

# Matrix Theory(EE5609) Assignment 4

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**Abstract**—This Assignment proves the property of a given triangle

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<https://github.com/anshum0302/EE5609/blob/master/assignment4/assign4.tex>

## 1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

$\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle in which  $AB = AC$ . Side  $BA$  is produced to  $D$  such that  $AD = AB$ . Show that  $\angle BCD$  is a right angle.

## 2 SOLUTION

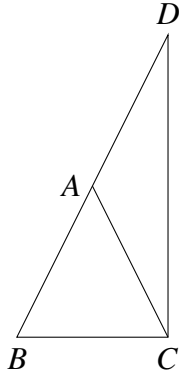


Fig. 1

We are given that  $AB = AC$ . So

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

Also  $BA$  is produced to  $D$  such that  $AB = AD$ . Therefore we have

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

Let  $\mathbf{m}_{CB}$  and  $\mathbf{m}_{CD}$  be the direction vectors of  $\mathbf{CB}$  and  $\mathbf{CD}$  respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}_{CB}\mathbf{m}_{CD} &= (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C})^T(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C}) \\ &= (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^T(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \\ &= ((\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}))^T((\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})) \end{aligned}$$

using (2.0.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}_{CB}\mathbf{m}_{CD} &= ((\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}))^T((\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})) \\ &= ((\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}))^T((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})) \\ &= (-(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}))^T((\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})) \\ &= -\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 - (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^T(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) + \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

now  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})$  and  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^T(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$  are both dot product of vectors  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$  and  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}_{CB}\mathbf{m}_{CD} &= -\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 - (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^T(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})^T(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) + \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 \\ &= -\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

using (2.0.1) we get

$$\mathbf{m}_{CB}\mathbf{m}_{CD} = -\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|^2 = 0 \quad (2.0.3)$$

since  $\mathbf{m}_{CB}\mathbf{m}_{CD} = 0$ , therefore  $BC \perp CD$  and  $\angle BCD$  is right angle.