# **Key Proofs**

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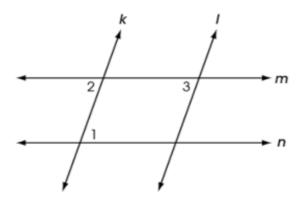
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#### ${\bf Paralle logram}$

Proof.

**Problem 1** Adapted from Ohio's 2017 Geometry released item 13. Two pairs of parallel lines intersect to form a parallelogram as shown.



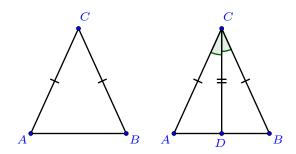
Complete the following proof that opposite angles of a parallelogram are congruent:

- (a)  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$  as (opposite angles / alternate interior angles / corresponding angles) for parallel lines (m and n/k and l).
- (b)  $\angle 3 \cong \angle 2$  as (opposite angles/ alternate interior angles/ corresponding angles) for parallel lines (m and n/k and l).
- (c) Then  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 3$  because they are both congruent to  $\angle 2$ .

#### The Isosceles Triangle Theorem

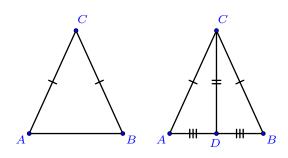
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**Problem 2** Prove that the base angles of an isosceles triangle are congruent.



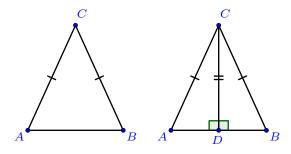
- (a) Beginning with the given figure on the left, Morgan draws  $\overline{CD}$  and marks the figure intending that this new segment is a(n) (median/angle bisector / perpendicular bisector/altitude).
- (b) Based on the marked figure, Morgan claims that the  $\triangle ACD \cong \triangle$ ? by ( SAS/SSS/SSA/ASA/HL).
- (c) Finally, Morgan concludes that  $\angle A \cong \angle$ ?, as they are corresponding parts of congruent triangles.

**Problem 3** Prove that the base angles of an isosceles triangle are congruent.



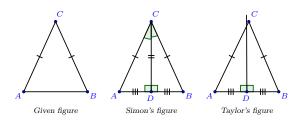
- (a) Beginning with the given figure on the left, Deja draws  $\overline{CD}$  and marks the figure intending that this new segment is a(n) (median/ angle bisector/ perpendicular bisector/ altitude).
- (b) Based on the marked figure, Deja claims that the  $\triangle ACD \cong \triangle$ ? by (SAS / SSS / SSA / ASA / HL).
- (c) Finally, Deja concludes that  $\angle A\cong \angle$ ?, as they are corresponding parts of congruent triangles.

**Problem 4** Prove that the base angles of an isosceles triangle are congruent.



- (a) Beginning with the given figure on the left, Elle draws  $\overline{CD}$  and marks the figure intending that this new segment is a(n) (median/ angle bisector/ perpendicular bisector/ altitude).
- (b) Based on the marked figure, Deja claims that the  $\triangle ACD \cong \triangle$ ? by (SAS / SSS/SSA/ASA/HL).
- (c) Finally, Deja concludes that  $\angle A \cong \angle$ ?, as they are corresponding parts of congruent triangles.

**Problem 5** Simon and Taylor are trying to prove that the base angles of an isosceles triangle are congruent.



Beginning with the given figure on the left, Simon draws  $\overline{CD}$  and marks the second figure intending that this new segment is a perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AB}$ .

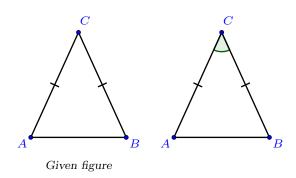
Taylor claims that a perpendicular bisector of a side of a triangle usually misses the opposite vertex. So without using properties of isosceles triangles, the figure must allow for that possibility.

Choose the best response to their argument:

#### Multiple Choice:

- (a) Simon is correct, and  $\triangle ACD \cong \triangle BCD$  by SAS.
- (b) Simon is correct, and  $\triangle ACD \cong \triangle BCD$  by SSS
- (c) Taylor is correct, and the perpendicular bisector cannot be used to complete this proof.
- (d) Neither of them are correct.

**Problem 6** Prove that the base angles of an isosceles triangle are congruent.

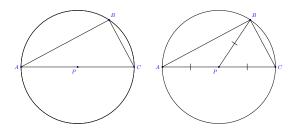


- (a) Examining the given figure on the left, Lissy notices symmetry in the triangle and claims that the triangle is congruent to itself by a (translation / reflection / rotation).
- (b) Based on the marked figure, Lissy claims that the  $\triangle ACB \cong \triangle$ ? by ( SAS/SSS/SSA/ASA/HL).
- (c) Finally, Lissy concludes that  $\angle A \cong \angle$ ?, as they are corresponding parts of congruent triangles.

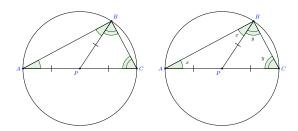
### **Inscribed Angles**

Proofs.

**Problem 7** In the figure below,  $\overline{AB}$  is a diameter of a circle with center P. Prove that  $\angle B$  is a right angle.



(a) Beginning with the diagram on the left, Natalia draws  $\overline{PB}$  and marks the diagram to show segments that she knows to be congruent because each one is a  $\boxed{?}$  of the circle.



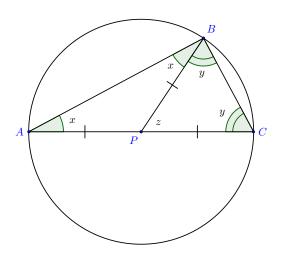
- (b) Natalia sees that  $\triangle APB$  and  $\triangle BPC$  are  $\boxed{?}$  triangles, so she marks the figure to show angles that must congruent. (Note: Do we need a statement or citation of the theorem?)
- (c) In order to do some algebra with these congruent angles, Natalia labels their measures x and y, as shown in the picture on the right.
- (d) She writes an equation for the sum of the angles of  $\triangle ABC$ :

$$? = 180^{\circ}$$

(Note: Need a question about dividing the equation by 2.)

(e) Since  $m\angle B=$  ?, she concludes that  $m\angle B=90^\circ$ . (Note: Should call it  $\angle ABC$  because of the new segment, or maybe note this earlier.)

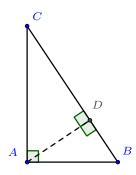
**Problem 8** New problem about relationship between inscribed angle and central angle.



## Similar Right Triangles

Proofs.

**Problem 9** Adapted from Ohio's 2017 Geometry released item 17.



Complete the following proof that  $\triangle DAC$  is similar to  $\triangle DBA$ :

- (a)  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle$ ? by AA because they share  $\angle B$  and they each have a right angle.
- (b)  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle$ ? by AA because they share  $\angle C$  and they each have a right angle.
- (c)  $\triangle DAC \sim \triangle$ ? because they are both similar to  $\triangle ABC$ .