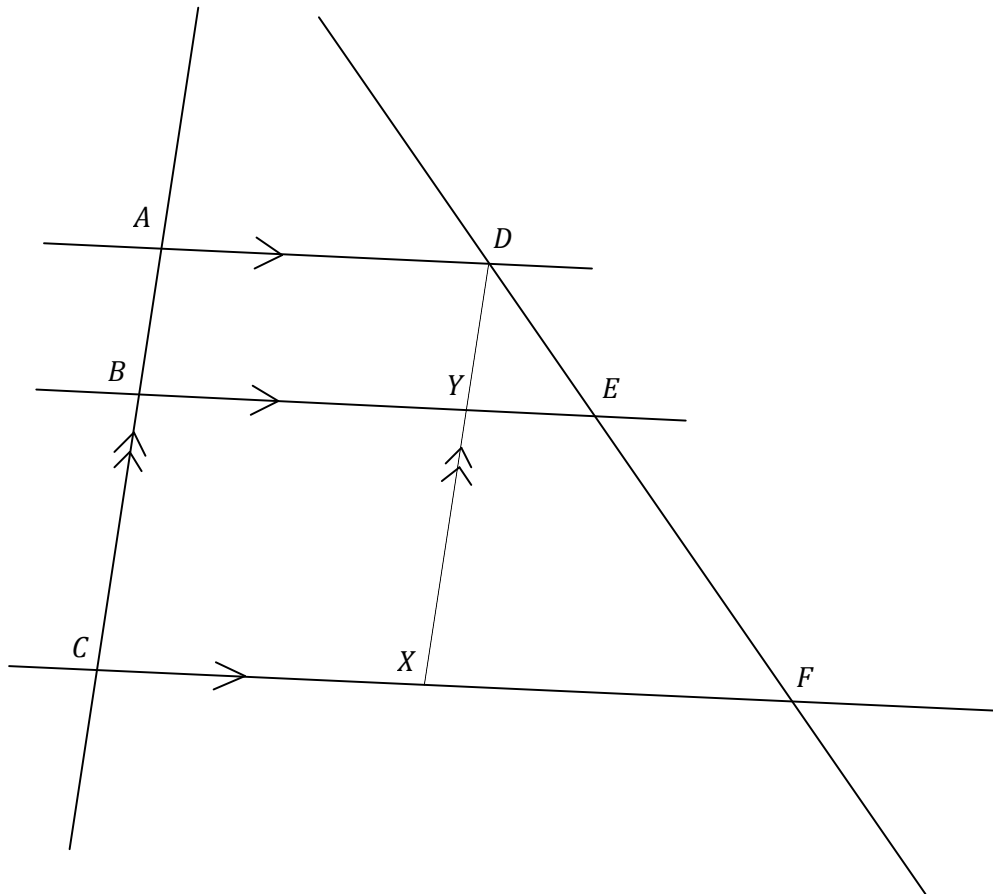


* Triangle Similarity | Applications

Prove that intercepts made by parallel lines on a set of transversals are in the same ratio.

i.e. Given $AD \parallel BE \parallel CF$, show that $\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{DE}{EF}$.



Construct interval DX such that $DX \parallel AC$ and DX intersects with BE at point Y .

\therefore $ABYD$ is a parallelogram (both pairs of opposite sides are parallel).

Similarly, $BCXY$ is a parallelogram.

$\frac{DY}{XY} = \frac{DE}{EF}$ (interval parallel to one side of $\triangle DFX$ divides other sides in same ratio, $EY \parallel FX$)

But $AB = DY$ (opposite sides of parallelogram $ABYD$ are equal)

Similarly in parallelogram $BCXY$, $BC = XY$.

$$\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{DE}{EF} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$