# Chapter - 9

# Areas of Parallelograms and Triangles

## Introduction to Area between Parallelogram and Triangles

Introduction to Area

Area: Area can be defined as the space occupied by a closed two- dimensional shape or object.

The area of a closed figure is the number of unit-squares it covers.



Units of the area: Area is measured in square units such as square centimetres, square feet, square inches, etc.

The area of a closed figure/region R is denoted by ar (R).

Suppose, this region R covers x number of unit squares, then its area will be represented as,

Ar(R) = x square units or x unit<sup>2</sup>

How do we get the units of measurement of the area? Let us understand this.

Let us find the area of a square with side 1 cm.

We know, the area of a square = side  $\times$  side.



The area of the square with side 1 centimeter  $(cm) = 1 cm \times 1 cm = 1 cm^2$ .

Similarly, the area of the figures below can be found by simply counting the number of unit squares.



In this chapter, we will restrict our discussion to the area of the polygonal region. For example, the area of triangles, quadrilaterals, parallelograms.

We often find the area of the room floor to calculate the quantity of the carpet to be bought. Covering the floor with tiles, covering the wall with paint or wallpaper or building are other examples, wherein the computation of area is required.

A triangle is a closed, two- dimensional figure formed by three intersecting lines. The region enclosed by a triangle is its area.



The part of the plane enclosed by the triangle is called the interior region of the triangle. Hence, the area of a triangle is a triangular region formed by the union of a triangle and its interior.



Similarly, the area of a parallelogram ABCD is the union of the parallelogram and its interior.

We have already learned the formulae for finding the areas of different plane figures such as triangle, rectangle, parallelogram, square, etc.

In this chapter, we will study some relationships between the areas of these geometric figures under the condition like when they lie on the same base and between the same parallels.

## Figures on the same base and between the same parallels

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Two triangles with common base EF.



Two figures are between two parallels AB & CD but have different bases' length.



Two figures with common base XY and between two parallels XY & PQ.



"So, two figures are said to be on the same base and between same parallels, if they have a common base (side) and the vertices (or the vertex) opposite to the common base of each figure lie on a line parallel to the base". [As shown in the figure above]

Example: Choose which of the following figures lie on the same base and between the same parallels. For such a figure, write the common base and the two parallels.





Solution:

I. Rectangle ABCD and trapezium EFCD are on the same base CD but they are not between the same parallels.

II. Parallelogram PQRS and  $\Delta$  ROQ are on the same base RQ and between the same parallel lines PS and QR.

III. Parallelogram EFGH and pentagon UVWXY are between the same parallel EF and HG but they are not on the same base.

IV. Parallelogram ABCD and parallelogram MNCD lie between the same parallels AB and CD and they have common base CD.

**RECTANGLE AREA AXIOM** 

If ABCD is a rectangular region such that AB = a units and BC = b units in length, then



CONGRUENT AREA AXIOM

Consider two  $\Delta$  ABC and  $\Delta$  DEF which are congruent to each other.



Now, we calculate the area of  $\Delta$  ABC, then we get

 $ar(\Delta ABC) = 1/2 \times base \times height.$ 

$$= \frac{1}{2 \times 3} \text{ cm} \times 4 \text{ cm}.$$
$$= 3 \text{ cm} \times 2 \text{ cm}.$$
$$= 6 \text{ cm}^2.$$

Also, we calculate the area of  $\Delta$  DEF, then we get

 $ar(\Delta DEF) = \overline{2} \times base \times height.$ 

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \text{ cm} \times 4 \text{ cm}.$$
$$= 3 \text{ cm} \times 2 \text{ cm}.$$
$$= 6 \text{ cm}^2.$$

Here, we also see that the area of triangles ABC and DEF are equal.

Therefore, we conclude that if two figures are congruent with each other, they must have equal areas.

Now, consider a rectangle ABCD and square PQRS which are equal in area.



We calculate the area of rectangle ABCD, then we get  $ar(ABCD) = Length \times Breath$ .

