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Chapter 6 The Triangle and its Properties

Triangle: A triangle is a simple closed curve made of three line segments. It has three vertices, three sides and three angles. Here in \triangle ABC, it has



Sides: AB, BC, CA. Vertices: A, B, C. Angles: $\angle BAG$, $\angle ABC$, $\angle BCA$.

The side opposite to the vertex $\angle A$ is BC. The angle opposite to the side AB is $\angle BCA$. Classification of triangles based on sides

• A triangle having three unequal sides is called a scalene triangle.



• A triangle having two equal sides is called an isosceles triangle.



• A triangle having three equal sides is called an equilateral triangle.



Classification of triangles based on angles

• If each angle is less than 90°, then the triangle is called an acute-angled triangle.



• If anyone angle is a right triangle, then the triangle is called a right-angled triangle.



• If anyone angle is greater than 90°, then the triangle is called an obtuse-angled triangle.



Medians of a Triangle

The line-segment joining a vertex of a triangle to the mid-point of its opposite side is called a median of the triangle. Since there are three vertices in a triangle, therefore, a triangle has three medians.



Altitudes of a Triangle

A line segment drawn from a vertex of a triangle perpendicular to its opposite side is called an altitude (height) of the triangle corresponding to the opposite side. Since there are three vertices in a triangle, therefore, a triangle has three altitudes.

AD is the altitude of triangle ABC.

 $\angle ADB = \angle ADC = 90^{\circ}.$



An exterior angle of a triangle is equal to the sum of its interior opposite angles.





Angle Sum Property: The total measure of the three angles of a triangle is 180°.





In right angled triangle, the square on the hypotenuse = sum of the squares on the legs.



 $AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2$ It is known as Pythagoras Property.