

**Theorem 0.1** (*Intersecting Diameters*) Any two diameters in a tree must intersect one another.

**Proof** To prove this, we can first assume two diameters don't intersect, and then find a contradiction. But the contradiction is obvious. Suppose the two diameters have a common length  $D$  (common because they are diameters). Pick any two nodes on those two diameters, say points  $a$  and  $b$ , and connect them. Suppose  $D_a$  is the longer of the distances from  $a$  to the two endpoints of the first diameter, and denote  $D_b$  for  $b$  similarly. Now, we can see that there is a path of length  $D_a + D_b + n$ , where  $n$  is the length of the path connecting the two diameters. But  $D_a \geq \lceil \frac{D}{2} \rceil$ ,  $D_b \geq \lceil \frac{D}{2} \rceil$ , so  $D_a + D_b + n \geq \lceil \frac{D}{2} \rceil + \lceil \frac{D}{2} \rceil + n \geq D + n > D$ . Hence, there is a path in the tree longer than the original diameters, and hence a contradiction arises.  $\square$