



Properties of Triangles Ex 15.4 Q1

Answer :

(i) Yes, these numbers can be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side.

Here,

$$5 + 7 > 9, \quad 5 + 9 > 7, \quad 9 + 7 > 5$$

(ii) No, these numbers cannot be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side, which is not true in this case.

(iii) Yes, these numbers can be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of triangle is always greater than the third side.

Here,

$$3 + 4 > 5, \quad 3 + 5 > 4, \quad 4 + 5 > 3$$

(iv) No, these numbers cannot be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side, which is not true in this case.

Here,

$$2 + 5 = 7$$

(v) No, these numbers cannot be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side, which is not true in this case.

Here,

$$5 + 8 < 20$$

Properties of Triangles Ex 15.4 Q2

Answer :

(i) In triangle APB, $AP < AB + BP$ because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.

(ii) In triangle APC, $AP < AC + PC$ because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.

$$(iii) AP < \frac{1}{2} (AB + AC + BC)$$

In triangles ABP and ACP, we can see that:

$$AP < AB + BP \quad \dots(i) \quad (\text{Because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side})$$

$$AP < AC + PC \quad \dots(ii) \quad (\text{Because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side})$$

On adding (i) and (ii), we have:

$$AP + AP < AB + BP + AC + PC$$

$$2AP < AB + AC + BC \quad (BC = BP + PC)$$

$$AP < \frac{1}{2} (AB + AC + BC)$$

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