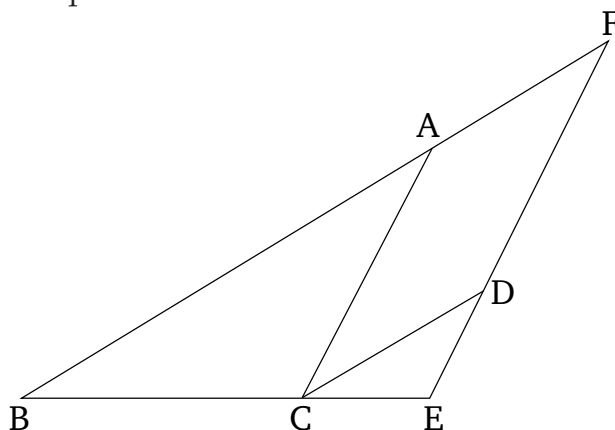


## Book 6

### 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.