

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

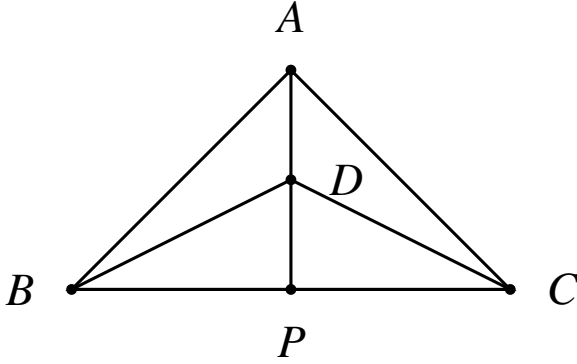


Fig. 0: Iso-sceles Triangles by Latex-Tikz

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:

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

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

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

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

As the $\triangle ABC$ is an iso-sceles triangle,

$$\angle ABC = \angle ACB = \gamma \quad (2.0.5)$$

Similarly, as the $\triangle DBC$ is an iso-sceles triangle,

$$\angle DBC = \angle DCB \quad (2.0.6)$$

Let consider $\angle APB = \phi_1$, $\angle APC = \phi_2$ and $\phi_1 + \phi_2 = 180^\circ$. From the triangular law of vector addition, we can also get that:

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}) \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}) \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}) \quad (2.0.10)$$

Now squaring both side of equation 2,

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|$$

$$\text{or, } \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2$$

$$\text{or, } \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})\|^2 = \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C})\|^2$$

$$\text{or, } ((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B}))^T ((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{B})) =$$

$$((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}))^T ((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{C}))$$

$$\text{or, } ((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T + K_1(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^T)((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + K_1(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})) =$$

$$((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T + K_2(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^T)((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}) + K_2(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}))$$

$$\text{or, } (K_1 - K_2)((\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^T(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P}))$$

$$+ (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P})^T(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}) + (K_1 + K_2)\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 = 0 \quad (2.0.11)$$