

In a triangle ABC, AD is the angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$  &  $\angle BAD = 60^\circ$ . What is length of AD?



AD is angle bisector

so  $\angle BAD = \angle DAC = 60^\circ$

also  $BD = DC$

$$BD + DC = a$$

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$$BD = \frac{a}{2}$$

Let  $AD = h$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin 120^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} bc$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle BAD = \frac{1}{2} ch \sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} ch$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle CAD = \frac{1}{2} bh \sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} bh$$

Now

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \text{Area of } \triangle BAD + \text{Area of } \triangle CAD$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} bc = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} ch + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} bh \Rightarrow bc = ch + bh$$

$$bc = h(b+c)$$

$$AD \Rightarrow h = \frac{bc}{b+c}$$