

Recall: A line labeled as in Figure 1 is cut in Extreme and Mean ratio when

$$\frac{\overline{AB}}{\overline{AC}} = \frac{\overline{AC}}{\overline{CB}}.$$

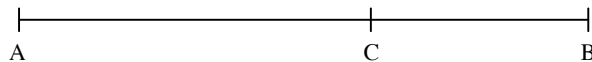


Figure 1:

When the above relationship is true, let

$$\overline{CB} = 1$$

$$\overline{AC} = x,$$

$$\text{so } \overline{AB} = 1 + x.$$

1. Rewrite the equation $\frac{\overline{AB}}{\overline{AC}} = \frac{\overline{AC}}{\overline{CB}}$ using the values shown above.
2. Solve the equation for x .

Hint: Quadratic formula: if $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then either $x = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ or $x = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$.