

Prerequisites: know what is a triangle, geometric intuition of a vector could be helpful.

EXAMPLE 1. Fixing points A and B , find the centres of mass of:

$(A, 2), (B, 3); (A, -3), (B, 5); (A, -8), (B, 5);$
 $(A, 0), (B, 5); (A, 2), (A, 1); (A, \alpha), (A, -\alpha).$

EXAMPLE 2. Find the centre of mass for the two triangle:

$(A, 2), (B, 1), (C, 4); (A, 3), (B, 1), (C, -2).$

PROBLEM 3. Find the centre of mass of $(A, 2), (B, -3), (C, 5).$

EXAMPLE 4. Find the COM of $(A, \alpha), (B, \beta), (C, -\beta).$

EXAMPLE 5. Prove that all three medians of a triangle are concurrent and find the ratio in which they intersect.

EXAMPLE 6. Points M, N, E, F are the midpoints of the sides AB, BC, CD, DA of a convex quadrilateral $ABCD$; K and L are the midpoints of its diagonals AC and BD . Prove that ME, NF, KL are concurrent and bisect each other.

EXAMPLE 7. Point M lays on AB and satisfies $AM : MB = 2 : 5$, point N is on BC s.t. $BN : NC = 4 : 3$. AN intersects CM at K . Find the ratios $AK : KN$ and $CK : KM$.

PROBLEM 8. On the sides of triangle ABC lay points E and F s.t. $CE = \frac{2}{3}CA$ and $CF = \frac{4}{5}CB$. Segments BE and AF intersect at M . Find $AM : AF$ and $BM : BE$.

PROBLEM 9. On the sides of triangle ABC points C_1, A_1, B_1 are marked; they satisfy $AC_1 : C_1B = 2 : 5$, $BA_1 : A_1C = 1 : 2$, $CB_1 : B_1A = 4 : 1$. Segments CC_1 and A_1B_1 intersect at E . Find $CE : EC_1$ and $B_1E : EA_1$.

EXAMPLE 10. On the diagonals AC and BD (resp.) of a convex quadrilateral $ABCD$ points M and N are marked, s.t. $AM = 6MC$ and $BN = 6ND$. Prove that the midpoints of AB, CD, MN are colinear.

EXAMPLE 11. The medians AK and CF of the base ABC of a triangular pyramid $ABCD$ intersect at E . Points L and M lay on the edges AD and CD s.t. $CM = \frac{3}{4}CD$, $DL = \frac{1}{4}DA$. Prove that FM, KL, DE are concurrent and find the ratios at which they intersect.

PROBLEM 12. On the sides AB and CD of a triangular pyramid $ABCD$, points P and Q are marked, s.t. $AP : PB = 3 : 1$ and $CQ : QD = 3 : 1$. Prove that the midpoints of PQ, AC, BD are colinear.

PROBLEM 13. The base $ABCD$ of the pyramid $SABCD$ is a parallelogram. A plane intersects AS, BS, CS, DS at points A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1 respectively; furthermore $AA_1 = 2A_1S$, $BB_1 = 4B_1S$ and $CC_1 = 3C_1S$. Find $DD_1 : D_1S$.

EXAMPLE 14 (finally gets interesting). A triangle PRQ is given. On its sides PR, RQ, QP (resp.), points E, F, L are marked, satisfying $PE : ER = 3 : 4$, $RF : FQ = 3 : 2$ and $QL : LP = 1 : 2$. Segments RF and EF intersect at K . Find $RK : KL$ and $EK : KF$.

PROBLEM 15. On edges DA, DB, DC of a triangular pyramid $ABCD$, points M, N, L are marked s.t. $AM : MD = 3 : 2$, $BN : ND = 2 : 5$, $CL : LD = 1 : 3$. Point E is the centroid of ABC . The plane containing M, N, L intersects DE at K . Find $DK : KE$.

EXAMPLE 16. Pyramid $SABCD$ has parallelogram $ABCD$ as a base. On edges SA, SB, SC lay points A_1, B_1, C_1 ; according to ratios $SA_1 = \frac{1}{3}SA$, $SB_1 = \frac{1}{4}BS$, $SC_1 = \frac{1}{5}SC$. Prove that the plane $(A_1B_1C_1)$ intersects SD and find the ratio.

EXAMPLE 17. On edges DA, DB, DC of a triangular pyramid $ABCD$ are points M, N, K , such that $DM = \frac{1}{3}DA$, $DN = \frac{1}{4}DB$, $DK = \frac{3}{5}DC$. E is the centroid of ABC . The plane containing M, N, K intersects DE at P . Find $DP : PE$.

PROBLEM 18. Points $E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, E_5, E_6$ are the midpoints of sides AB, BC, CD, DE, EF, FA of a convex hexagon $ABCDEF$. Prove that the centroids of E_1, E_3, E_5 and E_2, E_4, E_6 coincide.

PROBLEM 19. Triangle ABC satisfies $\angle A = 30^\circ$, $\angle B = 60^\circ$. The altitude CD and median AF intersect at E . Find $AE : EF$ and $CE : ED$.

EXAMPLE 20. Prove that the angle bisectors of a triangle are concurrent; find at what ratio they intersect each other (in terms of the sidelengths).

EXAMPLE 21. Side AB of triangle ABC is of length 3, AC of length 4. median BB_1 and angle bisector AA_1 intersect at G . Find the area of ABC if that of BGA_1 is S .

PROBLEM 22. The sides of triangle ABC satisfy $AB = 3, BC = 2$. Point D divides side AB in ratio $AD : DB = 1 : 2$. The angle bisector BE and segment CD intersect at F . Find the area of ABC , if the area of BCF is S .

PROBLEM 23. An acute triangle ABC has angles of measure α, β, γ respectively. Prove that the altitudes are concurrent and express the ratios, in which they divide one another.