

Definition: (Hilbert + Dedekind)

An abstract plane geometry is:

- I. (incidence)
- D1** a set of points  $\mathcal{P} = \{A, B, C, \dots\}$
  - D2** a set of lines  $\mathcal{L} = \{l, m, n, \dots\}$
- \*(all named points and lines are distinct, except in III.)

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

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

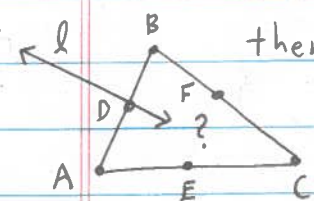
obeying **O1**  $\forall A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}, (A, B, C) \in \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (C, B, A) \in \mathcal{B}$ , and all three points are on the same line  $l = \overleftrightarrow{AC}$ .

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

- if  $l$  contains D with  $(A, D, B) \in \mathcal{B}$
- then  $l$  must contain E with  $(A, E, C) \in \mathcal{B}$
- or contain F with  $(B, F, C) \in \mathcal{B}$ .



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

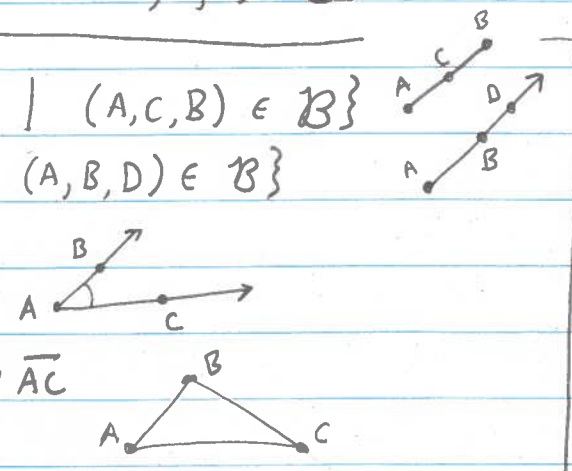
$\rightarrow$  ray  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overline{AB} \cup \{D \mid (A, B, D) \in \mathcal{B}\}$

$\rightarrow$  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  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$

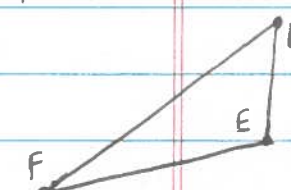
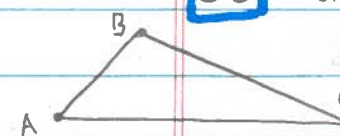
where order matters: 2 triangles are congruent

when there exists matching between the two ordered lists of

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

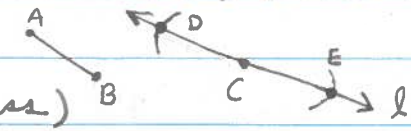
$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}, \overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}, \overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$  and

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



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:

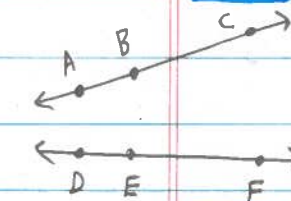
$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$  and  $\overline{CD} \cong \overline{EF} \Rightarrow \overline{AB} \cong \overline{EF}$ .

**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  $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$ .

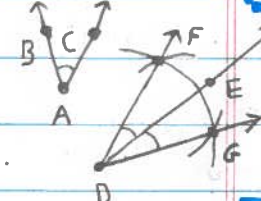


**C4**  $\forall \angle BAC$  and  $\overline{DE}$ ,  $\exists! \overline{DF}$  and  $\overline{DG}$

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

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

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



**C5** Angle congruence is transitive.

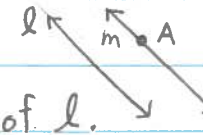
**C6**  $\forall A, B, C, D, E, F \in \mathcal{P}$ , If  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}, \angle ABC \cong \angle DEF$ , and  $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{EF}$

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.  $S_1 = \overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $S_2 = \overrightarrow{AC} - \{A\}$  with

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

