

Mathematics 2260H – Euclidean Geometry

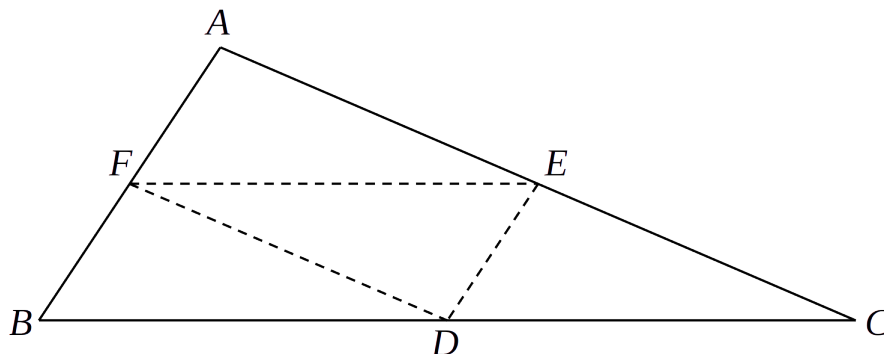
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Assignment #2

Something Similar

Due on Friday, 23 January.*

Please read, or at least skim, through the handout *Similar Triangles and Similarity Criteria* before doing this assignment. In particular, note the definition of similarity and the criteria for establishing the similarity of triangles. For this assignment you may freely use the fact that the interior angles of any triangle add up to two right angles, even though this fact is equivalent to the parallel postulate.



1. Suppose that D , E , and F are the midpoints of the sides BC , AC , and AB , respectively, of $\triangle ABC$. Show that $\triangle DEF \sim \triangle ABC$. [10]

“Parallel lines
meet at infinity,”
Euclid repeatedly,
heatedly urged,
Until he died and
so reached that vicinity—
In it he found that the
damn things diverged.

Piet Hein

* Please submit your solutions, preferably as a single pdf, via Blackboard’s Assignments module. If that fails, please submit them to the instructor on paper or via email to sbilaniuk@trentu.ca as soon as you can.