TRIANGLES

9^{th} Math - Chapter 7

Problem

In the given Figure 1, AC=AE,AB=AD and $\angle BAD = \angle EAC$. Show that BC=DE.

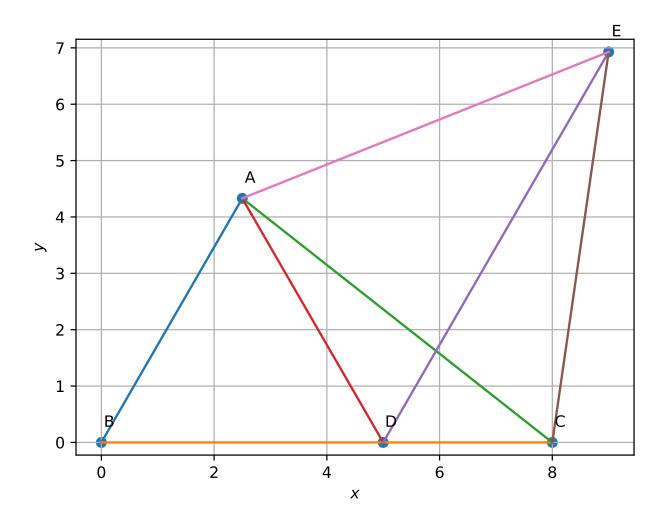


Figure 1

Construction

The input parameters for construction.

Symbol	Values	Description
θ	60°	$\angle BAD = \angle EAC$
a	8	BC
c	5	AB
$\mathbf{e_1}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	basis vector

$$b = \sqrt{a^2 + c^2 - 2ac\cos\theta} \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = c \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2c \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{e_1}$$
 (2)

$$\angle BCA = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}\right) \tag{3}$$

$$\angle ACE = 90^{\circ} - \frac{\theta}{2} \tag{4}$$

$$\phi = 180^{\circ} - (\angle BCA + \angle ACE) \tag{5}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{C} + \left(2b\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \begin{pmatrix}\cos\phi\\\sin\phi\end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

(7)

Solution: Given:

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E} \tag{8}$$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D} \tag{9}$$

$$\angle BAD = \angle EAC \tag{10}$$

To prove:

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{E} \tag{11}$$

Proof

In $\triangle ABC$ and in $\triangle ADE$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2.5\\4.33 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 5 \tag{12}$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -2.6\\4.33 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 5 \tag{13}$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}\| \tag{14}$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -5.5 \\ 4.33 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 7 \tag{15}$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -6.5 \\ -2.5 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 7 \tag{16}$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\| = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}\| \tag{17}$$

$$\angle BAC = \cos^{-1} \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^{\top} (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}\|} = 82^{\circ}$$
(18)

$$\angle DAE = \cos^{-1} \frac{(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D})^{\top} (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E})}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}\| \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}\|} = 82^{\circ}$$
(19)

from (18) and (19)

$$\angle BAC = \angle DAE$$
 (20)

from (14),(17) and (20)

$$\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ADE \tag{21}$$

from (21)

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{E} \tag{22}$$