

# Notes on Basic Mathematics

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## 1 Numbers

### 1.1 The Integers

**Definition 1.1.** Positive Integers  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ : 1,2,3,4,...

**Definition 1.2.** Origin: 0

**Definition 1.3.** Natural Numbers  $\mathbb{N}^+$ : 0,1,2,3,...

**Definition 1.4.** Negative Integers  $\mathbb{Z}^-$ : -1,-2,-3,...

**Theorem 1.1.**  $0+a=a+0=a$

**Theorem 1.2.**  $a+(-a)=-a+a=0$

**Definition 1.5.** Additive Inverse of  $a$ :  $-a$

**Addition** (1.1). Commutativity:  
 $\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}, a+b=b+a$

**Addition** (1.2). Associativity:  
 $\forall a,b,c \in \mathbb{Z}, (a+b)+c=a+(b+c)$

**Theorem 1.3.**  $\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}, a+b=0 \implies (b=-a) \wedge (a=-b)$

**Theorem 1.4.**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, a=-(-a)$

**Theorem 1.5.**  $\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}, -(a+b)=-a-b$

**Addition** (1.3).  $\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \implies a+b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Addition** (1.4).  $\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}^- \implies a+b \in \mathbb{Z}^-$

### 1.2 Rules for Multiplication

**Multiplication 1.1.** Commutativity:  
 $\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}, ab=ba$

**Multiplication 1.2.** Associativity:  
 $\forall a,b,c \in \mathbb{Z}, (ab)c=a(bc)$

**Theorem 1.6.**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, 1a=a$  and  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, 0a=0$

**Multiplication 1.3.** Distributivity  
 $\forall a,b,c \in \mathbb{Z}, a(b+c)=ab+ac$

and

$$\forall a,b,c \in \mathbb{Z}, (b+c)a=ba+bc$$

**Theorem 1.7.**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, (-1)a=-a$

**Theorem 1.8.**  $\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}, -(ab)=(-a)b$

**Theorem 1.9.**  $\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}, -(ab)=a(-b)$

**Theorem 1.10.**  $\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}, (-a)(-b)=ab$

**Definition 1.6.**  $n$ -th power of  $a$  is  $a^n = aaa...a$  ( $n$  times)

**Theorem 1.11.**  $\forall m,n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, a^{m+n}=a^m a^n$

**Theorem 1.12.**  $\forall m,n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, (a^m)^n=a^{mn}$

**Example 1.1.**

$$(ab)^n = a^n b^n$$

$$(ab)^n = abab...ab$$

$$= aa...abb...b$$

$$= a^n b^n$$

**Multiplication 1.4.**

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$$

### 1.3 Even and Odd Integers; Divisibility

**Definition 1.7.**  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n=2m \implies n$  is even

**Definition 1.8.**  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists m \in \mathbb{N}^+$  (including 0),  $n=2m+1 \implies n$  is odd

**Theorem 1.13.** Let  $E(x)$  be the predicate for  $x$  is even and let  $O(x)$  be the predicate for  $x$  is odd.

$$\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}^+, E(a) \wedge E(b) \implies E(a+b)$$

$$\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}^+, E(a) \wedge O(b) \implies O(a+b)$$

$$\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}^+, O(a) \wedge E(b) \implies O(a+b)$$

$$\forall a,b \in \mathbb{Z}^+, O(a) \wedge O(b) \implies E(a+b)$$

**Theorem 1.14.**

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}^+, E(a) \implies E(a^2)$$

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}^+, O(a) \implies O(a^2)$$

**Corollary 1.1.**

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}^+, E(a^2) \implies E(a)$$

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}^+, O(a^2) \implies O(a)$$

**Definition 1.9.**  $d$  divides  $n$  or  $n$  is divisible by  $d$  if  $n=dk$  for some integer  $k$

## 1.4 Rational Numbers

**Definition 1.10.** Rational Number  $\mathbb{Q}$ : can be written in the form  $\frac{m}{n}$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \neq 0$

**Rational** (1.1). Rule for cross-multiplying.

$$\forall m, n, r, s \in \mathbb{Q}, n \neq 0, s \neq 0 \implies \frac{m}{n} = \frac{r}{s} \iff ms = rn$$

**Rational** (1.2). Cancellation rule for fractions

$$\forall a, m, n \in \mathbb{Q}, a \neq 0, n \neq 0 \implies \frac{am}{an} = \frac{m}{n}$$

