

Definition: (Hilbert + Dedekind)

An abstract plane geometry is:

I. **D1** a set of points $\mathcal{P} = \{A, B, C, \dots\}$

(incidence) **D2** a set of lines $\mathcal{L} = \{l, m, n, \dots\}$

*(all named points and lines are distinct, except in C2, C3, C5, C6)

with: **S1** a relation $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{L}$, called incidence

obeying **I1** $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{P}, \exists! l \in \mathcal{L} \text{ s.t. } (A, l), (B, l) \in \mathcal{I}$.

(any two points lie on exactly one line; and so we equate $l = \overleftrightarrow{AB} = \{C \in \mathcal{P} \mid (C, l) \in \mathcal{I}\}$)

I2 $\forall l \in \mathcal{L}, \exists A, B \in \mathcal{P} \text{ s.t. } (A, l), (B, l) \in \mathcal{I}$.

I3 $\exists l, m \in \mathcal{L} \text{ s.t. } l \neq m$. (gives "2D" plane.)

II. with: **S2** a relation $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P}$, called betweenness.

(order) $\rightarrow (A, B, C) \in \mathcal{B}$ is stated: B is between A and C.

obeying **O1** $\forall A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}, (A, B, C) \in \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (C, B, A) \in \mathcal{B}$, and all

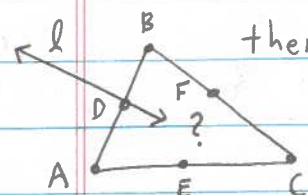
three points are on the same line $l = \overleftrightarrow{AC}$.

O2 $\forall A, C \in \mathcal{P}, \exists B \in \mathcal{P} \text{ s.t. } (A, B, C) \in \mathcal{B}$. (gives ∞ points)

O3 $\forall A, B, C$ on line l , exactly one point is between the others.

O4 $\forall A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}, l \in \mathcal{L}$, if A, B, C are not all on one line, and l does not contain any of them,

then: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } l \text{ contains } D \text{ with } (A, D, B) \in \mathcal{B} \\ \text{then } l \text{ must contain } E \text{ with } (A, E, C) \in \mathcal{B} \\ \text{or contain } F \text{ with } (B, F, C) \in \mathcal{B}. \end{array} \right.$



[definition break]

\rightarrow segment $\overline{AB} = \{A, B\} \cup \{C \mid (A, C, B) \in \mathcal{B}\}$

\rightarrow ray $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overline{AB} \cup \{D \mid (A, B, D) \in \mathcal{B}\}$

\rightarrow angle $\angle BAC = \overrightarrow{AB} \cup \overrightarrow{AC}$

\rightarrow triangle $\triangle ABC = \overline{AB} \cup \overline{BC} \cup \overline{AC}$

(often we include the interior)

$\rightarrow S \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ is convex means $A, B \in S \Rightarrow \overline{AB} \subseteq S$.



III.
(congruence)

with: **S3** an equivalence relation on segments denoted $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$

S4 an equivalence relation on angles denoted $\angle ABC \cong \angle DEF$

S5 an equivalence relation on triangles denoted $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$

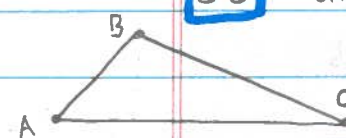
where order matters: 2 triangles are congruent

when there exists matching between the two ordered lists of

set of 3 points, and $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ in that order means

$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}, \overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}, \overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$ and

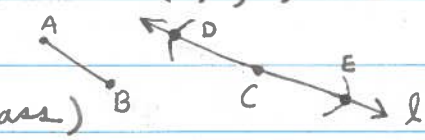
$\angle BAC \cong \angle EDF, \angle ABC \cong \angle DEF, \angle BCA \cong \angle EFD$.



obeying **C1** $\forall \overline{AB}$ and $(C, l) \in \mathcal{I}, \exists! D, E$ on l s.t. $(D, C, E) \in \mathcal{B}$

and $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD} \cong \overline{CE}$.

(copy segment with compass)



C2 Segment congruence is transitive:

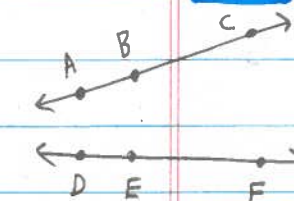
$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$ and $\overline{CD} \cong \overline{EF} \Rightarrow \overline{AB} \cong \overline{EF}$.

C3 Segment congruence is additive:

$\forall A, B, C, D, E, F \in \mathcal{P}$, If $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}$ and $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}$

and $(A, B, C) \in \mathcal{B}$ on line l and $(D, E, F) \in \mathcal{B}$ on

line m , then $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$.

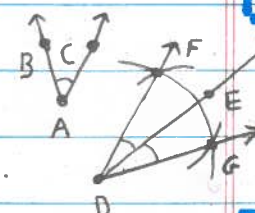


C4 $\forall \angle BAC$ and \overline{DE} , $\exists! \overline{DF}$ and \overline{DG}

s.t. \overleftrightarrow{FG} contains one point of \overleftrightarrow{DE} between F and G,

(we say F and G are on opposite sides of \overleftrightarrow{DE})

and s.t. $\angle EDF \cong \angle EDG \cong \angle BAC$. (copy angle with compass)



C5 Angle congruence is transitive.

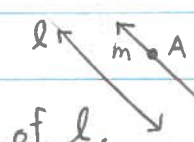
C6 $\forall A, B, C, D, E, F \in \mathcal{P}$, If $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}, \angle ABC \cong \angle DEF$, and $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}$

then $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$. (SAS axiom).

IV.
(parallels)

P1 \forall line l and point A not on l , $\exists! m \in \mathcal{L}$

s.t. m contains A and m contains no points of l .



V.
(Dedekind continuity)

DC1 \forall line l partitioned into $l = S_1 \cup S_2$ convex sets,

$\exists! A$ on l s.t. $S_i = \overrightarrow{AB}$ and $S_j = \overrightarrow{AC} - \{A\}$ with

$(B, A, C) \in \mathcal{B}$, where $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$.

