and AC in the same ratio that

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



To prove : $DE \parallel BC$

Const.: If DE is not $\parallel BC$, draw $DK \parallel BC$ meeting AC in K .

Proof : A $\triangle ABC$, $DK \parallel BC$ (By const.)

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AK}{KC} \quad \text{(By B.P.T.)} \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} \quad \text{Given} \quad \text{(ii)}$$

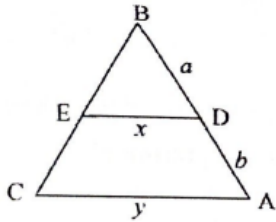
From (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{AK}{KC} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

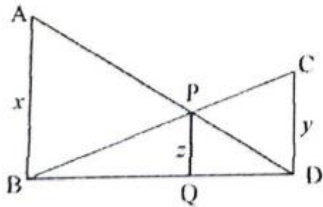
This is possible only one condition when point K coincide with E . Therefore $DE \parallel BC$.

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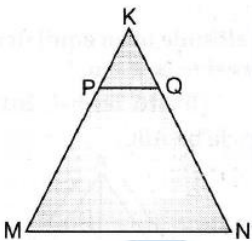
- (a) Corresponding angles are equal.
- (b) Corresponding sides are proportional.



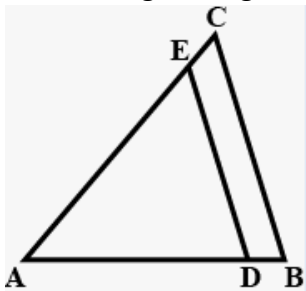
Q7. In the given figure $AB \parallel PQ \parallel CD$, $AB = x$, $CD = y$ and $PQ = z$. Prove that $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{z}$.



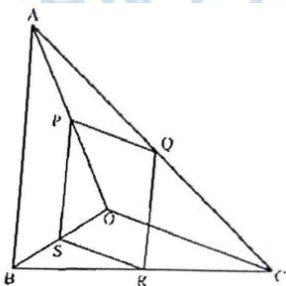
Q8. In the given Fig. 2 PQ is parallel to MN . If $\frac{KP}{PM} = \frac{4}{13}$ and $KN = 20$ cm, find KQ .



Q9. In the given Fig.3. $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD = x$, $DB = x - 2$, $AE = x + 2$ and $EC = x - 1$, find the value of x .



Q10. In the figure, if PQRS is a parallelogram and $AB \parallel PS$, then prove that $OC \parallel SR$.



Q11. Any point X is taken in the side BC of a triangle ABC , and XM, XN are drawn parallel to BA, CA meeting CA, BA in M, N respectively; MN meets BC produced in T , prove that $TX^2 = TB \times TC$.

Q12. Two triangles ABC and DBC lie on the same side of the base BC , From a point P on BC , $PQ \parallel AB$ and $PR \parallel BD$ are drawn. They meet AC in Q and DC in R respectively. Prove that $QR \parallel AD$.

Q13. Let ABC be a triangle and D and E be two points on side AB such that $AD = BE$. If $DP \parallel BC$ and $EQ \parallel AC$, then prove that $PQ \parallel AB$.

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Q14. In $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on the sides AB and AC respectively. For each of the following cases show that $DE \parallel BC$.

(a) $AB=12\text{cm}$, $AD=8\text{cm}$, $AE=12\text{cm}$ and $AC=18\text{cm}$.

(b) $AB=5.6\text{cm}$, $AD=1.4\text{cm}$, $AC=7.2\text{cm}$ and $AE=1.8\text{cm}$.

Q15. In a $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on the sides AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD=6\text{cm}$, $DB=9\text{cm}$ and $AE=8\text{cm}$. Find AC.

Q16. In a $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on the sides AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$. If $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{3}{2}$ and $AC=15\text{cm}$, find AE.

Q17. In a $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on the sides AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$. If $AE = 8$, $DB = x - 1$ and $EC = 3$ and $AD = x$, find x.

Q18. In a $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on the sides AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$. If $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{4}{5}$ and $EC = 2.5\text{ cm}$, find AE.

Q19. In a $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on sides AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD = x$, $DB = x - 2$, $AE = x + 2$ and $EC = x - 1$, find the value of x.

Q20. In a $\triangle ABC$, D and F are points on the sides AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD = 4x - 3$, $AE = 8x - 7$, $BD = 3x - 1$ and $CE = 5x - 3$, find the value of x.

