



# **CONGRUENCE OF TRIANGLES**

You might have observed that leaves of different trees have different shapes, but leaves of the same tree have almost the same shape. Although they may differ in size. The geometrical figures which have same shape and same size are called congruent figures and the property is called congruency.

In this lesson you will study congruence of two triangles, some relations between their sides and angles in details.



After studying this lesson, you will be able to

- verify and explain whether two given figures are congruent or not.
- state the criteria for congruency of two triangles and apply them in solving problems.
- prove that angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal.
- prove that sides opposite to equal angles of a triangle are equal.
- prove that if two sides of triangle are unequal, then the longer side has the greater angle opposite to it.
- state and verify inequalities in a triangle involving sides and angles.
- solve problems based on the above results.

# EXPECTED BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

- Recognition of plane geometrical figures
- Equality of lines and angles
- Types of angles
- Angle sum property of a triangle
- Paper cutting and folding.

# **11.1 CONCEPT OF CONGRUENCE**

In our daily life you observe various figures and objects. These figures or objects can be categorised in terms of their shapes and sizes in the following manner.

(i) Figures, which have different shapes and sizes as shown in Fig. 11.1



Fig. 11.1

(ii) Objcts, which have same shpaes but different sizes as shown in Fig. 11.2





Fig. 11.2

**Fig. 11.3** 

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# Fig. 11.5

We will deal with the figures which have same shapes and same sizes.

Two figures, which have the same shape and same size are called congruent figures and this property is called congruence.

### 11.1.1. Activity

Take a sheet of paper, fold it in the middle and keep a carbon (paper) between the two folds. Now draw a figure of a leaf or a flower or any object which you like, on the upper part of the sheet. You will get a carbon copy of it on the sheet below.

The figure you drew and its carbon copy are of the same shape and same size. Thus, these are congruent figures. Observe a butterfly folding its two wings. These appear to be one.

### 11.1.2 Criteria for Congruence of Some Figures

Congruent figures, when palced one over another, exactly coincide with one another or cover each other. In other words, two figures will be congruent, if parts of one figure are equal to the corresponding parts of the other. For example :

(1) Two line - segments are congruent, when they are of equal length.



(3) Two circles are congruent, if their radii are equal, implying their circumferences are also equal.



# **11.2 CONGRUENCE OF TRIANGLES**

Triangle is a basic rectilinear figure in geometry, having minimum number of sides. As such congruence of triangles plays a very important role in proving many useful results. Hence this needs a detailed study.

Two triangles are congruent, if all the sides and all the angles of one are equal to the corresponding sides and angles of other.

For example, in triangles PQR and XYZ in Fig. 11.9



Thus we can say

 $\Delta$  PQR is congruent to  $\Delta$  XYZ and we write

 $\Delta PQR \cong \Delta XYZ$ 

Relation of congruence between two triangles is always written with corresponding or matching parts in proper order.

Here  $\Delta PQR \cong \Delta XYZ$ 

also means P corresponds to X, Q corresponds to Y and R corresponds to Z.

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This congruence may also be written as  $\Delta QRP \cong \Delta YZX$  which means, Q corresponds to Y, R corresponds to Z and P corresponds to X. It also means corresponding parts, (elements) are equal, namely

$$QR = YZ, RP = ZX, QP = YX, \angle Q = \angle Y, \angle R = \angle Z$$

and

 $\angle P = \angle X$ 

This congruence may also be written as

 $\Delta \operatorname{RPQ} \cong \Delta \operatorname{ZXY}$ but NOT as  $\Delta \operatorname{PQR} \cong \Delta \operatorname{YZX}.$ Or NOT as  $\Delta \operatorname{PQR} \cong \Delta \operatorname{ZXY}.$ 

# **11. 3 CRITERIA FOR CONGRUENCE OF TRIANGLES**

In order to prove, whether two triangles are congruent or not, we need to know that all the six parts of one triangle are equal to the corresponding parts of the other triangle. We shall now learn that it is possible to prove the congruence of two triangles, even if we are able to know the equality of three of their corresponding parts.

