



SpeedLabs

MATHS

CBSE 10th

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Q.1 Let $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ and their areas be, respectively, 64 cm^2 and 121 cm^2 . If $EF = 15.4 \text{ cm}$, find BC .

Sol: It is given that $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle ABC)}{\text{ar}(\triangle DEF)} = \left(\frac{AB}{DE}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{BC}{EF}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{AC}{DF}\right)^2$$

Given that,

$$EF = 15.4 \text{ cm},$$

$$\text{ar}(\triangle ABC) = 64 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{ar}(\triangle DEF) = 121 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle ABC)}{\text{ar}(\triangle DEF)} = \left(\frac{BC}{EF}\right)^2$$

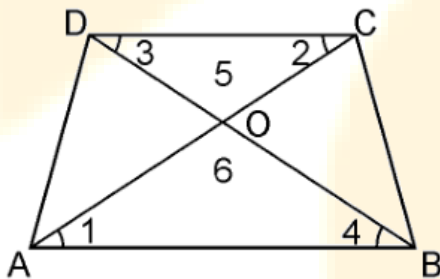
$$\left(\frac{64 \text{ cm}^2}{121 \text{ cm}^2}\right) = \frac{BC^2}{(15.4 \text{ cm})^2}$$

$$\frac{BC}{15.4} = \left(\frac{8}{11}\right) \text{ cm}$$

$$BC = \left(\frac{8 \times 15.4}{11}\right) \text{ cm} = (8 \times 1.4) \text{ cm} = 11.2 \text{ cm}$$

Q.2 Diagonals of a trapezium $ABCD$ with $AB \parallel DC$ intersect each other at the point O . If $AB = 2CD$, find the ratio of the areas of triangles AOB and COD .

Sol:



Since $AB \parallel CD$,

$$\therefore \angle OAB = \angle OCD \text{ and } \angle OBA = \angle ODC \quad (\text{Alternate interior angles})$$

In $\triangle AOB$ and $\triangle COD$,

$$\angle AOB = \angle COD \quad (\text{Vertically opposite angles})$$

$$\angle OAB = \angle OCD \quad (\text{Alternate interior angles})$$

$$\angle OBA = \angle ODC \quad (\text{Alternate interior angles})$$

$$\therefore \triangle AOB \sim \triangle COD$$

(By AAA similarity criterion)

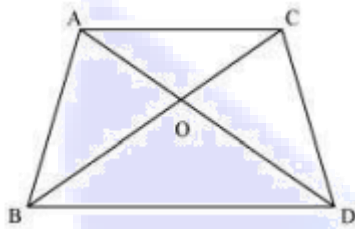
$$\therefore \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle AOB)}{\text{ar}(\triangle COD)} = \left(\frac{AB}{CD}\right)^2$$

Since $AB = 2 CD$,

$$\therefore \frac{\text{ar}(\triangle AOB)}{\text{ar}(\triangle COD)} = \left(\frac{2 CD}{CD}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{1} = 4:1$$

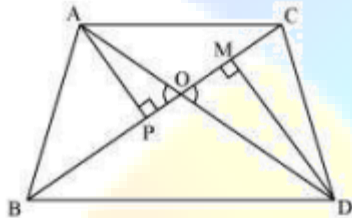
Q.3 In the following figure, ABC and DBC are two triangles on the same base BC. If AD intersects BC at O,

Show that $\frac{\text{area}(\triangle ABC)}{\text{area}(\triangle DBC)} = \frac{AO}{DO}$



Sol:

Let us draw two perpendiculars AP and DM on line BC.



We know that area of a triangle =

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Base} \times \text{Height}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{area}(\triangle ABC)}{\text{area}(\triangle DBC)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} BC \times AP}{\frac{1}{2} BC \times DM} = \frac{AP}{DM}$$

In $\triangle APO$ and $\triangle DMO$,

$$\angle APO = \angle DMO \quad (\text{Each} = 90^\circ)$$

$$\angle AOP = \angle DOM \quad (\text{Vertically opposite angles})$$

$$\therefore \triangle APO \sim \triangle DMO \quad (\text{By AA similarity criterion})$$

$$\frac{AP}{DM} = \frac{AO}{DO}$$

$$\frac{\text{area}(\triangle ABC)}{\text{area}(\triangle DBC)} = \frac{AO}{DO}$$

Q.4 If the areas of two similar triangles are equal, prove that they are congruent.

Sol: Let us assume two similar triangles as $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta PQR$.

$$\frac{\text{area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{area}(\Delta PQR)} = \left(\frac{AB}{PQ}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{BC}{QR}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{AC}{PR}\right)^2 \quad (1)$$

Given that, $\text{ar}(\Delta ABC) = \text{ar}(\Delta PQR)$

$$\frac{\text{area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{area}(\Delta PQR)} = 1$$

Putting this value in eq. 1, we obtain

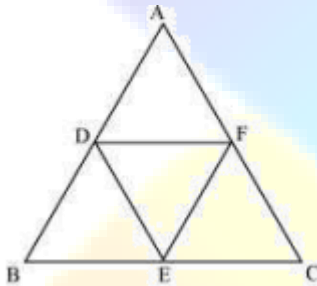
$$1 = \left(\frac{AB}{PQ}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{BC}{QR}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{AC}{PR}\right)^2$$

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

$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta PQR$

Q.5 D, E and F are respectively the mid-points of sides AB, BC and CA of ΔABC . Find the ratio of the area of ΔDEF and ΔABC .

