

Triangles

33. ABCD is a trapezium, in which AB is parallel to DC and its diagonals intersect each other at point O. show that $\frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{CO}{DO}$.

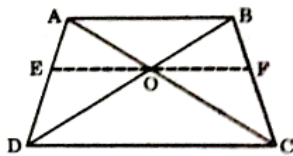
2014/2016 (2 Marks)

In the figure, ABCD is a trapezium with $AB \parallel DC$.

Construction: Through O, draw $EF \parallel DC$ (see figure).

Now, in $\triangle ADC$, $EO \parallel DC$, by BPT, we get:

$$\frac{AE}{DE} = \frac{AO}{OC} \text{-----(1)}$$



Also, since $AB \parallel DC$ and $EO \parallel DC$, we have:

$$EO \parallel AB.$$

So, in $\triangle DAB$, we have:

$$\frac{DE}{AE} = \frac{DO}{BO} \quad (\text{By BPT})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AE}{DE} = \frac{BO}{DO} \text{-----(2)}$$

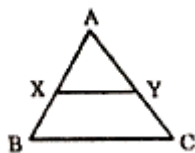
From (1) and (2) we get:

$$\frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{BO}{DO} \Rightarrow \frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{OC}{DO} \quad (\text{Proved})$$

34. In $\triangle ABC$, X is the middle point of AB. If $XY \parallel BC$, then prove that Y is the middle point of AC.

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In figure, X is the mid-point of AB and $XY \parallel BC$.



$$\text{From BPT, } \frac{AX}{XB} = \frac{AY}{YC}$$

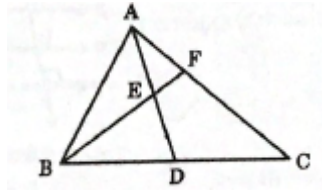
$$\Rightarrow \frac{AX}{AX} = \frac{AY}{YC} \quad (\text{X is the mid-point of AB})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AY}{YC} = 1 \Rightarrow AY = YC.$$

So, Y is the mid-point of AC.



35. In the figure, AD is median of $\triangle ABC$ and E is the mid-point of AD. If BE is produced to meet AC at F, then prove that $AF = \frac{1}{3} AC$.



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In the figure,

Draw $DG \parallel BF$.

In $\triangle ADG$, we have:

$$AE = ED \quad (\text{Given})$$

$$EF \parallel DG \quad (DG \parallel BF)$$

$$\text{So, by BPT,} \quad \frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{AF}{FG}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AE}{AE} = \frac{AF}{FG} \quad (AE = ED)$$

$$\Rightarrow AF = FG \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

Similarly, in $\triangle CBF$, we have:

$$BD = DC$$

$$\text{And} \quad DG \parallel BF$$

So, by BPT,

$$\frac{CG}{FG} = \frac{CD}{BD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CG}{FG} = \frac{CD}{CD} \quad (CD = BD)$$

$$\Rightarrow CG = FG \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

From (1) and (2),

$$AF = FG = CG$$

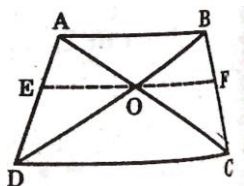
$$\text{Also,} \quad AC = AF + FG + GC$$

$$\text{So,} \quad AF = \frac{1}{3} AC.$$

36. The diagonals of a quadrilateral ABCD intersect each other at the point O, such that $\frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{CO}{DO}$. Show that ABCD is a trapezium.

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Through O, draw a parallel EF to DC. (See figure)



So, in $\triangle ADC$, we get

$$\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{AO}{OC} \quad (\text{By BPT}) \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

$$\text{Again,} \quad \frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{CO}{DO} \quad (\text{Given})$$

$$\text{So,} \quad \frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{BO}{DO} \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

From (1) and (2), we get

$$\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BO}{DO}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ED}{AE} = \frac{DO}{BO}$$

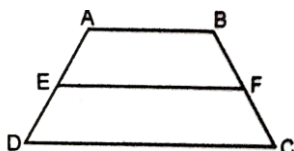
$$\text{Hence,} \quad OE \parallel AB \quad (\text{By converse of BPT}) \quad \text{----- (3)}$$

$$\text{Also,} \quad OE \parallel DC \quad (\text{By construction}) \quad \text{----- (4)}$$

From (3) and (4), $AB \parallel DC$

Hence ABCD is a trapezium.

37. In the given figure, ABCD is a trapezium with $AB \parallel DC$, E and F are the points on non-parallel sides AD and BC respectively such that $EF \parallel AB$. Prove that $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}$.

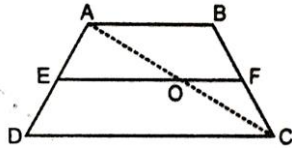


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$$\text{Given} \quad AB \parallel CD \quad (\text{Given})$$

$$\text{And} \quad EF \parallel AB \quad (\text{Given})$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad AB \parallel DC \parallel EF.$$



Join AC. It intersects EF at O.

