

Ceva's Theorem

Reference: Advanced Level Pure Mathematics by S.L.Green p. 130-131.

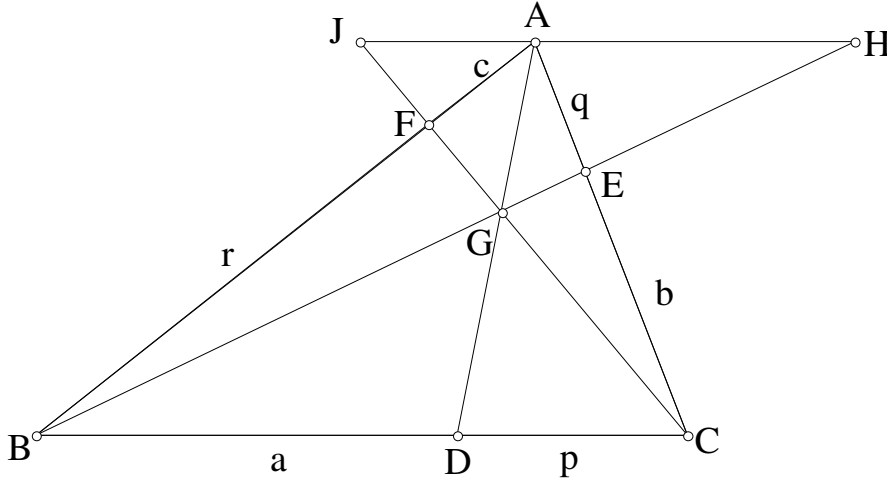
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In $\triangle ABC$, D , E , F are points on BC , CA and AB respectively. AD , BE and CF are concurrent at G .

Suppose that $BD = a$, $DC = p$, $CE = b$, $EA = q$, $AF = c$, $FB = r$. Then $\frac{a}{p} \cdot \frac{b}{q} \cdot \frac{c}{r} = 1$

Proof:



Construct a line JAH parallel to BDC . Produce CF and BH to meet the parallel line.

$$\triangle AFJ \sim \triangle BFC \Rightarrow \frac{c}{r} = \frac{AJ}{a+p} \dots\dots (1)$$

$$\triangle AEH \sim \triangle CEB \Rightarrow \frac{b}{q} = \frac{a+p}{AH} \dots\dots (2)$$

$$\triangle AJG \sim \triangle CDG \Rightarrow \frac{AJ}{p} = \frac{AG}{GD} \dots\dots (3)$$

$$\triangle AHG \sim \triangle DBG \Rightarrow \frac{a}{AH} = \frac{GD}{AG} \dots\dots (4)$$

$$(1) \times (2) \times (3) \times (4) \quad \frac{c}{r} \cdot \frac{b}{q} \cdot \frac{AJ}{p} \cdot \frac{a}{AH} = \frac{AJ}{a+p} \cdot \frac{a+p}{AH} \cdot \frac{AG}{GD} \cdot \frac{GD}{AG}$$

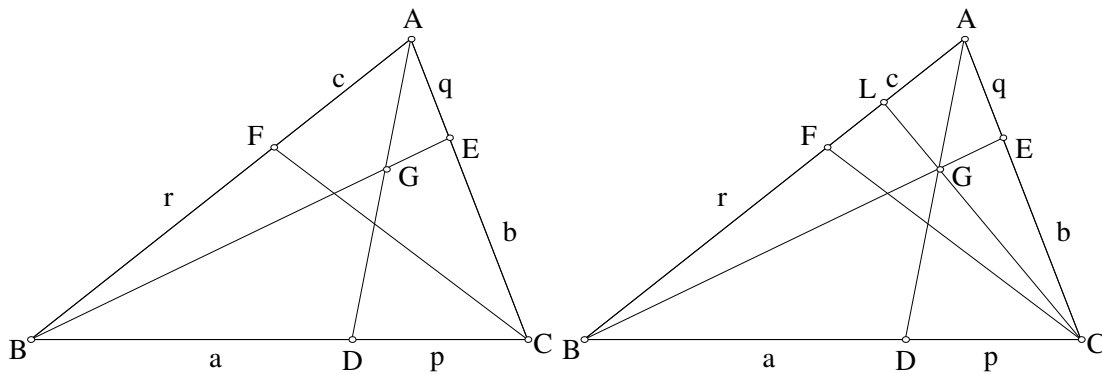
$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{p} \cdot \frac{b}{q} \cdot \frac{c}{r} = 1$$

The theorem is proved.

Converse of Ceva's Theorem

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Suppose $\frac{a}{p} \cdot \frac{b}{q} \cdot \frac{c}{r} = 1$, then AD , BE and CF are concurrent at a point G .



The proof is easy.

Suppose the three lines AD , BE and CF are not concurrent.

Let AD and BE intersect at G . Produce CG to meet AB at L .

Then by Ceva's Theorem, $\frac{a}{p} \cdot \frac{b}{q} \cdot \frac{AL}{LB} = 1$.

Given that $\frac{a}{p} \cdot \frac{b}{q} \cdot \frac{c}{r} = 1$.