**Theorem 1.15.** Any positive rational number has an expression as a fraction in lowest form

**Rational** (1.3). Addition rule for rational numbers

$$\forall a, b, d \in \mathbb{Q}, d \neq 0 \implies \frac{a}{d} + \frac{b}{d} = \frac{a+b}{d}$$

**Rational** (1.4). General case of addition rule for rational numbers

$$\forall m, n, r, s \in \mathbb{Q}, n \neq 0, s \neq 0 \implies \frac{m}{n} + \frac{r}{s} = \frac{ms + rn}{ns}$$

**Corollary 1.2.** The sum of positive rational numbers is also positive

**Corollary 1.3.**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Q} \implies 0 + a = a + 0 = a$

**Corollary 1.4.** Addition of rational numbers satisfies the properties of commutativity and associativity

**Rational** (1.5). Multiplication of rational numbers

$$\forall m, n, r, s \in \mathbb{Q}, n \neq 0, s \neq 0 \implies \frac{m}{n} * \frac{r}{s} = \frac{mr}{ns}$$

**Corollary 1.5.**  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Q}^+, n \neq 0 \implies a^k = \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^k = \frac{m^k}{n^k}$

**Theorem 1.16.** There is no positive rational number whose square is 2

**Definition 1.11.** Irrational: a number which is not rational

**Corollary 1.6.** For any rational number  $a$  we have  $1a = a$  and  $0a = 0$ . Furthermore, multiplication is associative, commutative, and distributive with respect to addition.

**Rational** (1.6). Rational numbers satisfy the property  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Q}, a \neq 0 \implies \exists a^{-1}, a^{-1}a = aa^{-1} = 1$

**Rational** (1.7). Cross-multiplication

$$\forall a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}, b \neq 0, d \neq 0 \implies \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}, ad = bc, ad = bc, \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$$

**Rational** (1.8). Cancellation law for multiplication

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}, a \neq 0, ab = ac \implies b = c$$

**Rational** (1.9). Common denominator

$$\forall a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}, b \neq 0, d \neq 0 \implies \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad + bc}{bd}$$

## 2 Chapter 2: Linear Equations

### 2.1 Equations In Two Unknowns

**Linear Equations** (2.1). General form for solving systems of linear equations in two unknowns.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall a, b, c, d, u, v \in \mathbb{R}, ab - bc \neq 0, ax + by = u, cx + dy = v \\ \implies x = \frac{du - bv}{ad - bc}, y = \frac{av - cu}{ad - bc} \end{aligned}$$

## 3 Chapter 3: Real Numbers

### 3.1 Addition and Multiplication

**Addition** (3.1). Addition is commutative and associative, meaning that

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a + b = b + a, a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$$

Furthermore

$$0 + a = a$$

To each real number  $a$  there is an associated  $a$  denoted by  $-a$  such that

$$a + (-a) = 0$$

**Multiplication 3.1.** Properties of multiplication, multiplication is commutative and associative, meaning that

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, ab = ba, a(bc) = (ab)c$$

Furthermore

$$1a = a, 0a = 0$$

Multiplication is distributive with respect to addition meaning that

$$a(b + c) = ab + ac, (b + c)a = ba + ca$$

**Corollary 3.1.** For real numbers

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$$

**Corollary 3.2.** There is also the existence of a multiplicative inverse

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0 \exists a^{-1} | a^{-1}a = aa^{-1} = 1$$

### 3.2 Real Numbers: Positivity

**Positivity** (3.1). If  $a, b$  are positive then so are the product  $ab$  and the sum  $a+b$

**Positivity** (3.2). If  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  then either  $a$  is positive or  $a = 0$  or  $-a$  is positive, and these possibilities are mutually exclusive.

**Positivity** (3.3). If  $a$  is positive and  $b$  is negative, then  $ab$  is negative

**Positivity** (3.4). If  $a$  is negative and  $b$  is negative, then  $ab$  is positive

**Positivity** (3.5). If  $a$  is positive, then  $1/a$  is positive

**Positivity** (3.6). If  $a$  is negative, then  $1/a$  is negative

**Corollary 3.3.**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a > 0 \implies \exists b \in \mathbb{R} | b^2 = a$

**Corollary 3.4.**  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 = y^2 \implies x = y \text{ or } x = -y$

**Definition 3.1.** Absolute value of  $x$  is  $|x| = \sqrt{x^2}$

### 3.3 Powers and Roots

**Definition 3.2.** The product of  $a$  with itself  $n$  times is  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ a \in \mathbb{R} a^n$

