

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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svn co <https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/ncert/geometry/figs>

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

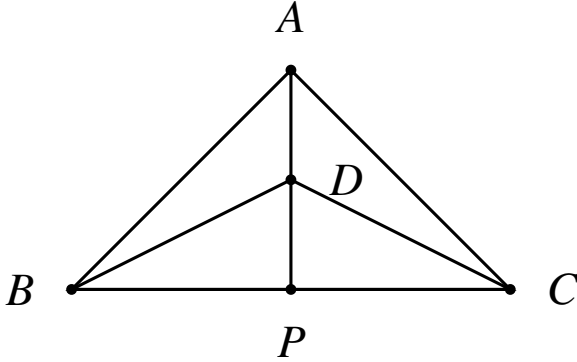


Fig. 0: Iso-sceles Triangles by Latex-Tikz

The above problem statement is depicted in the figure 0 where the vertices are: A , B and C for $\triangle ABC$ and D , B and C for $\triangle DBC$. For $\triangle ABC$ the sides AB , BC and CA are represented by the vectors $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$, $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}$ and for $\triangle DBC$ the sides DB , BC and CD are represented by $\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}$, $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}$.

From the problem statement we get that:

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

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

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C} = K_2(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B} = K_1(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| &= \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| \\ \implies \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 \\ \implies \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})\|^2 &= \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C})\|^2 \\ \implies \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) &= \\ \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}) & \\ \implies \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) &= \\ \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}) & \\ \implies \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 & \\ + 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C})) &= 0 \\ \implies ((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}))^T((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C})) & \\ + 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C})) &= 0 \\ \implies (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) & \\ + 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{C}) &= 0 \\ \implies (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) + 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) &= 0 \\ \implies ((\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{P})^T - 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T)(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) &= 0 \\ \implies ((\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{P}) - 2(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}))^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) &= 0 \\ \implies (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{A})^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) &= 0 \\ \implies (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^T(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{A}) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.0.5)$$

Now, from 2.0.5

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^T \left(\left(\frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) - \mathbf{A} \right) &= 0 \\ \implies \left(\left(\frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) - \mathbf{A} \right) &\perp (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.0.6)$$

So, we can conclude that $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}$ bisects $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}$

perpendicularly. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}\| \\
& \implies \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 \\
& \implies \|(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})\|^2 = \|(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C})\|^2 \\
& \implies \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) = \\
& \quad \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}) \\
& \implies \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) = \\
& \quad \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 + 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}) \\
& \implies \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 \\
& \quad + 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P})^T((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C})) = 0 \\
& \implies ((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}))^T((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C})) \\
& \quad + 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P})^T((\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C})) = 0 \\
& \implies (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \\
& \quad + 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{C}) = 0 \\
& \implies (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) + 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \\
& \implies ((\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{P})^T - 2(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P})^T)(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \\
& \implies ((\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{P}) - (2\mathbf{D} - 2\mathbf{P}))^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \\
& \implies (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{D})^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) = 0 \\
& \implies (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^T(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} - 2\mathbf{D}) = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{2.0.7}$$

Similarly, 2.0.7 dividing by 2, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^T \left(\left(\frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) - \mathbf{D} \right) = 0 \\
& \implies \left(\left(\frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \right) - \mathbf{D} \right) \perp (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) \tag{2.0.8}
\end{aligned}$$

So, we can conclude that $\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P}$ bisects $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}$ perpendicularly.