Compare these two equations, we have $\frac{AL}{LB} = \frac{c}{r}$

which means that $L = F$ and the three lines are concurrent.

Another proof of Ceva's Theorem and its converse

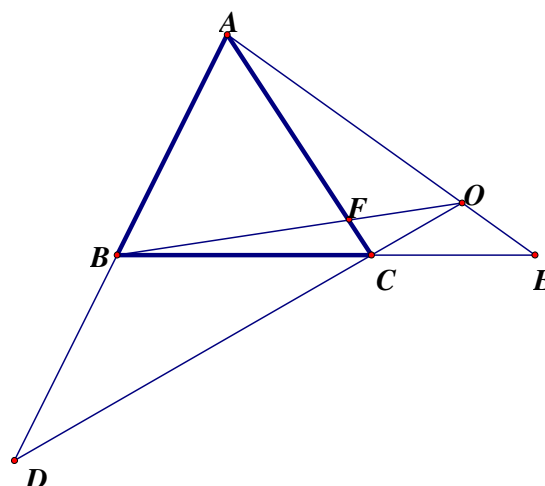
- (a) Let h_1 be the height of $\triangle ABC$ with AB as its base.

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ADC}{\text{Area of } \triangle BDC} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} AD \cdot h_1}{\frac{1}{2} DB \cdot h_1} = \frac{AD}{DB}$$

Let h_2 be the height of $\triangle ABO$ with AB as its base.

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ADO}{\text{Area of } \triangle BDO} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} AD \cdot h_2}{\frac{1}{2} DB \cdot h_2} = \frac{AD}{DB}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{AD}{DB} &= \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ADC}{\text{Area of } \triangle BDC} = \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ADO}{\text{Area of } \triangle BDO} \\ &= \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ADO - \text{Area of } \triangle ADC}{\text{Area of } \triangle BDO - \text{Area of } \triangle BDC} \\ &= \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle OAC}{\text{Area of } \triangle OBC} \end{aligned}$$



Similarly,
$$\frac{BE}{EC} = \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABE}{\text{Area of } \triangle ACE} = \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle OBE}{\text{Area of } \triangle OCE}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABE - \text{Area of } \triangle OBE}{\text{Area of } \triangle ACE - \text{Area of } \triangle OCE} \\ &= \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle OAB}{\text{Area of } \triangle OAC} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,
$$\frac{CF}{FA} = \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle BFC}{\text{Area of } \triangle BFA} = \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle CFO}{\text{Area of } \triangle AFO}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle BFC + \text{Area of } \triangle CFO}{\text{Area of } \triangle BFA + \text{Area of } \triangle AFO} \\ &= \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle OBC}{\text{Area of } \triangle OAB} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{AD}{DB} \cdot \frac{BE}{EC} \cdot \frac{CF}{FA} = \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle OAC}{\text{Area of } \triangle OBC} \cdot \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle OAB}{\text{Area of } \triangle OAC} \cdot \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle OBC}{\text{Area of } \triangle OAB} = 1$$

- (b) If $\frac{AD}{DB} \cdot \frac{BE}{EC} \cdot \frac{CF}{FA} = 1$, choose a point F' such that

AE , BF' produced and DC produced intersect at a point O , as shown.

According to the result in (a),

$$\frac{AD}{DB} \cdot \frac{BE}{EC} \cdot \frac{CF'}{F'A} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{DB} \cdot \frac{BE}{EC} \cdot \frac{CF}{FA} = \frac{AD}{DB} \cdot \frac{BE}{EC} \cdot \frac{CF'}{F'A}$$

$$\frac{CF}{FA} = \frac{CF'}{F'A}$$

$$\frac{CF}{FA} + 1 = \frac{CF'}{F'A} + 1$$

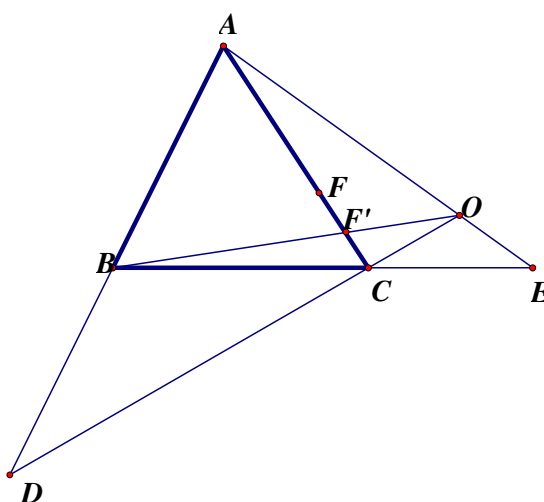
$$\frac{CF + FA}{FA} = \frac{CF' + F'A}{F'A}$$

$$\frac{AC}{FA} = \frac{AC}{F'A}$$

$$\therefore FA = F'A$$

$\therefore F$ and F' are the same point

$\therefore AE$, BF produced and DC produced intersect at a point O .



