

Proofs to study

Theorem 1 (Sides of Congruent Angles): If two congruent angles share a side (ray) and the other sides (rays) lie on the same side of the shared side, then their other sides are also shared. **I.e.** If

$\angle ABC \cong \angle ABD$ and C and D lie on the same side of \overline{AB} then $\overline{BC} = \overline{BD}$.

Proof	Comments
Let $\angle ABC \cong \angle ABD$ such that (1)	State givens (name all objects)
C and D lie on the same side of \overline{AB} (2)	
Suppose $\overline{BC} \neq \overline{BD}$ (3)	Suppose opposite of conclusion (proof by contradiction set up)
Because C and D lie on the same side of \overline{AB} and $\overline{BC} \neq \overline{BD}$, either C lies in the interior of $\angle ABD$ or D lies in the interior of $\angle ABC$ (uses 2,3)	State the possible cases
Without loss in generality, we may assume C lies in the interior of $\angle ABD$ (uses previous line) (4)	You can only do this if the two cases are essentially identical.
Then, by the angle measurement axiom, $m\angle ABC + m\angle CBD = m\angle ABD$ (uses 4) (5)	Key axiom and equation!
But $m\angle ABC = m\angle ABD$ because $\angle ABC \cong \angle ABD$ (uses 1) (6)	
By substitution $m\angle ABC + m\angle CBD = m\angle ABC$ (uses 4 and 5)	
So $m\angle CBD = 0$ (by algebra and previous line) (7)	Givens and algebra get you here
Thus, by the angle measurement axiom $\overline{BC} = \overline{BD}$ (uses 7) (8)	Key axiom!
Which contradicts line 3 (8 and 3)	Notice the contradiction
Therefore, $\overline{BC} = \overline{BD}$ QED	Here's the conclusion (opposite of "suppose" on line 3)

Theorem 2 (Endpoints of Congruent Segments): On a ray, there is at most one point at a given distance from the endpoint of the ray. I.e. If $C \in \overline{AB}$ and $\overline{CA} \cong \overline{BA}$ then $C = B$.

Proof:

Let \overline{AB} be a ray (1)

Let $C \in \overline{AB}$ (2) such that $\overline{CA} \cong \overline{BA}$ (3)

Suppose $C \neq B$ (4)

Thus A , B and C must be distinct points, and by the between-ness axiom, either C lies between A and B or B lies between A and C . (Uses 2 and 4)

Without loss in generality, we may assume that B lies between A and C . (5)

So, by the distance axiom, $d(A, B) + d(B, C) = d(A, C)$ (6)

But $d(A, C) = d(A, B)$ (by 3) (7)

So by algebra $d(A, B) + d(B, C) = d(A, B)$ and $d(B, C) = 0$ (uses 6 and 7) (8)

Thus, by the distance axiom $B = C$ (9)

Which contradicts the assumption that $C \neq B$, so we can conclude that $B = C$

QED

Theorem 3 (Line intersection): Any two distinct lines intersect in at most one point.

Let l and m be distinct lines.

Suppose l and m intersect in more than one point.

That means there are at least 2 points in the intersection, so let A and B be two points in the intersection of l and m

Now, the line axioms says that there is one and only one line that contains the two points A and B , and hence $l = m$.

This contradicts the given the l and m are distinct lines.

Therefore, l and m can intersect in at most one point.

QED

Theorem 4: If f is an isometry and A, B, C are collinear (on the same line), then $f(A), f(B), f(C)$ are collinear

proof:

Let f be an isometry, and let $A, B,$ and C be collinear points.

By the between-ness axiom, one of $A, B,$ or C must lie between the other two.

Without loss in generality, we may assume that B lies between A and C .

Since B lies between A and C on line \overleftrightarrow{AC} , by the distance axiom we know that

$$d(A, B) + d(B, C) = d(A, C) \quad (1)$$

Because f is an isometry, we know that:

$$d(A, B) = d(f(A), f(B))$$

$$d(B, C) = d(f(B), f(C))$$

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Substituting into line 1, we get $d(f(A), f(B)) + d(f(B), f(C)) = d(f(A), f(C))$

By the distance axiom, since this equation holds, we know that $f(B)$ lies between $f(A)$ and $f(C)$, and all three points are collinear

QED

Theorem 5: If f is an isometry, and X is on the circle with center P and radius r , then $f(X)$ is on the circle with center $f(P)$ and radius r .

proof:

Let f be an isometry, and let X be a point on the circle with center P and radius r .

Since X is on the circle with center P and radius r , by definition of circle, we know that $d(P, X) = r$ (1)

Since f is an isometry we know that $d(P, X) = d(f(P), f(X))$ (2)

By substitution with lines 1 and 2, we know that $d(f(P), f(X)) = r$

and hence, by definition of circle, $f(X)$ lies on the circle with center $f(P)$ and radius r .