

6a. Show that if $\omega = \infty$, $\overrightarrow{AB} \cup \overrightarrow{BA} = \overleftrightarrow{AB}$

Proof. Assume A, B are distinct collinear, and $\omega = \infty$. Since $\omega = \infty$, $AB < \omega$. Thus, \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{BA} are well defined. Further, A, B are together in a unique line. Namely, the line \overleftrightarrow{AB} .

Let X exist on the line \overleftrightarrow{AB} . If $X = A$, then $X \in \overrightarrow{AB}$ and $X \in \overrightarrow{BA}$ by definition of \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{BA} . Similarly, if $X = B$, then $X \in \overrightarrow{AB}$ and $X \in \overrightarrow{BA}$. For the following argument, we can therefore assume that $X \neq A$ or B .

Since $\omega = \infty$, it is guaranteed that $AB + BX \leq \omega = \infty$. Thus, by Ax.BP, there exists a betweenness relation among A, B, X , and exactly one of the following must be satisfied

$$A-X-B \tag{1}$$

$$A-B-X \tag{2}$$

$$B-A-X \tag{3}$$

We examine these cases separately. If $A-X-B$, then $X \in \overrightarrow{AB}$ and $X \in \overrightarrow{BA}$. If $A-B-X$, then $X \in \overrightarrow{AB}$. Lastly, if $B-A-X$, then $X \in \overrightarrow{BA}$.

In any case, $X \in \overleftrightarrow{AB}$ implies X is either in \overrightarrow{AB} or \overrightarrow{BA} or both.

Therefore, $\overleftrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{AB} \cup \overrightarrow{BA}$ ■

12. Suppose that A, B, C are three distinct, collinear points such that $AC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB$ and $BC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB$. Prove that $A-C-B$ and $AC = BC = \frac{1}{2}AB$

Proof. Assume A, B, C are three distinct, collinear points such that $AC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB$, and $BC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB$

By the definition of ω , $AC, BC, AB \leq \omega$. Since $AC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB$, and $BC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB$, we have

$$AC + BC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB + \frac{1}{2}AB \leq AB \leq \omega$$

Observe that since $AC + BC \leq AB$, both AC and $BC = CB$ must be less than AB . That is, $AC, BC < AB$ since by Ax.D2, $AC, BC, AB \neq 0$.

Since $AC + BC \leq \omega$, by Ax.BP, there is a betweenness relation among A, B, C . One of the following must hold

$$A-B-C$$

$$B-A-C$$

$$A-C-B$$

Assume the relation is $A-B-C$. Then, we have $AB + BC = AC$ which implies $AB, BC < AC$. But this contradicts the fact that $AC < AB$. Thus, the relation is not $A-B-C$.

Assume the relation is $B-A-C$. Then, $BA + AC = BC$, or equivalently $AB + AC = BC$. This contradicts the fact that $BC < AB$. Thus, this must also not be the relation.

Therefore, the relation we have is $A-C-B$.

Next, we aim to show that $AC = BC = \frac{1}{2}AB$. Since $A-C-B$ was established, we have $AC + BC = AB$, solving for BC , we get

$$BC = AB - AC$$

Since AC is bounded above by $\frac{1}{2}AB$. That is, $AC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB$, it must be that $AB - AC \geq AB - \frac{1}{2}AB$. Thus,

$$BC = AB - AC \geq AB - \frac{1}{2}AB$$

$$\therefore BC \geq \frac{1}{2}AB$$

But, since we know that $BC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB$, the only way both $BC \leq \frac{1}{2}AB$ and $BC \geq \frac{1}{2}AB$ can be satisfied is if $BC = \frac{1}{2}AB$. Now, since $BC = \frac{1}{2}AB$, we have

$$AC + BC = AB \implies AC + \frac{1}{2}AB = AB$$

$$\therefore AC = AB - \frac{1}{2}AB = \frac{1}{2}AB$$

Thus, we conclude that $AC = BC = \frac{1}{2}AB$ ■