Consider the triangle ABC in Fig. 11.10



Construct another triangle PQR such that QR = BC,  $\angle Q = \angle B$  and PQ = AB. (See Fig. 11.11)



**Fig. 11.11** 

If we trace or cut out triangle ABC and place it over triangle PQR. we will observe that one covers the other exactly. Thus, we may say that they are congruent.

Alternatively we can also measure the remaining parts, and observe that

AC = PR,  $\angle A = \angle P$  and  $\angle C = \angle R$ 

showing that

 $\Delta$  PQR  $\cong \Delta$  ABC.

It should be noted here that in constructing  $\triangle$  PQR congruent to  $\triangle$  ABC we used only two parts of sides PQ = AB, QR = BC and the included angle between them  $\angle Q = \angle B$ .

This means that equality of these three corresponding parts results in congruent triangles. Thus we have

Criterion 1 : If any two sides and the included angle of one triangle are equal to the corresponding sides and the included angle of the other triangle, the two triangles are congruent.

This criterion is referred to as SAS (Side Angle Side).

Again, consider  $\triangle$  ABC in Fig. 11.12



**Fig. 11.12** 

Construct another  $\triangle$  PQR such that, QR = BC,  $\angle$ Q =  $\angle$ B and  $\angle$ R =  $\angle$ C. (See Fig. 11.13)



**Fig. 11.13** 

By superimposition or by measuring the remaining corresponding parts, we observe that  $\angle P = \angle A$ , PQ = AB and PR = AC establishing that  $\triangle PQR \cong \triangle ABC$ , which again means that equality of the three corresponding parts (two angles and the inluded side) of two triangles results in congruent triangles.

We also know that the sum of the three angles of a triangle is 180°, as such if two angles of one triangle are equal to the corresponding angles of another triangle, then the third angles will also be equal. Thus instead of included side we may have any pair of corresponding sides equal. Thus we have

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Criterion 2 : If any two angles and one side of a triangle are equal to corresponding angles and the side of another triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

This criterion is referred to as ASA or AAS (Angle Side Angle or Angle Angle Side)

# 11.3.1 Activity

In order to explore another criterion we again take a triangle ABC (See Fig. 11.14)



Now take three thin sticks equal in lengths to sides AB, BC and CA of  $\triangle$  ABC. Place them in any order to form  $\triangle$  PQR or  $\triangle$  P'Q'R' near the  $\triangle$  ABC (Fig. 11.15)



By measuring the corresponding angles. we find that,  $\angle P = \angle P' = \angle A$ ,  $\angle Q = \angle Q' = \angle B$  and  $\angle R = \angle R' = \angle C$ , establishing that

 $\Delta PQR \cong \Delta P'Q'R' \cong \Delta ABC$ 

which means that equality of the three corresponding sides of two triangles results in congruent triangles. Thus we have

Criterion 3 : If the three sides of one trianle are equal to the corresponding sides of another triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

This is referred to as SSS (Side, Side, Side), criterion.

Similarly, we can establish one more criterion which will be applicable for two right trangles only.

Criterion 4 : If the hypotenuse and a side of one right triangle are respectively equal to the hypotenuse and a side of another right triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

This criterion is referred to as RHS (Right Angle Hypotenuse Side).

Using these criteria we can easily prove, knowing three corresponding parts only, whether two triangles are congruent and establish the equality of remaining corresponding parts.

**Example 11.1 :** In which of the following criteria, two given triangles are **NOT** congruent.

- (a) All corresponding sides are equal
- (b) All corresponding angles are equal
- (c) All corresponding sides and their included angles are equal
- (d) All corresponding angles and any pair of corresponding sides are equal.

#### **Ans.** (b)

Example 11.2 : Two rectilinear figures are congruent if they have

- (a) All corresponding sides equal
- (b) All corresponding angles equal
- (c) The same area
- (d) All corresponding angles and all corresponding sides equal.

#### **Ans.** (d)

**Example 11.3 :** In Fig. 11.16, PX and QY are perpendicular to PQ and PX = QY. Show that AX = AY.



#### **Solution :**

In  $\triangle$  PAX and  $\triangle$  QAY,

 $\angle XPA = \angle YQA$  $\angle PAX = \angle QAY$  (Each is 90°) (Vertically opposite angles)





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 $\therefore \Delta PAX \cong \Delta QAY \qquad (AAS)$  $\therefore AX = AY.$ 

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**Example 11.4 :** In Fig. 11.17,  $\triangle$  ABC is right triangle in which  $\angle$ B = 90<sup>0</sup> and D is the mid point of AC.