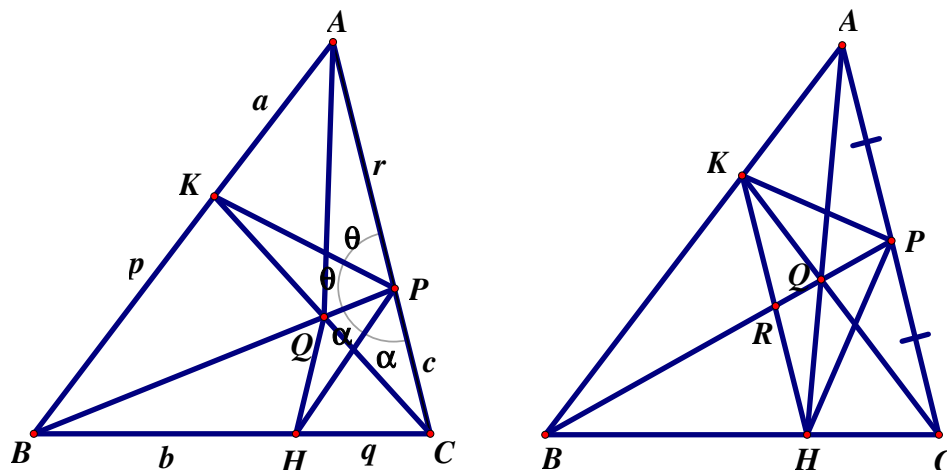
Ceva's Theorem Example

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P 為任意三角形 ABC 邊 AC 上一點，若 $\angle APB$ 之分角線交 AB 於 K ， $\angle BPC$ 之分角線交 BC 於 H 。

- (i) 證明 AH 、 BP 、 CK 三線共點。
- (ii) 若 P 為 AC 之中點，證明 BP 平分 HK 。



Suppose CK intersects BP at Q .

Let $AK = a$, $KB = p$, $BH = b$, $HC = q$, $CP = c$, $PA = r$

$$\text{In } \triangle AKP, \frac{a}{\sin \theta} = \frac{r}{\sin \angle AKP} \dots\dots (1)$$

$$\text{In } \triangle BKP, \frac{p}{\sin \theta} = \frac{BP}{\sin \angle BKP} \dots\dots (2)$$

$$\text{In } \triangle BHP, \frac{b}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{BP}{\sin \angle BHP} \dots\dots (3)$$

$$\text{In } \triangle CHP, \frac{q}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{c}{\sin \angle CHP} \dots\dots (4)$$

Note that $\sin \angle AKP = \sin \angle BKP$, $\sin \angle BHP = \sin \angle CHP$ and $\alpha + \theta = 90^\circ$ (adj. \angle s on st. line)

$$\frac{(1)}{(2)}: \frac{a}{p} = \frac{r}{BP}; \frac{(3)}{(4)}: \frac{b}{q} = \frac{BP}{c}$$

Multiply these two equations together: $\frac{a}{p} \cdot \frac{b}{q} = \frac{r}{c}$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{p} \cdot \frac{b}{q} \cdot \frac{c}{r} = 1$$

By the converse of Ceva's Theorem, AH , BP , CK are concurrent at a point.

- (ii) If P is the mid point of AC , then $c = r$. Suppose KH intersects BP at R .

$$\text{By the above result, } \frac{a}{p} \cdot \frac{b}{q} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{p} = \frac{q}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{p} + 1 = \frac{q}{b} + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{a+p}{p} = \frac{q+b}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{BA}{BK} = \frac{BC}{BH}$$

$$\therefore \triangle BHK \sim \triangle BCA$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle BHK = \angle BCA \text{ (corr. } \angle\text{s } \sim \Delta\text{'s)}$$

$$\Rightarrow KH \parallel AC \text{ (corr. } \angle\text{s eq.)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \triangle BKR \sim \triangle BAP \text{ and } \triangle BHR \sim \triangle BCP \text{ (equiangular)}$$

$$\frac{KR}{AP} = \frac{BR}{BP} = \frac{RH}{PC} \text{ (ratio of sides, } \sim \Delta\text{'s)}$$

$$\therefore AP = PC$$

$$\therefore KR = RH, \text{ i.e. } BP \text{ bisects } HK \text{ at } R.$$

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(ii) 由三角形 ABC 之各頂點至對邊引三共點線 AA' , BB' 及 CC' ; 過 A' 、 B' 及 C' 作一圓與三角形之三邊 BC 、 CA 、 AB 依次交於 D 、 E 、 F 。求證 AD 、 BE 、 CF 三線共點。

(ii) Let $AF = a$, $FC' = b$, $C'B = c$, $BA' = d$, $A'D = e$, $DC = f$, $CB' = g$, $B'E = h$, $EA = i$

By Ceva's Theorem, $\frac{a+b}{c} \cdot \frac{d}{e+f} \cdot \frac{g}{h+i} = 1 \dots (1)$