In $\triangle ADC$, $OE \parallel CD$ as $EF \parallel CD$.

Therefore, $\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{AO}{OC}$ (By BPT)(1)

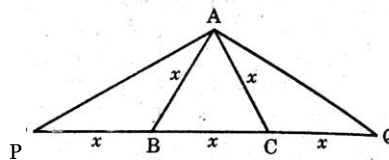
In $\triangle ACB$, $OF \parallel AB$ as $EF \parallel AB$.

Therefore, $\frac{AO}{OC} = \frac{BF}{FC}$ (By BPT)(2)

From (1) and (2), we have:

$$\frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{BF}{FC}.$$

38. In the given figure $\triangle ABC$ is an equilateral Triangle, whose each side measures x units. P and Q are two points on BC produced such that $PB = BC = CQ$.



Prove that:

$$(a) \frac{PQ}{PA} = \frac{PA}{PB} (b) PA^2 = 3x^2$$

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In $\triangle PAB$, $PB = AB$

So, $\angle APB = \angle PAB$

Also, $\angle ABP = 180^\circ - 60^\circ = 120^\circ$

So, $\angle APB = \angle PAB = \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ - 120^\circ) = 30^\circ$

Similarly, $\angle QAC = \angle QCA = 30^\circ$

So, $\angle PAQ = \angle PAB + \angle BAC + \angle QAC$
 $= 30^\circ + 60^\circ + 30^\circ = 120^\circ.$

Now, in $\triangle PQA$ and $\triangle PAB$, we have:

$\angle APQ = \angle APB$ (Each 30°)

$\angle PAQ = \angle PBA$ (Each 120°)

And $\angle PQA = \angle PAB$ (Each 30°)
 So, $\triangle PQA \sim \triangle PAB$ (By AAA similarity criterion)
 Hence, $\frac{PQ}{PA} = \frac{PA}{PB}$ (Proved)

(b)

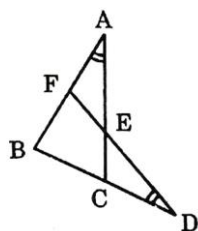
$$PQ = 3x$$

So, from $\frac{PQ}{PA} = \frac{PA}{PB}$, we have

$$PA^2 = PQ \times PB$$

$$PA^2 = 3x \times x = 3x^2. \quad (\text{Proved})$$

39. In the figure, if $\angle A = \angle D$, then prove that $AE \times DC = DE \times AF$.



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In $\triangle AEC$ and $\triangle DEC$, we have:

$$\angle A = \angle D \quad (\text{Given})$$

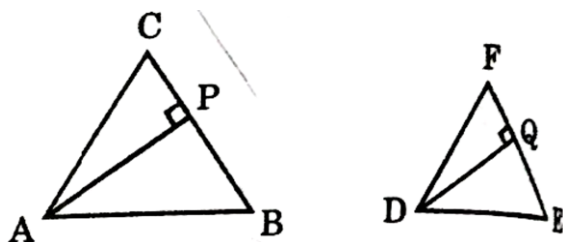
And $\angle AEF = \angle DEC$ (Vertically opposite angles)

So, $\triangle AEF \sim \triangle DEC$ (By AA similarity criterion)

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{AE}{DE} = \frac{AF}{DC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AE \times DC = DE \times AF, \quad \text{Proved.}$$

40. In the given figure, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$, AP bisects $\angle CAB$ and DQ bisects $\angle FDE$.



Prove that:

$$(a) \frac{AP}{DQ} = \frac{AB}{DE}$$

(b) $\triangle CAP \sim \triangle FDQ$

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(a) $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ (Given)

So, $\angle CAB = \angle FDE$ and $\angle B = \angle E$ (1)

Now, $\angle CAB = \angle FDE \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\angle CAB = \frac{1}{2}\angle FDE$.

$\Rightarrow \angle PAB = \angle QDE$ (2)

So, $\triangle APB \sim \triangle DQE$ [From (1) and (2), AA similarity criterion]

$\Rightarrow \frac{AP}{DQ} = \frac{AB}{DE}$.

(b)

Now, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$

$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{AB}{DE}$

So, $\frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{AP}{DQ}$ (Because $\frac{AP}{DQ} = \frac{AB}{DE}$, Proved above)(1)

Also, since $\angle CAB = \angle FDE$, so $\frac{1}{2}\angle CAB = \frac{1}{2}\angle FDE$.