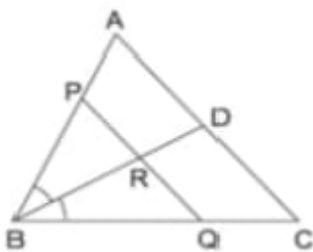
Q21. In $\triangle ABC$, P and Q are points on sides AB and AC respectively, such that $PQ \parallel BC$. If $AP = 3.4\text{cm}$, $AQ = 2\text{cm}$, $QC = 3\text{cm}$ and $BC = 6\text{cm}$, find AB and PQ.

Q22. In $\triangle ABC$, $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD = 3$, $DB = 4$, $AC = 12\text{cm}$. find the value of AE.

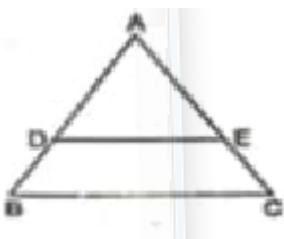
Q23. In $\triangle ABC$, $DE \parallel BC$ if $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{a}{b}$ and $AC = 2a$ find the value of AE.

Q24. In $\triangle PQR$, $MN \parallel QR$ if $PQ = a + b$, $MQ = a$ and $PR = 2b$ find NR.

18. From the below figure, In $\triangle ABC$, the bisector of $\angle B$ meets AC at D. A line $PQ \parallel AC$ meets AB, BC and BD at P, Q and R respectively. Show that $PR \times BQ = QR \times BP$.



Q25. If a line is drawn parallel to one side of a triangle intersecting the other sides in distinct points, then prove that the other two sides are divided in the same ratio. Using the above. In this fig. $DE \parallel BC$, $AD = \frac{1}{2} BD$; $AE = 4.5\text{ cm}$, find the value of AC.

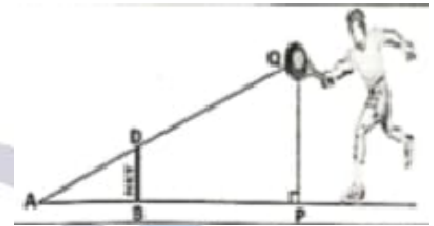
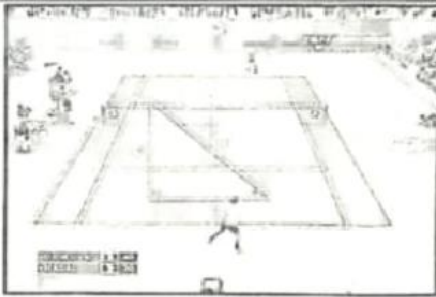


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Q26.(i) Prove that if a line is drawn to one side of a triangle to intersect the other two sides in distinct points, the other two sides are divided in the same ratio.

(ii) In $\triangle ABC$, D and E are points on the side AB and AC respectively such that $DE \parallel BC$. If $\frac{AD}{DE} = \frac{3}{4}$ and $AC = 15$ cm find AE.

Q27. Tennis is an individual sport at first glance as the player is obviously alone on the court betting it out with his opponent. How does knowledge of mathematics help us gain insight into the world of tennis?

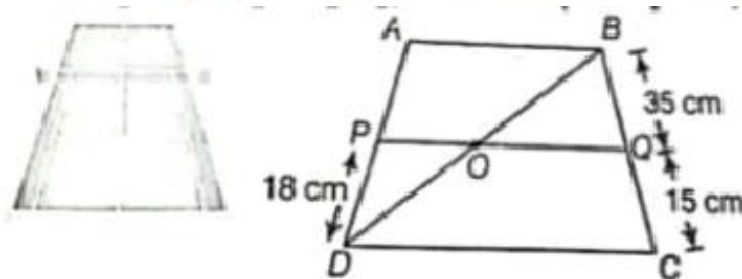


(a) In the given figure $BD \parallel PQ$, find the value of x .

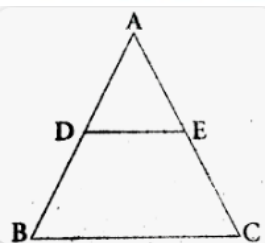
$$AB = x - 2, BP = x - 1, \\ AD = x + 3 \text{ \& } DQ = x + 5$$

(b) If one of the diagonals of a trapezium divides the other in the ratio $2 : 1$. Prove that one of the parallel sides is twice the other.

(c) In the figure $AB \parallel CD \parallel PQ$, find AD (with proof)



Q28. State and prove BPT. Hence in this fig. $DE \parallel BC$ and $BD = x - 3$, $AB = 2x$, $CE = x - 2$ and $AC = 2x + 3$, find x .



