

Variation using a maths GCSE question

Year 11 (Foundation)

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Overview

This document contains...

A set of connected questions that link to a past GCSE question

Points to consider when using this resource

Each variation of the exam question should be considered as part of a learning journey. Teachers may wish to consider models and images to support students to access the problems.



Year 11 F: variation: Edexcel 2018 P3 Q26

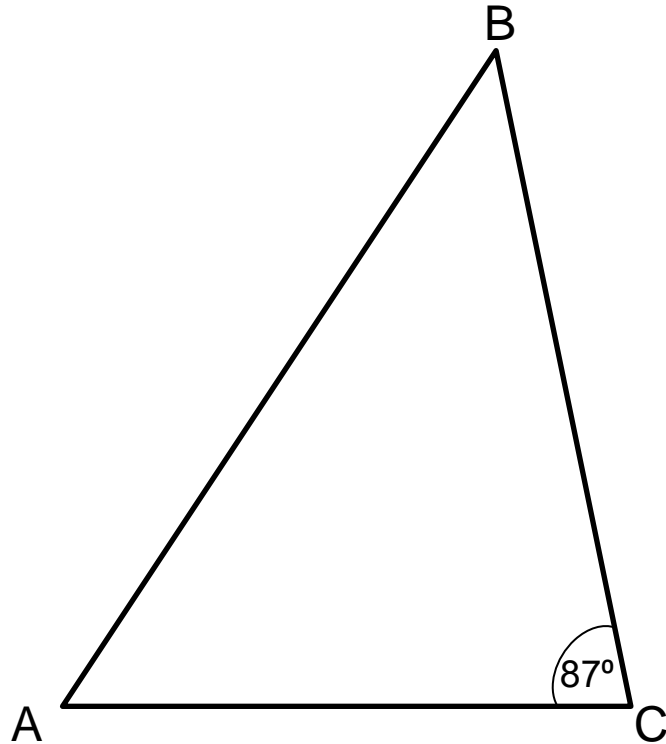
Missing angles in polygons



Prior knowledge to review

- Conventions for labelling geometric diagrams
- Knowledge of the sum of the angles in triangles and quadrilaterals
- Strategies to find the angle sums in polygons
- Write a linear equation to describe the angle sum in a polygon
- Solve a linear equation