=  $9 \text{ cm} \times 4 \text{ cm}$ . =  $36 \text{ cm}^2$ 

Also, we calculate the area of square PQRS, then we get ar(PQRS) = Side × Side. = 6 cm × 6 cm. = 36 cm<sup>2</sup>.

Here, we see that areas of triangles ABC and DEF are equal. Rectangles ABCD and square PQRS are not congruent, but still, they have equal areas. Therefore, we can conclude that if two figures are congruent, they will have equal areas whereas, if two figures have equal areas, they need not be congruent with each other.

AREA MONOTONE AXIOM:

If R1, R2 are two polygonal regions such that R1 is a part of R2, then

 $ar(R1) \le ar(R2)$ 

i.e. In the given figure region, ABCD is the part of region PQRS, that means



In the next figure (below) the region, the vertices A, B, C, D of parallelogram ABCD coincide with the vertices P, Q, R, S of the parallelogram PQRS.



The third possibility for figure ABCD and PQRS is



But in this case, ar(ABCD) >ar(PQRS) and PQRS is the part of ABCD which is not held by the statement of the axiom. So, this case shall not be considered.

AREA ADDITION AXIOM:

If a planer region formed by a figure T is made up of two non-overlapping planar regions formed by figures P and Q, then ar (T)=ar(P)+ar(Q).



In the figure above,  $ar(ABCD) = ar(\Delta ADB) + ar(\Delta BCD)$ 

#### Parallelograms on the same base and between the same parallels

Parallelograms on the same base and between the same parallels. Theorem 1: Parallelograms on the same base (or equal bases) and between the same parallels are equal in area.

Given: Two parallelograms ABCD and ABPQ, which have the same base AB and which are between the same parallel lines AB and QC.

To prove:  $ar(\parallel gm \ ABCD) = ar(\parallel gm \ EFCD)$ 



Proof: In  $\triangle ADE$  and  $\triangle BCF$ 

 $\angle DAE = \angle CBF$  (Corresponding angles from AD || BC and transversal AF)

 $\angle AED = \angle BFC$  (Corresponding angles from ED || FC and transversal AF)

Also, AD = BC (Opposite sides of the parallelogram ABCD)

So,  $\triangle ADE \cong \triangle BCF$  [By AAS criteria]

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Therefore, ar(\Delta ADE) = ar(\Delta BCF) (Congruent figures have equal areas)
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Now, ar(ABCD) = ar(ADE) + ar(EDCB)
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= ar(BCF) + ar(EDCB) [From 1]
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= ar(EFCD)
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So, parallelograms ABCD and EFCD are equal in area.

Theorem 2: A diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into two triangles of equal area.

Given: A parallelogram PQRS in which PR is one of the diagonals.



To prove:  $ar(\Delta PSR) = ar(\Delta RQP)$ 

Proof: In  $\triangle$ PSR and  $\triangle$ RQP, we have

PS = QR (Opposite side of the parallelogram PQRS)

SR = QP (Opposite side of the parallelogram PQRS)

PR = RP (Common side)

So, by SSS criterion of congruence, we have

 $\Delta PSR \cong \Delta RQP$ 

And we know that congruent figures have equal areas.

Hence,  $ar(\Delta PSR) = ar(\Delta RQP)$ .

Theorem 3: If a triangle and a parallelogram are on the same base and between the same parallels, then the area of the triangle is equal to half of the area of the

parallelogram.

Given: A  $\triangle$ ABP and  $\|g^mABCD$  on the same base AB and between the same parallels AB and PC.



To prove:  $ar(\Delta PAB) = \overline{2} ar(\|g^mABCD)$ 

Construction: Draw BQ||AP to obtain another parallelogram ABQP.

Proof: Parallelogram ABCD and ABQP are on the same base AB and between the same parallels AB and PC.

Therefore, ar(ABQP) = ar(ABCD) [By Theorem 1]

Now, in *IgmABQP*, PB is a diagonal which divides it into two equal

parts.

