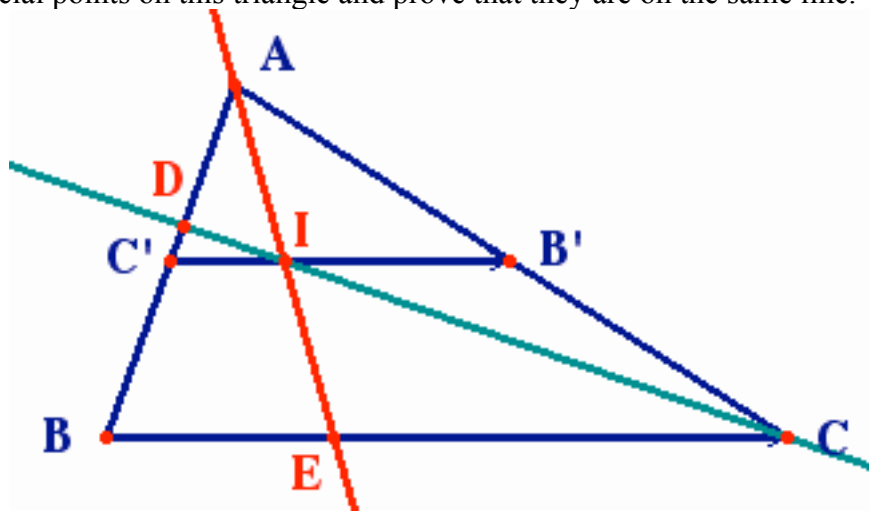


Problem (VSOP*):** Let ABC be a normal triangle, B' the middle of AC and C' the middle of AB. We want to place 3 special points on this triangle and prove that they are on the same line.



1. Determine and place the point I defined by the vector equation : $2\overline{IC'} + \overline{IB'} = \overline{O}$
2. Determine and place the point D defined by the vector equation : $3\overline{DA} + 2\overline{DB} = \overline{O}$
3. Determine and place the point E defined by the vector equation : $2\overline{EB} + \overline{EC} = \overline{O}$
4. Prove by using a vector equation that the 3 points A, I, E, are on the same line.
5. Prove by using a vector equation that the 3 points C, I, D, are on the same line.

$$1. \quad 2\overline{IC'} + \overline{IB'} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 2(\overline{IB'} + \overline{B'C'}) + \overline{IB'} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 3\overline{IB'} + 2\overline{B'C'} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 3\overline{B'I} = 2\overline{B'C'} \Leftrightarrow \overline{B'I} = \frac{2}{3}\overline{B'C'}$$

$$2. \quad 3\overline{DA} + 2\overline{DB} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 3\overline{DA} + 2(\overline{DA} + \overline{AB}) = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 5\overline{DA} + 2\overline{AB} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 5\overline{AD} = 2\overline{AB} \Leftrightarrow \overline{AD} = \frac{2}{5}\overline{AB}$$

$$3. \quad 2\overline{EB} + \overline{EC} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 2\overline{EB} + \overline{EB} + \overline{BC} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 3\overline{EB} + \overline{BC} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 3\overline{BE} = \overline{BC} \Leftrightarrow \overline{BE} = \frac{1}{3}\overline{BC}$$

4. To prove that the 3 points are on a same line we must find a number k such that $\overline{AI} = k\overline{AE}$

To do so we can find $\overline{AI} = x\overline{AB} + y\overline{AC}$ and $\overline{AE} = x'\overline{AB} + y'\overline{AC}$ then prove that $x = kx'$ and $y = ky'$.

From (1) $2\overline{IC'} + \overline{IB'} = \overline{O}$ we get

$$2(\overline{IA} + \overline{AC'}) + (\overline{IA} + \overline{AB'}) = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 3\overline{IA} + 2\overline{AC'} + \overline{AB'} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 3\overline{AI} = \overline{AB} + \frac{1}{2}\overline{AC} \Leftrightarrow \overline{AI} = \frac{1}{3}\overline{AB} + \frac{1}{6}\overline{AC}$$

From (3) $2\overline{EB} + \overline{EC} = \overline{O}$ we get

$$2(\overline{EA} + \overline{AB}) + (\overline{EA} + \overline{AC}) = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow 3\overline{EA} + 2\overline{AB} + \overline{AC} = \overline{O} \Leftrightarrow \overline{AE} = \frac{2}{3}\overline{AB} + \frac{1}{3}\overline{AC}$$

Hence we have $\overline{AI} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{AE}$ which proves that A,I,E are on the same line (I is the midpoint of [AE])

5. Same method : let's prove that $\overline{ID} = k\overline{IC}$ by de-composing and recomposing ...

$$\text{We have } \overline{IC} = \overline{IA} + \overline{AC} = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\overline{AB} - \frac{1}{6}\overline{AC}\right) + \overline{AC} = -\frac{1}{3}\overline{AB} + \frac{5}{6}\overline{AC}$$

$$\text{We also have } \overline{ID} = \overline{IA} + \overline{AD} = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\overline{AB} - \frac{1}{6}\overline{AC}\right) + \frac{2}{5}\overline{AB} = \frac{1}{15}\overline{AB} - \frac{1}{6}\overline{AC}$$

Hence we have $\overline{ID} = -\frac{1}{5}\overline{IC}$ which proves that D,I,C are on the same line.