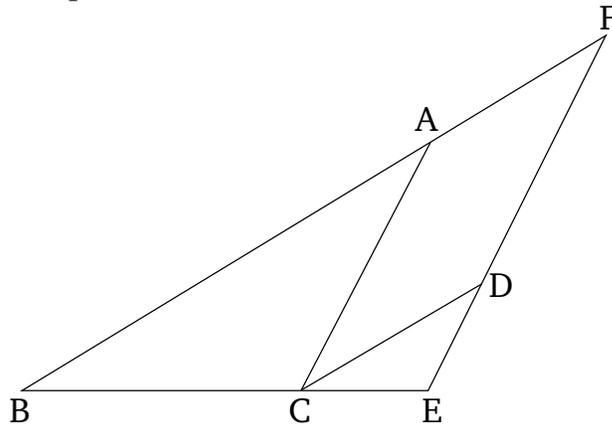


Book 6

Proposition 4

In equiangular triangles the sides about the equal angles are proportional, and those (sides) subtending equal angles correspond.



Let ABC and DCE be equiangular triangles, having angle ABC equal to DCE , and (angle) BAC to CDE , and, further, (angle) ACB to CED . I say that in triangles ABC and DCE the sides about the equal angles are proportional, and those (sides) subtending equal angles correspond.

Let BC be placed straight-on to CE . And since angles ABC and ACB are less than two right-angles [Prop 1.17], and ACB (is) equal to DEC , thus ABC and DEC are less than two right-angles. Thus, BA and ED , being produced, will meet [C.N. 5]. Let them have been produced, and let them meet at (point) F .

And since angle DCE is equal to ABC , BF is parallel to CD [Prop. 1.28]. Again, since (angle) ACB is equal to DEC , AC is parallel to FE [Prop. 1.28]. Thus, $FACD$ is a parallelogram. Thus, FA is equal to DC , and

AC to FD [Prop. 1.34]. And since AC has been drawn parallel to one (of the sides) FE of triangle FBE , thus as BA is to AF , so BC (is) to CE [Prop. 6.2]. And AF (is) equal to CD . Thus, as BA (is) to CD , so BC (is) to CE , and, alternately, as AB (is) to BC , so DC (is) to CE [Prop. 5.16]. Again, since CD is parallel to BF , thus as BC (is) to CE , so FD (is) to DE [Prop. 6.2]. And FD (is) equal to AC . Thus, as BC is to CE , so AC (is) to DE , and, alternately, as BC (is) to CA , so CE (is) to ED [Prop. 6.2]. Therefore, since it was shown that as AB (is) to BC , so DC (is) to CE , and as BC (is) to CA , so CE (is) to ED , thus, via equality, as BA (is) to AC , so CD (is) to DE [Prop. 5.22].

Thus, in equiangular triangles the sides about the equal angles are proportional, and those (sides) subtending equal angles correspond. (Which is) the very thing it was required to show.