

Triangle Theorem (Vectors)

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In $\triangle ABC$, AD , BF and CE are concurrent at G .

By Ceva's theorem, $\frac{BD}{DC} \cdot \frac{CE}{EA} \cdot \frac{AF}{FB} = 1$

Let $BD : DC = k : n$, $CE : EA = m : k$, $AF : FB = n : m$

Let $AG : GD = 1 - p : p$, $BG : GE = 1 - q : q$, $CG : GF = 1 - r : r$

Then $p + q + r = 1$

Proof: method 1 (vector method)

Let $\vec{BC} = \vec{c}$, $\vec{BA} = \vec{a}$, $\vec{BD} = \frac{k}{k+n} \vec{c}$

$$\vec{BG} = p\vec{BA} + (1-p)\vec{BD} = p\vec{a} + \frac{(1-p)k\vec{c}}{k+n}$$

$$\vec{BE} = \frac{m\vec{a} + k\vec{c}}{m+k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{BG} \parallel \vec{BE}, \quad \vec{BG} = s\vec{BE}$$

$$p\vec{a} + \frac{(1-p)k\vec{c}}{k+n} = \frac{sm\vec{a}}{m+k} + \frac{sk\vec{c}}{m+k}$$

Compare coefficients,

$$\therefore \begin{cases} \frac{sm}{m+k} = p \dots \dots \dots (1) \\ \frac{sk}{m+k} = \frac{(1-p)k}{k+n} \dots (2) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{(2)}{(1)} : \frac{k}{m} = \frac{(1-p)k}{p(k+n)}$$

$$pk + pn = m - mp$$

$$p(k + m + n) = m$$

$$p = \frac{m}{k + m + n}$$

$$\text{similarly } q = \frac{n}{k + m + n}, r = \frac{k}{k + m + n}$$

$$\therefore p + q + r = 1$$

