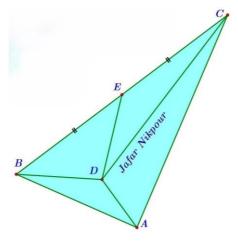
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Suppose that:  $\angle DBA = 20^\circ$ ;  $\angle DAB = 30^\circ$ ;  $\angle DBC = 40^\circ$ ;  $\angle DAC = 60^\circ$ 

Prove that:  $\angle DEC = 140^{\circ}$ 



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Solution by Eric - Dimitrie Cismaru – Romania We have  $\measuredangle ABC = \measuredangle DBA + \measuredangle DBC = 60^\circ, \measuredangle BAC = \measuredangle DAB + \measuredangle DBC = 90^\circ, \text{ so } \triangle ABC \text{ is a right triangle and } \measuredangle BCA = 30^\circ.$ 

On the other hand, since *E* is the midpoint of *BC*, *AE* is a median in a right triangle, so [AE] = [BE] = [EC], and since  $\ll EBA = 60^\circ$ ,  $\triangle BEA$  is equilateral, so we have [BA] =

[AE]. The triangle  $\triangle AEC$  is isosceles, so we have  $\triangleleft EAC = \triangleleft ECA = 30^{\circ}$ .

Therefore,  $\Delta DAB \equiv \Delta DAE$ , which leads us to  $\measuredangle DEA = \measuredangle DBA = 20^\circ$ , and since  $\measuredangle AEC = 120^\circ$ , we obtain  $\measuredangle DEC = 140^\circ$ , the conclusion.

