

**IX**  
**Mathematics**  
**Chapter 12: Heron's Formula**  
**Chapter Notes**

**Top Definitions**

1. The region enclosed with in a simple closed figure is called its area.
2. A plane figure bounded by four sides is a quadrilateral.
3. A quadrilateral is a cyclic quadrilateral if all its four vertices lie on the circumference of the circle.
4. Semi perimeter is half of the perimeter.

**Top Concepts**

1. For every triangle, the values of  $(s - a)$ ,  $(s - b)$ , and  $(s - c)$  are positive.
2. The line segment joining the mid-point to any of the vertex divides the triangle in two parts, equal in area.
3. The diagonal of a quadrilateral divides the quadrilateral into two triangles.
4. The diagonal of a parallelogram divides the quadrilateral into two congruent triangles.
5. Area of a quadrilateral whose sides and one diagonal are given can be calculated by dividing the quadrilateral into two triangles and using Heron's formula.

**Top Formulae**

1. In triangle ABC right angled at B,  $AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$
2. Area of equilateral triangle  $= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2$  sq units, where 'a' is the side length of an equilateral triangle.
3. Semi-perimeter of equilateral triangle  $= \frac{3a}{2}$
4. Area of a triangle  $= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$

5. Area of triangle =  $\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$ ,  $s = \text{semi perimeter} = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$
6. Area of parallelogram = base  $\times$  height
7. Area of a triangle =  $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$
8. Area of parallelogram = 2  $\times$  (Area of triangle)
9. Area of cyclic quadrilateral =  $\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)}$   
 $s = \text{semi perimeter} = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2}$
10. Area of a rhombus =  $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Product of diagonals}$
11. Area of a trapezium =  $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{height} \times (\text{sum of parallel sides})$
12. Area of a quadrilateral =  
 $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{diagonal} \times \text{sum of perpendicular from vertices on diagonals}$