$\Rightarrow \angle CAP = \angle FDQ$ (2)

From (1) and (2),

$\triangle CAP \sim \triangle FDQ$ (By SAS similarity criterion)

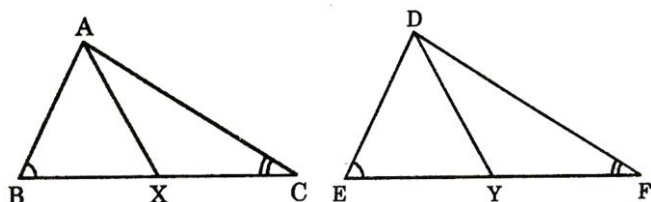
41. If $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ and AX, DY are respectively the medians of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$. Then prove that:

(i) $\triangle ABX \sim \triangle DEY$

(ii) $\triangle ACX \sim \triangle DFY$

(iii) $\frac{AX}{DY} = \frac{BC}{EF}$

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$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ (Given)

So, $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{CA}{FD}$

And $\left. \begin{matrix} \angle B = \angle E \\ \angle C = \angle F \end{matrix} \right\}$

(Corresponding sides are proportional and corresponding angles are equal)

From $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF}$, we get



$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{2BX}{2EY} \quad (\text{X and Y are mid points of BC and EF})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BX}{EY} \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

(i)

Now, in $\triangle ABX$ and $\triangle DEY$, we have:

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BX}{EY} \quad [\text{From (2)}]$$

$$\text{And} \quad \angle B = \angle E \quad [\text{From (1)}]$$

So, $\triangle ABX \sim \triangle DEY$ (By SAS similarity criterion), proved.

(ii)

$$\text{Again,} \quad \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{BC}{EF}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{2XC}{2YF} \Rightarrow \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{XC}{YF} \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$\text{And} \quad \angle C = \angle F \quad [\text{From (1)}]$$

So, $\triangle ACX \sim \triangle DFY$ (By SAS), Proved.

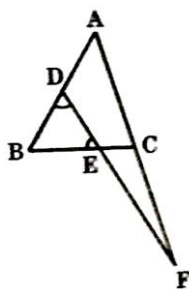
(iii)

From (i) above,

$$\frac{AX}{DY} = \frac{BX}{EY} \Rightarrow \frac{AX}{DY} = \frac{2BX}{2EY}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AX}{DY} = \frac{BC}{EF}, \quad \text{Proved.}$$

42. In the figure, $\angle BED = \angle BDE$ and E is the middle point of BC. Prove that $\frac{AF}{CF} = \frac{AD}{BE}$.

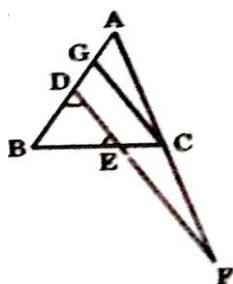


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Construction: On AB, take a point G such that $CG \parallel DF$.

$$\text{In } \triangle BDE, \angle E = \angle D \quad (\text{Given}) \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{So,} \quad BD = BE \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$



From $\triangle BCG$, we have:

$$DE \parallel GC$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{BD}{DG}$$

$$\text{But } BD = BE \quad [\text{From (2)}]$$

$$\text{So, } EC = DG$$

$$\Rightarrow BE = DG \quad (\text{E is mid-point of BC}) \dots\dots(3)$$

$$\text{Now, } CG \parallel FD \quad (\text{By construction})$$

$$\text{So, } \triangle ACG \sim \triangle AFD$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AC}{AF} = \frac{AG}{AD}$$

$$\text{So, } 1 - \frac{AC}{AF} = 1 - \frac{AG}{AD}$$

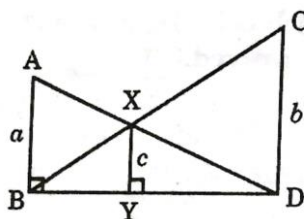
$$\Rightarrow \frac{AF-AC}{AF} = \frac{AD-AG}{AD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{CF}{AF} = \frac{DG}{AD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AF}{CF} = \frac{AD}{DG}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AF}{CF} = \frac{AD}{BE} \quad [\text{From (3)}], \text{ Proved.}$$

43 In the figure, $\angle ABD = \angle XYD = \angle CDB = 90^\circ$, $AB = a$, $XY = c$ and $CD = b$, then prove that $c(a + b) = ab$.



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$$AB \perp BD \text{ and } XY \perp BD \quad (\angle ABD = 90^\circ, \angle XYD = 90^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB \parallel XY$$

$$\text{So, } \angle BAX = \angle YXD$$

Hence, $\triangle DXY \sim \triangle DAB$ (By AA similarity criterion)

So, $\frac{DY}{DB} = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{DX}{DA}$ (1)

Also, by AA similarity criterion,

$$\triangle BXY \sim \triangle BCD$$

So, $\frac{BY}{DB} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{BX}{BC}$ (2)

From (1), $\frac{DY}{BD} = \frac{c}{a} \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{DY}{DB} = 1 - \frac{c}{a}$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB - DY}{DB} = \frac{a - c}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BY}{DB} = \frac{a - c}{a}.$$

So, from (2), we have:

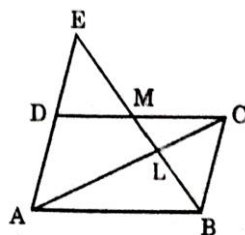
$$\frac{a - c}{a} = \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow cb - bc = ac$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = ac + bc$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = c(a + b), \text{ proved}$$

44. In the parallelogram ABCD, middle point of CD is M. A line segment BM is drawn which cuts AC at L and meets AD extended at E. Prove that $EL = 2BL$.



