

Assignment 4

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Abstract—This document solves a question based on triangle using linear algebra.

All the codes for the figure in this document can be found at

<https://github.com/neharani289/ee14014/tree/master/Assignment4>

1 PROBLEM

In $\triangle ABC$, the bisector AD of $\angle A \perp$ to side BC . Show that $AB = AC$ and $\triangle ABC$ is isosceles.

2 SOLUTION

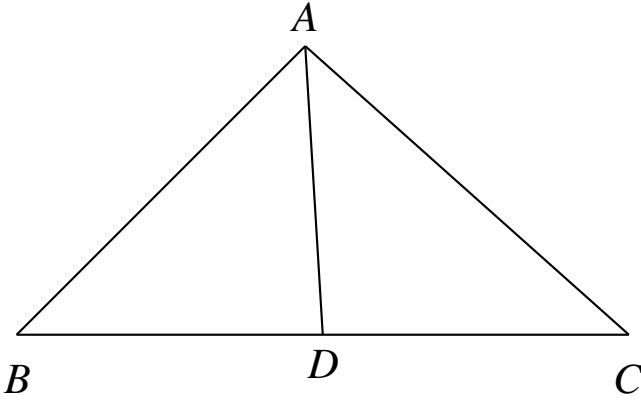


Fig. 1: Isosceles Triangle with $AD \perp BC$

Given, line AD is perpendicular to line BC which implies the inner product is zero.

$$(B - D)^T(A - D) = (D - A)^T(B - D) = 0 \quad (2.0.1)$$

In $\triangle BAD$ and $\triangle CAD$;

Taking inner product of sides BA and AD

$$(B - A)^T(A - D) = \|B - A\| \|A - D\| \cos BAD \quad (2.0.2)$$

The angle BAD from the above equation is:

$$\cos BAD = \frac{(B - A)^T(A - D)}{\|B - A\| \|A - D\|} \quad (2.0.3)$$

Taking inner product of sides BA and AD

$$(C - A)^T(A - D) = \|C - A\| \|A - D\| \cos CAD \quad (2.0.4)$$

The angle CAD from the above equation is:

$$\cos CAD = \frac{(C - A)^T(A - D)}{\|C - A\| \|A - D\|} \quad (2.0.5)$$

from equation (2.0.3) and (2.0.5)

$$\angle BAD = \angle CAD \quad (2.0.6)$$

Similarly;

$$(A - D)^T(D - B) = \|A - D\| \|D - B\| \cos ADB \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$(A - D)^T(D - C) = \|A - D\| \|D - C\| \cos ADC \quad (2.0.8)$$

from equation (2.0.7) and (2.0.8) we can say;

$$\angle ADB = \angle ADC = 90^\circ \quad (2.0.9)$$

and

$$\|A - D\| = \|A - D\| \quad (2.0.10)$$

By, ASA property $\triangle BAD \cong \triangle CAD$, hence triangles are congruent.

Now by using CSCT property;

$$\|A - B\| = \|A - C\| \quad (2.0.11)$$

By converse of isosceles triangle theorem $\triangle ABC$ is isosceles.

Hence proved.