

Exercise 7.2

1. In an isosceles triangle ABC , with $AB = AC$, the bisectors of $\angle B$ and $\angle C$ intersect each other at O . Join A to O . Show that:

(i) $OB = OC$

(ii) AO bisects $\angle A$.

Sol. (i) In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = AC$ [Given]

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \angle ACB$$

[Angles opposite to equal sides are equal.]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \angle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \angle ACB$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle OBC = \angle OCB$$

[\because OB and OC are bisectors of $\angle ABC$ and $\angle ACB$ respectively.]

$$\Rightarrow OC = OB \quad \dots(i)$$

[Sides opposite to equal angles of a triangle are equal.]

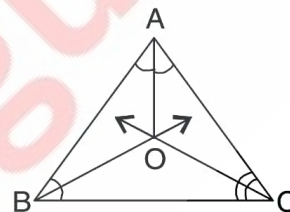
(ii) Consider triangles AOB and AOC ,

We have $OC = OB$

[From (i)]

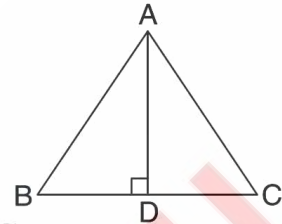
$$AO = OA$$

[Common]



and $AB = AC$ [Given]
 $\therefore \triangle AOB \cong \triangle AOC$ [SSS rule]
 $\Rightarrow \angle OAB = \angle OAC$ [CPCT]
 $\Rightarrow AO$ bisects $\angle BAC$.

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



Sol. Since AD is perpendicular bisector of BC .

$\therefore BD = CD$ and $\angle ADB = \angle ADC = 90^\circ$... (i)

Consider triangles ADB and ADC ,

We have $BD = DC$

and $\angle ADB = \angle ADC$ [From (i)]

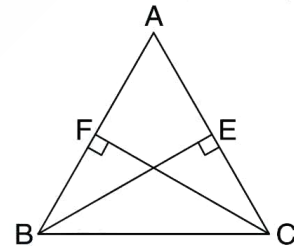
$AD = AD$ [Common]

$\therefore \triangle ADB \cong \triangle ADC$ [SAS rule]

$\therefore AB = AC$.

Therefore, $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle with $AB = AC$. [CPCT]

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



Sol. In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = AC$ [Given]

$\Rightarrow \angle ACB = \angle ABC$... (i)

[Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal.]

Consider triangles BFC and BCE ,

We have $\angle FBC = \angle ECB$ [From (i)]

$BC = CB$ [Common]

$\angle BFC = \angle CEB$ [90° each]

$\therefore \triangle BCF \cong \triangle CBE$ [AAS rule]

$\Rightarrow CF = BE$.

Hence, altitudes to the equal sides of a triangle are equal.

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

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

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

Sol. (i) Consider triangles ABE and ACF ,

We have $BE = CF$ [Given]

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

$\angle AEB = \angle AFC$ [90° each]

$\therefore \triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$ [AAS rule]

(ii) Since $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACF$ [Proved above]

Hence, $AB = AC$

[CPCT]

i.e., $\triangle ABC$ is isosceles.

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

Sol. Construction: Join A and D .

Proof: Consider triangles ABD and ACD ,

We have $AB = AC$

[Given]

$BD = CD$

[Given]

$AD = AD$

[Common]

$\therefore \triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$

[SSS rule]

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

[CPCT]

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

Sol. As $AB = AC$

[Given]

$\Rightarrow \angle 1 = \angle 2$

...(i)

[Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal.]

and $AC = AD$ ($\because AB = AD$) [Given]

$\Rightarrow \angle 3 = \angle 4$

...(ii)

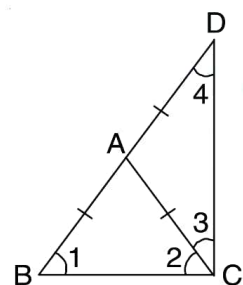
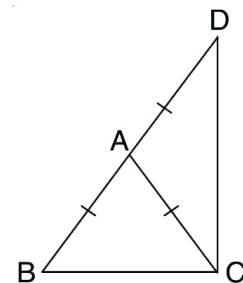
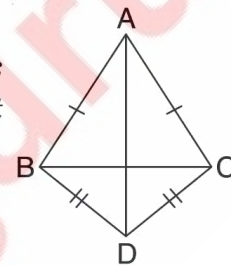
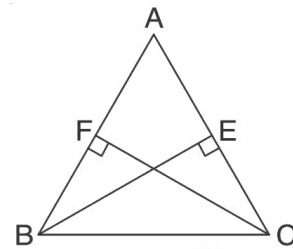
[Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal.]

Also, in $\triangle DBC$,

$\angle DBC + \angle BCD + \angle CDB = 180^\circ$

[Sum of angles of a triangle is 180° .]

$\Rightarrow \angle 1 + (\angle 2 + \angle 3) + \angle 4 = 180^\circ$



$$\Rightarrow \angle 2 + \angle 2 + \angle 3 + \angle 3 = 180^\circ \quad [\text{Using (i), (ii)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\angle 2 + \angle 3) = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle 2 + \angle 3 = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \angle BCD = 90^\circ.$$

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

Sol. As $AB = AC$

[Given]

$$\Rightarrow \angle B = \angle C \quad \dots(i) \quad [\text{Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal.}]$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ABC, \angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$$

[Sum of angles of a triangle is 180° .]

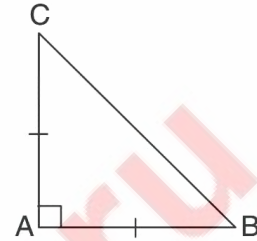
$$\Rightarrow 90^\circ + \angle B + \angle B = 180^\circ$$

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

[From (i)]

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

$$\therefore \angle B = \angle C = 45^\circ.$$



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

Sol. As $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

$$\therefore AB = BC = CA$$

$$\text{Now } AB = BC \Rightarrow \angle C = \angle A \quad \dots(i)$$

[Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal.]

$$\text{Similarly, } BC = AC \Rightarrow \angle A = \angle B$$

...(ii)

[Reason same as above]

$$\Rightarrow \angle A = \angle B = \angle C \quad \dots(iii) \quad [\text{From (i) and (ii)}]$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ABC, \angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$$

[Sum of angles of a triangle is 180° .]

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

[From (iii)]

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

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

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