2014/2015/2016 (4 Marks)

In $\triangle EDM$ and $\triangle BCM$, we have

$$DM = CM \quad (\text{Given})$$

$$\angle DME = \angle BME \quad (\text{Vertically opposite angles})$$

$$\angle DEM = \angle CBM \quad (\text{Alternate interior angles, } DE \parallel BC)$$

So, $\triangle EDM \cong \triangle BCM$ (By AAS congruence criterion)

$$\Rightarrow DE = BC \quad (\text{CPCT})$$

So, $DE = AD$ (Because $BC = AD$)

Now, in $\triangle AEL$ and $\triangle CBL$, we have:

$$\angle ELA = \angle BLC \quad (\text{Vertically opposite angles})$$

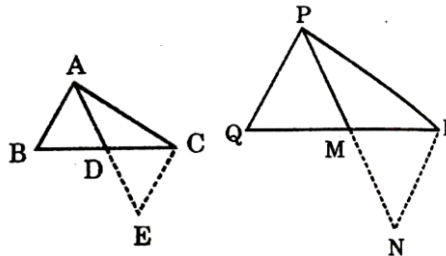
$$\angle DEL = \angle CBL \quad (\text{Vertically interior angles})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } \triangle AEL &\sim \triangle CBL && (\text{By AA similarity criterion}) \\
 \frac{AE}{EL} &= \frac{CB}{BL} && (\text{Corresponding sides are proportional}) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{2AD}{EL} &= \frac{BC}{BL} && (\text{Since } AD = DE) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{2AD}{EL} &= \frac{AD}{BL} && (BC = AD) \\
 2BL &= EL && \Rightarrow EL = 2BL, \text{ proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$

45. Prove that if two sides and a median bisecting the third side of a triangle are respectively proportional to the corresponding sides and the median of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

2012/2013/2014/2016 (4 Marks)

Produce AD to E such that AD = DE and PM to N such that PM = MN.



Join CE and RN.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \triangle ABD &\cong \triangle ECD && (\text{SAS}) \\
 \text{And } \triangle PQM &\cong \triangle NRM && (\text{SAS}) \\
 \text{So, } AB &= CE \text{ and } PQ = RN && (\text{By CPCT}) \\
 \text{Now, in } \triangle ACE \text{ and } \triangle PRN, \frac{AB}{PQ} &= \frac{AC}{PR} = \frac{2AD}{2PM} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{CE}{RN} &= \frac{AC}{PR} = \frac{AE}{PN} && (\because AB = CE \text{ and } PQ = RN) \\
 \text{So, } \triangle ACE &\sim \triangle PRN && (\text{By SSS similarity criterion}) \\
 \text{So, } \angle CAD &= \angle RPM && \dots\dots(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Again, in $\triangle BAD$ and $\triangle QPM$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \angle BAD &= \angle CED && (\because \triangle ABD \cong \triangle ECD) \\
 \angle QPM &= \angle RNM && (\because \triangle PQM \cong \triangle NRM) \\
 \angle AEC &= \angle PNR && (\because \triangle AEC \sim \triangle PNR)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \angle BAD = \angle QPM \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Adding (1) and (2), $\angle A = \angle P$.

Now, in $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$,

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{AC}{PR} \text{ and } \angle A = \angle P$$

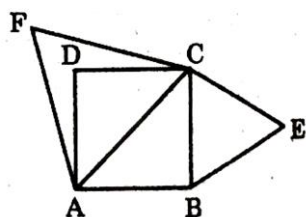
$$\text{So, } \triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR \quad (\text{By SAS similarity criterion})$$



46. Prove that the area of the equilateral triangle described on the side of a square is half the area of the equilateral triangle described on its diagonal.

2010/2011/2015/2016 (3 Marks)

Given: A square ABCD. Equilateral Δ s BCE and ACF have been drawn on side BC and diagonal AC respectively.



To prove: $ar(\Delta BCE) = \frac{1}{2} \times ar(\Delta ACF)$

Proof: $\Delta BCE \sim \Delta ACF$ [Being equilateral, so similar by AAA criterion of similarity]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(\Delta BCE)}{ar(\Delta ACF)} = \frac{BC^2}{AC^2}$$

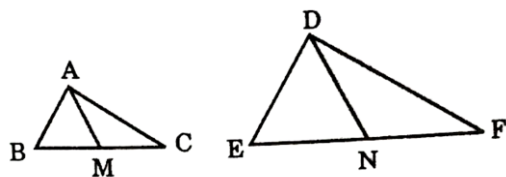
$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(\Delta BCE)}{ar(\Delta ACF)} = \frac{BC^2}{(\sqrt{2}BC)^2} \quad [\text{Diagonal} = \sqrt{2} \text{ side} \Rightarrow AC = \sqrt{2} BC]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(\Delta BCE)}{ar(\Delta ACF)} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow ar(\Delta BCE) = \frac{1}{2} ar(\Delta ACF).$$

47. Prove that the ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding medians

2012/2013/2015/2016 (3 Marks)

Given: $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ and AM and DN are medians of two triangles.