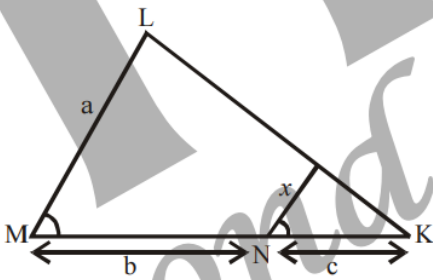
Q29. ABCD is a parallelogram. AB is divided at P and CD at Q so that $AP : PB = 3 : 2$ and $CQ : QD = 4 : 1$. If one student is less in each row, there would be 3 rows more. Find the total number of students in the class.

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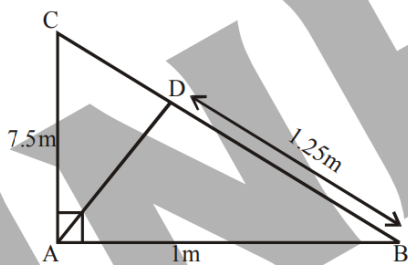
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Q30. In the given Fig. express x in terms of a , b and c .



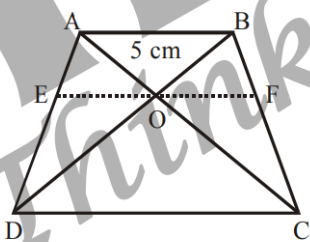
Q31. The perimeter of two similar Δ s ABC and PQR are respectively 36cm and 24cm. If $PQ = 10$ cm, find AB.

Q32. In the given Fig. 10. $\angle CAB = 90^\circ$ and $AD \perp BC$, If $AC = 7.5$ m, $AB = 1$ m and $BD = 1.25$ m find AD.

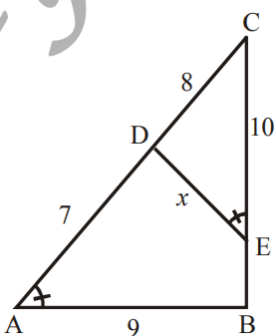


Q33. P and Q are points on sides AB and AC respectively of ΔABC . If $AP = 3$ cm, $PB = 6$ cm, $AQ = 5$ cm and $QC = 10$ cm, show that $BC = 3PQ$.

Q34. In the given Fig. 11 ABCD is a trapezium and $DC = 2 AB$. EF is drawn parallel to AB such that $BE : EC = 3 : 4$, prove that $7EF = 10AB$.

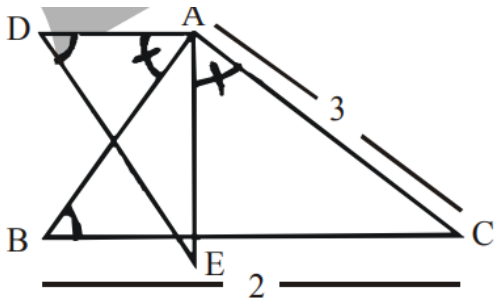


Q35. In the given fig. if $\angle A = \angle CED$, proved that $\Delta CAB \sim \Delta CED$. Also find the value of x .

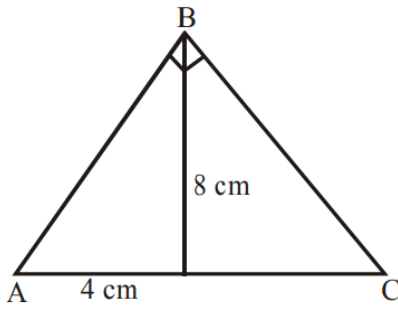


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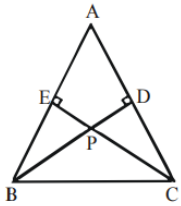
Q36. In the given fig.13 $\angle BAD = \angle CAE$ and $\angle ADE = \angle ABC$. If $AC : BC = 3 : 2$, find the ratio $DE : AE$.



Q37. In the given fig. 15 $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ and $BD \perp AC$. If $BD = 8\text{cm}$ and $AD = 4\text{cm}$, find CD .



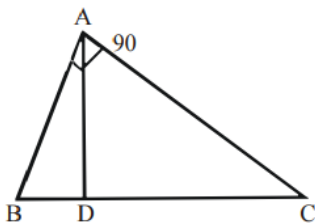
Q38. In the given fig. 16 considering triangles BEP and CPD, prove that $BP \times PD = EP \times PC$.



