

# Assignment 5

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**Abstract**—This is a simple document explaining how to prove the congruence of two triangles.

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## 1 PROBLEM

$\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DBC$  are two isosceles triangles on the same base  $BC$  and the vertices  $A$  and  $D$  are on the same side of  $BC$ . If  $AD$  is extended to intersect  $BC$  at  $P$ , show that

- $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$
- $\triangle ABP \cong \triangle ACP$
- $AP$  bisects  $\angle A$  as well as  $\angle D$
- $AP$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$

## 2 EXPLANATION

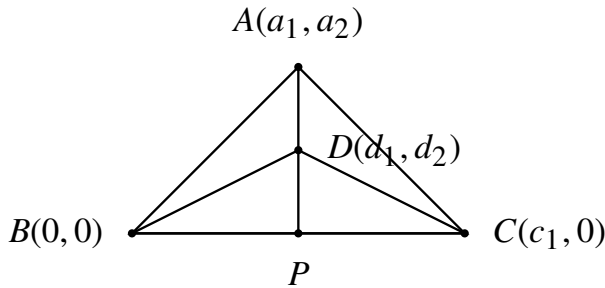


Fig. 0: Iso-sceles Triangles by Latex-Tikz

The above problem statement is depicted in the figure 0 where the vertices are:  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix}$

From the problem statement we get that:

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$\angle ABC = \angle ACB \text{ and } \angle DBC = \angle DCB$$

Now, for  $\triangle ABD$  and  $\triangle ACD$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.4)$$

and

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}\| \quad (2.0.5)$$

So, using SSS theorem it can be concluded that  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$ .

As  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$  and

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$\angle BAD = \angle CAD \implies \angle BAP = \angle CAP \quad (2.0.7)$$

Now, for  $\triangle ABP$  and  $\triangle ACP$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}\| \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$\angle BAP = \angle CAP \quad (2.0.10)$$

So, using SAS theorem it can be concluded that  $\triangle ABP \cong \triangle ACP$ .

As  $\angle BAP = \angle PAC$  which implies that  $\mathbf{AP}$  bisects  $\angle A$ .

It is already proved that  $\triangle ABP \cong \triangle ACP$  and  $\angle BAP = \angle PAC$ , so

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{P}\| = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.11)$$

Now for  $\triangle DBP$  and  $\triangle DCP$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.12)$$

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P}\| = \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P}\| \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{P}\| = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.14)$$

So, according to SSS theorem  $\triangle DBP \cong \triangle DCP$  and as

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{P}\| = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.15)$$

so,  $\angle BDP = \angle PDC$  which implies that  $\mathbf{AP}$  bisects  $\angle D$ .

From here we can say that  $\mathbf{AP}$  bisects  $\angle A$  as well as  $\angle D$ .

Now, as  $\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{P}\| = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\|$ , we can say that  $\mathbf{AP}$  bisects  $\mathbf{BC}$ .

It is already proved that  $\triangle ABP \cong \triangle ACP$ , so

$$\angle BAP = \angle CAP \quad (2.0.16)$$

$$\angle ABP = \angle ACP \quad (2.0.17)$$

$$\angle APB = \angle APC \quad (2.0.18)$$

So, we can say that for  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$ .

$$\implies \angle A + 2\angle B = 180^\circ.$$

For  $\triangle ABP$ ,

$$\frac{\angle A}{2} + \angle B + \angle APB = 180^\circ \quad (2.0.19)$$

$$\implies \angle A + 2\angle B + 2\angle APB = 360^\circ \quad (2.0.20)$$

$$\implies 180^\circ + 2\angle APB = 360^\circ \quad (2.0.21)$$

$$\implies 2\angle APB = 180^\circ \quad (2.0.22)$$

$$\implies \angle APB = 90^\circ \quad (2.0.23)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{AP} \perp \mathbf{BC} \quad (2.0.24)$$