To prove: $\frac{ar(\Delta ABC)}{ar(\Delta DEF)} = \left(\frac{AM}{DN}\right)^2$

Proof: $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$ (Given)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(\Delta ABC)}{ar(\Delta DEF)} = \left(\frac{AB}{DE}\right)^2 \quad \dots(1)$$

And $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF}$.

Also, $\angle B = \angle E$.

Now, $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{2BM}{2EN} = \frac{BM}{EN}$

So, we have:

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BM}{EN} \text{ and } \angle B = \angle E.$$

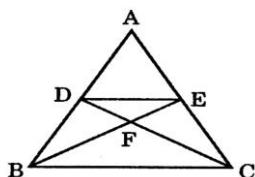
So, $\triangle ABM \sim \triangle DEN$ (By SAS similarity criterion)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AM}{DN} \dots\dots(2)$$

So, from (1) and (2),

$$\frac{\text{ar}(\triangle ABC)}{\text{ar}(\triangle DEF)} = \left(\frac{AM}{DN}\right)^2$$

48. In a $\triangle ABC$, $DE \parallel BC$. If $AD:DB = 3:5$, then find $\frac{\text{ar}(\triangle DFE)}{\text{ar}(\triangle CFB)}$.



2014/2015/2016 (4 Marks)

In the figure, $DE \parallel BC$

So, $\begin{cases} \angle FDE = \angle FCB \\ \angle FED = \angle FBC \end{cases}$ (Alternate angles)

So, $\triangle DFE \sim \triangle CFB$ (AA similarity creation)

$$\text{So, } \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle DFE)}{\text{ar}(\triangle CFB)} = \left(\frac{DE}{BC}\right)^2 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Now, we are given

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{3}{5} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{AD}{DB} = 1 + \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DB+AD}{DB} = \frac{8}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{DB} = \frac{8}{5} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

So, from (2) and (3),

$$\frac{AD}{DB} \times \frac{DB}{AB} = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{5}{8} = \frac{3}{8} \Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{3}{8} \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Now, from $DE \parallel BC$, we also have:

$$\angle D = \angle B \text{ and } \angle E = \angle C \quad \text{(Corresponding angles)}$$

So, $\triangle ADE \sim \triangle ABC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{DE}{BC}$$

So, from (4), we get

$$\frac{DE}{BC} = \frac{3}{8}$$

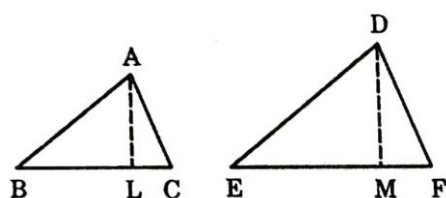
Putting $\frac{DE}{BC} = \frac{3}{8}$ in (1), we get

$$\frac{\text{ar}(\triangle DFE)}{\text{ar}(\triangle CFB)} = \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{64}.$$

49. Prove that the ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding sides. 2012/2013/2015/2016 (4 Marks)

Given: Two Δ s ABC and DEF such that $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$.

To prove: $\frac{\text{ar}(\triangle ABC)}{\text{ar}(\triangle DEF)} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2} = \frac{AC^2}{DF^2}$



Construction: Draw $AL \perp BC$ and $DM \perp EF$.

Proof: Since similar triangles are equiangular and their corresponding sides are proportional, therefore

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF$$

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

And $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF} \dots\dots\dots(1)$

Now, in Δ s ALB and DME, we have:

$$\angle ALB = \angle DME \quad [\because \text{Each} = 90^\circ]$$

And $\angle B = \angle E$ [From (1)]

\therefore By AA criterion of similarity, we have:

$$\Delta ALB \sim \Delta DME$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AL}{DM} = \frac{AB}{DE} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2), we get

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{AL}{DM} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle ABC)}{\text{ar}(\triangle DEF)} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times BC \times AL}{\frac{1}{2} \times EF \times DM} = \frac{BC}{EF} \times \frac{AL}{DM} \\ &= \frac{BC}{EF} \times \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2} \quad [\text{From (3), } \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AL}{DM}] \end{aligned}$$

But, $\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF} \Rightarrow \frac{BC^2}{EF^2} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{AC^2}{DF^2}$

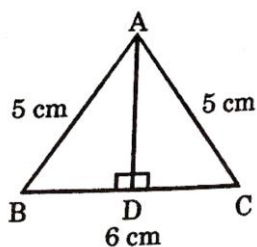
Hence,
$$\frac{ar(\triangle ABC)}{ar(\triangle DEF)} = \frac{AB^2}{DE^2} = \frac{BC^2}{EF^2} = \frac{AC^2}{DF^2}$$

50. In an isosceles triangle, if the length of its sides are $AB = 5\text{cm}$, $AC = 5\text{cm}$ and $BC = 6\text{cm}$, then find the length of its altitude drawn from A on BC.