By intersecting chords theorem,

$$a(a+b) = i(h+i) \dots (2)$$

$$c(b+c) = d(d+e) \dots (3)$$

$$f(e+f) = g(g+h) \dots (4)$$

From (2): $\frac{a+b}{h+i} = \frac{i}{a}$

From (3): $\frac{d}{c} = \frac{b+c}{d+e}$

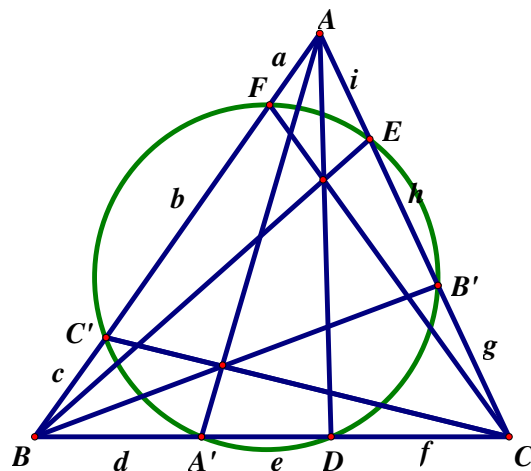
From (4): $\frac{g}{e+f} = \frac{f}{g+h}$

Multiply these 3 equations: $\frac{a+b}{c} \cdot \frac{d}{e+f} \cdot \frac{g}{h+i} = \frac{i}{a} \cdot \frac{b+c}{d+e} \cdot \frac{f}{g+h}$

By (1): $1 = \frac{i}{a} \cdot \frac{b+c}{d+e} \cdot \frac{f}{g+h}$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \frac{d+e}{f} \cdot \frac{g+h}{i} = 1$$

By the converse of Ceva's Theorem, AD , BE and CF are concurrent at a point.



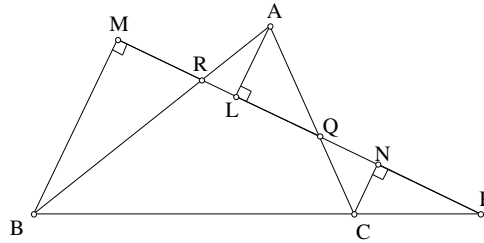
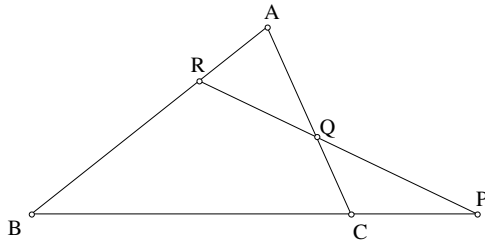
Menelaus's Theorem

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In $\triangle ABC$, suppose a line cuts BC at P , AC at Q and AB at R , then $\frac{BP}{PC} \cdot \frac{CQ}{QA} \cdot \frac{AR}{RB} = -1$



Let L, M, N are points on the line PQR produced such that $AL, BM, CN \perp PQR$.

$$\triangle BMR \sim \triangle ALR \Rightarrow \frac{AR}{BR} = \frac{AL}{BM} \quad \dots\dots (1)$$

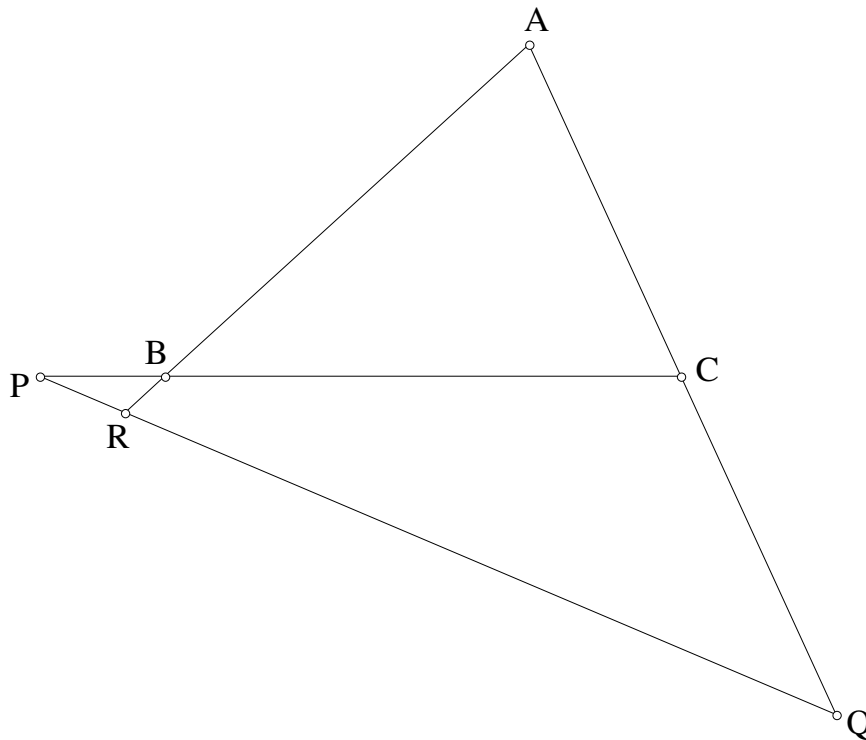
$$\triangle CNQ \sim \triangle ALQ \Rightarrow \frac{CQ}{AQ} = \frac{CN}{AL} \quad \dots\dots (2)$$

$$\triangle BMP \sim \triangle CNP \Rightarrow \frac{BP}{CP} = \frac{BM}{CN} \quad \dots\dots (3)$$

$$(1) \times (2) \times (3) \Rightarrow \frac{BP}{CP} \cdot \frac{CQ}{AQ} \cdot \frac{AR}{BR} = 1$$

Remark: If we consider the direction, $\frac{BP}{PC} \cdot \frac{CQ}{QA} \cdot \frac{AR}{RB} = -1$.

