

Exercise 9(B)

Solution 1:

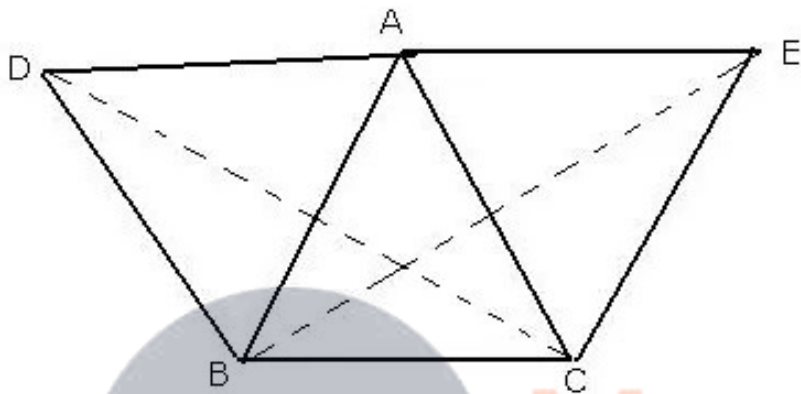
Given: $\triangle ABD$ is an equilateral triangle

$\triangle ACE$ is an equilateral triangle

We need to prove that

(i) $\angle CAD = \angle BAE$

(ii) $CD = BE$



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Proof:

(i)

$\triangle ABD$ is equilateral

\therefore Each angle = 60°

$\Rightarrow \angle BAD = 60^\circ$... (1)

Similarly,

$\triangle ACE$ is equilateral

\therefore Each angle = 60°

$\Rightarrow \angle CAE = 60^\circ$... (2)

$\Rightarrow \angle BAD = \angle CAE$ [from (1) and (2)] ... (3)

Adding $\angle BAC$ to both sides, we have

$$\angle BAD + \angle BAC = \angle CAE + \angle BAC$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CAD = \angle BAE \quad \dots(4)$$

(ii)

In $\triangle CAD$ and $\triangle BAE$

$$AC = AE \quad [\triangle ACE \text{ is equilateral}]$$

$$\angle CAD = \angle BAE \quad [\text{from (4)}]$$

$$AD = AB \quad [\triangle ABD \text{ is equilateral}]$$

\therefore By Side-Angle-Side criterion of congruency,

$$\triangle CAD \cong \triangle BAE$$

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

$$\therefore CD = BE \quad [\text{by c.p.c.t.}]$$

Hence proved.



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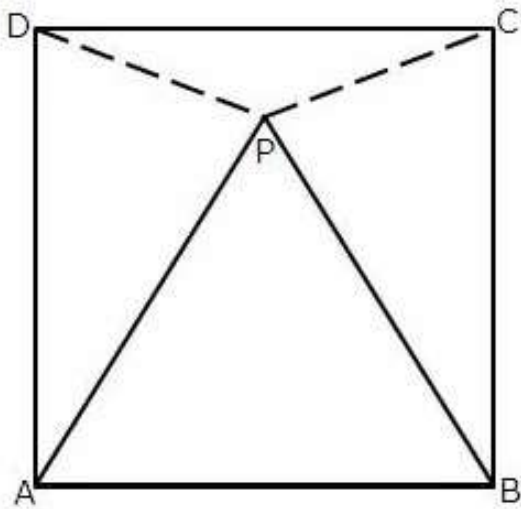
Solution 2:

Given: ABCD is a square and $\triangle APB$ is an equilateral triangle.