**Corollary 3.5.**  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ a^{m+n} = a^m a^n$

**Corollary 3.6.**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^+, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \exists r \in \mathbb{R}^+ | r^n = a$

**Definition 3.3.** The  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of  $a$  is  $a^{1/n}$  or  $\sqrt[n]{a}$

**Powers** (3.1).  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+ (ab)^{1/n} = a^{1/n} b^{1/n}$

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $a$  be a positive number. To each rational number  $x$  we can associate a positive number denoted by  $a^x$ , which is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power of  $a$  when  $x$  is a positive integer  $n$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of  $a$  when  $x = 1/n$ , and satisfying the following conditions:

**Powers** (3.2).  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Q} a^{x+y} = a^x a^y$

**Powers** (3.3).  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Q} (a^x)^y = a^{xy}$

**Powers** (3.4).  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+ (ab)^x = a^x b^x$

**Corollary 3.8.**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Q} a^0 = 1$

**Corollary 3.9.**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} x \in \mathbb{R}^+ a^{-x} = \frac{1}{a^x}$

**Corollary 3.10.**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ a^{m/n} = (a^m)^{1/n} = (a^{1/n})^m$

### 3.4 Inequalities

**Inequalities** (3.1).  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^+ \implies a > 0$

**Inequalities** (3.2).  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} a - b > 0 \implies a > b$

**Inequalities** (3.3).  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} -a > 0 \implies a < 0$

**Inequalities** (3.4).  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} a > b \implies b < a$

**Inequalities** (3.5).  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} a \geq b \implies a > b \vee a = b$

**Inequalities** (3.6).  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} a > b \wedge b > c \implies a > c$

**Inequalities** (3.7).  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} a > b \wedge c > 0 \implies ac > bc$

**Inequalities** (3.8).  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} a > b \wedge c < 0 \implies ac < bc$

**Definition 3.4.** open interval:  $\forall x, a, b \in \mathbb{R} | a < x < b$

**Definition 3.5.** closed interval:  $\forall x, a, b \in \mathbb{R} | a \leq x \leq b$

**Definition 3.6.** half open or half closed:  $\forall x, a, b \in \mathbb{R} | a \leq x < b, a < x \leq b$

**Definition 3.7.** infinite interval:  $\forall x, a \in \mathbb{R} | x < a \vee x > a \vee x \leq a \vee x \geq a$

## 4 Chapter 4: Quadratic Equations

**Quadratic** (4.1). Let  $a, b, c$  be real numbers and  $a \neq 0$ . The solutions of the quadratic equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

provided that  $b^2 - 4ac$  is positive or 0. If  $b^2 - 4ac$  is negative, then the equation has no solution in the real numbers.

## 5 Chapter 5: Distance and Angles

### 5.1 Distance

The distance between points  $P, Q$  in the plane by  $d(P, Q)$ . It is a number which satisfies the following properties.

**Distance** (5.1).  $\forall P, Q : d(P, Q) \iff P = Q$

**Distance** (5.2).  $\forall P, Q : d(P, Q) = d(Q, P)$

**Distance** (5.3). Triangle inequality:  $\forall P, Q, M : d(P, M) \leq d(P, Q) + d(Q, M)$

**Definition 5.1.** We assume that two distinct points  $P, Q$  lie on only one line denoted  $L_{PQ}$

**Definition 5.2.** Segment: the portion of the line between two points  $P, Q$ , denoted by  $\overline{PQ}$ . If units of measure are selected then the length of the segment is equal to the distance  $d(P, Q)$

**Segment** (5.1).  $\forall P, Q, M : d(P, M) = d(P, Q) + d(Q, M) \iff Q \in \overline{PQ}$

**Segment** (5.2).  $\forall P, M | d = d(P, M) : 0 \leq c \leq d \implies \exists Q \in \overline{PM} | d(P, Q) = c$

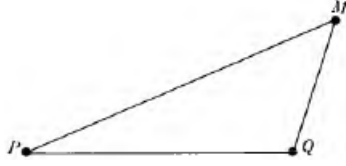
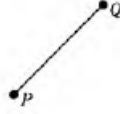


