

Assignment 5

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Abstract—This document explains one of the property of triangles.

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<https://github.com/harshachinta/EE5609-Matrix-Theory/tree/master/Assignments/Assignment5>

1 PROBLEM

The line-segment joining the mid-points of any two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and is half of it.

2 EXPLANATION

Let us consider a $\triangle ABC$, and let **D**, **E** and **F** be the mid-points of sides AB, BC and CA respectively.

Let us consider a line-segment joining the points **D** and **F** which are midpoints of line AB and CA.

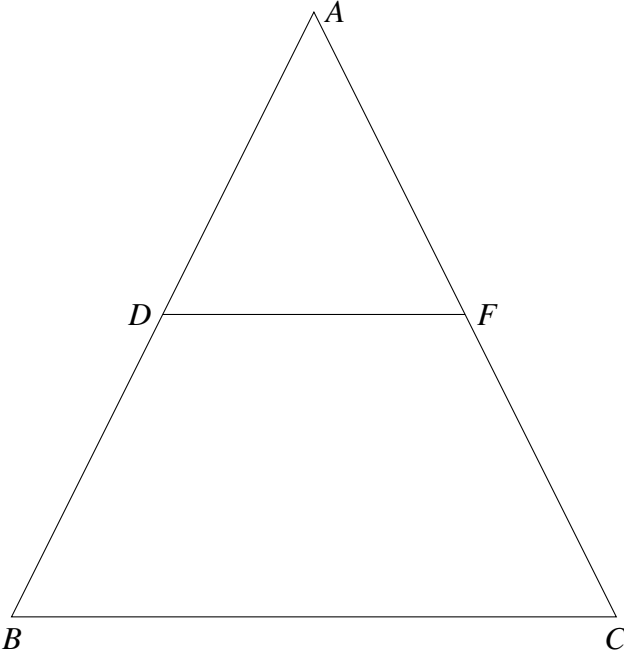


Fig. 1: Line segment DF joining mid-points of 2 sides of $\triangle ABC$

As **D** is midpoint of line AB, **E** is midpoint of line BC and **F** is midpoint of line CA, they can be written as follows:

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}}{2} \quad (2.0.3)$$

The line DF can be written in the form of direction vector as,

$$\mathbf{m}_{DF} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{F} \quad (2.0.4)$$

Substituting equation (2.0.1) and (2.0.3) in (2.0.4) we get,

$$\mathbf{m}_{DF} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} - \frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}}{2} \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{DF} = \frac{\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}}{2} \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{DF} = \frac{\mathbf{m}_{BC}}{2} \quad (2.0.7)$$

where \mathbf{m}_{BC} is the direction vector of line BC.

From equation (2.0.7) we can say that the direction vectors \mathbf{m}_{DF} and \mathbf{m}_{BC} are in same direction. Thus, line-segment DF joining the mid-points of two sides (AB and AC) of triangle is parallel to the third side (BC) of the triangle.

From equation (2.0.6) we can say that,

$$\mathbf{m}_{DF} = \frac{\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}}{2} \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}}{2} \quad (2.0.9)$$

Applying norm on both sides of equation (2.0.9), we get

$$\|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{F}\| = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| \quad (2.0.10)$$

From equation (2.0.10), the line-segment DF is equal to half of line BC.

3 SOLUTION

From equations (2.0.7) and (2.0.10), we can say that the line-segment joining the mid-points of any two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and is half of it