ABC is a scalene triangle

angle ACB = 87°

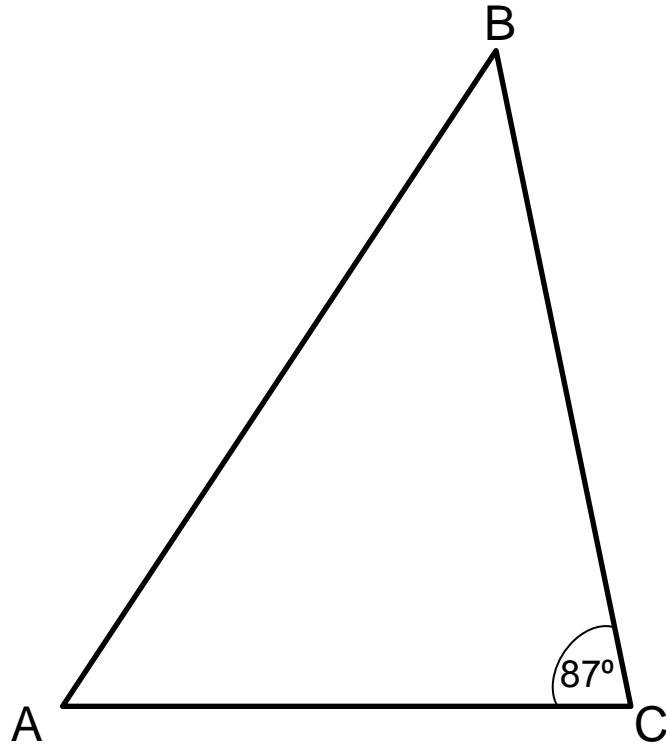
angle BAC = 2 x angle ABC

Work out the size of angle BAC

Show your working



Solution



ABC is a scalene triangle

angle $ACB = 87^\circ$

angle $BAC = 2 \times$ angle ABC

Work out the size of angle BAC

Show your working

Let angle $ABC = x$

So angle $BAC = 2x$

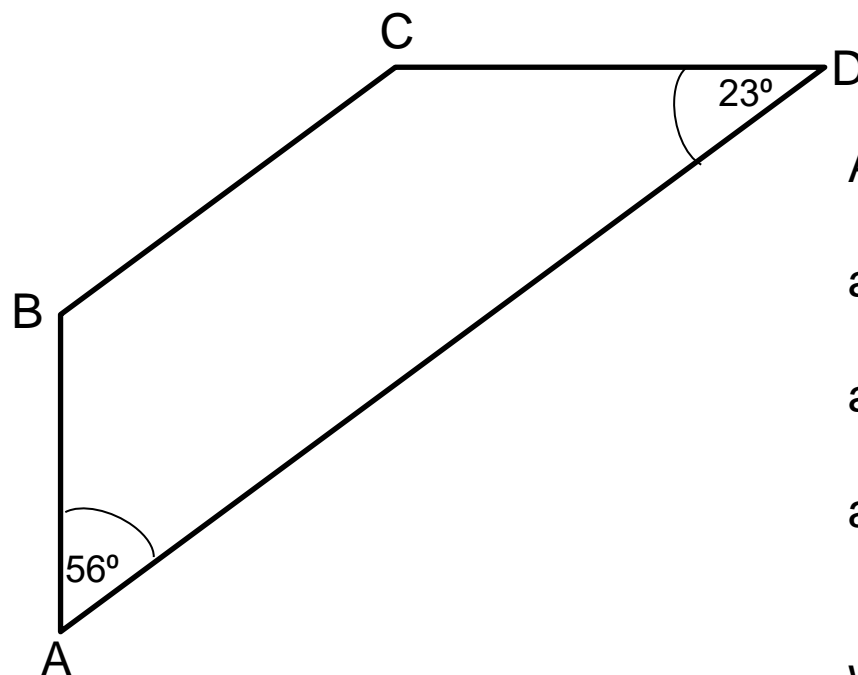
Angles in a triangle add up to 180°

$$87^\circ + x + 2x = 180^\circ$$

$$3x = 93^\circ$$

$$x = 31^\circ \text{ so } 2x = \text{angle } BAC = 2x = 62^\circ$$





ABCD is a quadrilateral

angle ADC = 23°

angle BAD = 56°

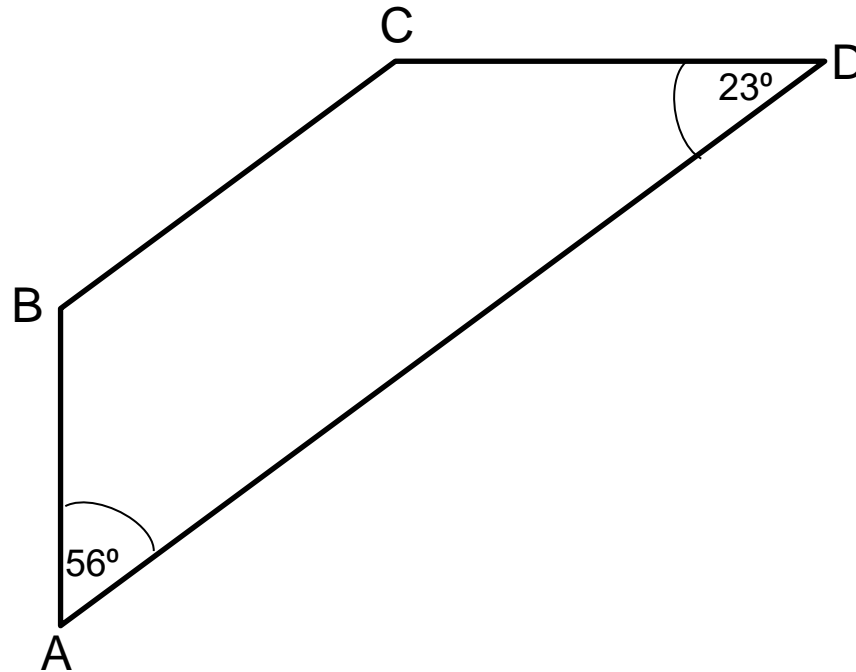
angle ABC = angle BCD

Work out the size of angle BCD

Show your working



Solution



ABCD is a quadrilateral

angle ADC = 23°

angle BAD = 56°

angle ABC = angle BCD

Work out the size of angle BCD

Show your working