Figure 1: Triangle inequality



Segment between P and Q

Figure 2: Segment

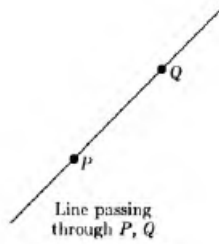


Figure 3: Line

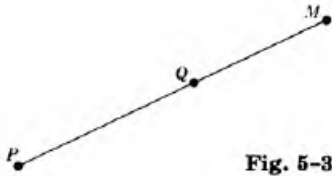


Figure 4: PQM Angle

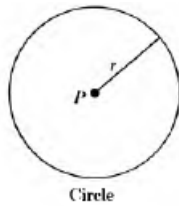


Figure 5: Circle



Figure 6: Disc

## 5.2 Angles

**Corollary 5.1.**  $\forall(P, Q, P \neq Q) \exists! L_{PQ}$

**Corollary 5.2.**  $\forall L_1, L_2, \neg(L_1 \parallel L_2) \exists! P \mid (P \in L_1) \wedge (P \in L_2)$

**Corollary 5.3.**  $\forall L_1, P \exists! L_2 \mid (P \in L_2) \wedge (L_1 \parallel L_2)$

**Corollary 5.4.**  $\forall L_1, L_2, L_3, (L_1 \parallel L_2) \wedge (L_2 \parallel L_3) \implies (L_1 \parallel L_3)$

**Corollary 5.5.**  $\forall L_1, P \exists! L_2 \mid (P \in L_2) \wedge (L_1 \perp L_2)$

**Corollary 5.6.**  $\forall L_1, L_2, L_3, (L_1 \perp L_2) \wedge (L_2 \parallel L_3) \implies (L_1 \perp L_3)$

**Corollary 5.7.**  $\forall L_1, L_2, L_3, (L_1 \perp L_2) \wedge (L_2 \perp L_3) \implies (L_1 \parallel L_3)$

**Definition 5.3.** Ray: a ray is a line between two points  $P, Q$  such that the ray is composed of all possible points extending past  $Q$  infinitely on one side. A ray is determined by its starting point and direction.

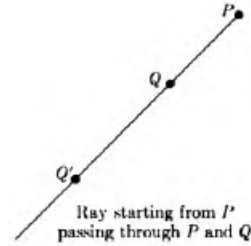


Figure 7: Ray

**Definition 5.4.** Vertex: the starting point of the ray.

**Definition 5.5.** Angle: The portion enclosed by two rays  $R_{PQ}$  and  $R_{PM}$ . The angle must be given additional information in order to determine which side of the resulting enclosure should be considered as the angle.



Figure 8: Angle

**Definition 5.6.** We shall determine the side of an angle by the portion enclosed by the clockwise enumeration of  $\angle QPM$ . In this case there are two rays  $R_{QP}$   $R_{PM}$  and this angle would be the amount enclosed on the inside of  $Q,P,M$  in that order. The opposite side would be  $\angle MPQ$ .

**Definition 5.7.** Zero Angle: the angle enclosed by the line  $P,Q,M$ . 0 degrees.

**Definition 5.8.** Full Angle: the angle enclosed by the line on the opposite side  $P,Q,M$ . 360 degrees.

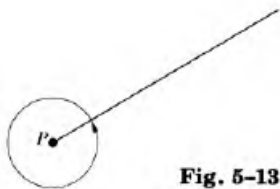


Figure 9: Full Angle

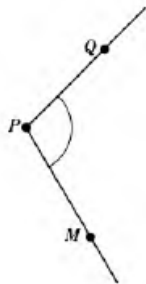


Figure 10: Inside Angle

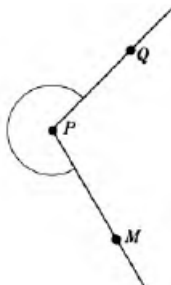


Figure 11: Outside Angle

**Definition 5.9.** Straight Angle: the angle enclosed by the line  $M,P,Q$ . 180 degrees.

**Definition 5.10.** Sector: The area inside a circle captured by an angle with the vertex in the center of the circle. (A slice of a circle).

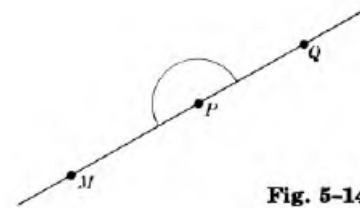


Figure 12: Straight Angle

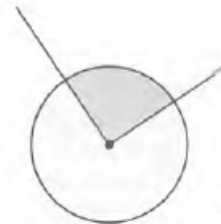


Figure 13: Sector

**Corallary 5.8.**  $Angle\ x = 360 \left( \frac{area\ of\ S}{area\ of\ D} \right)$  where  $S$  is the sector and  $D$  is the disk.