We need to

(i) Prove that, $\triangle APD \cong \triangle BPC$

(ii) To find angles of $\triangle DPC$



(a)

(i) Proof:

$AP = PB = AB$ [$\triangle APB$ is an equilateral triangle]

Also, we have,

$\angle PBA = \angle PAB = \angle APB = 60^\circ$... (1)

Since ABCD is a square, we have

$\angle A = \angle B = \angle C = \angle D = 90^\circ$... (2)

Since $\angle DAP = \angle A - \angle PAB$... (3)

$\Rightarrow \angle DAP = 90^\circ - 60^\circ$

$\Rightarrow \angle DAP = 30^\circ$ [from (1) and (2)] ... (4)

Similarly $\angle CBP = \angle B - \angle PBA$

$\Rightarrow \angle CBP = 90^\circ - 60^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CBP = 30^\circ \quad [\text{from (1) and (2)}] \quad \dots(5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DAP = \angle CBP \quad [\text{from (4) and (5)}] \quad \dots(6)$$

In $\triangle APD$ and $\triangle BPC$

$$AD = BC \quad [\text{Sides of square } ABCD]$$

$$\angle DAP = \angle CBP \quad [\text{from (6)}]$$

$$AP = BP \quad [\text{Sides of equilateral } \triangle APB]$$

\therefore By Side-Angle-Side criterion of congruence, we have,

$$\triangle APD \cong \triangle BPC$$

(ii)

$$AP = PB = AB \quad [\triangle APB \text{ is an equilateral triangle}] \quad \dots(7)$$

$$AB = BC = CD = DA \quad [\text{Sides of square } ABCD] \quad \dots(8)$$

From (7) and (8), we have

$$AP = DA \text{ and } PB = BC \quad \dots(9)$$

In $\triangle APD$,

$$AP = DA \quad [\text{from (9)}]$$

$$\therefore \angle ADP = \angle APD \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Angles opposite to} \\ \text{equal sides are equal} \end{array} \right] \quad \dots(10)$$

$$\angle ADP + \angle APD + \angle DAP = 180^\circ \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Sum of angles of} \\ \text{a triangle} = 180^\circ \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADP + \angle ADP + 30^\circ = 180^\circ \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{from (3), } \angle DAP = 30^\circ \\ \text{from (10), } \angle ADP = \angle APD \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADP + \angle ADP = 180^\circ - 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\angle ADP = 150^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADP = \frac{150^\circ}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADP = 75^\circ$$

We have $\angle PDC = \angle D - \angle ADP$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PDC = 90^\circ - 75^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PDC = 15^\circ \quad \dots(11)$$

In $\triangle BPC$,

$$PB=BC$$

[from (9)]

$$\therefore \angle PCB = \angle BPC \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Angles opposite to} \\ \text{equal sides are equal} \end{array} \right] \quad \dots(12)$$

$$\angle PCB + \angle BPC + \angle CBP = 180^\circ \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Sum of angles of} \\ \text{a triangle} = 180^\circ \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PCB + \angle PCB + 30^\circ = 180^\circ \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{from (5), } \angle CBP = 30^\circ \\ \text{from (12), } \angle PCB = \angle BPC \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\angle PCB = 180^\circ - 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PCB = \frac{150^\circ}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PCB = 75^\circ$$

We have $\angle PCD = \angle C - \angle PCB$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PCD = 90^\circ - 75^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PCD = 15^\circ \quad \dots(13)$$

In $\triangle DPC$,

$$\angle PDC = 15^\circ$$

$$\angle PCD = 15^\circ$$

$$\angle PCD + \angle PDC + \angle DPC = 180^\circ \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Sum of angles of} \\ \text{a triangle} = 180^\circ \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 15^\circ + 15^\circ + \angle DPC = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DPC = 180^\circ - 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DPC = 150^\circ$$

\therefore Angles of $\triangle DPC$, are: $15^\circ, 150^\circ, 15^\circ$

(b)

