

Chapter 7 – Triangles

Exercise: 7.1

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1. In quadrilateral ACBD, $AC = AD$ and AB bisect $\angle A$ (see Fig. 7.16). Show that $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABD$. What can you say about BC and BD ?

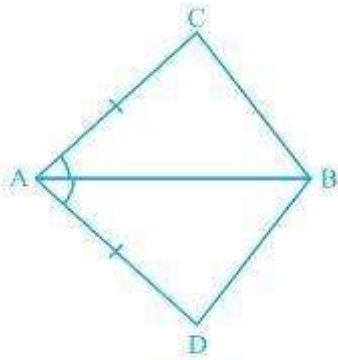


Fig. 7.16

Solution:

It is given that AC and AD are equal i.e. $AC = AD$ and the line segment AB bisects $\angle A$.

We will have to now prove that the two triangles ABC and ABD are similar

i.e. $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABD$

Proof:

Consider the triangles $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle ABD$,

(i) $AC = AD$ (It is given in the question)

(ii) $AB = AB$ (Common)

(iii) $\angle CAB = \angle DAB$ (Since AB is the bisector of angle A)

So, by **SAS congruency criterion**, $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABD$.

For the 2nd part of the question, BC and BD are of equal lengths by the rule of C.P.C.T.

2. ABCD is a quadrilateral in which $AD = BC$ and $\angle DAB = \angle CBA$ (see Fig. 7.17). Prove that

(i) $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle BAC$

(ii) $BD = AC$

(iii) $\angle ABD = \angle BAC$.

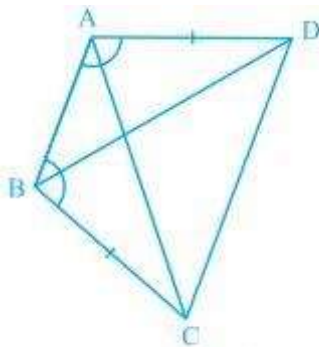


Fig. 7.17

Solution:

The given parameters from the questions are $\angle DAB = \angle CBA$ and $AD = BC$.

(i) $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle BAC$ are similar by SAS congruency as

$AB = BA$ (It is the common arm)

$\angle DAB = \angle CBA$ and $AD = BC$ (These are given in the question)

So, triangles ABD and BAC are similar i.e. $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle BAC$. (Hence proved).

(ii) It is now known that $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle BAC$ so,

$BD = AC$ (by the rule of CPCT).

(iii) Since $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle BAC$ so,

Angles $\angle ABD = \angle BAC$ (by the rule of CPCT).

3. AD and BC are equal perpendiculars to a line segment AB (see Fig. 7.18). Show that CD bisects AB.

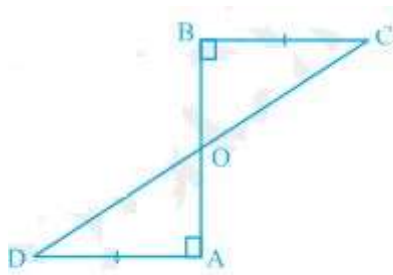


Fig. 7.18

Solution:

It is given that AD and BC are two equal perpendiculars to AB.

We will have to prove that **CD is the bisector of AB**

Now,

Triangles $\triangle AOD$ and $\triangle BOC$ are similar by AAS congruency since:

(i) $\angle A = \angle B$ (They are perpendiculars)

(ii) $AD = BC$ (As given in the question)

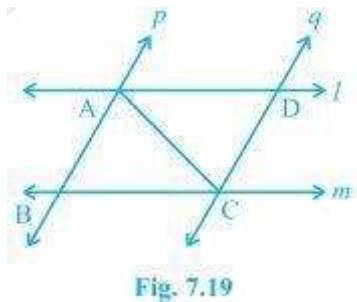
(iii) $\angle AOD = \angle BOC$ (They are vertically opposite angles)

$\therefore \triangle AOD \cong \triangle BOC$.

So, $AO = OB$ (by the rule of CPCT).

Thus, CD bisects AB (Hence proved).

4. l and m are two parallel lines intersected by another pair of parallel lines p and q (see Fig. 7.19). Show that $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle CDA$.



Solution:

It is given that $p \parallel q$ and $l \parallel m$

To prove:

Triangles ABC and CDA are similar i.e. $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle CDA$

Proof:

Consider the $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle CDA$,

(i) $\angle BCA = \angle DAC$ and $\angle BAC = \angle DCA$ Since they are alternate interior angles

(ii) $AC = CA$ as it is the common arm

So, by **ASA congruency criterion**, $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle CDA$.

5. Line l is the bisector of an angle $\angle A$ and B is any point on l . BP and BQ are perpendiculars from B to the arms of $\angle A$ (see Fig. 7.20). Show that:

(i) $\triangle APB \cong \triangle AQB$

(ii) $BP = BQ$ or B is equidistant from the arms of $\angle A$.

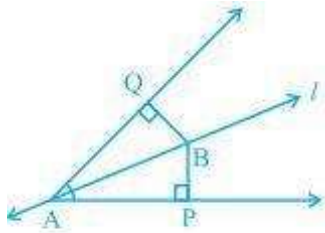


Fig. 7.20

Solution:

It is given that the line " l " is the bisector of angle $\angle A$ and the line segments BP and BQ are perpendiculars drawn from l .

