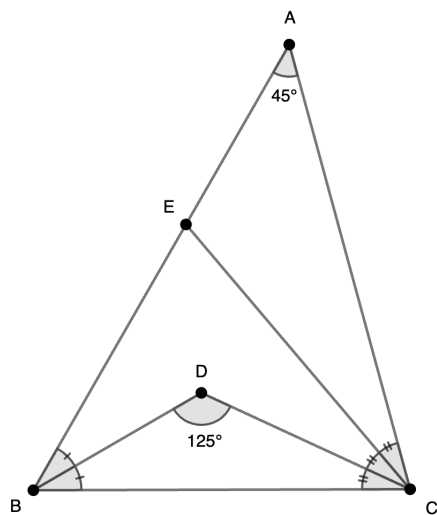


In triangle  $ABC$ , segments  $CE$  and  $CD$  are trisectors of  $\angle C$ . Point  $D$  is the intersection of the bisector of  $\angle B$  and the southernmost trisector of  $\angle C$ . Point  $E$  lies on segment  $AB$ . If  $\angle BAC = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BDC = 125^\circ$ , find the measure of  $\angle ACB$ .<sup>1</sup>  
*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:  $x = 30^\circ$ ,  $y = 25^\circ$ .  $\angle \mathbf{ACB} = \mathbf{3\angle y} = \mathbf{75^\circ}$ .