 $\therefore \ \angle 90^{\circ} + \angle \text{ECB} = 180^{\circ}$ 

$$\therefore \quad \angle ECB = 180^{\circ} - 90^{\circ} = 90^{\circ}$$

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

	AB = EC	(From (i) above)
	BC = BC	(Common)
and	$\angle ABC = \angle ECB$	(Each 90 <sup>0</sup> )
•	$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta ECB$	
•	AC = EB	
But	$BD = \frac{1}{2}EB$	
	$BD = \frac{1}{2}AC$	



1. In  $\triangle$  ABC (Fig. 11.19) if  $\angle$ B =  $\angle$ C and AD  $\perp$  BC, then  $\triangle$  ABD  $\cong \triangle$  ACD by the criterion.



2. In Fig. 11.20,  $\triangle$  ABC  $\cong \triangle$  PQR. This congruence may also be written as







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(a)  $\Delta BAC \cong \Delta RPQ$ 

(c)  $\Delta BAC \cong \Delta RQP$ 

(b)  $\Delta BAC \cong \Delta QPR$ 

(d)  $\triangle$  BAC  $\cong \triangle$  PRQ.

In order that two given triangles are congruent, along with equality of two corresponding angles we must know the equality of :

- (a) No corresponding side
- (b) Minimum one corresponding side
- (c) Minimum two corresponding sides
- (d) All the three corresponding sides
- 4. Two triangles are congruent if ....
  - (a) All three corresponding angles are equal
  - (b) Two angles and a side of one are equal to two angles and a side of the other.
  - (c) Two angles and a side of one are equal to two angles and the corresponding side of the other.
  - (d) One angle and two sides of one are equal to one angle and two sides of the other.
- 5. In Fig. 11.21,  $\angle B = \angle C$  and AB = AC. Prove that  $\triangle ABE \cong \triangle ACD$ . Hence show that CD = BE.



6. In Fig. 11.22, AB is parallel to CD. If O is the mid-point of BC, show that it is also the mid-point of AD.



7. In  $\triangle$  ABC (Fig. 11.23), AD is  $\perp$  BC, BE is  $\perp$  AC and AD = BE. Prove that AE = BD.





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8. From Fig. 11.24, show that the triangles are congruent and make pairs of equal angles.



# 11.4 ANGLES OPPOSITE TO EQUAL SIDES OF A TRIANGLE AND VICE VERSA

Using the criteria for congruence of triangles, we shall now prove some important theorems.

**Theorem :** The angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal.

**Given :** A triangle ABC in which AB = AC.

**To prove :**  $\angle B = \angle C$ .

and

**Construction :** Draw bisector of  $\angle B AC$  meeting BC at D.

**Proof** : In  $\triangle$  ABD and  $\triangle$  ACD,

 $AB = AC \qquad (Given)$  $\angle BAD = \angle CAD \qquad (By construction)$ AD = AD (Common)



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(Fig. 11.28), If BD  $\perp$  AC and CE  $\perp$  AB, prove that BD = CE.

#### **Solution :** In $\triangle$ BDC and $\triangle$ CEB $\angle BDC = \angle CEB$ (Measure of each is 90°) $\angle DCB = \angle EBC$ (Angles opposite equal sides of a triangle) Е BC = CB(Common) and $\Delta BDC \cong \Delta CEB$ (AAS) ·... R Hence BD = CE(c.p.c.t.) **Fig. 11.28**

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This result can be stated in the following manner:

Perpendiculars (altitudes) drawn to equal sides, from opposite vertices of an isosceles triangle are equal.

The result can be extended to an equilateral triangle after which we can say that all the three altitudes of an equilateral triangle are equal.

**Example : 11.7 :** In  $\triangle$  ABC (Fig. 11.29), D and E are mid-points of AC and AB respectively.

If AB = AC, then prove that BD = CE.

