Class 9 -Chapter 10 Congruent Triangles

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Exercise 10.1

Question 1: In figure, the sides BA and CA have been produced such that BA = AD and CA = AE. Prove that segment DE $/\!\!/$ BC.



Solution:

Sides BA and CA have been produced such that BA = AD and CA = AE.

To prove: DE // BC

Consider \triangle BAC and \triangle DAE,

BA = AD and CA = AE (Given)

 \angle BAC = \angle DAE (vertically opposite angles)

By SAS congruence criterion, we have

 \triangle BAC \simeq \triangle DAE



We know, corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal

So, BC = DE and \angle DEA = \angle BCA, \angle EDA = \angle CBA

Now, DE and BC are two lines intersected by a transversal DB s.t.

 \angle DEA= \angle BCA (alternate angles are equal)

Therefore, DE // BC. Proved.

Question 2: In a PQR, if PQ = QR and L, M and N are the mid-points of the sides PQ, QR and RP respectively. Prove that LN = MN.

Solution:

Draw a figure based on given instruction,





In \triangle PQR, PQ = QR and L, M, N are midpoints of the sides PQ, QP and RP respectively (Given)

To prove : LN = MN

As two sides of the triangle are equal, so \triangle PQR is an isosceles triangle

 $PQ = QR and \angle QPR = \angle QRP \dots$ (i)

Also, L and M are midpoints of PQ and QR respectively

PL = LQ = QM = MR = QR/2

Now, consider Δ LPN and Δ MRN,

LP = MR



- \angle LPN = \angle MRN [From (i)]
- \angle QPR = \angle LPN and \angle QRP = \angle MRN
- PN = NR [N is midpoint of PR]

By SAS congruence criterion,

ΔLPN ≃ ΔMRN

We know, corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal.

So LN = MN

Proved.

Question 3: In figure, PQRS is a square and SRT is an equilateral triangle. Prove that

(i) PT = QT (ii) \angle TQR = 15°



Solution:

Given: PQRS is a square and SRT is an equilateral triangle.

To prove:

(i) PT =QT and (ii) \angle TQR =15°



Now,

PQRS is a square:

PQ = QR = RS = SP (i)

And \angle SPQ = \angle PQR = \angle QRS = \angle RSP = 90°

Also, \triangle SRT is an equilateral triangle:

SR = RT = TS(ii)

And \angle TSR = \angle SRT = \angle RTS = 60°

From (i) and (ii)

 $PQ = QR = SP = SR = RT = TS \dots$ (iii)

From figure,

 $\angle TSP = \angle TSR + \angle RSP = 60^{\circ} + 90^{\circ} = 150^{\circ}$ and

 \angle TRQ = \angle TRS + \angle SRQ = 60° + 90° = 150°

 $\Rightarrow \angle TSP = \angle TRQ = 150^{\circ}$(iv)

By SAS congruence criterion, Δ TSP $\simeq \Delta$ TRQ

We know, corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal

So, PT = QT

Proved part (i).

Now, consider Δ TQR.

QR = TR [From (iii)]

 Δ TQR is an isosceles triangle.

 \angle QTR = \angle TQR [angles opposite to equal sides]

Sum of angles in a triangle = 180°



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 $\Rightarrow \angle QTR + \angle TQR + \angle TRQ = 180^{\circ}$

=> 2 ∠ TQR + 150° = 180° [From (iv)]

- => 2 ∠ TQR = 30°
- => ∠ TQR = 15°

Hence proved part (ii).

Question 4: Prove that the medians of an equilateral triangle are equal.

Solution:

Consider an equilateral △ABC, and Let D, E, F are midpoints of BC, CA and AB.



Here, AD, BE and CF are medians of \triangle ABC.

