

State and prove the following corollary to the Converse to the Alternate Interior Angles Theorem:

THEOREM (Converse to the Corresponding Angles Theorem)

THEOREM (Parallel Projection Theorem) Let  $l$ ,  $m$ , and  $n$  be distinct parallel lines. Let  $t$  be a transversal that cuts these lines at  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , respectively, and assume  $A * B * C$ . Let  $t'$  be a transversal that cuts these lines at  $A'$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$ , respectively. Then  $\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{A'B'}{A'C'}$ .

[Sketch]

PROOF (Given w/o proof – you can look it up in Section 5.2 later).

DEF Triangles  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DEF$  are similar if  $\angle ABC \cong \angle DEF$ ,  $\angle BCA \cong \angle EFD$ , and  $\angle CAB \cong \angle FDE$ .

Denoted  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ .

Sketch two similar triangles that are not congruent.

THEOREM (Fundamental Theorem of Similar Triangles) If  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ , then  $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{BC}{EF}$ .

PROOF Let  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ .

[Show the first equality  $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$  ]

Case 1  $AB = DE$ . Then  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$  by ASA .

Then  $AC = DF$  and therefore,  $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \underline{1}$  .

Case 2  $AB \neq DE$ .

WLOG, let  $AB > DE$ . [Sketch. Include congruent angles.]

Then by the Ruler Postulate, construct a point  $B'$  on  $AB$  such that  $AB' = DE$  .

Then  $B'$  is external to  $l = \overleftrightarrow{BC}$  and by the EPP, there exists a unique line  $m$  through  $B'$  such that  $m \parallel l$  .

By Pasch's Axiom,  $m$  must intersect  $\overline{AC}$  (since  $m$  is parallel to  $\overleftrightarrow{BC}$  ). Let  $C'$  be this point of intersection.

Then by the Converse to the Corresponding Angles Theorem ,  $\angle AB'C' \cong \angle ABC$ .

Therefore  $\triangle AB'C' \cong \triangle DEF$  by ASA .

By the EPP, construct the unique line  $n$  through  $A$  such that  $n$  is parallel to  $m$  and  $l$  .

By the Parallel Projection Theorem,  $\frac{AB'}{AB} = \frac{AC'}{AC}$  .

$\Rightarrow \frac{DE}{AB} = \frac{DF}{AC}$  by congruent triangles.

Or equivalently,  $\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF}$ .

The proof of the second equality is similar. ■

State and Prove:

THEOREM (Converse to the Similar Triangles Theorem)

[Hint: Use cases like previous theorem. Use the Converse to Corresponding Angles Theorem and SSS. ]

DEF If  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ , then the number  $r = \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AC}{DF} = \frac{BC}{EF}$ , is called the common ratio of the sides of the similar triangles.

THEOREM (SAS Similarity Criterion) If  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DEF$  are two triangles such that  $\angle CAB \cong \angle FDE$  and  $\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{DE}{DF}$ , then  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ .

PROOF Given w/o proof (but proof has similarities to Similar Triangles Theorem and its Converse.)

THEOREM (ASA Similarity Criterion) If  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DEF$  are two triangles such that  $\angle CAB \cong \angle FDE$ ,  $\angle ABC \cong \angle DEF$  and  $DE = r \cdot AB$ , then  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$  with common ratio  $r$ .

PROOF

Standard Notation for triangles: Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  denote the length of the sides opposite vertices  $A, B$ , and  $C$ , respectively.

THEOREM (The Pythagorean Theorem) If  $\triangle ABC$  is a right triangle with right angle at  $C$ , then  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ .

[Hint for proof: Drop a perpendicular from  $C$  and show that you have 3 similar triangles. May need Lemma 4.8.6 (w/o proof).]

PROOF

Homework: Finish worksheet from 11/24 and today's worksheet. Skim Sections 5.1-5.3 to note additional theorems we haven't proved.