(i) Proof: In $\triangle APB$

$$AP=PB=AB \quad [\triangle APB \text{ is an equilateral triangle}]$$

Also, we have,

$$\angle PBA = \angle PAB = \angle APB = 60^\circ \quad \dots(1)$$

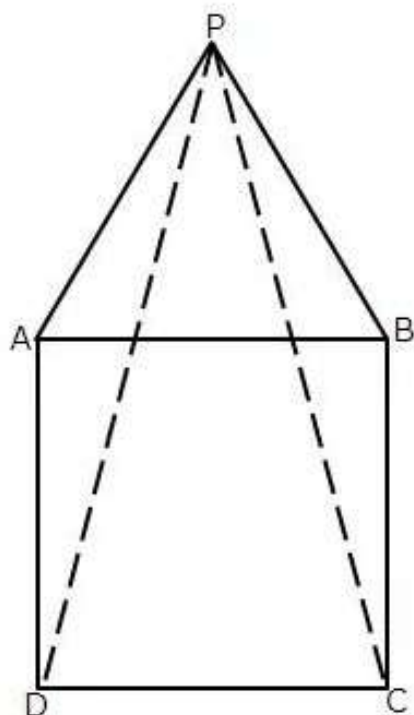
Since ABCD is a square, we have

$$\angle A = \angle B = \angle C = \angle D = 90^\circ \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\text{Since } \angle DAP = \angle A + \angle PAB \quad \dots(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DAP = 90^\circ + 60^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DAP = 150^\circ \quad [\text{from (1) and (2)}] \quad \dots(4)$$



Similarly $\angle CBP = \angle B + \angle PBA$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CBP = 90^\circ + 60^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CBP = 150^\circ \quad [\text{from (1) and (2)}] \quad \dots(5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DAP = \angle CBP \quad [\text{from (4) and (5)}] \quad \dots(6)$$

In $\triangle APD$ and $\triangle BPC$

$$AD = BC \quad [\text{Sides of square } ABCD]$$

$$\angle DAP = \angle CBP \quad [\text{from (6)}]$$

$$AP = BP \quad [\text{Sides of equilateral } \triangle APB]$$

\therefore By Side-Angle-Side criterion of congruence, we have,

$$\triangle APD \cong \triangle BPC$$

(ii)

$$AP = PB = AB \quad [\triangle APB \text{ is an equilateral triangle}] \quad \dots(7)$$

$$AB = BC = CD = DA \quad [\text{Sides of square } ABCD] \quad \dots(8)$$

From (7) and (8), we have

$$AP=DA \text{ and } PB=BC \quad \dots(9)$$

In $\triangle APD$,

$$AP=DA \quad [\text{from (9)}]$$

$$\therefore \angle ADP = \angle APD \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Angles opposite to} \\ \text{equal sides are equal} \end{array} \right] \quad \dots(10)$$

$$\angle ADP + \angle APD + \angle DAP = 180^\circ \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Sum of angles of} \\ \text{a triangle} = 180^\circ \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADP + \angle ADP + 150^\circ = 180^\circ \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{from (3), } \angle DAP = 150^\circ \\ \text{from (10), } \angle ADP = \angle APD \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADP + \angle ADP = 180^\circ - 150^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\angle ADP = 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADP = \frac{30^\circ}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ADP = 15^\circ$$

We have $\angle PDC = \angle D - \angle ADP$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PDC = 90^\circ - 15^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PDC = 75^\circ \quad \dots(11)$$

In $\triangle BPC$,

$$PB=BC \quad [\text{from (9)}]$$

$$\therefore \angle PCB = \angle BPC \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Angles opposite to} \\ \text{equal sides are equal} \end{array} \right] \quad \dots(12)$$

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We have $\angle PCD = \angle C - \angle PCB$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PCD = 90^\circ - 15^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle PCD = 75^\circ \quad \dots(13)$$

In $\triangle DPC$,

$$\angle PDC = 75^\circ$$

$$\angle PCD = 75^\circ$$

$$\angle PCD + \angle PDC + \angle DPC = 180^\circ \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Sum of angles of} \\ \text{a triangle} = 180^\circ \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 75^\circ + 75^\circ + \angle DPC = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DPC = 180^\circ - 150^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle DPC = 30^\circ$$

\therefore Angles of $\triangle DPC$, are: $75^\circ, 30^\circ, 75^\circ$

Solution 3:

Given: A $\triangle ABC$ is right angled at B .

