

**Math 461 Midterm**, Wednesday 10/24/18,  
7:00PM-9:00PM.

*Instructions:*

- Exam time is 2 hours.
- There are 6 questions for a total of 100 points.
- You are allowed two sheets of notes (letter size, both sides).
- Calculators, phones, other electronic devices, additional notes, and textbooks are *not* allowed.
- Justify all your answers carefully.

**Q1** (10 points). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a circle and  $P$  be a point outside  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $L$  and  $M$  be the two tangent lines to the circle  $\mathcal{C}$  that pass through the point  $P$ . Let  $A$  be the intersection point of  $L$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  and let  $B$  be the intersection point of  $M$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ . Prove that  $|PA| = |PB|$ .

**Q2** (10 points). Let  $\triangle ABC$  be a triangle such that  $\angle ACB = \pi/2$ . Let  $L$  be the line through the point  $C$  perpendicular to the line  $AB$ . Let  $D$  be the intersection point of  $L$  and the line  $AB$ . Prove that  $|AB| \cdot |BD| = |BC|^2$ .

**Q3** (20 points). Describe a ruler and compass construction in each of the following cases.

- (a) (10 points) Suppose given a line segment  $AB$ . Construct a triangle  $\triangle ABC$

with vertices  $A, B$  and a third point  $C$  such that  $\angle ABC = \pi/3$ ,  $\angle BAC = \pi/6$ , and  $\angle ACB = \pi/2$ .

- (b) (10 points) Suppose given a triangle  $\triangle ABC$ . Construct a triangle  $\triangle ABD$  such that  $\angle ADB = \angle ACB$  and  $\angle ABD = \angle BAD$ .

[You may use ruler and compass constructions from class or the textbook as components of your constructions.]

**Q4** (20 points).

- (a) (10 points) Let  $A, B, C$  be three points and let  $L$  be the bisector of the angle  $\angle BAC$  (that is, the line through  $A$  that divides the angle  $\angle BAC$  into two equal parts). Let  $P$  be a point on  $L$ . Let  $M$  be the line through  $P$

perpendicular to the line  $AB$ , and let  $Q$  be the intersection point of  $M$  with the line  $AB$ . Similarly, let  $N$  be the line through  $P$  perpendicular to the line  $AC$ , and let  $R$  be the intersection point of  $N$  with the line  $AC$ . Prove that  $|PQ| = |PR|$ .

- (b) (5 points) Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral and suppose that the bisectors of the angles  $\angle ABC$ ,  $\angle BCD$ ,  $\angle CDA$ , and  $\angle DAB$  of the quadrilateral all meet at a point  $P$ . Using part (a) or otherwise, prove that there is a circle  $\mathcal{C}$  such that the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$  of the quadrilateral are all tangent to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

[Recall that a polygon is *convex* if all the interior angles are less than

$\pi.$ ]

- (c) (5 points) Do the angle bisectors of a convex quadrilateral always meet at a point? Give a proof or a counterexample.

**Q5** (25 points). Give a precise geometric description of each of the following isometries  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  as a translation, rotation, reflection, or glide reflection. (For a translation, give the translation vector. For a rotation, give the center, angle, and sense (counterclockwise or clockwise) of rotation. For a reflection, give the line of reflection. For a glide reflection, give the line of reflection and the translation vector.)

- (a) (10 points)  $T(x, y) = (-y+3, x-3)$ .

- (b) (5 points)  $T(x, y) = \frac{1}{5}(-3x - 4y + 4, -4x + 3y + 2)$ .
- (c) (10 points)  $T(x, y) = (y + 5, x + 1)$ .
- Q6** (15 points). Give a precise geometric description of each of the following compositions of isometries as a translation, rotation, reflection, or glide reflection.
- (a) (5 points) Reflection in the line  $L_1$  with equation  $y = 3$  followed by reflection in the line  $L_2$  with equation  $y = x + 1$ .
- (b) (10 points) Rotation about the point  $(1, 4)$  through angle  $\pi$  counterclockwise followed by rotation about the point  $(3, 4)$  through angle  $\pi/2$  counterclockwise.