

Geometry (H)  
Section 5.5 – Trapezoids

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Use the notes from section 5.5 to help you solve the following problems.

1. Draw the trapezoid described. If such a trapezoid cannot be drawn, explain why not.

a. with two right angles



b. with both bases shorter than the legs



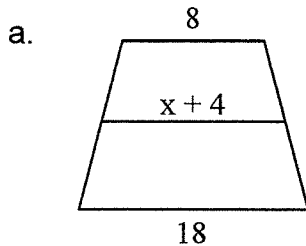
c. with congruent bases

*Not possible; if bases are  $\cong$ , then legs will be  $\cong$ ; then not trap.*

d. with three acute angles

*Not possible; can draw a quad w/ 3 acute  $\angle$ s but both pairs opp sides not parallel.*

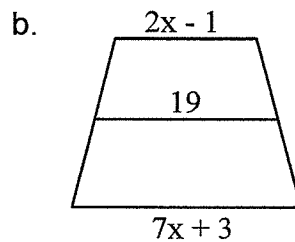
2. Each diagram shows a trapezoid and its median. Find the value of  $x$ .



$$x+4 = \frac{1}{2}(8+18)$$

$$x+4 = 13$$

$$x = 9$$

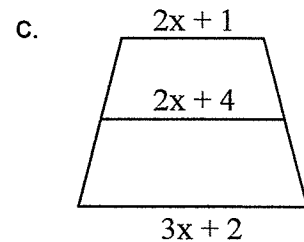


$$2(19) = 2x-1 + 7x+3$$

$$38 = 9x+2$$

$$36 = 9x$$

$$x = 4$$

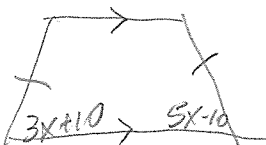


$$2x+4 = \frac{1}{2}(2x+1 + 3x+2)$$

$$4x+8 = 5x+3$$

$$5 = x$$

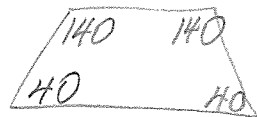
3. Two congruent angles of an isosceles trapezoid have measures  $3x + 10$  and  $5x - 10$ . Find the value of  $x$  and then give the measures of all angles of the trapezoid.



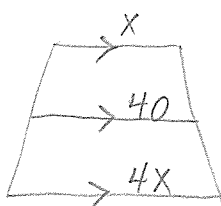
$$3x+10 = 5x-10$$

$$20 = 2x$$

$$10 = x$$



4. The length of one base of a trapezoid is four times the length of the other base. If the length of the median is 40, find the length of each base.



$$40 = \frac{1}{2}(x+4x)$$

$$80 = 5x$$

$$16 = x$$

$$\text{base 1} = 16$$

$$\text{base 2} = 64$$

5. In isosceles trap QRST with  $\overline{QR} \parallel \overline{TS}$ ,  $m\angle T = 3x + 12$ ,  $m\angle S = 4x - 6$ . Find  $m\angle Q$ .

$$3x + 12 = 4x - 6$$

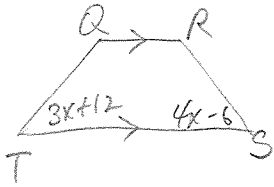
$$18 = x$$

$$3x + 12 =$$

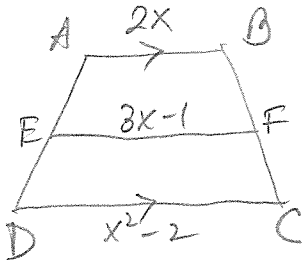
$$3(18) + 12 = 66$$

$$180 - 66 = 114$$

$$m\angle Q = 114$$



6. In trap ABCD with  $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{CD}$ , and median  $\overline{EF}$ ,  $AB = 2x$ ,  $EF = 3x - 1$ ,  $DC = x^2 - 2$ . Find the length of the median.



$$3x - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 2 + 2x)$$

$$6x - 2 = x^2 + 2x - 2$$

$$0 = x^2 - 4x$$

$$x(x - 4)$$

$$x = 0 \text{ (omit)} \quad | \quad x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = 4$$

$$AB = 8$$

$$EF = 11$$

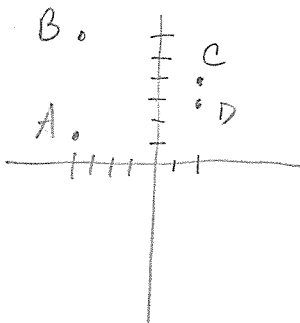
$$DC = 14$$

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$$11 = \frac{1}{2}(8 + 14)$$