(i) $\triangle APB$ and $\triangle AQB$ are similar by AAS congruency because:

$\angle P = \angle Q$ (They are the two right angles)

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

$\angle BAP = \angle BAQ$ (As line l is the bisector of angle A)

So, $\triangle APB \cong \triangle AQB$.

(ii) By the rule of CPCT, $BP = BQ$. So, it can be said the point B is equidistant from the arms of $\angle A$.

6. In Fig. 7.21, $AC = AE$, $AB = AD$ and $\angle BAD = \angle EAC$. Show that $BC = DE$.

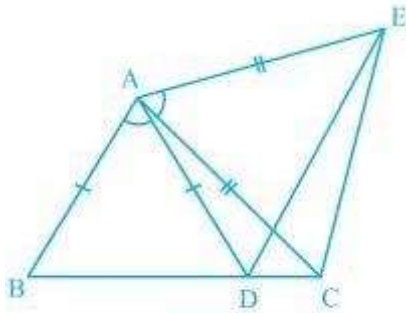


Fig. 7.21

Solution:

It is given in the question that $AB = AD$, $AC = AE$, and $\angle BAD = \angle EAC$

To prove:

The line segment BC and DE are similar i.e. $BC = DE$

Proof:

We know that $\angle BAD = \angle EAC$

Now, by adding $\angle DAC$ on both sides we get,

$$\angle BAD + \angle DAC = \angle EAC + \angle DAC$$

This implies, $\angle BAC = \angle EAD$

Now, $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle ADE$ are similar by SAS congruency since:

- (i) $AC = AE$ (As given in the question)
- (ii) $\angle BAC = \angle EAD$
- (iii) $AB = AD$ (It is also given in the question)

\therefore Triangles ABC and ADE are similar i.e. $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ADE$.

So, by the rule of CPCT, it can be said that $BC = DE$.

7. AB is a line segment and P is its mid-point. D and E are points on the same side of AB such that $\angle BAD = \angle ABE$ and $\angle EPA = \angle DPB$ (see Fig. 7.22).

Show that

(i) $\triangle DAP \cong \triangle EBP$

(ii) $AD = BE$

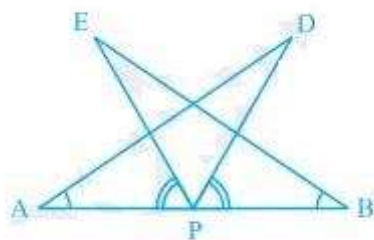


Fig. 7.22

Solutions:

In the question, it is given that P is the mid-point of line segment AB. Also, $\angle BAD = \angle ABE$ and $\angle EPA = \angle DPB$

(i) It is given that $\angle EPA = \angle DPB$

Now, add $\angle DPE$ on both sides,

$$\angle EPA + \angle DPE = \angle DPB + \angle DPE$$

This implies that angles DPA and EPB are equal i.e. $\angle DPA = \angle EPB$

Now, consider the triangles DAP and EBP.

$$\angle DPA = \angle EPB$$

$AP = BP$ (Since P is the mid-point of the line segment AB)

$\angle BAD = \angle ABE$ (As given in the question)

So, by **ASA congruency**, $\triangle DAP \cong \triangle EBP$.

(ii) By the rule of CPCT, $AD = BE$.

8. In right triangle ABC, right angled at C, M is the mid-point of hypotenuse AB. C is joined to M and produced to a point D such that $DM = CM$. Point D is joined to point B (see Fig. 7.23). Show that:

(i) $\triangle AMC \cong \triangle BMD$

(ii) $\angle DBC$ is a right angle.

(iii) $\triangle DBC \cong \triangle ACB$

(iv) $CM = \frac{1}{2} AB$

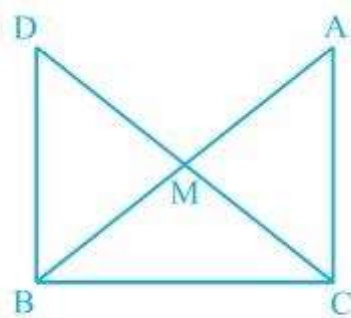


Fig. 7.23

Solution:

It is given that M is the mid-point of the line segment AB, $\angle C = 90^\circ$, and $DM = CM$

(i) Consider the triangles $\triangle AMC$ and $\triangle BMD$:

$AM = BM$ (Since M is the mid-point)

$CM = DM$ (Given in the question)

$\angle CMA = \angle DMB$ (They are vertically opposite angles)

So, by **SAS congruency criterion**, $\triangle AMC \cong \triangle BMD$.

(ii) $\angle ACM = \angle BDM$ (by CPCT)

$\therefore AC \parallel BD$ as alternate interior angles are equal.

Now, $\angle ACB + \angle DBC = 180^\circ$ (Since they are co-interior angles)

$\Rightarrow 90^\circ + \angle B = 180^\circ$

$\therefore \angle DBC = 90^\circ$

(iii) In $\triangle DBC$ and $\triangle ACB$,

$BC = CB$ (Common side)

$\angle ACB = \angle DBC$ (They are right angles)

$DB = AC$ (by CPCT)

So, $\triangle DBC \cong \triangle ACB$ by **SAS congruency**.

(iv) $DC = AB$ (Since $\triangle DBC \cong \triangle ACB$)

$\Rightarrow DM = CM = AM = BM$ (Since M is the mid-point)

So, $DM + CM = BM + AM$

Hence, $CM + CM = AB$

$$\Rightarrow CM = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) AB$$