

Chapter 9: Areas of Parallelograms and Triangles


◆ Main Concepts and Results

Area:

The region enclosed by a plane figure.

✓ Standard Unit: Square units (like cm^2 , m^2)

Important Properties:

-  Congruent triangles have equal areas
(If $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PQR \Rightarrow \text{ar}(\triangle ABC) = \text{ar}(\triangle PQR)$)
- The diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into two triangles of equal area
- Parallelograms on the same base and between the same parallels have equal area
- A triangle on the same base and between same parallels = half the area of a parallelogram

Example:

If parallelogram ABCD and triangle ABC are on same base and between same parallels,

Then:

$$\text{ar}(\triangle ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{ar}(\text{parallelogram ABCD})$$

Theorems and Key Rules

- ◆ **Theorem 1:** Diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into two equal-area triangles
- ◆ **Theorem 2:** Parallelograms on the same base and between the same parallels are equal in area
- ◆ **Theorem 3:** Triangles on same base and between same parallels have equal area
- ◆ **Theorem 4:** Triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{corresponding altitude}$

Multiple Choice Practice

1 A diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into:

✓ Two equal-area triangles

2 Midpoints of adjacent sides of a rhombus with diagonals 12 cm and 16 cm form a square

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times d_1 \times d_2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 12 \times 8 = 48 \text{ cm}^2 \quad \checkmark$$

3 If median divides triangle \rightarrow it makes:

✓ Two triangles of equal area

4 Area of triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$

If same base & same height = Equal areas \checkmark

Short Answer: Reasoning Based

? True/False Type:

- If P is any point on the median, then $\text{ar}(\triangle ABP) = \text{ar}(\triangle ACP) \rightarrow \checkmark$ True
- In parallelogram, joining midpoints of sides forms a rhombus/square of half area $\rightarrow \checkmark$
- If diagonal bisects one angle \rightarrow also divides figure into two equal parts $\rightarrow \checkmark$
- Triangles on same base but not between same parallels $\rightarrow \times$ not always equal area

🧠 Example:

If a parallelogram has a diagonal AC, then $\text{ar}(\triangle ABC) = \text{ar}(\triangle CDA)$

Geometry Application Examples

- ◆ Joining midpoints of rectangle/square sides creates new figures (like rhombus)
- ◆ Triangle with mid-segment parallel to third side divides triangle into two equal-area regions

🧠 Sample:

- In $\triangle ABC$, median AD is drawn. Then, triangles ABD and ACD have equal areas \checkmark
 - In parallelogram, any point on diagonal \rightarrow area of triangle from that point to corner = half parallelogram \checkmark
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◆ Long Answer Questions (Theorems Applied)

🧠 Example:

In parallelogram ABCD, trisect side BC at points P & Q \rightarrow

Show: $\text{ar}(\triangle APQ) = \text{ar}(\triangle DPQ) = \frac{1}{6} \text{ar}(\text{ABCD})$

\rightarrow Use parallel lines, triangle area, and proportion

🧠 Midpoints of quadrilateral joined in order \rightarrow forms a parallelogram of half the area \checkmark

(Hint: Draw diagonal and perpendicular from corner)

🧠 In triangle, medians intersecting at centroid G divide triangle into 3 equal-area parts:

$\text{ar}(\triangle AGB) = \text{ar}(\triangle BGC) = \text{ar}(\triangle AGC) = \frac{1}{3} \text{ar}(\triangle ABC)$

Summary Table:-

Rule / Concept	Result
Diagonal of parallelogram	Divides into 2 equal-area triangles
Triangle on same base and height	Equal areas
Triangle area formula	$\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$
Parallelograms on same base and between parallels	Equal area
Triangle & parallelogram on same base & height	Triangle = $\frac{1}{2}$ area of parallelogram
Midpoints joined in quadrilateral	Forms parallelogram with $\frac{1}{2}$ total area