Now,



D is midpoint of BC => BD = DC

Similarly, CE = EA and AF = FB

Since $\triangle ABC$ is an equilateral triangle

AB = BC = CA(i)

BD = DC = CE = EA = AF = FB(ii)

And also, \angle ABC = \angle BCA = \angle CAB = 60°(iii)

Consider Δ ABD and Δ BCE

AB = BC [From (i)]

BD = CE [From (ii)]

 \angle ABD = \angle BCE [From (iii)]

By SAS congruence criterion,

 $\triangle ABD \simeq \triangle BCE$

=> AD = BE(iv)[Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal in measure]

Now, consider \triangle BCE and \triangle CAF,

BC = CA [From (i)]

 \angle BCE = \angle CAF [From (iii)]

CE = AF [From (ii)]

By SAS congruence criterion,

 $\Delta BCE \simeq \Delta CAF$

=> BE = CF(v)[Corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal]

From (iv) and (v), we have

AD = BE = CF



Median AD = Median BE = Median CF

The medians of an equilateral triangle are equal.

Hence proved

Question 5: In a \triangle ABC, if $\angle A = 120^{\circ}$ and AB = AC. Find $\angle B$ and $\angle C$.

Solution:



To find: \angle B and \angle C.

Here, \triangle ABC is an isosceles triangle since AB = AC

 \angle B = \angle C (i)[Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

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

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

 \angle A + \angle B + \angle B= 180° (using (i)

 $120^{\circ} + 2 \angle B = 180^{\circ}$

 $2\angle B = 180^{\circ} - 120^{\circ} = 60^{\circ}$

∠ B = 30°

Therefore, $\angle B = \angle C = 30^{\circ}$





Question 6: In a \triangle ABC, if AB = AC and \angle B = 70°, find \angle A.

Solution:

Given: In a \triangle ABC, AB = AC and \angle B = 70°

 \angle B = \angle C [Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

Therefore, $\angle B = \angle C = 70^{\circ}$

Sum of angles in a triangle = 180°

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

 $\angle A + 70^{\circ} + 70^{\circ} = 180^{\circ}$

∠ A = 180° – 140°

∠ A = 40°

Exercise 10.2

Question 1: In figure, it is given that RT = TS, $\angle 1 = 2 \angle 2$ and $\angle 4 = 2(\angle 3)$. Prove that $\triangle RBT \cong \triangle SAT$.



Solution:



In the figure,

- RT = TS(i)
- ∠ 1 = 2 ∠ 2(ii)
- And $\angle 4 = 2 \angle 3 \dots$ (iii)
- To prove: ΔRBT ≅ ΔSAT

Let the point of intersection RB and SA be denoted by O

- \angle AOR = \angle BOS [Vertically opposite angles]
- or $\angle 1 = \angle 4$

 $2 \angle 2 = 2 \angle 3$ [From (ii) and (iii)]

or $\angle 2 = \angle 3 \dots$ (iv)

Now in Δ TRS, we have RT = TS

=> Δ TRS is an isosceles triangle

 \angle TRS = \angle TSR(v)

But, \angle TRS = \angle TRB + \angle 2(vi)

 \angle TSR = \angle TSA + \angle 3(vii)

Putting (vi) and (vii) in (v) we get

 \angle TRB + \angle 2 = \angle TSA + \angle 3

 $\Rightarrow \angle$ TRB = \angle TSA [From (iv)]

Consider $\Delta\,\text{RBT}$ and $\Delta\,\text{SAT}$

RT = ST [From (i)]

 \angle TRB = \angle TSA [From (iv)]

By ASA criterion of congruence, we have



Δ RBT ≅ Δ SAT

Question 2: Two lines AB and CD intersect at O such that BC is equal and parallel to AD. Prove that the lines AB and CD bisect at O.

Solution: Lines AB and CD Intersect at O



Such that BC // AD and

BC = AD(i)

To prove : AB and CD bisect at O.

First we have to prove that $\triangle AOD \cong \triangle BOC$

 \angle OCB = \angle ODA [AD||BC and CD is transversal]

AD = BC [from (i)]

∠OBC = ∠OAD [AD||BC and AB is transversal] https://www.indcareer.com/schools/rd-sharma-solutions-for-class-9-maths-chapter-10-congruent -triangles/



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By ASA Criterion:

Δ AOD ≅ Δ BOC

OA = OB and OD = OC (By c.p.c.t.)

Therefore, AB and CD bisect each other at O.

Hence Proved.