7. Determine if the quadrilateral is a trapezoid. If it is, determine if it is an isosceles trapezoid.

A(-4,1), B(-4,6), C(2,4), D(2,3)



$$m_{AB} = \frac{6-1}{-4-4} = \frac{5}{-8} = \text{undefined}$$

$$m_{CD} = \frac{4-3}{2-2} = \frac{1}{0} = \text{undefined}$$

$AB \parallel CD$

$$m_{BC} = \frac{6-4}{-4-2} = \frac{2}{-6} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$m_{AD} = \frac{1-3}{-4-2} = \frac{-2}{-6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$AD \nparallel BC$

$$d_{BC} = \sqrt{(-4-2)^2 + (6-4)^2} = \sqrt{36+4} = \sqrt{40} = 2\sqrt{10}$$

$$d_{AD} = \sqrt{(-4-2)^2 + (1-3)^2} = \sqrt{36+4} = \sqrt{40} = 2\sqrt{10}$$

$AD \cong BC$   
**ABCD is an isosceles trapezoid.**

8. Use the diagram at the right to solve the following problems.

a. If  $AD = x + 3$ ,  $BE = x + y$ , and  $CF = 36$ , find  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$AD = \frac{1}{2} BE$$

$$x + 3 = \frac{1}{2}(x + y)$$

$$2x + 6 = x + y$$

$$x - y = -6$$

$$BE = \frac{1}{2}(AD + CF)$$

$$x + y = \frac{1}{2}(x + 3 + 36)$$

$$2x + 2y = x + 39$$

$$x + 2y = 39$$

$$x - y = -6$$

$$2x - 2y = -12$$

$$x + 2y = 39$$

$$3x = 27$$

$$x = 9$$

$$x + 3 = \frac{1}{2}(x + y)$$

$$9 + 3 =$$

$$24 = \frac{1}{2}(9 + y)$$

$$15 = y$$

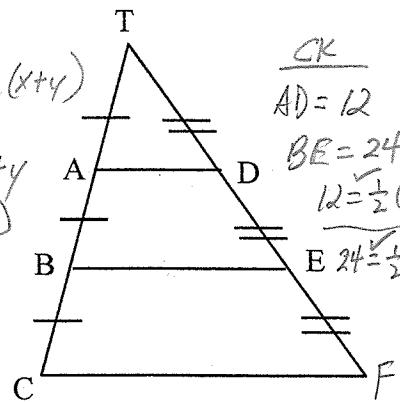
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$$AD = 12$$

$$BE = 24$$

$$12 = \frac{1}{2}(24)$$

$$E \quad 24 = \frac{1}{2}(42)$$



b. If  $AD = x + y$ ,  $BE = 20$  and  $CF = 4x - y$ , then find  $CF$ .

$$AD = \frac{1}{2} BE$$

$$x + y = \frac{1}{2}(20)$$

$$x + y = 10$$

$$y = 2$$

$$BE = \frac{1}{2}(AD + CF)$$

$$20 = \frac{1}{2}(x + y + 4x - y)$$

$$40 = 5x$$

$$8 = x$$

$$CF = 4x - y$$

$$CF = 30$$

$$AD = 10$$

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$$10 = \frac{1}{2}(20)$$

$$10 = 10$$

$$20 = \frac{1}{2}(10 + 30)$$

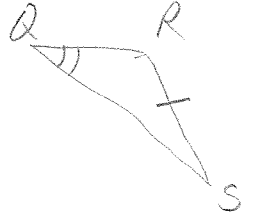
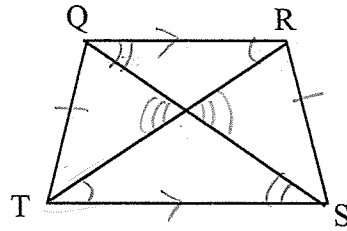
$$20 = 20$$

9. Write a flow proof for the following theorem.

**The diagonals of an isosceles trapezoid are congruent.**

Given: Isos trap TQRS with  $\overline{QR} \parallel \overline{TS}$

Prove:  $\overline{TR} \cong \overline{QS}$  (Prove  $\triangle TQR \cong \triangle SRQ$   
or  $\triangle QTS \cong \triangle RST$ )



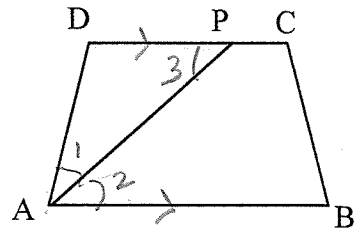
- ① Isos trap TQRS w/  $\overline{QR} \parallel \overline{TS}$  → ②  $\overline{QT} \cong \overline{RS}$   
 → ③  $\angle TQR \cong \angle SRQ$   
 ④  $\overline{QR} \cong \overline{QR}$  } → ⑤  $\triangle TQR \cong \triangle SRQ$   
 ⑥  $\overline{TR} \cong \overline{QS}$