$ABPQ$ and $ACRS$ are squares

We need to prove that

(i) $\triangle ACQ \cong \triangle ASB$

(ii) $CQ = BS$

Proof:

(i)

$$\angle QAB = 90^\circ \quad [ABPQ \text{ is a square}] \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\angle SAC = 90^\circ \quad [ACRS \text{ is a square}] \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2), we have

$$\angle QAB = \angle SAC \quad \dots(3)$$

Adding $\angle BAC$ to both sides of (3), we have

$$\angle QAB + \angle BAC = \angle SAC + \angle BAC$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle QAC = \angle SAB \quad \dots(4)$$

In $\triangle ACQ$ and $\triangle ASB$,

$$QA = QB \quad [\text{sides of a square } ABPQ]$$

$$\angle QAC = \angle SAB \quad [\text{from (4)}]$$

$$AC = AS \quad [\text{sides of a square } ACRS]$$

\therefore By Angle-Angle-Side criterion of congruence,

$$\triangle ACQ \cong \triangle ASB$$

(ii)

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

$$\therefore CQ = BS \quad [\text{c.p.c.t}]$$

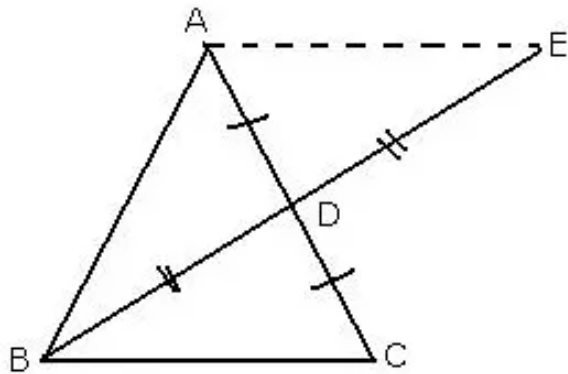
Solution 4:

Given: A $\triangle ABC$ in which BD is the median to AC .

BD is produced to E such that $BD=DE$.

We need to prove that $AE \parallel BC$.

Construction: Join AE



Proof:

$$AD=DC \quad [BD \text{ is median to } AC] \quad \dots(1)$$

In $\triangle BDC$ and $\triangle ADE$

$$BD = DE \quad [\text{Given}]$$

$$\angle BDC = \angle ADE = 90^\circ \quad [\text{vertically opposite angles}]$$

$$AD = DC \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

\therefore By Side-Angle-Side criterion of congruence,
 $\triangle BDC \cong \triangle ADE$

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

$$\therefore \angle EAD = \angle BCD \quad [\text{c.p.c.t}]$$

But these are alternate angles and AC is the transversal

Thus, $AE \parallel BC$

Solution 5:

Given: A $\triangle PQR$ in which QX is the bisector of $\angle Q$ and RX is the bisector of $\angle R$.

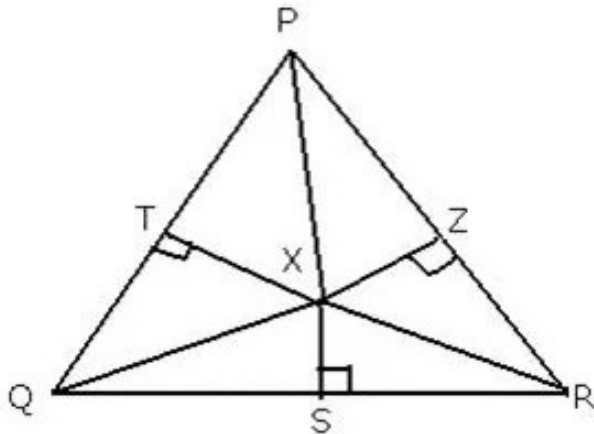
$XS \perp QR$ and $XT \perp PQ$.

We need to prove that

(i) $\triangle XTQ \cong \triangle XSQ$

(ii) PX bisects $\angle P$

Construction: Draw $XZ \perp PR$ and join PX .



