

Medians, SSS, etc

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NOTE: MATERIAL TODAY AND FOLLOWING IS IN QK.6 OF PUBLISHED TEXT, NOT ON A HANDOUT.

LAST TIME: A TRIANGLE IS ISOSCELES IF IT HAS TWO (OR MORE) CONGRUENT SIDES

IN $\triangle ABC$ IF $|AB| = |AC|$ THEN

A IS THE "TOP VERTEX"

$\overline{BC}$ IS THE BASE

$\angle B$ & $\angle C$ ARE THE BASE ANGLES



DEF: IN ANY TRIANGLE $\triangle ABC$

- THE SEGMENT $\overline{AN}$ TO $\overline{BC}$ THRU A IS THE ALTITUDE (FROM A TO $\overline{BC}$)
- THE MEDIAN FROM A IS THE SEGMENT JOINING A TO THE MIDPOINT OF THE OPPOSITE SIDE
- PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR OF $\overline{BC}$



• BISECTOR OF $\angle A$.

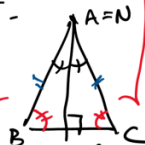
THM (Q26)

(a) IN ANY ISOSCELES $\triangle$, THE BASE ANGLES ARE $\cong$

(b) IN ANY ISOSCELES $\triangle$,

- THE PERP BISECTOR OF BASE ($\overline{MN}$)
- THE ANGLE BISECTOR OF THE TOP ($\overline{AG}$)
- THE MEDIAN OF THE BASE ($\overline{AM}$)
- THE ALTITUDE FROM THE BASE ($\overline{AD}$)

ARE ALL ON THE SAME LINE.



PF/(a) SUPPOSE $|AB| = |AC|$. (ie ISOSC)

LET $\overline{AG}$ BISECT $\angle A$, WITH G ON $\overline{BC}$ (THIS IS OK CUZ CROSSBAR)

USE SAS:

$|AB| = |AC|$ BY HYPOTHESIS

$\angle BAG = \angle CAG$ BY DEF.

$|AG| = |AG|$

SO BY SAS, $\triangle BAG \cong \triangle CAG$.

SO $\angle B = \angle C$

OR REFLECT THRU $\overline{AG}$

$\angle(\overline{AB}) = \angle(\overline{AC})$. SINCE ANGLES MATCH

$\angle(B) = \angle(C)$, SHOW $B' = C$ SINCE LENGTHS MATCH

(b) ALL THE OTHER STUFF IS THE SAME TOO.

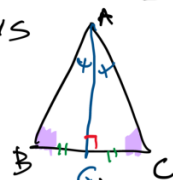
IN PART (A) SHOWED

$\triangle BAG \cong \triangle CAG$

$\Rightarrow \overline{BG} \cong \overline{CG}$, SO G = MID(BC)

$\angle BGA \cong \angle CGA \Rightarrow \overline{AG}$ IS $\perp$ BISECTOR OF $\overline{BC}$

TOGETHER = $180^\circ \Rightarrow$ SO $\angle G = 90^\circ$

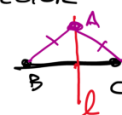


$\Rightarrow \overline{AG}$ IS THE ALTITUDE AND THE MEDIAN.



THM (Q27) THE PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR OF A SEGMENT $\overline{BC}$ IS

THE SET OF ALL POINTS THAT ARE EQUIDISTANT FROM B AND C



CAN THINK OF THE BISECTOR AS ALL POSSIBLE TOP VERTEXES OF AN ISOSC. TRIANGLE, WITH BASE $\overline{BC}$

PF/ LET l BE THE $\perp$ BISECTOR OF $\overline{BC}$ LET $\mathcal{E}$ BE THE SET OF ALL POINTS

$\mathcal{E} = \{X \mid |BX| = |CX|\}$. SHOW THAT $l = \mathcal{E}$.

FIRST: $l \subset \mathcal{E}$. LET $A \in l$, $M = \text{MID.}$

KNOW $\angle BMA = \angle CMA = 90^\circ$

$|BM| = |CM|$, $|AM| = |AM|$

$\Rightarrow \triangle ABM \cong \triangle ACM$, SO $|AB| = |AC|$.

ALSO: $\mathcal{E} \subset l$.

TAKE $K \in \mathcal{E}$. SO $|BK| = |CK|$.

IF K IS ON $\overline{BC}$, THEN $K = M$, SO DONE.

IF $K \notin M$, THINK ABOUT $\triangle BKC$.

IT IS ISOSCELES, WITH BASE $\overline{BC}$

SO MEDIAN $\overline{KM} = \perp$ BISECTOR OF $\overline{BC}$

SINCE $\mathcal{E} \subset l$ AND $l \subset \mathcal{E}$, $\mathcal{E} = l$.

