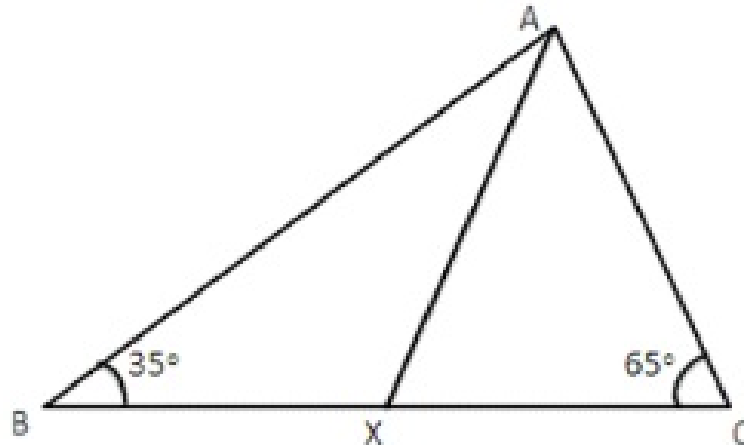




Exercise 5A

Question 38:



In $\triangle ABC$,

$$\begin{aligned}\angle A &= 180^\circ - \angle B - \angle C \\ &= 180^\circ - 35^\circ - 65^\circ \\ &= 180^\circ - 100^\circ = 80^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \angle BAX &= \frac{1}{2} \angle A \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 80^\circ = 40^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Now in $\triangle ABX$,

$$\begin{aligned}\angle B &= 35^\circ \\ \angle BAX &= 40^\circ \\ \text{and } \angle BXA &= 180^\circ - 35^\circ - 40^\circ \\ &= 180^\circ - 75^\circ = 105^\circ\end{aligned}$$

So, in $\triangle ABX$,

$\angle B$ is smallest, so the side opposite to $\angle B$, that is AX , is smallest

So $AX < BX$ (i)

Now consider $\triangle AXC$

$$\begin{aligned}\angle CAX &= \frac{1}{2} \times \angle A \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 80^\circ = 40^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$\angle AXC = 180^\circ - 40^\circ - 65^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned}\angle AAC &= 180^\circ - 40^\circ - 65^\circ \\ &= 180^\circ - 105^\circ = 75^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, in $\triangle AXC$, we have,

$$\angle CAX = 40^\circ, \angle C = 65^\circ \text{ and } \angle AXC = 75^\circ$$

$\therefore \angle CAX$ is smallest in $\triangle AXC$

So the side opposite to $\angle CAX$ is shortest.

$$\Rightarrow CX \text{ is shortest}$$

$$\Rightarrow CX < AX \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$BX > AX > CX$$

This is the required descending order.

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