So,  $ar(\Delta PAB) = ar(\Delta BQP)$  [By Theorem 2]  $ar(ABPQ) = ar(\Delta PAB) + ar(\Delta BQP)$   $ar(ABPQ) = ar(\Delta PAB) + ar(\Delta PAB)$  [From 2]  $ar(ABCD) = 2ar(\Delta PAB)$  [From 1]  $ar(\Delta PAB) = \frac{1}{2}ar(\parallel^{gm}ABCD)$  Theorem 4: The area of a parallelogram is the product of its base and the corresponding altitude.

Given: A parallelogram ABCD in which AB is the base and AL is the corresponding altitude.



To prove:  $ar(\parallel^{gm} ABCD) = AB \times AL$ 

Construction: Complete the rectangle

ALMB by drawing BM  $\perp$  CD.

Proof: In  $\triangle$ ADL and  $\triangle$ BCM

 $\angle ALD = \angle BMC$  (Each is equal to 90°)

 $\angle ADL = \angle BCM$ 

(Corresponding angles from AD || BC and transversal LC)

AD = BC (Opposite side of the parallelogram ABCD)

So,  $\triangle ADL \cong \triangle BCM$  [By AAS criterion of congruence]

And we know that congruence figures have equal areas

Therefore, ar  $(\Delta ADL) = ar (\Delta BCM)ar(\|gmABCD) = ar(ADMB) + ar(\Delta BMC)$  [By area addition axiom]

 $ar(\|g^m ABCD) = ar(ADMB) + ar(\Delta ADL)$  [From 1]

 $ar(\parallel^{gm} ABCD) = ar(ABML) [ar(ABML) = AB \times AL]$ 

 $ar(\|^{gm} ABCD) = AB \times AL$ 

Hence, area of the  $\|gm\|$  is the product of its side and the corresponding altitude  $[ar(\|gm\|) = Base \times Height]$ .

Theorem 5: The area of a triangle is half the product of any of its sides and the corresponding altitude.



Given:  $\triangle$ ABC in which AL is the altitude to the side BC.

To prove:  $ar(\Delta ABC) = \overline{2} (BC \times AL)$ 

Construction: Through C and A draw CD $\|BA$  and AD $\|BC$  respectively, meeting each other at D.

Proof: We have,

BA || CD [By construction]

AD ||BC [By construction]

Since a quadrilateral is a parallelogram if both pairs of opposite sides are parallel

∴ BCDA is a parallelogram.

As AC is a diagonal of ||gm BCDA

 $\therefore \operatorname{ar}(\Delta ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ar}(\|g^{m}BCDA)$ 

By theorem 4, the area of a  $\|^{\rm gm}$  is the product of its base and the corresponding altitude.

ar(∥gmBCDA) = BC × AL ⇒ ar( $\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2}$  (BC × AL) Example 1: In the figure, ABCD is a parallelogram,  $AE \perp DC$  and  $CF \perp AD$ . If AB=16 cm, AE=8 cm and CF=10 cm, find AD.

(REFERENCE: NCERT)



In parallelogram ABCD, CD=AB=16 cm(Opposite sides of a parallelogram are equal)

We know that

Area of a parallelogram = Base  $\times$  altitude.

For altitude AE with base CD

 $ar(\parallel^{gm}) = CD \times AE$ 

For altitude CF with base AD

ar  $(||^{gm}) = AD \times CF$ 

Now, by using equation (1) and (2), we get

 $CD \times AE = AD \times CF$ 

 $16 \times 8 = AD \times 10$ 

 $128 = AD \times 10$ 

# $\frac{128}{10} = AD$

AD = 12.8 cm

Example 2: P and Q are any two points lying on the sides DC and AD respectively of a parallelogram ABCD. Show that  $ar(\Delta APB) = ar(\Delta BQC)$ .

(REFERENCE: NCERT)



Here,  $\Delta APB$  and parallelogram ABCD are on the same base AB and between the same parallels AB and DC.

 $\therefore \operatorname{ar}(\Delta APB) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ar}(\|gm \ ABCD) \ [Theorem 3]$ 

Similarly,  $\Delta$ BQC and parallelogram ABCD are on the same base BC and between the same parallels BC and AD.