Question 3: BD and CE are bisectors of \angle B and \angle C of an isosceles \triangle ABC with AB = AC. Prove that BD = CE.

Solution:

 \triangle ABC is isosceles with AB = AC and BD and CE are bisectors of \angle B and \angle C We have to prove BD = CE. (Given)





Since AB = AC

 $\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \angle ACB \dots$ (i)[Angles opposite to equal sides are equal]

Since BD and CE are bisectors of \angle B and \angle C

 $\angle ABD = \angle DBC = \angle BCE = ECA = \angle B/2 = \angle C/2 \dots (ii)$

Now, Consider \triangle EBC = \triangle DCB

 \angle EBC = \angle DCB [From (i)]

BC = BC [Common side]

 \angle BCE = \angle CBD [From (ii)]



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By ASA congruence criterion, $\Delta EBC \cong \Delta DCB$

Since corresponding parts of congruent triangles are equal.

=> CE = BD

or, BD = CE

Hence proved.

Exercise 10.3

Question 1: In two right triangles one side an acute angle of one are equal to the corresponding side and angle of the other. Prove that the triangles are congruent.

Solution:

In two right triangles one side and acute angle of one are equal to the corresponding side and angles of the other. (Given)





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To prove: Both the triangles are congruent.

Consider two right triangles such that

 $\angle B = \angle E = 90^{\circ} \dots (i)$

AB = DE(ii)

 $\angle C = \angle F \dots$ (iii)

Here we have two right triangles, \bigtriangleup ABC and \bigtriangleup DEF

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

By AAS congruence criterion, we have \triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF

Both the triangles are congruent. Hence proved.

Question 2: If the bisector of the exterior vertical angle of a triangle be parallel to the base. Show that the triangle is isosceles.

Solution:

Let ABC be a triangle such that AD is the angular bisector of exterior vertical angle, \angle EAC and AD // BC.

From figure,

 $\angle 1 = \angle 2$ [AD is a bisector of $\angle EAC$]

 $\angle 1 = \angle 3$ [Corresponding angles]

and $\angle 2 = \angle 4$ [alternative angle]

From above, we have $\angle 3 = \angle 4$

This implies, AB = AC

Two sides AB and AC are equal.

=> Δ ABC is an isosceles triangle.

Question 3: In an isosceles triangle, if the vertex angle is twice the sum of the base angles, calculate the angles of the triangle.



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Solution:

Let \triangle ABC be isosceles where AB = AC and \angle B = \angle C

Given: Vertex angle A is twice the sum of the base angles B and C. i.e., $\angle A = 2(\angle B + \angle C)$

 $\angle A = 2(\angle B + \angle B)$

∠ A = 2(2 ∠ B)

 $\angle A = 4(\angle B)$

Now, We know that sum of angles in a triangle =180°

 $\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^{\circ}$ $4 \angle B + \angle B + \angle B = 180^{\circ}$ $6 \angle B = 180^{\circ}$ $\angle B = 30^{\circ}$ Since, $\angle B = \angle C$ $\angle B = \angle C = 30^{\circ}$ And $\angle A = 4 \angle B$ $\angle A = 4 \times 30^{\circ} = 120^{\circ}$

Therefore, angles of the given triangle are 30° and 30° and 120°.

Question 4: PQR is a triangle in which PQ = PR and is any point on the side PQ. Through S, a line is drawn parallel to QR and intersecting PR at T. Prove that PS = PT.

Solution: Given that PQR is a triangle such that PQ = PR and S is any point on the side PQ and ST // QR.

To prove: PS = PT



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Since, PQ= PR, so \triangle PQR is an isosceles triangle.

 \angle PQR = \angle PRQ

Now, \angle PST = \angle PQR and \angle PTS = \angle PRQ[Corresponding angles as ST parallel to QR]

Since, \angle PQR = \angle PRQ

 \angle PST = \angle PTS

In Δ PST,

 \angle PST = \angle PTS

 Δ PST is an isosceles triangle.

Therefore, PS = PT.

Hence proved.



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Exercise 10.4

Question 1: In figure, It is given that AB = CD and AD = BC. Prove that $\triangle ADC \cong \triangle CBA$.