Exercise: Investigate the follow case and verify **Menelaus's Theorem**:

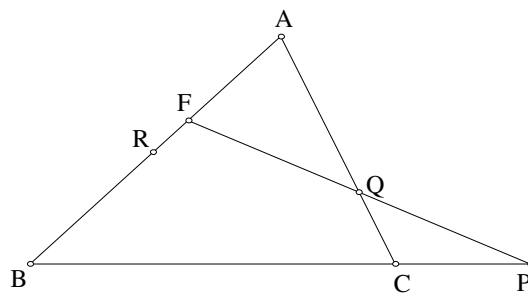
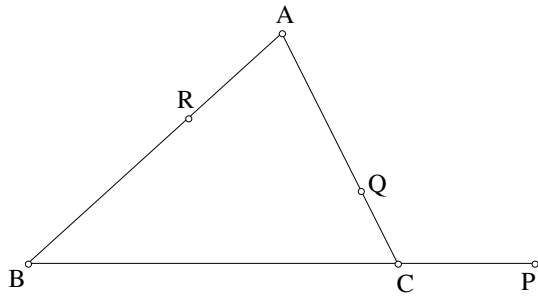


Converse of Menelaus's Theorem

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If points P, Q, R on the sides BC, CA, AB respectively are such that $\frac{BP}{CP} \cdot \frac{CQ}{AQ} \cdot \frac{AR}{BR} = 1$, then P, Q, R are collinear.



Join PQ , and produce it to meet AB at F .

By Menelaus' Theorem, $\frac{BP}{CP} \cdot \frac{CQ}{AQ} \cdot \frac{AF}{BF} = 1$

Compare with $\frac{BP}{CP} \cdot \frac{CQ}{AQ} \cdot \frac{AR}{BR} = 1$ (given)

we have $\frac{AR}{BR} = \frac{AF}{BF}$.

So $R = F$ and R coincides with F and that the 3 points P, Q, R are collinear.

Menelaus's Theorem Example

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- (i) 設三角形 ABC 三邊 BC 、 CA 及 AB 之中點依次為 D 、 E 及 F 。 AD 與 EF 交於 M ， CM 與 AB 交於 N 。求證： $AB = 3AN$ 。
- (i) Let P be the mid point of CD .
Join EP and FP . Suppose NC intersects EP at J , FP intersects AD at K .

$$FE \parallel BC \text{ and } FE = \frac{1}{2}BC \text{ (mid point theorem)}$$

It is easy to show that $\triangle AFM \sim \triangle ABD$ and $\triangle AEM \sim \triangle ACD$ (equiangular)

$$\frac{FM}{BD} = \frac{AF}{AB} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (ratio of sides, } \sim \Delta\text{'s)} \Rightarrow FM = \frac{1}{2}BD$$

$$\frac{ME}{DC} = \frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (ratio of sides, } \sim \Delta\text{'s)} \Rightarrow ME = \frac{1}{2}CD$$

$$\therefore BD = DC \therefore FM = ME$$

$\therefore P$ is the mid point of CD

$$\therefore CP = PD = FM = ME$$

$\therefore MEPD$ and $CMFP$ are \parallel -grams (opp. sides are eq. and parallel)

$\therefore AD \parallel EP$ and $NC \parallel FP$ (property of \parallel -grams)

$$NF : FB = CP : PB$$

$$NF : \frac{1}{2}AB = \frac{1}{2}CD : (BD + DP)$$

$$2NF : AB = CD : 2(BD + \frac{1}{2}CD)$$

$$2NF : AB = \frac{1}{2}BC : 2 \times \frac{3}{4}BC$$

$$2NF : AB = 1 : 3$$

$$NF = \frac{1}{6}AB$$

$$AN = AF - NF = \frac{1}{2}AB - \frac{1}{6}AB = \frac{1}{3}AB$$

$$\therefore AB = 3AN$$

Method 2

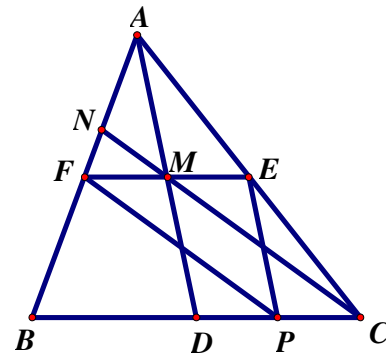
Regard the line NMC as an intercept of $\triangle ABD$.