Let angle ADC = x

So angle BCD = x

Angles in a quadrilateral add up to 360°

$$23^\circ + 56^\circ + x + x = 360^\circ$$

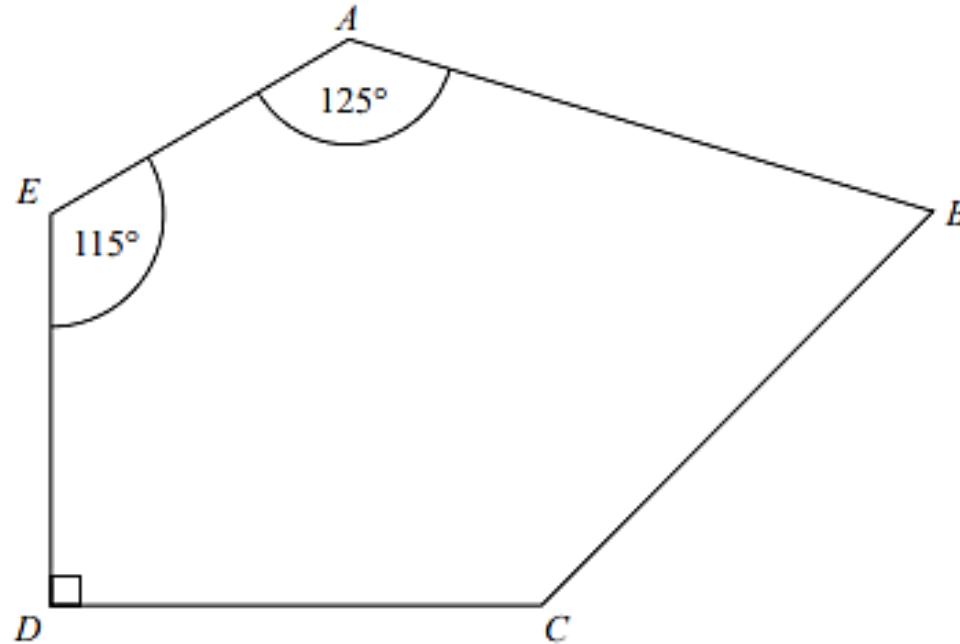
$$2x = 281^\circ$$

$$\text{so } x = \text{angle BCD} = 140.5^\circ$$



(5 marks)

26 $ABCDE$ is a pentagon.



Angle $BCD = 2 \times$ angle ABC

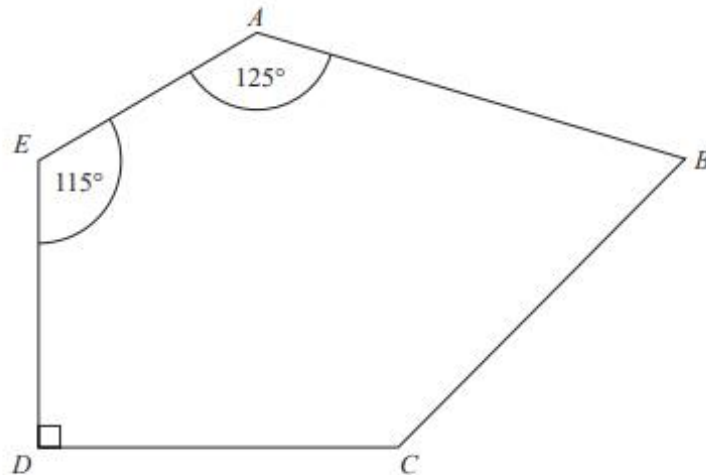
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You must show all your working.



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Angle $BCD = 2 \times$ angle ABC

Work out the size of angle BCD .
You must show all your working.

Solution

Let angle $ABC = x$

So angle $BCD = 2x$

Angles in a pentagon add up to 540°

$$115^\circ + 125^\circ + 90^\circ + x + 2x = 540^\circ$$

$$3x = 210^\circ$$

$$\text{so } x = 70^\circ$$

$$\text{So } 2x = \text{angle } BCD = 140^\circ$$



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