2014/2015/2016 (1 Mark)

$AD \perp BC$

So, $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$ (RHS)



$$\Rightarrow BD = CD = \frac{6}{2} = 3 \text{ cm}$$

From right triangle ABD, we have:

$$AB^2 = BD^2 + AD^2 \Rightarrow 25 = 9 + AD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = 16 \Rightarrow AD = 4$$

Thus, $AD = 4 \text{ cm}$.

51. Prove that in an equilateral triangle, three times of the square of one of the sides is equal to four times of the square of one of its altitudes.

2013/2015/2016 (2 Marks)

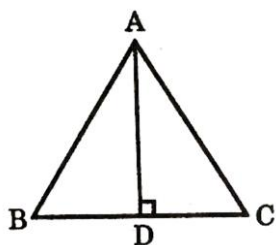
$\triangle ABC$ is an equilateral triangle.

So, $AB = BC = CA$

Also, $AD \perp BC$

So, AD divides BC into two equal parts,

i.e. $BD = DC$



Now, in rt. $\triangle ADC$,

$$AC^2 = AD^2 + DC^2$$

$$= AD^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\text{Or } AC^2 - \frac{BC^2}{4} = AD^2$$

$$\text{Or } AB^2 - \frac{AB^2}{4} = AD^2 \quad (\because AB = BC = AC)$$

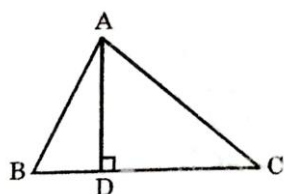
$$\text{Or } \frac{4AB^2 - AB^2}{4} = AD^2$$

$$\text{Or } \frac{3AB^2}{4} = AD^2$$

$$\text{Or } 3AB^2 = 4AD^2$$

i.e. three times the square of a side of an equilateral triangle is equal to four times the square of its altitude.

52. In the figure, in $\triangle ABC$, $AD \perp BC$. Prove that $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2BC \cdot BD$.



2013/2015/2016 (2 Marks)

$$\text{In rt. } \triangle ADB, AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = AB^2 - BD^2 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{In rt. } \triangle ADC, AC^2 = AD^2 + DC^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow AD^2 &= AC^2 - DC^2 \\ &= AC^2 - (BC - BD)^2 \\ &= AC^2 - (BC^2 + BD^2 - 2BC \cdot BD) \quad \dots\dots\dots(2) \end{aligned}$$

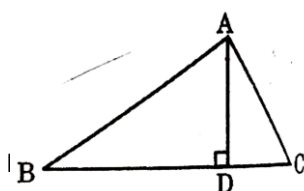
From (1) and (2),

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 - BD^2 &= AC^2 - (BC^2 + BD^2 - 2BC \cdot BD) \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= AB^2 - BD^2 + BC^2 + BD^2 - 2BC \cdot BD \\ \Rightarrow AC^2 &= AB^2 + BC^2 - 2BC \cdot BD \end{aligned}$$

53. The perpendicular from A on the side BC of a $\triangle ABC$ intersects BC at D such that $DB = 3CD$. Prove that $2AB^2 = 2AC^2 + BC^2$.

2013/2015/2016 (2 Marks)

$$BD = 3CD \Rightarrow BD - CD = 2CD$$



Now, $AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$ and $AC^2 = AD^2 + CD^2$

So, $AB^2 - AC^2 = BD^2 - CD^2$

$$\Rightarrow 2(AB^2) - 2(AC^2) = 2(BD^2 - CD^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(AB^2) - 2(AC^2) = 2(BD + CD)(BD - CD)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(AB^2) - 2(AC^2) = 2BC \times 2CD = 2BC \times 2\left(\frac{BC}{4}\right) \quad [\because BC = 4CD \text{ from (1)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(AB^2) = 2(AC^2) + BC^2$$

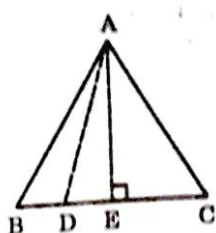
54. In an equilateral triangle ABC, D is a point on side BC such that $3BD = BC$.
Prove that $9AD^2 = 7AB^2$.

2010/2011/2013/2016 (2 Marks)

Let ABC be an equilateral triangle and let D be a point on BC such that

$$3BD = BC \Rightarrow BD = \frac{1}{3}BC$$

Draw $AE \perp BC$. Join AD.