$$\text{Apply Menelaus' Theorem, } \frac{AN}{NB} \cdot \frac{BC}{CD} \cdot \frac{DM}{MA} = -1$$

$$\frac{AN}{NB} \cdot \frac{2}{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{1} = -1$$

$$\therefore NB = 2AN$$

$$AB = 3AN$$

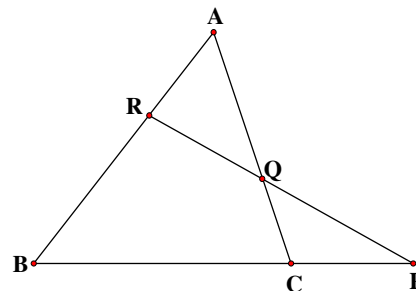


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- (i) 試述孟氏(Menelaus)定理及其逆定理。(不需證明)
- (ii) 若 $ABCD$ 為一長方形。 L 、 M 、 N 、 P 依次在 AB 、 BC 、 CD 、 DA 上，且 $PM \parallel AB$ 及 $LN \parallel BC$ 。若 LM 、 PN 之延線交於 K ，試證 K 必在 AC 之延線上。
- (i) Menelaus's theorem

In $\triangle ABC$, suppose a line cuts BC at P , AC at Q and

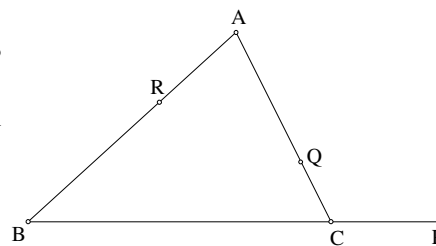
$$AB \text{ at } R, \text{ then } \frac{BP}{PC} \cdot \frac{CQ}{QA} \cdot \frac{AR}{RB} = -1$$



Converse of Menelaus's theorem

If points P , Q , R on the sides BC , CA , AB respectively are such that $\frac{BP}{PC} \cdot \frac{CQ}{QA} \cdot \frac{AR}{RB} = -1$, then

P , Q , R are collinear.



- (ii) Extend DA to cut RL produced at Q .
Extend DC to cut QK at R .
 $AD = x$, $AQ = y$, $DC = z$, $CR = t$, $NC = c$, $DP = d$

Consider the intercept RNK on $\triangle DQR$.

$$\frac{DP}{PQ} \cdot \frac{QK}{KR} \cdot \frac{RN}{ND} = -1 \quad (\text{Menelaus's theorem})$$

$$\frac{d}{x-d+y} \cdot \frac{QK}{KR} \cdot \frac{c+t}{z-c} = -1$$

$$\frac{QK}{KR} = -\frac{z-c}{c+t} \cdot \frac{x-d+y}{d} \dots\dots (1)$$

It is easy to show that $\triangle QAL \sim \triangle QPM \sim \triangle MCR \sim \triangle LNR$

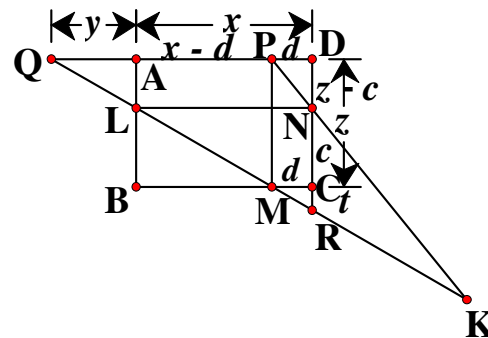
$$\frac{z-c}{y} = \frac{z}{x+y-d} = \frac{t}{d} = \frac{c+t}{x} = k \quad (\text{corr. sides, } \sim \Delta s) \dots\dots (2)$$

Consider the points A , C , K on $\triangle DQR$.

$$\frac{DA}{AQ} \cdot \frac{QK}{KR} \cdot \frac{RC}{CD} = -\frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{z-c}{c+t} \cdot \frac{x-d+y}{d} \cdot \frac{t}{z} \quad \text{by (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{x}{c+t} \cdot \frac{z-c}{y} \cdot \frac{x+y-d}{z} \cdot \frac{t}{d} \\ &= -\frac{1}{k} \cdot k \cdot \frac{1}{k} \cdot k = -1 \quad \text{by (2)} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore By the converse of Menelaus's theorem, A , C , K are collinear.



Theorem on a triangle

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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 $BD : DC = k : n$, $CF : FP = m : k$, $AE : EB = n : m$

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

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

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

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

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

Compare coefficients,

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

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

$pk + pn = m - mp$

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

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

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

$\therefore p + q + r = 1$

Method 2

Draw AH , $GK \perp BC$

$\frac{S_{\triangle BGC}}{S_{\triangle ABC}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}BC \cdot GK}{\frac{1}{2}BC \cdot AH} = \frac{GK}{AH} = \frac{GD}{AD} \dots\dots (1)$

similarly $\frac{S_{\triangle AGC}}{S_{\triangle ABC}} = \frac{GE}{BE} \dots\dots\dots(2)$

