

NCERT Solutions for Class 9 Maths Chapter 7 Triangles Ex 7.4

Question 1.

Show that in a right angled triangle, the hypotenuse is the longest side.

Solution.

ABC is a triangle right angled at B



Now,

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$$

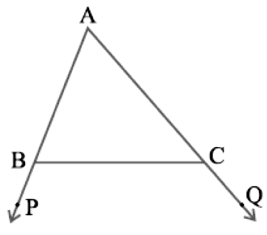
$$\angle A + \angle C = 90^\circ$$

And $\angle B$ is 90°

Since, B is the largest angle of the triangle, the side opposite to it must be the largest

So, BC is the hypotenuse which is the largest side of the right angled triangle ABC

Question 2. In figure, sides AB and AC of ΔABC are extended to points P and Q respectively. Also, $\angle PBC < \angle QCB$. Show that $AC > AB$.



Solution.

It is given in the question that:

$$\angle PBC < \angle QCB$$

Now,

$$\angle ABC + \angle PBC = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle ABC = 180^\circ - \angle PBC$$

Also,

$$\angle ACB + \angle QCB = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle ACB = 180^\circ - \angle QCB$$

Since,

$$\angle PBC < \angle QCB \text{ therefore,}$$

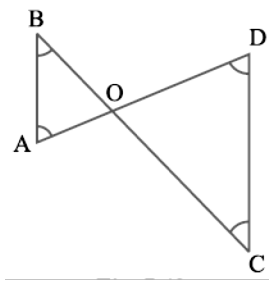
$$\angle ABC > \angle ACB$$

Thus,

$AC > AB$ as sides opposite to the larger angle is larger

Question 3.

In figure, $\angle B < \angle A$ and $\angle C < \angle D$. Show that $AD < BC$



Solution.

It is given in the question that:

$$\angle B < \angle A \text{ and,}$$

$$\angle C < \angle D$$

Now,

$AO < BO$ (i) (Side opposite to the smaller angle is smaller)

$OD < OC$ (ii) (Side opposite to the smaller angle is smaller)

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

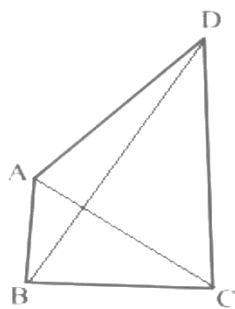
$$AO + OD < BO + OC$$

$$AD < BC$$

Question 4.

AB and CD are respectively the smallest and longest sides of a quadrilateral ABCD (see Fig. 7.50). Show that $\angle A > \angle C$ and $\angle B > \angle D$

Solution.



It is given in the question that:

In $\triangle ABD$,

$$AB < AD < BD$$

Therefore,

$$\angle ADB < \angle ABD \text{ (i) (Angles opposite to longer side is larger)}$$

Now,

In $\triangle BCD$,

$$BC < DC < BD$$

Therefore,

$$\angle BDC < \angle CBD \text{ (ii)}$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$\angle ADB + \angle BDC < \angle ABD + \angle CBD$$

$$\angle ADC < \angle ABC$$

$$\angle B > \angle D$$

Similarly,

In $\triangle ABC$,

$\angle ACB < \angle BAC$ (iii) (Angle opposite to longer side is larger)

Now,

In $\triangle ADC$,

$\angle DCA < \angle DAC$ (iv)

Adding (iii) and (iv), we get

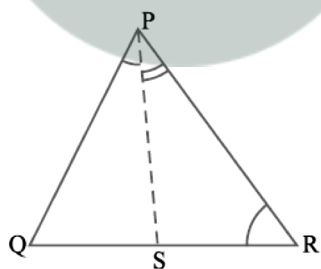
$\angle ACB + \angle DCA < \angle BAC + \angle DAC$

$\angle BCD < \angle BAD$

$\angle A > \angle C$

Question 5.

In figure, $PR > PQ$ and PS bisects $\angle QPR$. Prove that $\angle PSR > \angle PSQ$



Solution.

It is given in the question that:

$PR > PQ$ and PS bisects $\angle QPR$

To prove: $\angle PSR > \angle PSQ$

Proof: $\angle PQR > \angle PRQ$ (i) ($PR > PQ$ as angle opposite to larger side is larger)

$\angle QPS = \angle RPS$ (ii) (PS bisects $\angle QPR$)

$\angle PSR = \angle PQR + \angle QPS$ (iii) (Exterior angle of a triangle equals to the sum of opposite interior angles)

$\angle PSQ = \angle PRQ + \angle RPS$ (iv) (Exterior angle of a triangle equals to the sum of opposite interior angles)

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$\angle PQR + \angle QPS > \angle PRQ + \angle RPS$$

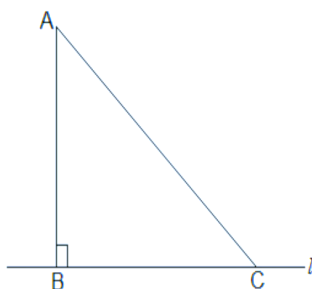
$$\angle PSR > \angle PSQ \text{ [From (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)]}$$

Question 6.

Show that of all line segments drawn from a given point not on it, the perpendicular line segment is the shortest.

Solution.

Let l is a line segment and B is a point lying to it. We draw a line AB perpendicular to l . Let C be any other point on l



To prove: $AB < AC$

Proof: In $\triangle ABC$,

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

Now,

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle A + \angle C = 90^\circ$$

Therefore,

$\angle C$ must be acute angle or $\angle C < \angle B$

$AB < AC$ (Sides opposite to the larger angle is larger)