**Solution :** 

and

 $CD = \frac{1}{2}AC$ 

 $BE = \frac{1}{2}AB$ 

 $\therefore$  BE = CD ...(i)

In  $\Delta$  BEC and  $\Delta$  CDB,

BE = CD	[By (i)]
BC = CB	(Common)
and $\angle EBC = \angle DCB$	(:: AB = AC)
$\therefore \Delta BEC \cong \Delta CDB$	(SAS)
Hence, $CE = BD$	(c.p.c.t)

**Example 11.8 :** In  $\triangle$  ABC (Fig. 11.30) AB = AC and  $\angle$ DAC = 124°; find the angles of the triangle.

 $\angle BAC = 180^{\circ} - 124^{\circ} = 56^{\circ}$ 

**Solution** 



(Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle) B



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$$\angle B + \angle C = 124^{\circ}$$

$$\angle \mathbf{B} = \angle \mathbf{C} = \frac{124^\circ}{2} = 62^\circ$$

Hence

Also

 $\angle A = 56^\circ$ ,  $\angle B = 62^\circ$ , and  $\angle C = 62^\circ$ 

# CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 11.2

1. In Fig. 11.31, PQ = PR and SQ = SR. Prove that  $\angle$ PQS =  $\angle$ PRS.



2. Prove that  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle, if the altitude AD bisects the base BC (Fig. 11.32).



3. If the line *l* in Fig. 11.33 is parallel to the base BC of the isosceles  $\triangle$ ABC, find the angles of the triangle.



4.  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle such that AB = AC. Side BA is produced to a point D such that AB = AD. Prove that  $\angle BCD$  is a right angle.



### Fig. 11.34

5. In Fig. 11.35. D is the mid point of BC and perpendiculars DF and DE to sides AB and AC respectively are equal in length. Prove that  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle.



6. In Fig. 11.36, PQ = PR, QS and RT are the angle bisectors of  $\angle Q$  and  $\angle R$  respectively. Prove that QS = RT.



7.  $\triangle PQR$  and  $\triangle SQR$  are isosceles triangles on the same base QR (Fig. 11.37). Prove that  $\angle PQS = \angle PRS$ .



8. In  $\triangle ABC$ , AB = AC (Fig. 11.38). P is a point in the interior of the triangle such that  $\angle ABP = \angle ACP$ . Prove that AP bisects  $\angle BAC$ .





# **11.5 INEQUALITIES IN A TRIANGLE**

We have learnt the relationship between sides and angles of a triangle when they are equal. We shall now study some relations among sides and angles of a triangle, when they are unequal.



In Fig. 11.39, triangle ABC has side AB longer than the side AC. Measure  $\angle B$  and  $\angle C$ . You will find that these angles are not equal and  $\angle C$  is greater than  $\angle B$ . If you repeat this experiment, you will always find that this observation is true. This can be proved easily, as follows.

# 11.5.1 Theorem

If two sides of a triangle are unequal, then the longer side has the greater angle opposite to it.

**Given.** A triangle ABC in which AB > AC.

**To prove.** ∠ACB > ∠ABC

Construction. Make a point D on the side AB such that

AD = AC and join DC.

**Proof:** In  $\triangle ACD$ ,

AD = AC

 $\therefore$   $\angle ACD = \angle ADC$ 

(Angles opposite equal sides)

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**Fig. 11.40** 

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But  $\angle ADC > \angle ABC$ 

(Exterior angle of a triangle is greater than opposite

interior angle)

Again  $\angle ACB > \angle ACD$ (Point D lies in the interior of the  $\angle ACB$ ).

 $\angle ACB > \angle ABC$ •••

What can we say about the converse of this theorem. Let us examine.

In  $\triangle$ ABC, (Fig. 11.41) compare  $\angle$ C and  $\angle$ B. It is clear that  $\angle C$  is greater than  $\angle B$ . Now compare sides AB and AC opposite to these angles by measuring them. We observe that AB is longer than AC.

Again compare  $\angle C$  and  $\angle A$  and measure sides AB and BC opposite to these angles. We observe that  $\angle C > \angle A$ and AB > BC; i.e. side opposite to greater angle is longer.

Comparing  $\angle A$  and  $\angle B$ , we observe a similar result.  $\angle A > \angle B$  and BC > AC; i.e. side opposite to greater angle is longer.