Solution:

From figure, AB = CD and AD = BC.

To prove: $\triangle ADC \cong \triangle CBA$

Consider \triangle ADC and \triangle CBA.

AB = CD [Given]

BC = AD [Given]

And AC = AC [Common side]





So, by SSS congruence criterion, we have

∆ADC≅∆CBA

Hence proved.

Question 2: In a \triangle PQR, if PQ = QR and L, M and N are the mid-points of the sides PQ, QR and RP respectively. Prove that LN = MN.

Solution:

Given: In \triangle PQR, PQ = QR and L, M and N are the mid-points of the sides PQ, QR and RP respectively

To prove: LN = MN



Join L and M, M and N, N and L



We have PL = LQ, QM = MR and RN = NP[Since, L, M and N are mid-points of PQ, QR and RP respectively]

And also PQ = QR

PL = LQ = QM = MR = PN = LR(i)[Using mid-point theorem]

MN // PQ and MN = PQ/2

MN = PL = LQ(ii)

Similarly, we have

 $LN \parallel QR$ and LN = (1/2)QR

 $LN = QM = MR \dots$ (iii)

From equation (i), (ii) and (iii), we have

PL = LQ = QM = MR = MN = LN

This implies, LN = MN

Hence Proved.

Exercise 10.5

Question 1: ABC is a triangle and D is the mid-point of BC. The perpendiculars from D to AB and AC are equal. Prove that the triangle is isosceles.

Solution:

Given: D is the midpoint of BC and PD = DQ in a triangle ABC.

To prove: ABC is isosceles triangle.





In \triangle BDP and \triangle CDQ

PD = QD (Given)

BD = DC (D is mid-point)

 $\angle BPD = \angle CQD = 90^{\circ}$

By RHS Criterion: \triangle BDP \cong \triangle CDQ

BP = CQ ... (i) (By CPCT)

In $\triangle \text{APD}$ and $\triangle \text{AQD}$

PD = QD (given)



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AD = AD (common)

APD = AQD = 90 °

By RHS Criterion: △APD ≅ △AQD

So, $PA = QA \dots$ (ii) (By CPCT)

Adding (i) and (ii)

BP + PA = CQ + QA

AB = AC

Two sides of the triangle are equal, so ABC is an isosceles.

Question 2: ABC is a triangle in which BE and CF are, respectively, the perpendiculars to the sides AC and AB. If BE = CF, prove that Δ ABC is isosceles

Solution:

ABC is a triangle in which BE and CF are perpendicular to the sides AC and AB respectively s.t. BE = CF.

To prove: \triangle ABC is isosceles





In Δ BCF and Δ CBE,

 \angle BFC = CEB = 90° [Given]

BC = CB [Common side]

And CF = BE [Given]

By RHS congruence criterion: ∆BFC ≅ ∆CEB

So, \angle FBC = \angle EBC [By CPCT]

 $\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \angle ACB$

AC = AB [Opposite sides to equal angles are equal in a triangle]



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Two sides of triangle ABC are equal.

Therefore, \triangle ABC is isosceles. Hence Proved.

Question 3: If perpendiculars from any point within an angle on its arms are congruent. Prove that it lies on the bisector of that angle.

Solution:



Consider an angle ABC and BP be one of the arm within the angle.

Draw perpendiculars PN and PM on the arms BC and BA.

In Δ BPM and Δ BPN,



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 \angle BMP = \angle BNP = 90° [given]

BP = BP [Common side]

MP = NP [given]

By RHS congruence criterion: ΔBPM≅ΔBPN

So, \angle MBP = \angle NBP [By CPCT]

BP is the angular bisector of $\angle ABC$.

Hence proved

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

Solution: In \triangle ABC, \angle A = 40° and \angle B = 60°

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

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

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

∠ C = 180° – 100° = 80°

∠ C = 80°

Now, 40° < 60° < 80°

=> ∠ A < ∠ B < ∠ C

=> \angle C is greater angle and \angle A is smaller angle.

Now, $\angle A \leq \angle B \leq \angle C$

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

Therefore, BC < AC < AB



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AB is longest and BC is shortest side.

