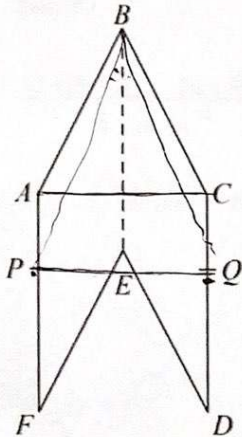




QT Tough Questions - Proving Cosine



The diagram shows a hexagon ABCDEF.

ABEF and CBED are congruent parallelograms where

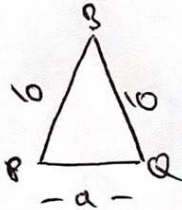
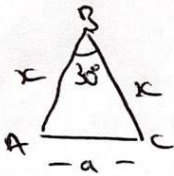
$AB = BC = x$ cm.

P is the point on AF and Q is the point on CD such that

$BP = BQ = 10$ cm.

Given that angle $ABC = 30^\circ$, prove that

$$\cos PBQ = 1 - \frac{(2-\sqrt{3})x^2}{200}$$



$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \\ &= x^2 + x^2 - 2(x)(x)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$a^2 = 2x^2 - x^2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \\ &= 10^2 + 10^2 - 2(10)(10)(\cos A) \end{aligned}$$

$$a^2 = 200 - 200 \cos A$$

$$2x^2 - x^2\sqrt{3} = 200 - 200 \cos A$$

$$200 \cos A = 200 - 2x^2 + x^2\sqrt{3}$$

$$200 \cos A = 200 - x^2(2 - \sqrt{3})$$

$$\cos A = \frac{200 - x^2(2 - \sqrt{3})}{200}$$

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$$\cos A = \frac{200}{200} - \frac{x^2(2 - \sqrt{3})}{200}$$

$$\cos A = 1 - \frac{(2 - \sqrt{3})x^2}{200}$$

A = Angle PSQ



$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$
 $\cos A = \frac{PS^2 + SQ^2 - PQ^2}{2 \cdot PS \cdot SQ}$
 $\cos A = \frac{(x^2)^2 + (x^2)^2 - (200)^2}{2 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^2}$
 $\cos A = \frac{2x^4 - 200^2}{2x^4}$
 $\cos A = 1 - \frac{200^2}{x^4}$