∴ar( $\Delta$ BQC) =  $\frac{1}{2}$  ar( $\parallel^{gm}$  ABCD) [Theorem 3]

Now, by using equation (1) and (2), we get

 $ar(\Delta APB) = ar(\Delta BQC)$ 

Example 3: In figure, P is a point in the interior of a parallelogram ABCD. Show that

1. ar(APB) + ar(PCD) =  $\frac{1}{2}$  ar(ABCD) 2. ar(APD) + ar(PBC) = ar(APB)+ar(PCD)



(REFERENCE: NCERT)

Construction: Draw a line segment EF parallel to the line segment AB passing through P. Draw a line segment LM parallel to the line segment AD passing through P.

(1). In parallelogram ABCD,

AB||EF (By construction)

AD||BC (Opposite side of a parallelogram ABCD)

⇒AE∥BF

From equation (1) and (2), we obtain

AB||EF and AE||BF

Therefore, quadrilateral ABFE is a parallelogram.

Since  $\Delta APB$  and parallelogram ABFE are on the same base AB and between the same parallels AB and EF.

 $\therefore ar(\Delta APB) = \frac{1}{2} ar(\|gm \ ABFE) \ [By \ Theorem \ 3]$ 

Similarly,  $\Delta$ PCD and parallelogram EFCD are on the same base DC and between the same parallels DC and EF.

 $\therefore ar(\Delta PCD) = \frac{1}{2} ar (\|gm \ EFCD) \ [By \ Theorem 3]$ 

By adding (3) and (4), we get

 $ar(\Delta APB) + ar(\Delta PCD) = \frac{1}{2} ar(\|gm \ ABFE) + 12ar(\|gm \ EFCD).$ 

 $ar(\Delta APB) + ar(\Delta PCD) = \frac{1}{2}ar(\|gm \ ABCD).$ 

(2). Quadrilateral ALMD is formed the parallelogram.

Since  $\triangle$ APD and parallelogram ALMD are on the same base AB and between the same parallels AD and LM.

 $\therefore \operatorname{ar}(\Delta APD) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ar}(\|\operatorname{gm} ALMD) [By \text{ Theorem 3}]$ 

Similarly,  $\Delta PBC$  and parallelogram BLMC are on the same base BC and between the same parallels BC and LM.

 $\therefore ar(\Delta PBC) = \frac{1}{2} ar (\|gm BLMC) [By Theorem 3]$ 

By adding (6) and (7), we get

ar ( $\Delta$ APD) + ar ( $\Delta$ PBC) =  $\frac{1}{2}$ ar ( $\parallel$ gm ALMD) +  $\frac{1}{2}$ ar( $\parallel$ gm BLMC)

ar ( $\Delta$ APD) + ar( $\Delta$ PBC) =  $\frac{1}{2}$  ar( $\parallel$ gm ABCD)

By comparing equation (5) and (8), we get

ar(APD) + ar(PBC) = ar(APB) + ar(PCD)

#### Triangles on the same base and between the same parallels

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Theorem 6: Two triangles on the same base (or equal bases) and between the same parallels are equal in area.

Given: Two triangles ABC and PBC on the same base BC and between the same parallels BC and AP.



To prove:  $ar(\Delta ABC) = ar(\Delta PBC)$ 

Construction: Draw CD || BA and CR || BP such that D and R lie on the same line AP.

Proof: By the construction, we get

Two parallelograms PBCR and ABCD on the same base BC and between the same parallels BC and AR.

 $\therefore ar(\|g^{m} ABCD) = ar(\|g^{m} PBCR) \qquad [Theorem 1]$ 

Now, we know that the diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into two triangles of equal area.

∴ ar(ΔPBC) =  $\frac{1}{2}$  ar(||gm PBCR) (||gm PBCR with diagonal PC) By multiplying both sides with  $\frac{1}{2}$ , we get  $\frac{1}{2}$  ar(||gm ABCD) =  $\frac{1}{2}$  ar(||gm PBCR)

From equation (2) and (3), we obtain

 $ar(\Delta ABC) = ar(\Delta PBC).$ 

Theorem 7: Two triangles having the same base (or equal base) and equal areas lie between the same parallels.