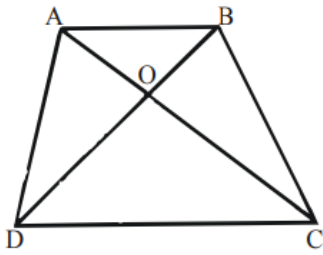
Q39. ABC is a triangle in which $AB = AC$ and D is a point on the side AC such that $BC^2 = AC \times CD$. Prove that $BD = BC$

Q40. Two sides and the a median bisecting one of these sides of a Δ are respectively proportional the two sides and the corresponding median of the other triangle. Prove that Δ 's are similar.

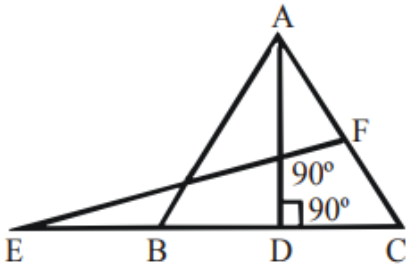
Q41. In the given Fig. 17, $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$ and segment $AD \perp BC$. Pt. $AD^2 = BD \times DC$.



Q42. In the given Fig. 18 ABCD is a trapezium such that $AB \parallel DC$. Diagonals AC and BD intersect each other, Prove that $\frac{OA}{OC} = \frac{OB}{OD}$.



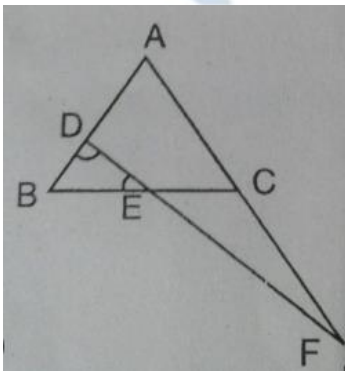
Q43. In the given fig. 19 $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ and $BD \perp AC$ if $AB = 5.7\text{cm}$, $BD = 3.9\text{ cm}$ and $CD = 5.4\text{ cm}$ and find BC .



Q44. The diagonal BD of a parallelogram $ABCD$ intersects the segment AE at the point F , where E is any point on the side BC . Prove that $DF \times EF = FB \times FA$.

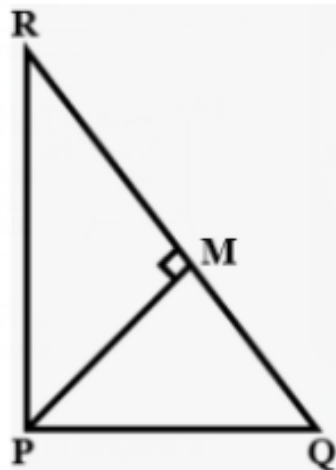
Q45. Sides AB and AC and median AD of a triangle ABC are respectively proportional to sides PQ and PR and median PM of another triangle PQR . Show that $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$.

Q46. In the fig, $\angle BED = \angle BDE$ and E is the midpoint of BC . Prove that $AF \times BE = AD \times CF$.

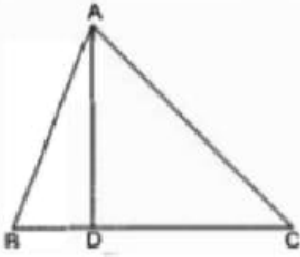


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Q47. PQR is a right angled at P and M is a point on QR such that $PM \perp QR$. Show that $PQ^2 = QM \times QR$.



Q48. In the fig. $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$ and segment $AD \perp BC$. Prove that $AD^2 = BD \times DC$.



Q49. In a ΔABC , $AD \perp BC$ and $AD^2 = BD \times CD$. Prove that ΔABC is a right triangle.

Q50. If sides AB , BC and median AD of ΔABC are proportional to the corresponding sides PQ , QR and median PM of PQR , Show that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta PQR$.

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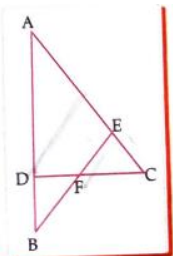
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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Q51.(a) State and prove BPT.

(b) In the given fig. $\angle CEF = \angle CFE$. F is the midpoint of DC.

Prove that $\frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{AE}{FD}$.

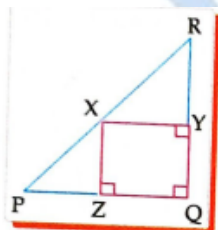


Q52. State and Prove BPT. In $\triangle ABC$, if $DE \parallel BC$, $AD = x$, $DB = x - 2$, $AE = x + 2$ and $EC = x - 1$, then using the above result find the value of x .

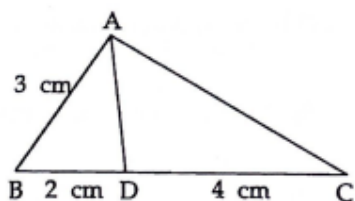
Q53. D is a point on the side BC of a triangle ABC such that $\angle ADC = \angle BAC$, prove that $CA^2 = CB \cdot CD$.

