Intrinsically Straight



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Parallelism

Parallel lines have so much in common



it's a shame they'll never meet

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Dr. Sarah Geometry of the Earth and Universe

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Triangle Angle Sum



"Start with any triangle."



"Tear off the angles. You can always rearrange the angles so that they form a straight line."



"What does that prove?"

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Pythagorean Theorem



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- 2. Which were arguments related to parallelism?
 - a) If the definition of parallel is intrinsically straight paths that never meet, then there are no parallels on the sphere
 - b) If the definition of parallel is paths that never meet, then there are parallels on the sphere
 - c) both of the above

3. Sketch a picture related to angle sum of the earth and summarize what it shows.

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- b) Because we can create the two base sides *a* and *b* with string, flatten and create c_{flat} , and put it back on the sphere to see that it is too long, ie: $a^2 + b^2 = c_{flat}^2 > c_{sphere}^2$
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