Given:  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle ADC$  both lie on the same base in a way that  $ar(\triangle ABC) = ar(\triangle ADC)$ .

To prove:  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle ADB$  lie between the same parallel. i.e. CD  $\parallel$  AB Construction: Draws altitudes CE and DF of  $\triangle ACB \& \triangle ADB$  on AB respectively.

Proof: Now according to question, it's said that  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle ABD$  both lie on the same base and both have equal area.

Now, by construction, we have CE perpendicular to AB and DF perpendicular to AB.

Now, we know that lines perpendicular to the same line are parallel to each other, therefore, CE || DF.

And it is given that, ar ( $\triangle ABC$ ) = ar ( $\triangle ABD$ )

We know that,

Area of Triangle =  $\frac{1}{2}$  Base x Height).

Area Of  $\triangle ABC =$  Area of  $\triangle ABD$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} AB \times CE = \frac{1}{2} \times AB \times DF$$
$$\Rightarrow CE = DF.$$

From equation (1) & (2), we have

CE = DF and  $CE \parallel DF$ .

So, we know that if in a quadrilateral if one pair of opposite sides are equal and parallel then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

Therefore, CDEF is a parallelogram.

CD||EF (Opposite sides of the parallelogram)

Hence, CD || AB.

Theorem 8: The median of a triangle divides it into two triangles of equal areas.

Given:  $\triangle ABC$  with a median AD.

To prove:  $ar(\Delta ABD) = ar(\Delta ACD)$  Construction: Draw AN $\perp$ BC.



Proof: By theorem 5, we know that, area of a triangle is half the product of its base and corresponding altitude.

ar( $\triangle ABD$ ) =  $\frac{1}{2} \times base \times altitude of <math>\triangle ABD$ . ar( $\triangle ABD$ ) =  $\frac{1}{2} \times BD \times AN$ Now, ar( $\triangle ACD$ ) =  $\frac{1}{2} \times CD \times AN$ ar( $\triangle ACD$ ) =  $\frac{1}{2} \times BD \times AN$  ( $\because BD = CD$ ) From 1 & 2, ar( $\triangle ABD$ ) = ar ( $\triangle ACD$ ). Examples 1: In a triangle ABC, E is the mid-point of median AD. Show that  $ar(\Delta BED) = \frac{1}{4}ar(\Delta ABC)$ . [Reference: NCERT]



Given:  $\triangle$  ABC with median AD and E is the mid-point of median to AD.

To prove:  $ar(\Delta BED) = \overline{4} ar(\Delta ABC)$ .

Proof: By theorem 7, AD is a median of  $\triangle$ ABC and median divides the triangle into two triangles of the equal area.

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\therefore \operatorname{ar} (\Delta ABD) = \operatorname{ar} (\Delta ADC)
\Rightarrow \operatorname{ar} (\Delta ABD) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ar} (\Delta ABC)
Similarly, in (\Delta ABD), BE is the median
\therefore \operatorname{ar} (\Delta BED) = \operatorname{ar} (\Delta BAE)
\Rightarrow \operatorname{ar} (\Delta BED) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ar} (\Delta ABD)
\Rightarrow \operatorname{ar} (\Delta BED) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ar} (\Delta ABD)
[From (1)]
\Rightarrow \operatorname{ar} (\Delta BED) = \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{ar} (\Delta ABC).
Hence, \operatorname{ar} (\Delta BED) = \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{ar} (\Delta ABC).
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Example 2: D, E, and F are respectively the mid-points of the sides BC, CA and AB of a  $\Delta ABC.$  Show that



(1) In  $\triangle$ ABC, D and E are the mid-point of sides BC and AC respectively.

∴ DE∥BA

⇒ DE∥BF

 $[\because$  Line joining the mid-point of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and half of it.]