Q54. In $\triangle PQR$, N is a point on PR, such that $QN \perp PR$. If $PN \times NR = QN^2$. Prove that $\angle PQR = 90^\circ$.

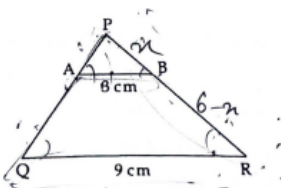
Q55. $\triangle PQR$ is a right angled at Q. $QX \perp PR$, $XY \perp RQ$ and $XZ \perp PQ$ are drawn. Prove that $XZ^2 = PZ \times ZQ$.



Q56. In the given figure, AD is the bisector of $\angle A$. Find AC.

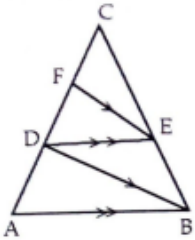


Q57. In the given figure, $PR = 6\text{ cm}$ and $AB \parallel QR$. Find BP.

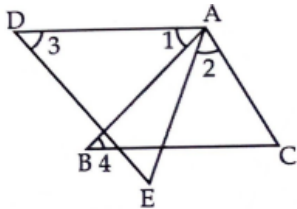


Q58. ABCD is a trapezium with $AD \parallel BC$ and $AD = 4\text{ cm}$. If the diagonals AC and BD intersect each other at O such that $\frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{DO}{OB} = \frac{1}{2}$, then find BC.

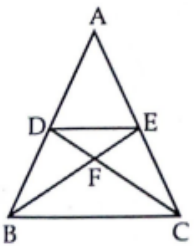
Q59. In the given fig, $AB \parallel DE$ and $BD \parallel EF$. Prove that $DC^2 = CF \times AC$.



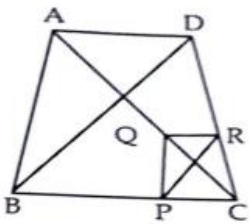
Q60. In the given fig. $\angle 1 = \angle 2$ and $\angle 3 = \angle 4$. Show that $AE \cdot BC = AC \cdot DE$.



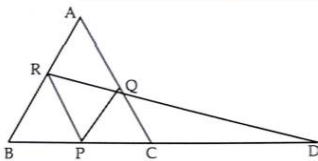
Q61. In the given fig. $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACD$, Prove that $\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$.



Q62. In the given fig, two triangles ABC and DBC lie on the same side BC such that $PQ \parallel BA$ and $PR \parallel BD$. Prove that $QR \parallel AD$.



Q63. In the given fig. $PQ \parallel BA$; $PR \parallel CA$. If $PD = 12$ cm. Find $BD \times CD$.

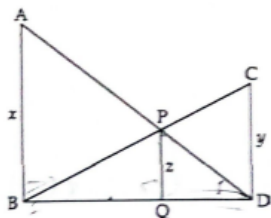


Q64. In $\triangle ABC$, P divides the side AB such that $AP : PB = 1 : 2$. Q is a point on AC such that $PQ \parallel BC$. Find the ratio of the areas of $\triangle APQ$ and trapezium BPQC.

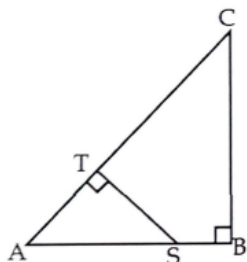
Q65. Through the mid point M of the side CD of a parallelogram ABCD, the line BM is drawn intersecting AC in L and AD produced in E. Prove that $EL = 2BL$.

Q66. Two poles of height p and q metres are standing vertically on a level ground 'a' metres apart. Prove that the height of the point of intersection of the lines joining the top of each pole to the foot of the opposite pole is given by $\frac{pq}{p+q}$ metres.

Q67. In fig. $AB \parallel PQ \parallel CD$, $AB = x$ metres, $CD = y$ units and $PQ = z$ units, prove that $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{z}$.



Q68. In the given fig. $\angle T$ and $\angle B$ are right angles. If the lengths of AT , BC and AS (in cm) are 15, 16 and 17 respectively, then find the length of TC (in cm).



Q69. In $\triangle ABC$ is such that $AB = 3\text{cm}$, $BC = 2\text{cm}$ and $CA = 2.5\text{cm}$. If $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle ABC$ and $EF = 4\text{cm}$, then find perimeter of $\triangle DEF$.

Q70. Sides of two similar triangles are in the ratio of 4 : 9. Find the ratio of the areas of the triangles.

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