Proof:

(i)

In $\triangle XTQ$ and $\triangle XSQ$

$\angle QTX = \angle QSX = 90^\circ$ [$XS \perp QR$ and $XT \perp PQ$]

$\angle TQX = \angle SQX$ [QX is bisector of $\angle Q$]

$QX = QX$ [Common]

\therefore By Angle-Angle-Side criterion of congruence,

$\triangle XTQ \cong \triangle XSQ$... (1)

(ii)

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

$\therefore XT = XS$ [c.p.c.t]

In $\triangle XSR$ and $\triangle XZR$

$\angle XSR = \angle XZR = 90^\circ$ [$XS \perp QR$ and $\angle XSR = 90^\circ$]

$\angle SRX = \angle ZRX$ [RX is bisector of $\angle R$]

$$RX = RX \quad [\text{Common}]$$

\therefore By Angle-Angle-Side criterion of congruence,

$$\Delta XSR \cong \Delta XZR$$

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

$$\therefore XS = XZ \quad [\text{c.p.c.t}] \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$XT = XZ \quad \dots(3)$$

In ΔXTP and ΔXZP

$$\angle XTP = \angle XZP = 90^\circ \quad [\text{Given}]$$

$$\text{Hyp. } XP = \text{Hyp. } XP \quad [\text{Common}]$$

$$XT = XZ \quad [\text{from (3)}]$$

\therefore By Right angle-Hypotenuse-Side criterion of congruence,

$$\Delta XTP \cong \Delta XZP$$

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

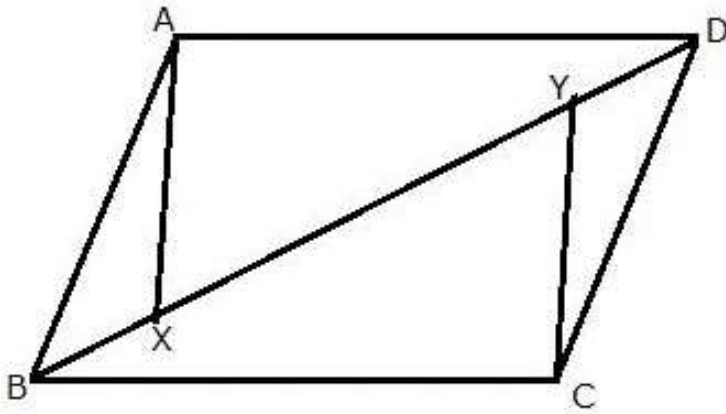
$$\therefore \angle XPT = \angle XPZ \quad [\text{c.p.c.t}]$$

$\therefore PX$ bisects $\angle P$



Solution 6:

ABCD is a parallelogram in which $\angle A$ and $\angle C$ are obtuse.



Points X and Y are taken on the diagonal BD such that $\angle XAD = \angle YCB = 90^\circ$.

We need to prove that $XA = YC$

Proof:

In $\triangle XAD$ and $\triangle YCB$

$$\angle XAD = \angle YCB = 90^\circ \quad [\text{Given}]$$

$$AD = BC \quad [\text{Opposite sides of a parallelogram}]$$

$$\angle ADX = \angle CBY \quad [\text{Alternate angles}]$$

\therefore By Angle-Side-Angle criterion of congruence,

$$\triangle XAD \cong \triangle YCB$$

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

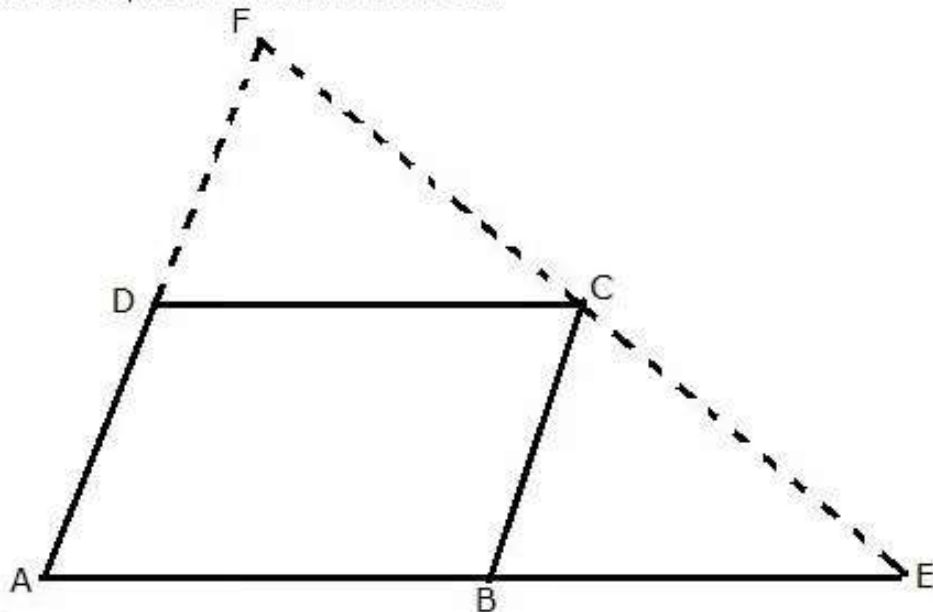
$$\therefore XA = YC \quad [\text{c.p.c.t}]$$