In Δ s AEB and AEC, we have:

$$\angle AEB = \angle AEC \quad (\because \text{Each} = 90^\circ)$$

$$\text{And } AE = AE \quad (\text{common})$$

\therefore By RHS congruence criterion, we have:

$$\Delta AEB \cong \Delta AEC$$

$$\Rightarrow BE = EC \quad (\text{CPCT})$$

Now, we have:

$$BD = \frac{1}{3}BC, DC = BC - BD \Rightarrow BC - \frac{1}{3}BC = \frac{3BC - BC}{3} = \frac{2}{3}BC$$

$$\text{So, } DE = DC - EC = \frac{2}{3}BC - \frac{BC}{2} = \frac{4BC - 3BC}{6} = \frac{BC}{6} \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{And } BE = EC = \frac{1}{2}BC \dots\dots(2)$$

In rt. ΔAED ,

$$AD^2 = AE^2 + DE^2 \dots\dots(3)$$

And in rt. $\triangle AEB$,

$$AE^2 = AB^2 - BE^2 \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

From (3) and (4),

$$\begin{aligned} AD^2 &= AB^2 - BE^2 + DE^2 \\ &= BC^2 - \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{6}\right)^2 \quad [\text{Using (1) and (2)}] \\ &= BC^2 - \frac{BC^2}{4} + \frac{BC^2}{36} \\ &= \frac{36BC^2 - 9BC^2 + BC^2}{36} = \frac{28BC^2}{36} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^2 = \frac{7BC^2}{9} \Rightarrow AD^2 = \frac{7AB^2}{9} \quad (\because AB = BC)$$

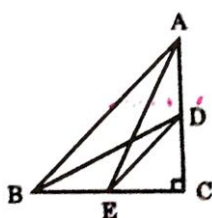
$$\Rightarrow 9 AD^2 = 7 AB^2$$

55. D and E are points on the sides CA and CB respectively of $\triangle ABC$, right angled at C. Prove that $AE^2 + BD^2 = AB^2 + DE^2$.

2012/2013/2015/2016 (2 Marks)

We have: $AE^2 = AC^2 + CE^2$

And $BD^2 = BC^2 + CD^2$



$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow AE^2 + BD^2 &= AC^2 + CE^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 \\ &= (AC^2 + BC^2) + (CE^2 + CD^2) \\ &= AB^2 + DE^2 \end{aligned}$$

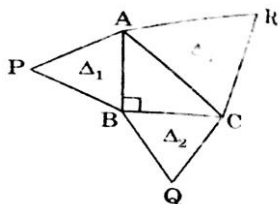
56. Prove that the equilateral triangles described on the two sides of a right angled triangle are together equal to the equilateral triangle described on the hypotenuse in terms of their areas.

2010/2011/2012/2015/2016 (2 Marks)

Given: A right angled $\triangle ABC$ with right angle at B. Equilateral \triangle s PAB, QBC and RAC are described on the sides AB, BC and CA respectively.

To prove: $\text{ar}(\triangle PAB) + \text{ar}(\triangle QBC) = \text{ar}(\triangle RAC)$.

Proof: Since Δ s PAB, QBC and RAC are equilateral, therefore they are equiangular and hence similar.



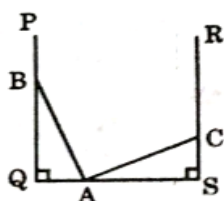
$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \frac{ar(\Delta PAB)}{ar(\Delta RAC)} + \frac{ar(\Delta QBC)}{ar(\Delta RAC)} &= \frac{AB^2}{AC^2} + \frac{BC^2}{AC^2} \\ &= \frac{AB^2 + BC^2}{AC^2} = \frac{AC^2}{AC^2} = 1\end{aligned}$$

$[\because \Delta ABC \text{ is right angled with } \angle B = 90^\circ \therefore AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2]$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar(\Delta PAB) + ar(\Delta QBC)}{ar(\Delta RAC)} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(\Delta PAB) + ar(\Delta QBC) = ar(\Delta RAC)$$

57. As shown in the figure, a 26m long ladder is placed at A. If it is placed along wall PQ, it reaches a height of 24m, whereas it reaches a height of 10m, if it is placed against wall RS. Find the distance between the walls.



2014/2015/2016 (2 Marks)

From ΔABQ , $AB^2 = AQ^2 + BQ^2$

$$\Rightarrow (26)^2 = AQ^2 + (24)^2 \Rightarrow 676 = AQ^2 + 576$$

$$\Rightarrow AQ^2 = 100 \Rightarrow AQ = \sqrt{100} \text{ m} = 10 \text{ m}$$

From ΔASC , $AC^2 = AS^2 + CS^2$

$$\Rightarrow (26)^2 = AS^2 + (10)^2 \Rightarrow 676 = AS^2 + 100$$

$$\Rightarrow AS^2 = 676 - 100 = 576 \Rightarrow AS = \sqrt{576} = 24 \text{ m}$$

So, distance between the walls

$$= QS$$

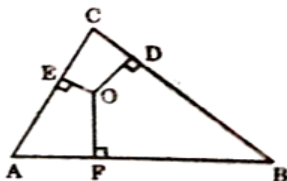
$$= AQ + AS = 10 + 24 = 34 \text{ m.}$$



58. In $\triangle ABC$, from any interior point O , $OD \perp BC$, $OE \perp AC$ and $OF \perp AB$ are drawn. Prove that:

(i) $OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 - OD^2 - OE^2 - OF^2 = AE^2 + CD^2 + BF^2$

(ii) $AE^2 + CD^2 + BF^2 = AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2$



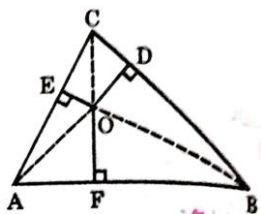
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Join OA , OB and OC .