- ① Given  
 ② In isos trap, legs are  $\cong$ .  
 ③ In isos trap, base  $\angle$ s  $\cong$ .  
 ④ Reflexive property  
 ⑤ SAS  $\cong$  SAS  
 ⑥ CPCTC

10. Write a flow proof for each the following.

a. Given: Trap ABCD with bases  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{CD}$   
 $\overline{AP}$  bisects  $\angle A$

Prove:  $\triangle APD$  is isosceles



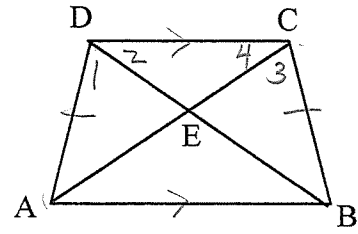
- ① Trap ABCD w/ bases  $\overline{AB}$  &  $\overline{CD}$  → ②  $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{CD}$  → ③  $\angle 3 \cong \angle 2$   
 ④  $\overline{AP}$  bisects  $\angle A$  → ⑤  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$  } → ⑥  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 3$

→ ⑦  $\overline{AD} \cong \overline{DP}$  → ⑧  $\triangle APD$  is isosceles.

- ① Given  
 ② In a trap, bases  $\parallel$ .  
 ③ 2  $\parallel$  lines → alt. int.  $\angle$ s  $\cong$   
 ④ Given  
 ⑤ Def of  $\angle$  bisector  
 ⑥ Transitive Prop.  
 ⑦ In a  $\triangle$ , if 2  $\angle$ s  $\cong$ , then sides opp  $\cong$ .  
 ⑧ Def of isos.  $\triangle$ .

b. Given: Isos. Trap ABCD with bases  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{CD}$

Prove:  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles



① Isos. trap. ABCD w/ bases  $\overline{AB}$  &  $\overline{CD}$ .  $\rightarrow$  ②  $\overline{AD} \cong \overline{BC}$   
 $\rightarrow$  ③  $\overline{BD} \cong \overline{AC}$   
 ④  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AB}$  }  $\rightarrow$  ⑤  $\triangle ADB \cong \triangle BCA \rightarrow$  ⑥  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 3$   $\rightarrow$  ⑩  $\angle 2 \cong \angle 4$

⑦  $\angle ADC \cong \angle BCD$  }  $\rightarrow$  ⑧  $\angle ADC \cong \angle 1 + \angle 2$   
 $\angle BCD \cong \angle 3 + \angle 4$  }  $\rightarrow$  ⑨  $\angle 1 + \angle 2 \cong \angle 3 + \angle 4$   $\rightarrow$  ⑪  $\overline{DE} \cong \overline{CE}$

⑩  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles.

⑫ Def of isos.  $\triangle$ .

① Given  
 ② In an isos. trap, legs  $\cong$ .  
 ③ In an isos. trap, diagonals  $\cong$ .  
 ④ Reflexive Prop.  
 ⑤ SSS  $\cong$  SSS  
 ⑥ CPCTC  
 ⑦ In isos trap, base  $\angle$ s  $\cong$ .  
 ⑧ Angle Addition Prop.  
 ⑨ Substitution  
 ⑩ Subtraction Postulate  
 ⑪ If 2  $\angle$ s  $\cong$ , sides opp  $\cong$

11. Determine if the following statements are sometimes, always or never true. Justify your answer.

a. If the diagonals of a trapezoid are congruent, then the trapezoid is isosceles.

Always True It can be proven that  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle BAD$  by SAS. Therefore, legs  $\cong$  by CPCTC.

b. If a quadrilateral has more than two right angles, then it is not a trapezoid.

Always true. If a quad has 3 right  $\angle$ s, the 4<sup>th</sup>  $\angle$  will be 90. This would make it a rectangle.

c. The opposite angles of an isosceles trapezoid are supplementary.

Always true. If base  $\angle = x$ , then the 2 base  $\angle$ s =  $2x$ . The top 2  $\angle$ s =  $360 - 2x$ . If  $(360 - 2x) \div 2$ , each opp.  $\angle = 180 - x$ .

d. The diagonals of an isosceles trapezoid bisect each other.

Never

e. If the consecutive angles of a quadrilateral are supplementary, it is a trapezoid.

Never. Will be a  $\square$ .  $360 - [2(180 - x) + x] = ?$   
 $360 - (360 - x) = ?$   
 $360 - 360 + x = ?$   $? = x$