

## Method 3 (Purely Geometric Approach)

Let P be a point on DB such that EP is the angle bisector of  $\angle AEB$ .

Construct AP.

In  $\triangle AEP \& \triangle BEP$ ,

$$EP = EP$$

(common)

$$\angle AEP = \angle BEP = 10^{\circ}$$

(by construction)

$$\angle EAB = \angle EBA = 80^{\circ}$$

$$\therefore AE = BE$$

(sides opp. eq.  $\angle$ s)

$$\therefore \Delta AEP \cong \Delta BEP$$

(SAS)

$$\therefore \angle EAP = \angle EBP = 20^{\circ}$$

(corr.  $\angle s$ ,  $\cong \Delta s$ )

$$\angle CAP = 20^{\circ} - 10^{\circ} = 10^{\circ}$$

$$\angle PAB = 70^{\circ} - 10^{\circ} = 60^{\circ}$$

$$\angle APB = 180^{\circ} - 60^{\circ} - 60^{\circ} = 60^{\circ}$$

 $(\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta)$ 

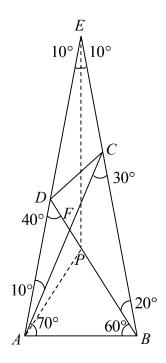
 $\therefore \triangle APB$  is an equil.  $\triangle$ 

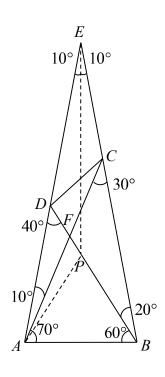
$$\therefore AP = PB = AB$$

(def. of equil.  $\Delta$ )

Let them be *y*.

In  $\triangle AEC \& \triangle EBP$ ,





$$\angle EAC = \angle BEP = 10^{\circ}$$

(proved)

$$\angle AEC = \angle EBP = 20^{\circ}$$

(proved)

$$AE = EB$$

(proved)

$$\therefore \Delta AEC \cong \Delta EBP$$

(ASA)

$$\therefore EC = BP = y$$

(corr. sides,  $\cong \Delta$  s)

Extend AP to meet BE at Q. Construct DQ.

$$\angle DPQ = \angle APB = 60^{\circ}$$

(vert. opp.  $\angle$ s)

In  $\triangle DAB \& \triangle QBA$ ,

$$\angle DAB = \angle QBA = 80^{\circ}$$

(given)

$$AB = BA$$

(common)

$$\angle DBA = \angle QAB = 60^{\circ}$$

(proved)

$$\therefore \Delta DAB \cong \Delta QBA$$

(ASA)

$$\therefore DB = QA$$

(corr. sides,  $\cong \Delta$  s)

Let them be *x*.

$$DP = DB - PB = x - y = QA - PA = QP$$

$$\therefore \angle PDQ = \angle PQD$$

(base  $\angle$  s, isos.  $\Delta$ )

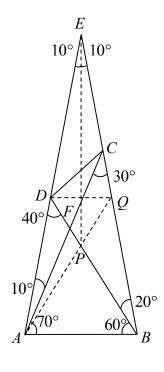
$$=\frac{180^{\circ}-60^{\circ}}{2}=60^{\circ}$$

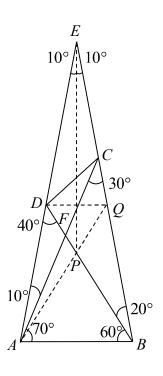
 $(\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta)$ 

 $\therefore \Delta DPQ$  is an equil.  $\Delta$ 

$$\therefore DQ = QP = DP = x - y$$

(def. of equil.  $\Delta$ )





10° \ 10°

40°

C

609

30°

20°

$$\angle PQD = \angle QAB = 60^{\circ}$$

$$\therefore DQ//AB$$

(alt.  $\angle$  s eq.)

$$\therefore \angle EQD = \angle EBA = 80^{\circ}$$

(corr.  $\angle$  s, DQ//AB)

$$\angle EDQ = 180^{\circ} - 20^{\circ} - 80^{\circ} = 80^{\circ}$$

 $(\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta)$ 

$$\angle DEB = \angle DBE = 20^{\circ}$$

$$\therefore ED = DB = x$$

(sides opp. eq.  $\angle$ s)

$$\angle EDQ = \angle EQD = 80^{\circ}$$

$$\therefore EQ = ED = x$$

(sides opp. eq.  $\angle$ s)

$$\therefore CQ = EQ - EC = x - y = DQ$$

$$\therefore \angle QCD = \angle QDC$$

(base  $\angle$  s, isos.  $\Delta$ )

$$=\frac{180^{\circ}-80^{\circ}}{2}=50^{\circ}$$

 $(\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta)$ 

$$\therefore \angle ACD = 50^{\circ} - 30^{\circ} = 20^{\circ}$$

## Remarks:

- 1. This is the most famous proof. All the other proofs that can be found on the web employ the same construction of straight lines.
- 2. It is a natural way to divide the isosceles triangle along the axis of symmetry. By doing so, we are lucky to obtain equilateral triangles and parallel lines.
- 3. As it is purely deductive geometric approach, the proof is long and complicated, but an elegant one.