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EE5609 Assignment 5

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Abstract—This assignment involves proving the equivalence of 2 lines that are formed inside an isosceles triangle because of certain given conditions via vector representation.

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1 Problem Statement

In an isosceles $\triangle ABC$ with AB = AC, D and E are points on BC such that BE = CD. Show that AD = AE.

2 Solution

In the given $\triangle ABC$, let *D* and *E* be any arbitrary points on the side *BC* such that **BE** = **CD**.

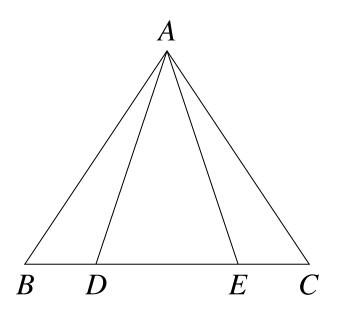


Fig. 1: Isosceles Triangle with sides AB = AC

We are given that the sides AB = AC, and BE = CD. These two can be represented as

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$(\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}) \tag{2.0.2}$$

The vectors **AD** and **AE**, can be represented as

$$(A - D) = (A - B) + (D - B)$$
 (2.0.3)

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}) = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}) + (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{E}) \tag{2.0.4}$$

From (2.0.2), we can further write it as

$$(E - B) = (D - B) + (E - D)$$
 (2.0.5)

$$(C - D) = (C - E) + (E - D)$$
 (2.0.6)

From equations (2.0.2), (2.0.5) and (2.0.6) we can equate the L.H.S and get

$$(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{E}) \tag{2.0.7}$$

Comparing equations (2.0.1), (2.0.3), (2.0.4) and (2.0.7), We see that the R.H.S components are getting equated to each other, then we can equate the L.H.S as well

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}) = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{E}) \tag{2.0.8}$$

Therefore, we can say that AD = AE.