

4. **Converse of Ceva's Theorem:**—If, in  $\triangle ABC$ , on the three sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $AB$ , or if on one of these sides and on the other two produced, points  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$  respectively be taken so that  $AF \cdot BD \cdot CE = FB \cdot DC \cdot EA$ , the lines  $AD$ ,  $BE$ ,  $CF$  are concurrent.

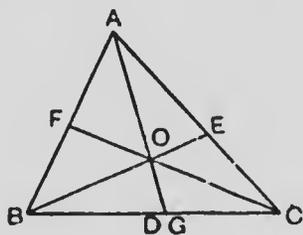


FIG. 7.

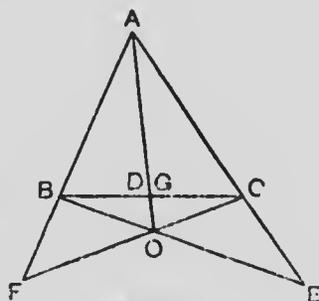


FIG. 8.

Draw  $BE$ ,  $CF$  and let them cut at  $O$ . Join  $AO$  and let it cut  $BC$  at  $G$ .

$\therefore AG$ ,  $BE$ ,  $CF$  are concurrent,

$\therefore AF \cdot BG \cdot CE = FB \cdot GC \cdot EA$ , (§ 3.)

But  $AF \cdot BD \cdot CE = FB \cdot DC \cdot EA$ , by hypothesis.

$\therefore$ , dividing,  $\frac{BG}{BD} = \frac{GC}{DC}$ ;

or, by alternation,  $\frac{BG}{GC} = \frac{BD}{DC}$ .

$\therefore G$  coincides with  $D$ .

$\therefore AD$ ,  $BE$ ,  $CF$  are concurrent.