

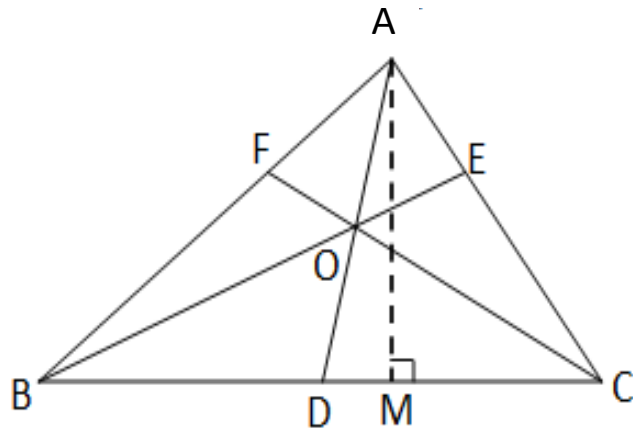
The Ceva's Theorem:

When three cevians of a triangle ABC namely AD, BE and CF are concurrent at O, then,

$$\frac{BD}{DC} \times \frac{CE}{EA} \times \frac{AF}{FB} = 1$$

The proof of this property is as follows:

Proof:



Draw $AM \perp BC$

ΔABD and ΔACD are having common heights in the altitude AM drawn from A to the base BC .

The area of $\Delta ABD = \frac{1}{2} \times AM \times BD$

The Area of $\Delta ACD = \frac{1}{2} \times AM \times DC$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area of } \Delta ABD}{\text{Area of } \Delta ACD} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times AM \times BD}{\frac{1}{2} \times AM \times DC} = \frac{BD}{DC}$$

ie. $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{\Delta ABD}{\Delta ACD}$ [Where Δ denotes to the area of the triangle] ----- (1)

Similarly we can prove that $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{\Delta OBD}{\Delta ODC}$ [Where Δ denotes to the area of the triangle] ----- (2)

(1) & (2) $\rightarrow \frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{\Delta ABD - \Delta OBD}{\Delta ACD - \Delta ODC}$ [Each ratio = $\frac{\text{difference between numerators}}{\text{difference between denominators}}$]

ie. $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{\Delta OAB}{\Delta OAC}$ ----- (3)

Similarly, it can be proved that $\frac{CE}{EA} = \frac{\Delta OBC}{\Delta OAB}$ ----- (4)

And $\frac{AF}{FB} = \frac{\Delta OAC}{\Delta OBC}$ ----- (5)

(3), (4) & (5) $\rightarrow \frac{BD}{DC} \times \frac{CE}{EA} \times \frac{AF}{FB} = \frac{\cancel{\Delta OAB}}{\cancel{\Delta OAC}} \times \frac{\cancel{\Delta OBC}}{\cancel{\Delta OAB}} \times \frac{\cancel{\Delta OAC}}{\cancel{\Delta OBC}} = 1$

$\frac{BD}{DC} \times \frac{CE}{EA} \times \frac{AF}{FB} = 1$ ----- Proved