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

Solution: In \triangle ABC, \angle B = \angle C = 45°

Sum of angles in a triangle = 180°

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

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

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

∠ A = 90°

=> ∠ B = ∠ C < ∠ 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° and \angle A = 70°.

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°, and \angle A = 70°



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

Construction: Join C and D

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

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

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

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

∠ ACB = 50°(i)



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And also in Δ BDC

 \angle DBC =180° - \angle ABC = 180 - 60° = 120°[\angle DBA is a straight line]

and BD = BC [given]

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

Sum of angles in a triangle =180°

 \angle DBC + \angle BCD + \angle BDC = 180°

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

120° + 2∠ BCD = 180°

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

 \angle BCD = 30°

 \angle BCD = \angle BDC = 30°(ii)

Now, consider Δ ADC.

- ∠ DAC = 70° [given]
- ∠ ADC = 30° [From (ii)]

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

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

AC < DC < AD[Side opposite to greater angle is longer and 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.



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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 ≯ 7 or 2 + 3 < 7

2 + 7 > 3

and 3 + 7 > 2

Here 2 + 3 ≯ 7

So, the triangle does not exit.

Exercise VSAQs

Question 1: In two congruent triangles ABC and DEF, if AB = DE and BC = EF. Name the pairs of equal angles.

Solution:

In two congruent triangles ABC and DEF, if AB = DE and BC = EF, then

 $\angle A = \angle D$, $\angle B = \angle E$ and $\angle C = \angle F$

Question 2: In two triangles ABC and DEF, it is given that $\angle A = \angle D$, $\angle B = \angle E$ and $\angle C = \angle F$. Are the two triangles necessarily congruent?

Solution: No.

Reason: Two triangles are not necessarily congruent, because we know only angle-angle (AAA) criterion. This criterion can produce similar but not congruent triangles.

Question 3: If ABC and DEF are two triangles such that AC = 2.5 cm, BC = 5 cm, C = 75°, DE = 2.5 cm, DF = 5 cm and D = 75°. Are two triangles congruent?

Solution: Yes.

Reason: Given triangles are congruent as AC = DE = 2.5 cm, BC = DF = 5 cm and



$\angle D = \angle C = 75^{\circ}$.

By SAS theorem triangle ABC is congruent to triangle EDF.

Question 4: In two triangles ABC and ADC, if AB = AD and BC = CD. Are they congruent?

Solution: Yes.

Reason: Given triangles are congruent as

AB = AD

BC = CD and

AC [common side]

By SSS theorem triangle ABC is congruent to triangle ADC.

Question 5: In triangles ABC and CDE, if AC = CE, BC = CD, $\angle A = 60^{\circ}$, $\angle C = 30^{\circ}$ and $\angle D = 90^{\circ}$. Are two triangles congruent?

Solution: Yes.

Reason: Given triangles are congruent

Here AC = CE

BC = CD

 $\angle B = \angle D = 90^{\circ}$

By SSA criteria triangle ABC is congruent to triangle CDE.

Question 6: ABC is an isosceles triangle in which AB = AC. BE and CF are its two medians. Show that BE = CF.

Solution: ABC is an isosceles triangle (given)

AB = AC (given)

BE and CF are two medians (given)

To prove: BE = CF



In $\triangle \text{CFB}$ and $\triangle \text{BEC}$

CE = BF (Since, AC = AB = AC/2 = AB/2 = CE = BF)

BC = BC (Common)

 \angle ECB = \angle FBC (Angle opposite to equal sides are equal)

By SAS theorem: $\triangle CFB \cong \triangle BEC$

So, BE = CF (By c.p.c.t)





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About RD Sharma

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He dreams of algorithms that would give most people nightmares. And, spends every waking hour thinking of ways to explain concepts like 'series solution of linear differential equations'. Meet Dr Ravi Dutt Sharma — mathematics teacher and author of 25 reference books — whose name evokes as much awe as the subject he teaches. And though students have used his thick tomes for the last 31 years to ace the dreaded maths exam, it's only recently that a spoof video turned the tutor into a YouTube star.

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