Question 51 Exercise(8.1)

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Abstract—**A question based on similarity of triangles.**

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1 Question

1) **O** is a point in the interior of $\triangle$**ABC**. **D** is a point on **OA**. If **DE** || **OB** and **DF** || **OC**. Show that **EF** || **BC**.

2 Construction

1) The figure for a triangle obtained in the question looks like Fig. 1, with sides a,b,c, an arbitrary interior point **O** and a point **D** on line **AO**.

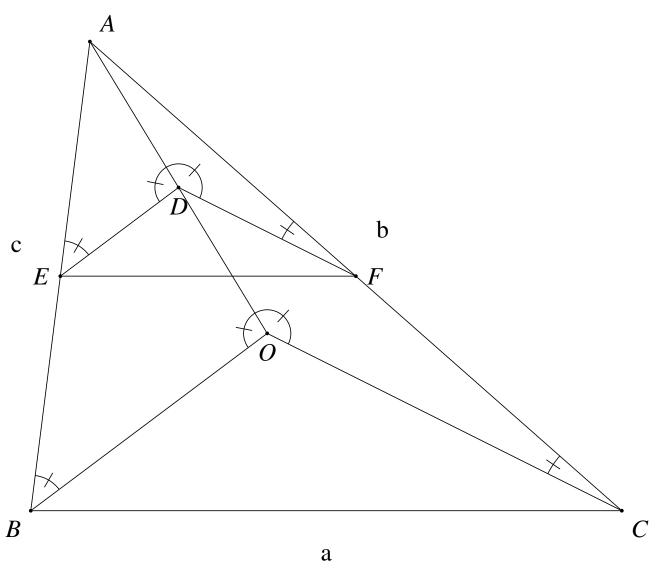

Fig. 1: Triangle by Latex-Tikz

The values used for constructing the triangles in both Python and LaTeX-Tikz is in Table I:

Initial Input Values	
Parameter	**Value**
a	**5**
b	**6**
c	**4**

TABLE I: To construct $\triangle ABC$

2) Finding the coordinates of various points of Fig. 1 :
From the information provided in the Table I: let
$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}$
The derived value of **p** and **q** is available in Table II.
3) Given a point **O**, we need to determine whether it lies inside $\triangle ABC$.The cross product **AB**$\times$**AO** is defined as a vector **n** that is perpendicular (orthogonal) to both **AB** and **AO**, with a direction given by the right-hand rule.
4) A point **O** is said to lie inside $\triangle ABC$ if and only if all of the cross products **AB**$\times$**AO**, **BC**$\times$ **BO** and **CA** $\times$ **CO** point in the same direction relative to the plane. That is, either all of them point out of the plane , or all of them point into the plane. The necessary criteria to satisfy this condition is **AB**$\times$**AO**, **BC**$\times$**BO** and **CA**$\times$**CO** must be $\geqslant 0$.
5) Let the arbitrary interior point **O** be represented as $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1.5 \end{pmatrix}$. **D** is a point on line **AO** such that **DE** || **OB** and **DF** || **OC**.
6) Determination of points D,E and F:
As **DE** || **OB**, by basic proportionality theorem the points **E** and **D**, divide the lines **AB** and **AO** respectively in the same ratio.
Hence we choose points **E** and **D** such that

$$\frac{AE}{EB} = \frac{AD}{DO} \tag{2.0.1}$$

Similarly point **F** is chosen such that the points **F** and **D**, divide the lines **AC** and **AO** respectively in the same ratio such that

$$\frac{AF}{FC} = \frac{AD}{DO} \tag{2.0.2}$$

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Derived Values	
Parameter	**Value**
p	**0.5**
q	**3.96**

TABLE II: To construct $\triangle ABC$

7) If the point **D** divides the line **AO** in the ratio x:y, the coordinates of **D** is given by section formula as:

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{y\mathbf{A} + x\mathbf{O}}{x+y} \tag{2.0.3}$$

Similarly the coordinates of points **E** and **F** is given by

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{y\mathbf{A} + x\mathbf{B}}{x+y} \tag{2.0.4}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{y\mathbf{A} + x\mathbf{C}}{x+y} \tag{2.0.5}$$

Let us assume the points divide the respective lines in the ratio 1:1. Then the coordinates of points **D**, **E** and **F** is

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.25 \\ 2.73 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.25 \\ 1.98 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.75 \\ 1.98 \end{pmatrix}$$

8) To check whether **D** lies on line **AO**, substituting the values of the x and y co-ordinate of **D** must satisfy the equation of line **AO**. Equation of line joining two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by

$$\frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} \tag{2.0.6}$$

The following Python code generates Fig. 2

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./codes/similartriangle.py
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The equivalent LaTeX- tikz code generating Fig. 1 is

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./figs/constructionpic.tex
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The above LaTeX code can be compiled as a standalone document as

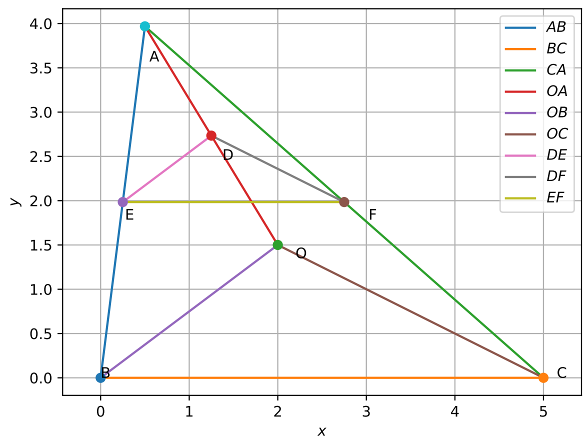

Fig. 2: Triangle generated using python

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./figs/constructionpic_standalone.tex
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To Show:: We need to prove that **EF** $\parallel$ **BC**.

3 Solution

1) $\triangle EAD \sim \triangle BAO$ by AAA Similarity:
   Since **DE** $\parallel$ **OB**,
   a) $\angle DEA = \angle OBA$ $\{Alternate\ Interior\ Angles\}$
   b) $\angle ADE = \angle AOB$ $\{Alternate\ Interior\ Angles\}$
   c) $\angle EAD = \angle BAO$ $\{Common\ angle\}$

   Therefore
$$\frac{\mathbf{AE}}{\mathbf{AB}} = \frac{\mathbf{AD}}{\mathbf{AO}} \tag{3.0.1}$$

2) Similarly $\triangle FDA \sim \triangle COA$ by AAA Similarity:
   Since **DF** $\parallel$ **OC**,
   a) $\angle DFA = \angle OCA$ $\{Alternate\ Interior\ Angles\}$
   b) $\angle ADF = \angle AOC$ $\{Alternate\ Interior\ Angles\}$
   c) $\angle FAD = \angle CAO$ $\{Common\ angle\}$

   Therefore
$$\frac{\mathbf{AF}}{\mathbf{AC}} = \frac{\mathbf{AD}}{\mathbf{AO}} \tag{3.0.2}$$

3) Hence from the above we conclude,
$$\frac{\mathbf{AF}}{\mathbf{AC}} = \frac{\mathbf{AE}}{\mathbf{AB}} = \frac{\mathbf{AD}}{\mathbf{AO}} \tag{3.0.3}$$

As the ratio of the sides is the same, $\triangle$ ABC $\sim$ $\triangle$ AEF, which means $\angle AFE = \angle ACB$ and $\angle AEF = \angle ABC$ as similar triangles have same angles. i.e.

$$\mathbf{EF} \parallel \mathbf{QR} \tag{3.0.4}$$

Hence Proved.