(i) $OA^2 = AE^2 + OE^2$ (1)

$OB^2 = BF^2 + OF^2$ (2)

and $OC^2 = CD^2 + OD^2$ (3)



Adding (1), (2) and (3), we get:

$$OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 = AE^2 + BF^2 + CD^2 + OE^2 + OF^2 + OD^2$$

$\Rightarrow OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 - OD^2 - OE^2 - OF^2 = AE^2 + BF^2 + CD^2$ (4)

(ii) Similarly, we can find that:

$$OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 - OD^2 - OE^2 - OF^2 = AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2$$
(5)

So, from (4) and (5), we get:

$$AE^2 + BF^2 + CD^2 = AF^2 + BD^2 + CE^2$$

59. $\triangle ABC$ is right angled at C . If $BC = a$, $CA = b$, $AB = c$ and p is length of perpendicular drawn from C on AB , then prove that:

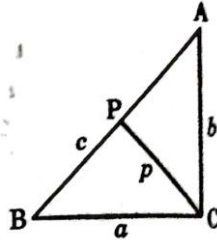
(i) $cp = ab$

(ii) $\frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}$

2014/2015/2016 (2 Marks)

In the figure, we have:

$$CP \perp PB \text{ and } CP = p$$



$$(i) \quad \text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \times BC \times AC = \frac{1}{2} ab$$

$$\text{Also, Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \times AB \times CP = \frac{1}{2} cp$$

So, we have:

$$\frac{1}{2} cp = \frac{1}{2} ab \quad \Rightarrow \quad cp = ab \quad \text{Proved.}$$

$$(ii) \quad AB^2 = BC^2 + AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \left(\frac{ab}{p}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 \quad [\text{From } cp = ab]$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{a^2 b^2}{p^2} = a^2 + b^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 b^2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{a^2}{a^2 b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2 b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \quad \text{Proved.}$$

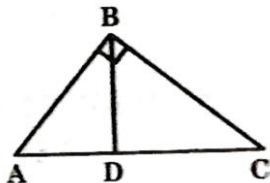
60. Prove that in a right triangle, the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides or state and prove Pythagoras theorem.

2010/2011/2012/2013/2014/2016 (2 Marks)

Given: A right angled $\triangle ABC$, in which $\angle B = 90^\circ$

To prove: $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$

Construction: From B, draw $BD \perp AC$



Proof: In $\triangle ADB$ and $\triangle ABC$, we have:

$$\angle ADB = \angle ABC \quad [\because \text{Each } = 90^\circ]$$

And $\angle A = \angle A$ [Common]

\therefore By AA similarity criterion, we have:

$\triangle ADB \sim \triangle ABC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AB}{AC} \quad [\because \text{Corresponding sides are proportional}]$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = AD \times AC \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

In $\triangle BDC$ and $\triangle ABC$, we have:

$$\angle CDB = \angle ABC \quad [\because \text{Each} = 90^\circ]$$

And $\angle C = \angle C$ [Common]

So, by AA similarity criterion, we have:

$\triangle BDC \sim \triangle ABC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DC}{BC} = \frac{BC}{AC} \quad [\because \text{Corresponding sides are proportional}]$$

$$\Rightarrow BC^2 = AC \times DC \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

Adding (1) and (2) we get

$$AB^2 + BC^2 = AD \times AC + AC \times DC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 = AC(AD + DC)$$

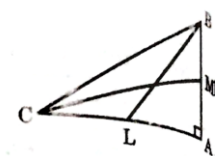
$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 = AC \times AC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$$

61. In the figure, BL and CM are the medians of a triangle right angled at A. Prove that:

$$4(BL^2 + CM^2) = 5BC^2.$$



2010/2011/2013/2015/2016 (2 Marks)

Given that M is the mid-point of AB and L is the mid-point of AC.

In rt. $\triangle ABC$,

$$BC^2 = AB^2 + AC^2 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

In rt. $\triangle ABL$,

$$BL^2 = AB^2 + AL^2 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

In rt. $\triangle AMC$,

$$MC^2 = AM^2 + AC^2 \quad \dots\dots(3)$$

Adding (2) and (3) and subtracting (1) from the result, we get

$$\begin{aligned} BL^2 + MC^2 - BC^2 &= AL^2 + AM^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{AC}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{AB}{2}\right)^2 \quad (\because AM = MB \text{ and } AL = LC) \end{aligned}$$

$$BL^2 + MC^2 - BC^2 = \frac{AC^2}{4} + \frac{AB^2}{4} = \frac{AC^2 + AB^2}{4} = \frac{BC^2}{4} \quad [\text{From (1)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(BL^2 + MC^2) - 4BC^2 = BC^2$$

$$\text{Or} \quad 4(BL^2 + MC^2) = 5BC^2$$

