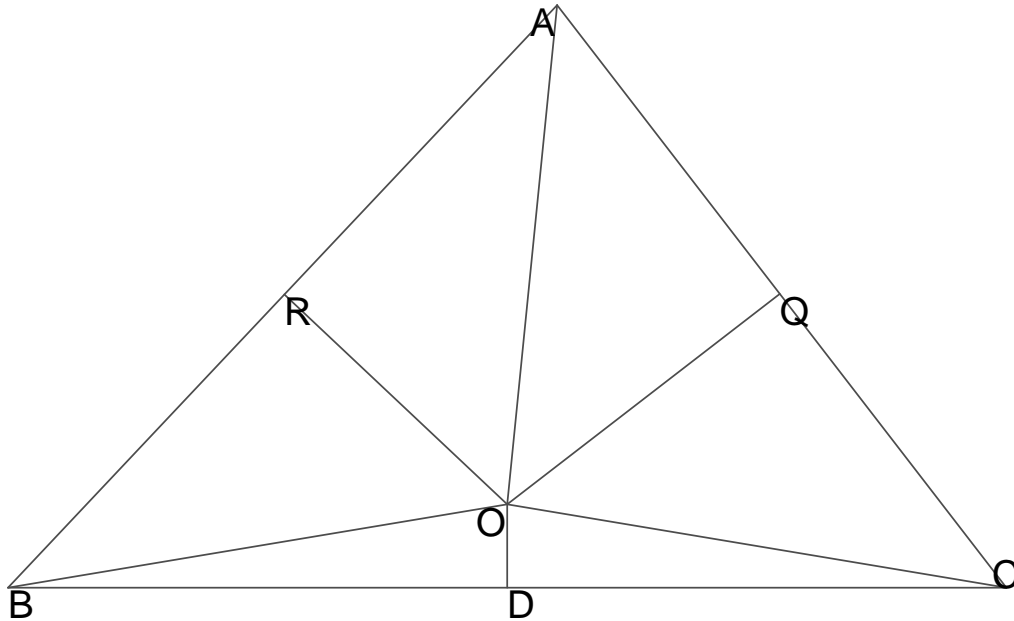


## Every Triangle is Isosceles!?

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle; we will prove that  $AB = AC$ . Let  $O$  be the point where the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$  and the angle bisector at  $A$  intersect,  $D$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ , and  $R$  and  $Q$  be the feet of the perpendiculars from  $O$  to  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively (see figure).



The right triangles  $ODB$  and  $ODC$  are congruent since  $OD = OD$  and  $DB = DC$ . Hence  $OB = OC$ . Also the right triangles  $AOR$  and  $AOQ$  are congruent since  $\angle RAO = \angle QAO$  ( $AO$  is the angle bisector) and  $\angle AOR = \angle AOQ$  (the angles of a triangle sum to 180 degrees) and  $AO$  is a common side. Hence  $OR = OQ$ . The right triangles  $BOR$  and  $COQ$  are congruent since we have proved  $OB = OC$  and  $OR = OQ$ . Hence  $RB = QC$ . Now  $AR = AQ$  (as  $AOR$  and  $AOQ$  are congruent) and  $RB = QC$  (as  $BOR$  and  $COQ$  are congruent) so  $AB = AR + RB = AQ + QC = AC$  as claimed.