THM: (SSS) IN $\triangle ABC$ AND $\triangle A'B'C'$

IF THESE HAVE 3 PAIRS OF CONG. SIDES THEN $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle A'B'C'$

CASE 1: SUPPOSE $A = A'$

$B = B'$

C & C' IN OPP. HALF PLANES REL $\overline{AB}$

NOTE $|AC| = |A'C'|$ } SO $\overline{AB}$ IS $\perp$ BISECTOR OF $\overline{CC'}$

SO $\overline{AB}$ IS THE BISECTOR OF ISOSC.

$\triangle CC'B$ AND $\triangle CC'A$.

SO $\angle CAB = \angle C'AB$, $\angle CBA = \angle C'BA$

SO $\triangle$ 'S CONGRUENT BY ASA.



REST IS EASY.

• IF O, C' ARE IN SAME HALF PLANE
AND $A=A', B=B'$, JUST REFLECT
TO GET INTO CASE ★

• IF $A \neq A'$ AND $B \neq B'$

USE A TRANSLATION OR ROTATION
TO MAKE IT SO
AND BE IN ★ CASE

COR: A QUADRILATERAL IS A PARALLELOGRAM

⇒ BOTH PAIRS OF OPPOSITE SIDES
ARE CONGRUENT

PF/ PUT IN DIAGONAL,
USE SSS.



COR: A RHOMBUS IS A PARALLELOGRAM.

RHOMBUS = 4 EQUAL LENGTH SIDES.

— (G29)

THM IF TWO ANGLES IN A TRIANGLE
ARE CONGRUENT, THEN THE TRIANGLE
IS ISOSCELES.

CONVERSE OF G26(a).

PF/ LET $M = \text{MIDPOINT}(BC)$
 $\ell = \perp \text{BISECTOR}(BC)$

LET ℓ INTERSECT AB AT A'

IF $A=A'$ DONE, SINCE POINTS ON ℓ
ARE EQUIDISTANT FROM B & C (SO $|AB|=|AC|$)

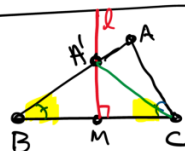
IF $A \neq A'$, WLOG ASSUME A AND C IN SAME
HALFPLANE REL ℓ .

SINCE $A' \in \ell$, $|A'B|=|A'C|$, SO $\triangle A'BC$ IS ISOSC.

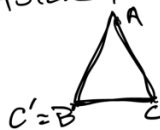
SINCE ISOSC., $\angle B = \angle BCA'$
 $= \angle BCA$ BY HYPOTHESIS.

SO $\overrightarrow{CA'} = \overrightarrow{CA}$

ALSO A, A' BOTH ON $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$, SO $A=A'$



WAY EASIER PROOF: (PAPPUS ~200 AD?)
SHOW $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ACB$



$C'=B$ $C=B'$ $|BC|=|CB|$
 $\angle C' = \angle B = \angle C = \angle B'$
USE ANGLE-SIDE-ANGLE
TO SEE $\triangle ABC$ IS
CONG. TO ITS MIRROR.

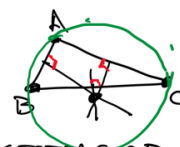
USELESS

DEF: A TRIANGLE WITH THREE EQUAL
ANGLES IS CALLED EQUIANGULAR.

USEFUL: A TRIANGLE WITH 3 EQUAL SIDES
IS EQUILATERAL.

THM: ALL EQUIANGULAR TRIANGLES
ARE EQUILATERAL AND VICE VERSA

(HW)



THM.

(i) THE THREE PERPENDICULAR BISECTORS OF
A TRIANGLE ALL MEET AT A POINT
EQUIDISTANT FROM THE THREE VERTICES.
THIS POINT IS THE CIRCUMCENTER

(ii) THERE IS EXACTLY ONE CIRCLE
CONTAINING ALL THREE VERTICES OF A
TRIANGLE. (CIRCUMSCRIBED CIRCLE
THE CIRCUMCIRCLE (CIRCUMCENTER
IS ITS CENTER)

PF/ (i) LET $M = \text{MIDPOINT OF } \overline{BC}$.
 $N = \text{MIDPOINT OF } \overline{AC}$

$\ell_M = \perp \text{BISECTOR AT } M$

$\ell_N = \perp \text{BISECTOR AT } N$

$\ell_M \cap \ell_N \neq \emptyset$.

(NOTE MUST MEET COZ IF $\parallel$, THEN
 $\overleftrightarrow{AC} \parallel \overleftrightarrow{BC}$)

NOW $|OB|=|OC|$ BECAUSE $\overrightarrow{OM} = \text{EQUIDIST. FROM } B \text{ \& } C$

$|OA|=|OC|$ --- $\overrightarrow{ON} = \text{PERP. } \perp$

SO $|OA|=|OB|=|OC|$



(ii) IS EASY, NEXT TIME.