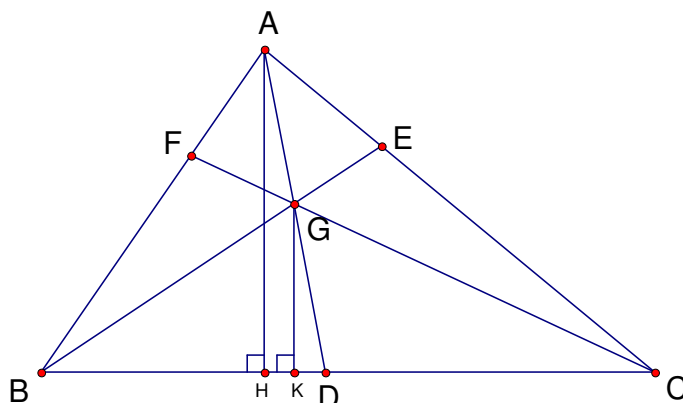
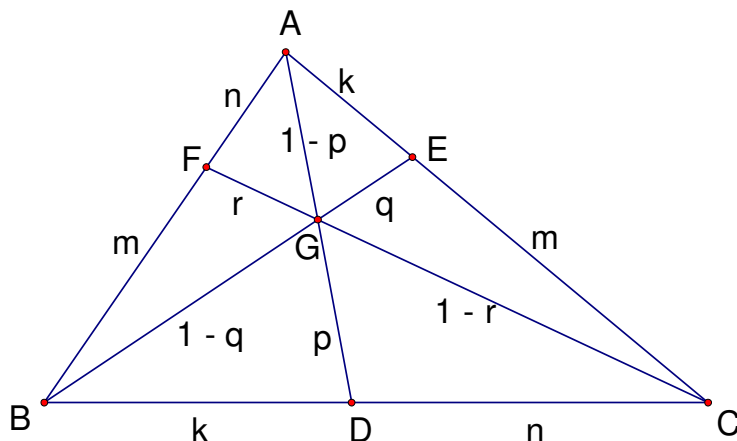
and $\frac{S_{\triangle AGB}}{S_{\triangle ABC}} = \frac{GF}{CF} \dots\dots\dots(3)$

(1) + (2) + (3)

$\frac{S_{\triangle BGC} + S_{\triangle AGC} + S_{\triangle AGB}}{S_{\triangle ABC}} = \frac{GD}{AD} + \frac{GE}{BE} + \frac{GF}{CF}$

$\frac{GD}{AD} + \frac{GE}{BE} + \frac{GF}{CF} = \frac{S_{\triangle ABC}}{S_{\triangle ABC}} = 1$

$\therefore p + q + r = 1$



Discussion:

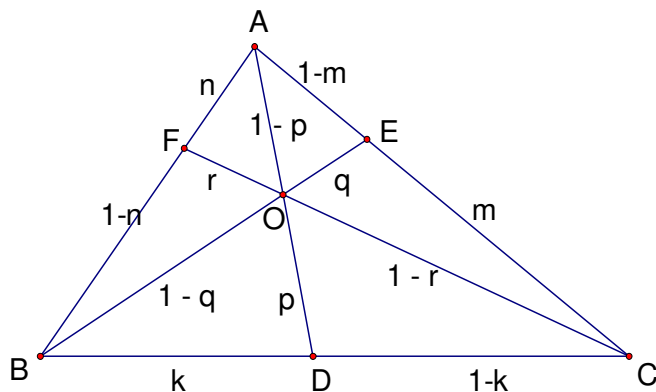
In $\triangle ABC$, AD , BF and CE are concurrent at O .

$AO : OD = 1 - p : p$; $BO : OE = 1 - q : q$;

$CO : OF = 1 - r : r$; $BD : DC = k : 1 - k$;

$AF : FB = n : 1 - n$; $AE : EC = 1 - m : m$

Given the ratio of any two sections, we can find the ratio of the other sections.

**Example 1**

In the figure, $AF : FB = 2 : 3$, $BD : DC = 4 : 5$

Find $AO : OD$ and $CO : OF$.

Let $AO : OD = 1 - p : p$, $CO : OF = 1 - r : r$

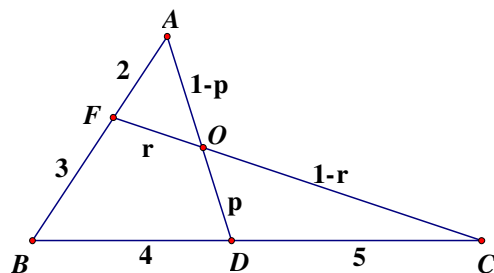
Apply Menelaus' theorem

$$\frac{4+5}{5} \times \frac{p}{1-p} \times \frac{2}{3} = 1 \quad (\text{intercept } COF \text{ on } \triangle ABD)$$

$$\frac{AO}{OD} = \frac{1-p}{p} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{1-r}{r} \times \frac{2}{2+3} = 1 \quad (\text{intercept } AOD \text{ on } \triangle BCF)$$

$$\frac{CO}{OF} = \frac{1-r}{r} = \frac{25}{8}$$

**Example 2**

In the figure, $BO : OE = 3 : 2$, $BD : DC = 5 : 4$

Find $AO : OD$ and $AE : EC$.