Similarly, FE||BC

 $\Rightarrow$  FE $\parallel$ BD

From (1) and (2), we obtain

BDEF is a parallelogram

(2). Now, DF is a diagonal of parallelogram BDEF.

By theorem 2, a diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into two triangles of equal area.

 $\therefore \operatorname{ar}(\Delta BDF) = \operatorname{ar}(\Delta DEF)$ 

Similarly, DE is a diagonal of ||gm DCEF

 $\therefore \operatorname{ar}(\Delta \operatorname{DCE}) = \operatorname{ar}(\Delta \operatorname{DEF})$ 

And, FE is a diagonal of ||gm AFDE

 $\therefore \operatorname{ar}(\Delta \operatorname{AFE}) = \operatorname{ar}(\Delta \operatorname{DEF})$ 

From equation (3), (4) and (5), we get

 $ar(\Delta BDF) = ar(\Delta DCE) = ar(\Delta AFE) = ar(\Delta DEF)$ 

Now,  $ar(\Delta ABC) = ar(\Delta BDF) + ar(\Delta DCE) + ar(\Delta AFE) + ar(\Delta DEF)$ 

 $ar(\Delta ABC) = 4 ar(\Delta DEF)$  [Using equation (6)]

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

 $ar(\Delta DEF) = \overline{4} ar(\Delta ABC)$ 

(3)  $ar(\parallel^{gm} BDEF) = ar(\Delta BDF) + ar(\Delta DEF)$  [Using equation (3)]

 $ar(\|gm BDEF) = ar(\Delta DEF) + ar(\Delta DEF)$ 

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ar(\|gm BDEF) = 2 ar(\Delta DEF)
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 $ar(\parallel^{gm} BDEF) = 2 \times \frac{1}{4}$ 

ar( $\Delta$  ABC) [From equation (7)]

 $ar(\parallel^{gm} BDEF) = 1/2 ar(\Delta ABC)$ 

Example 3: In figure,  $ar(\Delta DRC) = ar(\Delta DPC)$  and  $ar(\Delta BDP) = ar(\Delta ARC)$ . Show that both the quadrilateral ABCD and DCPR are trapeziums. [Reference: NCERT]



It is given that,  $ar(\Delta DRC) = ar(\Delta DPC)$ .

Here,  $\Delta DRC$  and  $\Delta DPC$  are on the same base CD and are equal in area. Therefore, they must be between the same parallels.

∴ RP||DC. Therefore, DCPR is a trapezium.

We also have,  $ar(\Delta BDP) = ar(\Delta ARC)$ 

Now, subtracting  $ar(\Delta DRC)$  from both sides, we get

 $\Rightarrow ar(\Delta BDP) - ar(\Delta DRC) = ar(\Delta ARC) - ar(\Delta DRC) [From equation (1)]$ 

 $\Rightarrow ar(\Delta BDP) - ar(\Delta DPC) = ar(\Delta ARC) - ar(\Delta DRC)$ 

 $\Rightarrow \qquad ar(\Delta ADC) = ar(\Delta BDC)$ 

 $\div$   $\Delta ADC$  and  $\Delta BDC$  are on the same base DC and are equal in area.

Therefore, they must be between the same parallel lines, i.e. AB||DC.

Therefore, ABCD is a trapezium.

## Summary of Area of Parallelograms and Triangles





Two figures are said to be on the same base and between same parallels, if they have a common base (side) and the vertices (or the vertex) opposite to the common base of each figure lie on a line parallel to the base.



||gm PQRS & △ ROQ are on the same base RQ and between the same parallel's PS and QR.



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equal to half of the area of the parallelogram. ar( $\Delta PAB$ ) =  $\frac{1}{2}$  ar( $\parallel^{gm} ABCD$ )



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Two triangles on the same base (or equal bases) and between the same parallels are equal in area.  $ar(\Delta ABC) = ar(\Delta PBC).$ Two triangles having the same base (or equal base)

and equal areas lie between the same parallels. AABC and  $\Delta PBC$  lie between the same parallel. i.e. DE || BC.