

Answer on Question #36915 – Math - Geometry

In a given pentagon  $ABCDE$ , triangles  $ABC$ ,  $BCD$ ,  $CDE$ ,  $DEA$  and  $EAB$  all have the same area. The lines  $AC$  and  $AD$  intersect  $BE$  at points  $M$  and  $N$ . Prove that  $BM = EN$ .

Solution

$\triangle BCD$  and  $\triangle CDE$  are of the same area.  $BCDE$  is trapezoid, where  $CD \parallel BE$

likewise,  $\triangle BCD = \triangle ABC$ , so  $ABCD$  is trapezoid, where  $BC \parallel AD$

for  $\triangle CDE$  and  $\triangle DEA$   $DE \parallel CA$

from this we can say that  $BNDC$  and  $MCDE$  are parallelograms

now,  $BN = CD = ME$

so,  $BM = EN$