Let $AO : OD = 1 - p : p$, $AE : EC = 1 - m : m$

Apply Menelaus' theorem

$$\frac{1}{1-m} \times \frac{5}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} = 1 \quad (\text{intercept } AOD \text{ on } \triangle BCE)$$

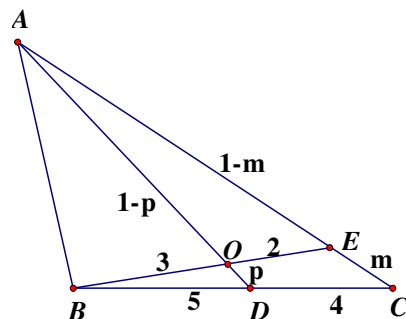
$$1 - m = \frac{5}{6} \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{1-m}{m} = 5$$

$$\frac{1-p}{p} \times \frac{5}{5+4} \times \frac{m}{1-m} = 1 \quad (\text{intercept } BOE \text{ on } \triangle ACD)$$

$$\frac{1-p}{p} \times \frac{5}{9} \times \frac{1}{5} = 1$$

$$\frac{AO}{OD} = \frac{1-p}{p} = 9$$



Example 3

In the figure, $BO : OE = 3 : 2$, $AE : EC = 4 : 5$
Find $AO : OD$ and $BD : DC$.

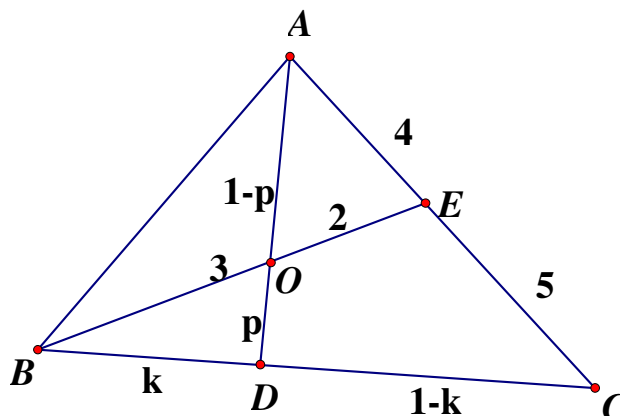
Let $AO : OD = 1 - p : p$, $BD : DC = k : 1 - k$

Apply Menelaus' theorem

$$\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1-k}{k} \times \frac{4}{4+5} = 1 \quad (\text{intercept } AOD \text{ on } \triangle BCE)$$

$$\frac{1-k}{k} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{k}{1-k} = \frac{2}{3}$$



$$\frac{1-p}{p} \times \frac{k}{1} \times \frac{5}{4} = 1 \quad (\text{intercept } BOE \text{ on } \triangle ACD)$$

$$\frac{1-p}{p} \times \frac{5}{4} \times \frac{1}{5} = 1$$

$$\frac{AO}{OD} = \frac{1-p}{p} = 9$$

Example 4

In the figure, $BO : OE = 3 : 2$, $AO : OD = 5 : 4$
Find $AE : EC$ and $BD : DC$.

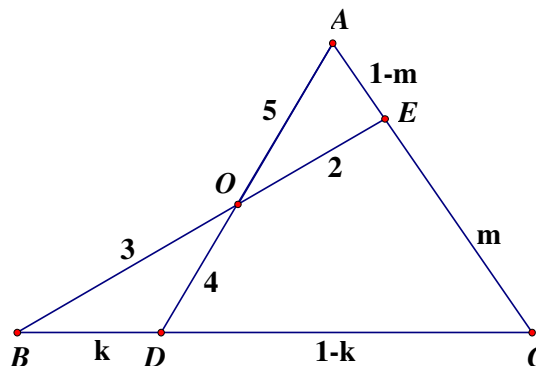
Let $AE : EC = 1 - m : m$, $BD : DC = k : 1 - k$

Apply Menelaus' theorem

$$\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1-k}{k} \times \frac{1-m}{1} = 1 \quad \dots (1) \quad (\text{intercept } AOD \text{ on } \triangle BCE)$$

$$\frac{5}{4} \times \frac{k}{1} \times \frac{m}{1-m} = 1 \quad \dots (2) \quad (\text{intercept } BOE \text{ on } \triangle ACD)$$

$$(1) \times (2): \frac{15}{8} \times (1-k) \times m = 1 \Rightarrow (1-k)m = \frac{8}{15} \quad \dots (3)$$



$$(1) \text{ can be simplified to } \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1-k-(1-k)m}{k} = 1 \quad \dots (4)$$

$$\text{Sub. (3) into (4): } \frac{1-k-\frac{8}{15}}{k} = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{7}{15}-k}{k} = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{7-15k}{15k} = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{7-15k}{5k} = 2 \Rightarrow 7-15k = 10k$$

$$k = \frac{7}{25} \Rightarrow BD : DC = k : 1 - k = 7 : 18$$

$$\text{Sub. } k = \frac{7}{25} \text{ into (3): } \left(1 - \frac{7}{25}\right)m = \frac{8}{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{20}{27}$$

$$AE : EC = 1 - m : m = 7 : 20$$