Sol:



D and E are the mid-points of ΔABC .

$$\therefore DE \parallel AC \text{ and } DE = \frac{1}{2} AC$$

In ΔBED and ΔBCA ,

$$\angle BED = \angle BCA$$

$$\angle BDE = \angle BAC$$

$$\angle EBD = \angle CBA$$

$$\therefore \Delta BED \sim \Delta BCA$$

$$\frac{\text{ar}(\Delta BED)}{\text{ar}(\Delta BCA)} = \left(\frac{DE}{AC}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{\text{ar}(\Delta BED)}{\text{ar}(\Delta BCA)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{ar}(\Delta BED) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ar}(\Delta BCA)$$

Similarly, $\text{ar}(\Delta CFE) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ar}(\Delta CBA)$ and $\text{ar}(\Delta ADF) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ar}(\Delta ABC)$

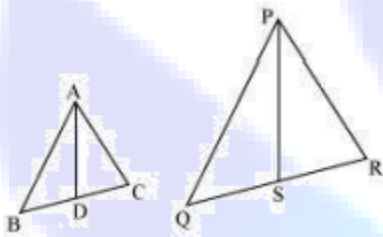
Also, $\text{ar}(\Delta DEF) = \text{ar}(\Delta ABC) - [\text{ar}(\Delta BED) + \text{ar}(\Delta CFE) + \text{ar}(\Delta ADF)]$

$$\text{ar}(\Delta DEF) = \text{ar}(\Delta ABC) - \frac{3}{4} \text{ar}(\Delta ABC) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ar}(\Delta ABC)$$

$$\frac{\text{ar}(\Delta DEF)}{\text{ar}(\Delta ABC)} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Q.6 Prove that the ratio of the areas of two similar triangles is equal to the square of the ratio of their corresponding medians.

Sol:



Let us assume two similar triangles as $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta PQR$. Let AD and PS be the medians of these triangles.

$$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta PQR$$

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{AC}{PR} \quad (1)$$

$$\angle A = \angle P, \angle B = \angle Q, \angle C = \angle R \quad \dots (2)$$

Since AD and PS are medians,

$$\therefore BD = DC = \frac{BC}{2}$$

$$\text{And, } QS = SR = \frac{QR}{2}$$

Equation (1) becomes

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BC}{QR} = \frac{AC}{PR} \quad (3)$$

In ΔABD and ΔPQS ,

$$\angle B = \angle Q \quad [\text{Using equation (2)}]$$

$$\text{And, } \frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BD}{QS} \quad [\text{Using equation (3)}]$$

$$\therefore \Delta ABD \sim \Delta PQS \quad (\text{SAS similarity criterion})$$

Therefore, it can be said that

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BD}{QS} = \frac{AD}{PS} \quad \dots (4)$$

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

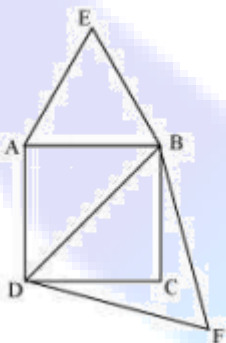
From equations (1) and (4), we may find that

$$\frac{AB}{PQ} = \frac{BD}{QS} = \frac{AC}{PR} = \frac{AD}{PS} \text{ And hence,}$$

$$\frac{\text{area}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{area}(\Delta PQR)} = \left(\frac{AD}{PS}\right)^2$$

Q.7 Prove that the area of an equilateral triangle described on one side of a square is equal to half the area of the equilateral triangle described on one of its diagonals.

Sol:



Let ABCD be a square of side a .

Therefore, its diagonal $= \sqrt{2}a$

Two desired equilateral triangles are formed as ΔABE and ΔDBF .

Side of an equilateral triangle, ΔABE , described on one of its sides $= a$

Side of an equilateral triangle, ΔDBF , described on one of its diagonals $= \sqrt{2}a$

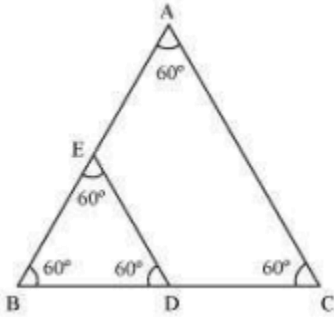
We know that equilateral triangles have all its angles as 60° and all its sides of the same length. Therefore, all equilateral triangles are similar to each other. Hence, the ratio between the areas of these triangles will be equal to the square of the ratio between the sides of these triangles.

$$\frac{\text{area}(\Delta ABE)}{\text{area}(\Delta DBF)} = \left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}a}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Q.8 ABC and BDE are two equilateral triangles such that D is the mid-point of BC. Ratio of the area of triangles ABC and BDE is

- (A) 2 : 1
- (B) 1 : 2
- (C) 4 : 1
- (D) 1 : 4

Sol:



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Let side of $\triangle ABC = x$

Therefore, side of $\triangle ABD = \frac{x}{2}$

$$\frac{\text{area}(\triangle ABC)}{\text{area}(\triangle BDE)} = \left(\frac{x}{\frac{x}{2}}\right)^2 = 4$$

Hence, the correct answer is (C).

Q.9 Sides of two similar triangles are in the ratio 4 : 9. Areas of these triangles are in the ratio

- (A) 2 : 3
- (B) 4 : 9
- (C) 81 : 16
- (D) 16 : 81

Sol: If two triangles are similar to each other, then the ratio of the areas of these triangles will be equal to the square of the ratio of the corresponding sides of these triangles.

It is given that the sides are in the ratio 4:9.

therefore, ratio between area of these triangles = $\left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^2 = \frac{16}{81}$

Hence, the correct answer is (D).