**Definition 5.11.** Right angle: 90 degrees.

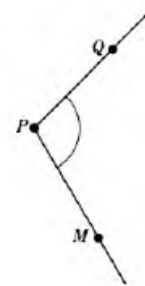


Figure 14: Right angle 90 degrees

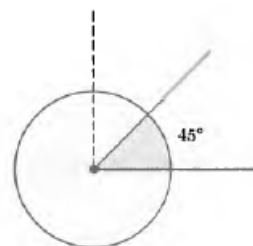


Figure 15: 45 degree angle

**Corallary 5.9.**  $Area\ of\ S = \frac{\angle S}{360} \pi r^2$  where  $r$  is the radius.

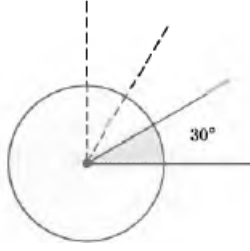


Figure 16: 3 degree angle

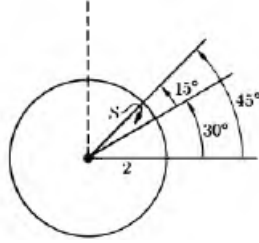


Figure 17: Degree example

### 5.3 The Pythagoras Theorem

**Definition 5.12.**

$$\forall P, Q, M, (\overline{PQ}, \overline{QM}, \overline{PM}) \implies \triangle PQM$$

Triangle:

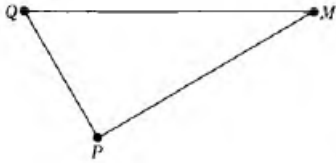


Figure 18: Triangle

**Definition 5.13.** Right-angle triangle: When one of the three sides of a triangle is  $90^\circ$

**Definition 5.14.** Legs of right triangle: The sides of the triangle that meet at the  $90^\circ$  angle

**Right Triangle (5.1).** If two right-triangles  $\triangle PQM$  and  $\triangle P'Q'M'$  have legs  $\overline{PQ}, \overline{PM}$  and  $\overline{P'Q'}, \overline{P'M'}$  of equal lengths

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length } \overline{PQ} &= \text{length } \overline{P'Q'} \\ \text{length } \overline{PM} &= \text{length } \overline{P'M'} \end{aligned}$$

then the angles of the triangles have equal measure, their areas are equal and the length of  $\overline{QM}$  is equal to  $\overline{Q'M'}$ .

**Right Triangle (5.2).**  $\forall L, L', (L \parallel L'), P, Q, (P \in L \wedge Q \in L) K_P, (K_P \perp L \wedge P \in K_P), P', (P' \in K_P \wedge P' \in L'), K_Q, (K_Q \perp L \wedge Q \in K_Q), Q', (Q' \in K_Q \wedge Q' \in L') \implies \text{length}(\overline{PP'}) = \text{length}(\overline{QQ'}) \implies d(P, P') = d(Q, Q')$

**Right Triangle (5.3).** Rectangle:  
 $\forall P, Q, M, N \mid F(\overline{PQ}, \overline{QN}, \overline{NM}, \overline{MP}), (\overline{PQ} \parallel \overline{NM} \wedge \overline{QN} \parallel \overline{MP}) \wedge (\overline{PQ} \perp \overline{QN} \wedge \overline{NM} \perp \overline{NP}) \implies \overline{PQ}, \overline{QN}, \overline{NM}, \overline{MP} \wedge R(P, Q, N, M)$ .

where:

- $F$  is the predicate such that it's arguments all form sides
- $R$  is the predicate such that all of it's arguments form a rectangle.

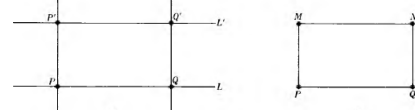


Figure 19: Rectangle

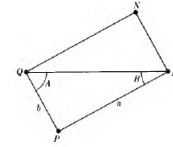


Figure 20: Triangle Rectangle

**Theorem 5.1.**  $\forall A, B \in \angle \text{Right Triangle, other than right angle then } m(A) + m(B) = 90^\circ$

**Theorem 5.2.** Area of right triangle  $\mid$  legs  $a, b \implies \frac{ab}{2}$

**Definition 5.15.** Hypotenuse: the third side of a right-angle triangle which is not one of the legs

**Theorem 5.3.** Let  $a, b$  be lengths of two legs of a right triangle and let  $c$  be the length of the hypotenuse then:  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

**Corollary 5.10.** Let  $P, Q$  be distinct points in the plane, Let  $M$  be a point in the plane, then  $d(P, M) = d(Q, M) \iff M \in \perp \text{ bisec } \overline{PQ}$

## 6 Isometries