

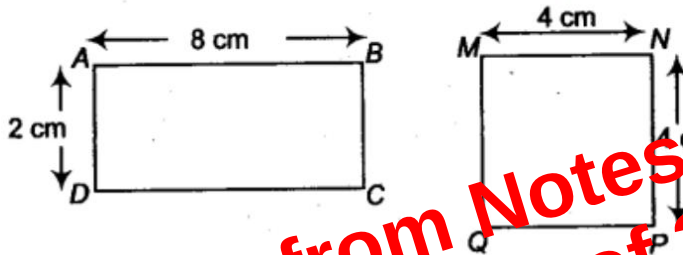
9- AREAS OF PARALLELOGRAMS AND TRIANGLES

1. **Congruent Figures:** Two figures are called congruent if they have the same shape and same size. If two figures X and Y are congruent (see adjoining figure), then using a tracing paper we can superpose one figure over the other such that it will cover the other completely.



So, if two figures X and Y are congruent, they must have equal areas.

However the converse of this is not true i.e., two figures having equal areas need not be congruent. In adjoining figure, the rectangles ABCD and MNPQ have equal areas ($8 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$ and $4 \times 4 \text{ cm}^2$) but clearly, they are not congruent.



2. Area of a figure is a number (in sq. unit) associated with the part of the plane enclosed by the figure with the following two properties

- If A and B are two congruent figures, then $\text{ar}(A) = \text{ar}(B)$.
- If a planar region formed by a figure T is made up of two non-overlapping planar regions formed by figures P and Q, then $\text{ar}(T) = \text{ar}(P) + \text{ar}(Q)$

3. Parallelograms on the same base and between the same parallels are equal in area.

4. A diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into two triangles of equal area.

5. The area of a parallelogram is the product of any of its sides and the corresponding altitude.