Hence proved.

Solution 7:

ABCD is a parallelogram. The sides AB and AD are produced to E and F respectively, such that $AB = BE$ and $AD = DF$.

We need to prove that $\triangle BEC \cong \triangle DCF$



Proof:

$$AB = DC \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Opposite sides of a} \\ \text{parallelogram} \end{array} \right] \quad \dots(1)$$

$$AB = BE \quad [\text{Given}] \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2), we have

$$BE = DC \quad \dots(3)$$

$$AD = BC \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Opposite sides of a} \\ \text{parallelogram} \end{array} \right] \quad \dots(4)$$

$$AD = DF \quad [\text{Given}] \quad \dots(5)$$

From (4) and (5), we have

$$BC = DF \quad \dots(6)$$

Since $AD \parallel BC$, the corresponding angles are equal.

$$\therefore \angle DAB = \angle CBE \quad \dots(7)$$

Since $AB \parallel DC$, the corresponding angles are equal.

$$\therefore \angle DAB = \angle FDC \quad \dots(8)$$

From (7) and (8), we have

$$\angle CBE = \angle FDC \quad \dots(9)$$

In $\triangle BEC$ and $\triangle DCF$

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$$BE = DC \quad [\text{from (3)}]$$

$$\angle CBE = \angle FDC \quad [\text{from (9)}]$$

$$BC = DF \quad [\text{from (6)}]$$

\therefore By Side-Angle-Side criterion of congruence,

$$\triangle BEC \cong \triangle DCF$$

Hence proved.

Solution 8:

Since, $BC = QR$, we have

$$BD = QS \text{ and } DC = SR \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{D is the midpoint of BC and} \\ \text{S is the midpoint of QR} \end{array} \right]$$

In $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle PQS$

$$AB = PQ \quad \dots(1)$$

$$AD = PS \quad \dots(2)$$

$$BD = QS \quad \dots(3)$$

Thus, by Side-Side-Side criterion of congruence,

we have $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle PQS$

Similarly, in $\triangle ADC$ and $\triangle PSR$

$$AD = PS \quad \dots(4)$$

$$AC = PR \quad \dots(5)$$

$$DC = SR \quad \dots(6)$$

Thus, by Side-Side-Side criterion of congruence,

we have $\triangle ADC \cong \triangle PSR$

We have

$$BC = BD + DC \quad [\text{D is the midpoint of BC}]$$

$$= QS + SR \quad [\text{from (3) and (6)}]$$

$$= QR \quad [\text{S is the midpoint of QR}] \quad \dots(7)$$

Now consider the triangles $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle PQR$

$$AB = PQ \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$BC = QR \quad [\text{from (7)}]$$

$$AC = PR \quad [\text{from (5)}]$$

\therefore By Side-Side-Side criterion of congruence, we

have $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PQR$

Hence proved.

Solution 9:

In the figure, AP and BQ are equal and parallel to each other. $\therefore AP=BQ$ and $AP \parallel BQ$.

We need to prove that

(i) $\triangle AOP \cong \triangle BOQ$

(ii) AB and PQ bisect each other

(i) $\because AP \parallel BQ$

$\therefore \angle APO = \angle BQO$ [Alternate angles] ... (1)

and $\angle PAO = \angle QBO$ [Alternate angles] ... (2)

Now in $\triangle AOP$ and $\triangle BOQ$,

$\angle APO = \angle BQO$ [from (1)]

$AP = BQ$ [given]

$\angle PAO = \angle QBO$ [from (2)]

\therefore By Angle-Side-Angle criterion of congruence, we have

$\triangle AOP \cong \triangle BOQ$

(ii)

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

$\therefore OP = OQ$ [c.p.c.t]

$OA = OB$ [c.p.c.t]

Hence AB and PQ bisect each other.

