

Some theorems we already have:

THEOREM 3.4.7 (EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF ANGLE BISECTORS) If  $A, B,$  and  $C$  are three noncollinear points, then there exists a unique angle bisector for  $\angle BAC$ .

THEOREM 3.5.9 If  $l$  is a line and  $P$  is a point on  $l$ , then there exists exactly one line  $m$  such that  $P$  lies on  $m$  and  $m \perp l$ .

THEOREM 3.5.11 (EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF PERPENDICULAR BISECTORS) If  $D$  and  $E$  are two distinct points, then there exists a unique perpendicular bisector for  $\overline{DE}$ .

Some new theorems:

THEOREM 4.1.3 (EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF PERPENDICULARS) For every line  $l$  and for every point  $P$ , there exists a unique line  $m$  such that  $P$  lies on  $m$  and  $m \perp l$ .

Sketch picture(s) and explain the difference or similarity between Theorems 3.5.9 and 4.1.3.

TERMINOLOGY : By 4.1.3 we can say, “drop a perpendicular from  $P$  to  $l$ .” Also the point  $F$  that where the perpendicular intersects  $l$  is called the foot (of the perpendicular).

[Case 2 picture below.]

PROOF Let  $l$  be a line and  $P$  be a point.

Case 1:  $P$  is on  $l$ . Then the conclusion is true by Theorem 3.5.9 .

Case 2:  $P$  is not on  $l$ . [Sketch a picture.] [Existence: Show  $m$  exists s.t.  $P \in m$  and  $m \perp l$  .]

Let  $Q$  and  $Q'$  be two distinct points on  $l$  and define the angle  $\angle Q'QP$ .

By Angle Construction, there exists a point  $R$  on the opposite side of  $l$  from  $P$  such that  $\angle Q'QP$   $\cong \angle Q'QR$ .

By Point Construction, let  $P'$  be a point on  $\overrightarrow{QR}$  such that  $\overline{QP} \cong \overline{QP'}$ .

Let  $m = \overleftrightarrow{PP'}$ . [By construction,  $P \in m$ , but we still need to show  $m \perp l$  .]

By Plane Separation,  $l \cap \overline{PP'} \neq \emptyset$  . Let  $F$  be this point of intersection. Continued  $\rightarrow$

Subcase (a):  $F = Q$ . [Resketch (include  $R$ )]

Then  $\angle Q'FP = \angle Q'QP$  and  $\angle Q'FP' = \angle Q'QP'$  form a linear pair.

Thus  $\mu(\angle Q'QP) + \mu(\angle Q'QP') = 180$ .

But since  $\angle Q'QP \cong \angle Q'QR$  and  $\angle Q'QR = \angle Q'QP'$ , then  $\angle Q'QP \cong$   $\angle Q'QP'$ .

Two congruent angles that sum to 180 must each equal 90. Therefore  $m \perp l$ .

Subcase (b):  $F \neq Q$  and  $F$  lies on the ray  $\overrightarrow{QQ'}$ . [Resketch.]

Then  $\angle PQF$  =  $\angle PQQ'$  and  $\angle P'QF =$   $\angle P'QQ'$ .

Thus  $\angle PQF \cong \angle P'QF$  since  $\angle PQQ' \cong$   $\angle RQQ'$  =  $\angle P'QQ'$ .

Therefore,  $\triangle FQP \cong$   $\triangle FQP'$  by SAS.

Thus  $\angle QFP \cong$   $\angle QFP'$  by triangle congruency.

But  $\angle QFP$  and  $\angle QFP'$  also form a linear pair.

Congruent angles that form a linear pair, must be right angles (by the same argument as in subcase (a)).

Therefore  $m \perp l$ .

Subcase (c):  $F \neq Q$  and  $F$  lies on the ray opposite  $\overrightarrow{QQ'}$ . [Resketch.]

Then  $\angle PQF$  and  $\angle PQQ'$  form a linear pair and are thus supplements.

Similarly  $\angle P'QF$  and  $\angle P'QQ'$  form a linear pair and are supplements.

Therefore, since  $\angle Q'QP \cong \angle Q'QP'$ , then  $\angle PQF \cong \angle P'QF$ .

Thus,  $\triangle FQP \cong \triangle FQP'$  by SAS.

The rest of the proof is the same as subcase (b).

Uniqueness: [Homework.]

THEOREM 4.3.4 Let  $l$  be a line, let  $P$  be an external point, and let  $F$  be the foot of the perpendicular from  $P$  to  $l$ . If  $R$  is any point on  $l$  that is different from  $F$ , then  $PR$  >  $PF$ .

Sketch a picture.

Restate (informal): The shortest distance from a point to a line is measured along the perpendicular.

PROOF Homework [Exercise 4.3.7]

[Go on and come back to it, if time.]

DEF If  $l$  is a line and  $P$  is a point, the distance from  $P$  to  $l$ , denoted  $d(P, l)$  is defined to be the distance from  $P$  to the foot of the perpendicular from  $P$  to  $l$ .

THEOREM 4.3.6 (POINTWISE CHARACTERIZATION OF ANGLE BISECTOR) Let  $A, B,$  and  $C$  be three noncollinear points and let  $P$  be a point in the interior of  $\angle BAC$ . Then  $P$  lies on the angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$  iff  $d(P, \overleftrightarrow{AB}) = d(P, \overleftrightarrow{AC})$ .

Sketch a picture (one with  $P$  on the angle bisector and one with  $P$  not on it).

PROOF Homework [Exercise 4.3.8]

[Go on and come back to it, if time.]

THEOREM 4.3.7 (POINTWISE CHARACTERIZATION OF PERPENDICULAR BISECTOR) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be distinct points. A point  $P$  lies on the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AB}$  iff  $PA = PB$ .

Sketch a picture (one with  $P$  on the perpendicular bisector and one with  $P$  not on it).

PROOF Not assigned.

Summary of Homework: Finish Uniqueness part of the proof on p.2; Section 4.3, p. 81: #(2, 3, 6, 5), 7, 8