

# Assignment 4

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**Abstract**—This document is about isosceles triangles having a common base.

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<https://github.com/Zeeshan-IITH/IITH-EE5609/new/master/codes>

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## 1 PROBLEM

$\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DBC$  are two isosceles triangles on the same base  $BC$ . Prove that  $\angle ABD = \angle ACD$ .

## 2 CONSTRUCTION

In an Isosceles triangle the angles opposite to sides of equal length are equal. Therefore the angles  $\angle ABC = \angle ACB$  and  $\angle DBC = \angle DCB$ . Let the vertex  $B$  be at origin and not lose generality. Since the two triangles are isosceles,  $\|B - D\| = \|C - D\|$  and  $\|A - B\| = \|A - C\|$ .

## 3 EXPLANATION

The triangles  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DBC$  are isosceles triangles, so

$$\|A - B\| = \|A - C\| \quad (3.0.1)$$

$$\|D - B\| = \|D - C\| \quad (3.0.2)$$

From equation (3.0.1), we get

$$(A - B)^T (A - B) = (A - C)^T (A - C) \quad (3.0.3)$$

$$(A - B)^T (A - D + D - B) = (A - C)^T (A - D + D - C) \quad (3.0.4)$$

$$(A - B)^T (D - B) = (A - C)^T (D - C) + (B - C)^T (A - D) \quad (3.0.5)$$

From the equation (3.0.1), we get

$$(A - B)^T (A - B) = (A - C)^T (A - C) \quad (3.0.6)$$

$$(A - C + C - B)^T (A - B) = (A - C)^T (A - B + B - C) \quad (3.0.7)$$

$$(C - B)^T (A - B) = (A - C)^T (B - C) \quad (3.0.8)$$

From the equation (3.0.2), we get

$$(D - B)^T (D - B) = (D - C)^T (D - C) \quad (3.0.9)$$

$$(D - C + C - B)^T (D - B) = (D - C)^T (D - B + B - C) \quad (3.0.10)$$

$$(C - B)^T (D - B) = (D - C)^T (B - C) \quad (3.0.11)$$

Subtracting equations (3.0.8) and (3.0.11), we get

$$(C - B)^T (A - B) - (C - B)^T (D - B) = (A - C)^T (B - C) - (D - C)^T (B - C) \quad (3.0.12)$$

$$(C - B)^T (A - D) = (A - D)^T (B - C) \quad (3.0.13)$$

Since  $(A - D)^T (B - C) = (B - C)^T (A - D)$ , the equation (3.0.13) can be written as

$$(B - C)^T (A - D) = (C - B)^T (A - D) \quad (3.0.14)$$

$$(B - C)^T (A - D) = -(B - C)^T (A - D) \quad (3.0.15)$$

$$2(B - C)^T (A - D) = 0 \quad (3.0.16)$$

$$(B - C)^T (A - D) = 0 \quad (3.0.17)$$

From equations (3.0.5) and (3.0.17), we get

$$(A - B)^T (D - B) = (A - C)^T (D - C) + (B - C)^T (A - D) \quad (3.0.18)$$

$$(A - B)^T (D - B) = (A - C)^T (D - C) \quad (3.0.19)$$

$$\cos \angle ABD = \frac{\|A - C\| \|D - C\|}{\|A - B\| \|D - B\|} \cos \angle ACD \quad (3.0.20)$$

$$\cos \angle ABD = \cos \angle ACD \quad (3.0.21)$$

$$\angle ABD = \angle ACD \quad (3.0.22)$$

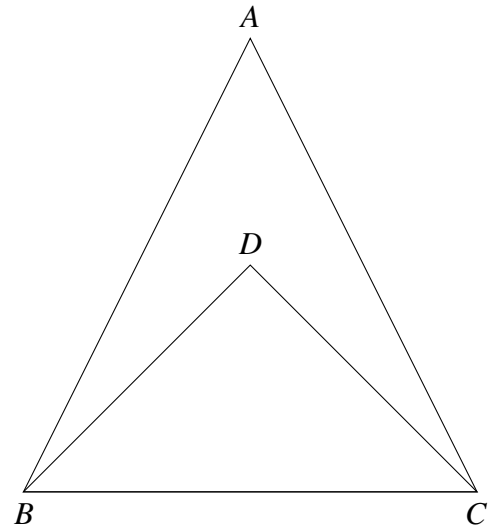


Fig. 1: Isosceles triangles with common base BC