## **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 
$$\overrightarrow{BC} = \overrightarrow{c}$$
,  $\overrightarrow{BA} = \overrightarrow{a}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{BD} = \frac{k}{k+n}\overrightarrow{c}$ 

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

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

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{BG} / / \overrightarrow{BE}, \overrightarrow{BG} = s \overrightarrow{BE}$$

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

Compare coefficients,

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

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

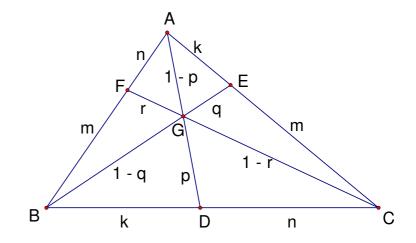
$$pk + pn = m - mp$$

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

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

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

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



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