Solution 10:

Given:

In the figure, $OA=OC$, $AB=BC$

We need to prove that,

(i) $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$

(ii) $\triangle AOD \cong \triangle COD$

(iii) $AD = CD$

(i) In $\triangle ABO$ and $\triangle CBO$,

$$AB=BC \quad [\text{given}]$$

$$AO=CO \quad [\text{given}]$$

$$OB=OB \quad [\text{common}]$$

\therefore By Side-Side-Side criterion of congruence, we have

$$\triangle ABO \cong \triangle CBO$$

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

$$\therefore \angle ABO = \angle CBO \quad [\text{c.p.c.t}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABD = \angle CBD$$

$$\text{and } \angle AOB = \angle COB \quad [\text{c.p.c.t}]$$

We have

$$\angle AOB + \angle COB = 180^\circ \quad [\text{Linear pair}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle AOB = \angle COB = 90^\circ \text{ and } AC \perp BD$$

(ii) In $\triangle AOD$ and $\triangle COD$,

$$OD=OD \quad [\text{common}]$$

$$\angle AOD = \angle COD \quad [\text{each} = 90^\circ]$$

$$AO=CO \quad [\text{given}]$$

\therefore By Side-Angle-Side criterion of congruence, we have

$$\triangle AOD \cong \triangle COD$$

(iii)

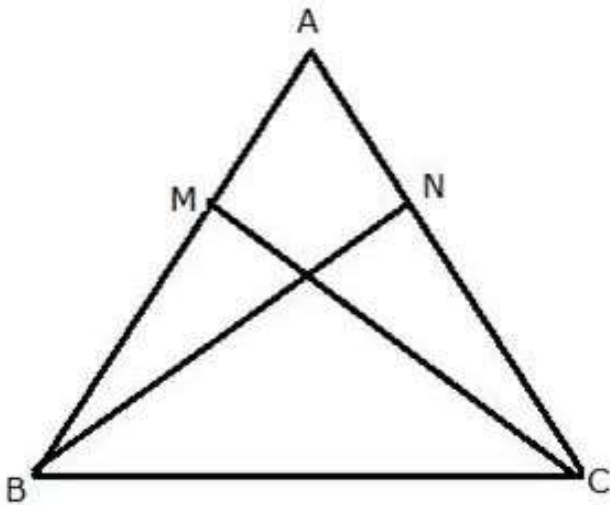
The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

$$\therefore AD=CD \quad [\text{c.p.c.t}]$$

Hence proved.

Solution 11:

In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = AC$. M and N are points on AB and AC such that $BM = CN$.
 BN and CM are joined.



(i) In $\triangle AMC$ and $\triangle ANB$

$$AB = AC \quad [\text{Given}] \quad \dots(1)$$

$$BM = CN \quad [\text{Given}] \quad \dots(2)$$

Subtracting (2) from (1), we have

$$AB - BM = AC - CN$$

$$\Rightarrow AM = AN \quad \dots(3)$$

(ii) Consider the triangles $\triangle AMC$ and $\triangle ANB$

$$AC = AB \quad [\text{given}]$$

$$\angle A = \angle A \quad [\text{common}]$$

$$AM = AN \quad [\text{from (3)}]$$

\therefore By Side-Angle-Side criterion of congruence, we have $\triangle AMC \cong \triangle ANB$

(iii)

The corresponding parts of the congruent triangles are congruent.