You can also verify this property by drawing any type of triangle, a right triangle or an obtuse triangle.

Measure any pair of angles in a triangle. Compare them and then compare the sides opposite to them by measurement. You will find the above result always true, which we state as a property.

In a triangle, the greater angle has longer side opposite to it.

Observe that in a triangle if one angle is right or an obtuse then the side opposite to that angle is the longest.

You have already learnt the relationship among the three angles of a triangle i.e., the sum of the three angles of a triangle is 180°. We shall now study whether the three sides of a triangle are related in some way.

Draw a triangle ABC.



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Measure its three sides AB, BC and CA.

Now find the sum of different pairs AB+BC, BC+CA, and CA+AB separately and compare each sum of a pair with the third side, we observe that

(i) AB + BC > CA

(ii) BC + CA > AB and

(iii) CA + AB > BC

Thus we conclude that

Sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.

### ACTIVITY

Fix three nails P, Q and R on a wooden board or any surface.





Take a piece of thread equal in length to QR and another piece of thread equal in length (QP + PR). Compare the two lengths, you will find that the length corresponding to (QP + PR) > the length corresponding to QR confirming the above property.

**Example 11.9 :** In which of the following four cases, is construction of a triangle possible from the given measurements

(a) 5 cm, 8 cm and 3 cm

(b) 14 cm, 6 cm and 7 cm

(c) 3.5 cm, 2.5 cm and 5.2 cm

(d) 20 cm, 25 cm and 48 cm.

Solution. In (a)  $5 + 3 \ge 8$ , in (b)  $6 + 7 \ge 14$ in (c)  $3.5 + 2.5 \ge 5.2$ ,  $3.5 + 5.2 \ge 2.5$  and  $2.5 + 5.2 \ge 3.5$  and in (d)  $20 + 25 \ge 48$ .

Ans. (c)

**Example 11.10 :** In Fig. 11.44, AD is a median of  $\triangle ABC$ . Prove that AB + AC > 2AD.



**Solution:** Produce AD to E such that AD = DE and join C to E.

Consid	er $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle ECD$	
Here,	BD = CD	
	$\angle ADB = \angle EDC$	
and	AD = ED	
	$\Delta ABC \cong \Delta ECD$	
	AB = EC	
Now in	η ΔΑϹΕ,	
	EC + AC > AE	
	or $AB + AC > 2AD$	$(:: AD = ED \implies AE = 2AD)$

# CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 11.3

- 1. PQRS is a quadrilateral in which diagonals PR and QS intersect at O. Prove that PQ + QR + RS + SP > PR + QS.
- 2. In triangle ABC, AB = 5.7 cm, BC = 6.2 cm and CA = 4.8 cm. Name the greatest and the smallest angle.
- 3. In Fig. 11.46, if  $\angle CBD > \angle BCE$  then prove that AB > AC.







Two congruent figures, when placed one over the other completely cover each other. All parts of one figure are equal to the corresponding parts of the other figure.

- To prove that two triangles are congruent we need to know the equality of only three corresponding parts. These corresponding parts must satisfy one of the four criteria.
  (i) SAS
  (ii) ASA or AAS
  (iii) SSS
  (iv) RHS
- Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle are equal.
- Sides opposite to equal angles of a triangle are equal.
- If two sides of a triangle are unequal, then the longer side has the greater angle opposite to it.
- In a triangle, the greater angle has the longer side opposite to it.
- Sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.



1. Two lines AB and CD bisect each other at O. Prove that CA = BD (Fig. 11.50)





- 2. In a  $\triangle$ ABC, if the median AD is perpendicular to the base BC then prove that the triangle is an isosceles triangle.
- 3. In Fig. 11.51,  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle CDE$  are such that BC = CE and AB = DE. If  $\angle B = 60^{\circ}$ ,  $\angle ACE = 30^{\circ}$  and  $\angle D = 90^{\circ}$ , then prove that the two triangles are congruent.





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**Fig. 11.54** 

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9. Prove that the medians bisecting the equal sides of an isosceles triangle are also equal. [Hint : Show that  $\Delta DBC \cong \Delta ECB$ ]







