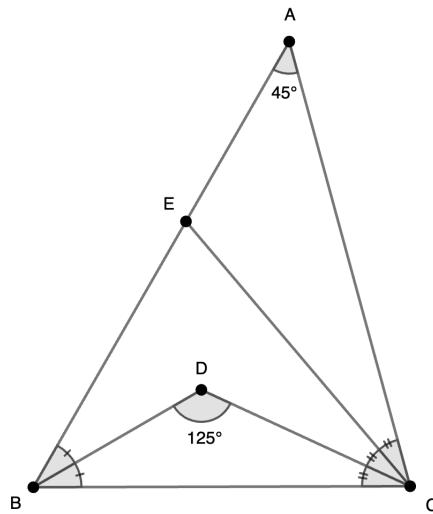


In triangle ABC , segments CE and CD are trisectors of $\angle C$. Point D is the intersection of the bisector of $\angle B$ and the southernmost trisector of $\angle C$. Point E lies on segment AB . If $\angle BAC = 45^\circ$ and $\angle BDC = 125^\circ$, find the measure of $\angle ACB$.¹

Hint: Set $\angle DBC = x^\circ$ and $\angle DCB = y^\circ$.



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Solution

Answer : $\angle ACB = 75^\circ$

Proof: When $\angle DBC = \angle x$, $\angle DCB = \angle y$, we can create two equalities: $45^\circ + \angle x + 2\angle y = 125^\circ$ (1), and $125^\circ + \angle x + \angle y = 180^\circ$ (2). Solving for x and y , we get: $x = 30^\circ$, $y = 25^\circ$. $\angle ACB = 3\angle y = 75^\circ$.