$$\therefore CM = BN \quad [\text{c.p.c.t}] \quad \dots(4)$$

(iv) Consider the triangles $\triangle BMC$ and $\triangle CNB$

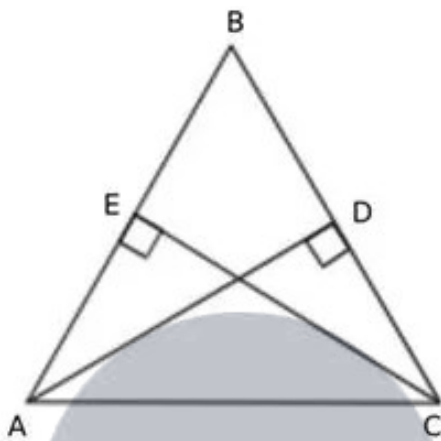
$$BM = CN \quad [\text{given}]$$

$$BC = BC \quad [\text{common}]$$

$$CM = BN \quad [\text{from (4)}]$$

\therefore By Side-Side-Side criterion of congruence, we have $\triangle BMC \cong \triangle CNB$

Solution 12:



In $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle CBE$,

$$AB = BC \quad (\text{given})$$

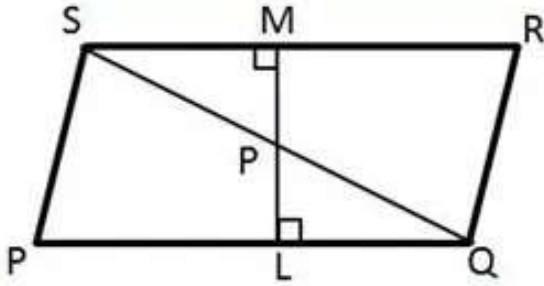
$$\angle ADB = \angle CEB = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle B = \angle B \quad (\text{common angle})$$

$$\therefore \triangle ABD \cong \triangle CBE \quad (\text{by SAS congruence})$$

$$\Rightarrow AD = CE \quad (\text{cpct})$$

Solution 13:



Given : $PL = RM$

To prove: $SP = PQ$ and $MP = PL$

Proof :

Since SR and PQ are opposite sides of a parallelogram,

$$PQ = SR \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Also, } PL = RM \quad \dots(2)$$

Subtracting (2) from (1),

$$PQ - PL = SR - RM$$

$$\Rightarrow LQ = SM \quad \dots(3)$$

Now, in $\triangle SMP$ and $\triangle QLP$,

$$\angle MSP = \angle PQL \quad (\text{alternate interior angles})$$

$$\angle SMP = \angle PLQ \quad (\text{alternate interior angles})$$

$$SM = LQ \quad [\text{From (3)}]$$

$$\therefore \triangle SMP \cong \triangle QLP \quad (\text{by ASA congruence})$$

$$\Rightarrow SP = PQ \text{ and } MP = PL \quad (\text{cpct})$$

$$\Rightarrow LM \text{ and } QS \text{ bisect each other.}$$

Solution 14:

$\triangle ABC$ is an equilateral triangle.

So, each of its angles equals 60° .

QP is parallel to AC ,

$$\Rightarrow \angle PQB = \angle RAQ = 60^\circ$$

In $\triangle QBP$,

$$\angle PBQ = \angle BQP = 60^\circ$$

So, $\angle PBQ + \angle BQP + \angle BPQ = 180^\circ$ (angle sum property)

$$\Rightarrow 60^\circ + 60^\circ + \angle BPQ = 180^\circ$$

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

So, $\triangle BPQ$ is an equilateral triangle.

$$\Rightarrow QP = BP$$

$$\Rightarrow QP = CR \dots (i)$$

Now, $\angle QPM + \angle BPQ = 180^\circ$ (linear pair)

$$\Rightarrow \angle QPM + 60^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle QPM = 120^\circ$$

Also, $\angle RCM + \angle ACB = 180^\circ$ (linear pair)

$$\Rightarrow \angle RCM + 60^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle RCM = 120^\circ$$

In $\triangle RCM$ and $\triangle QMP$,

$$\angle RCM = \angle QPM \quad (\text{each is } 120^\circ)$$

$$\angle RMC = \angle QMP \quad (\text{vertically opposite angles})$$

$$QP = CR \quad (\text{from (i)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle RCM \cong \triangle QMP \quad (\text{AAS congruence criterion})$$

So, $CM = PM$

$\Rightarrow QR$ bisects PC .