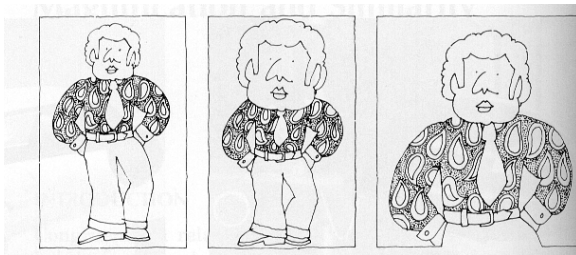


## *Congruence and Similarity: Same Shape?*



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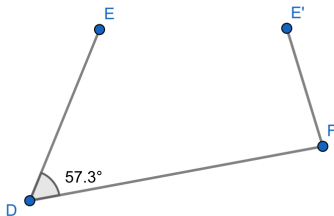
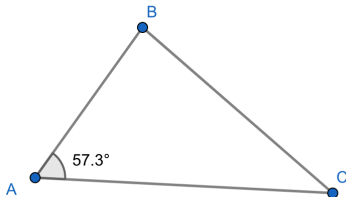
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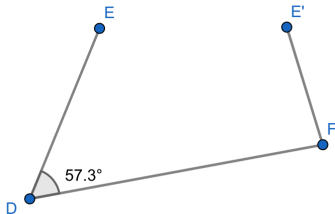
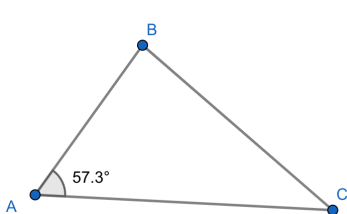
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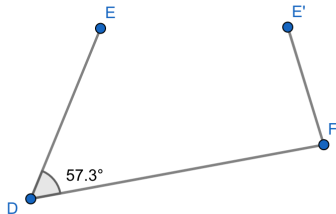
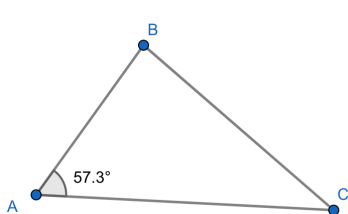
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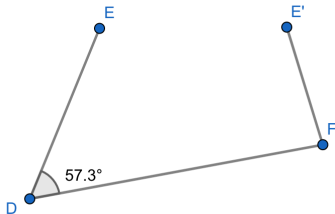
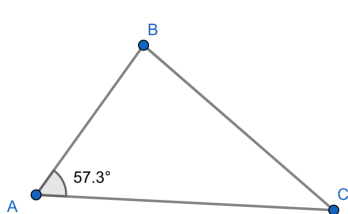
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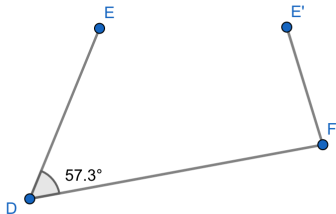
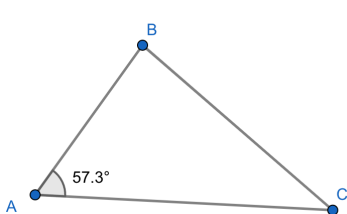
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## Linear Transformations of the Plane

Rotation:  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$  Dilation:  $\begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$  Horizontal Shear:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Projections:  $y=x$  line:  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  x-axis:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  y-axis:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Reflections:  $y=x$  line:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  x-axis:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  y-axis:  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Translation:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & h \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+h \\ y+k \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Others:  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ c & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$



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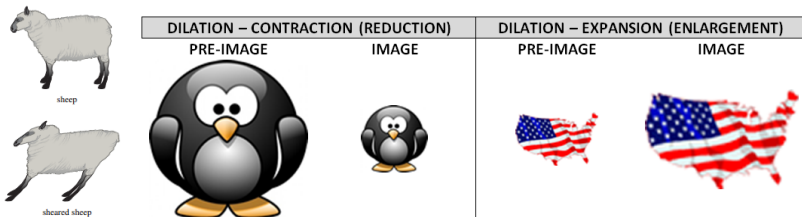
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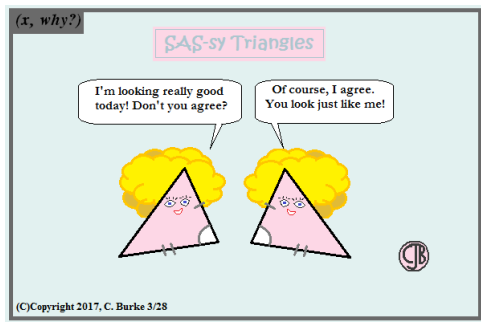
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## SAS in Other Contexts

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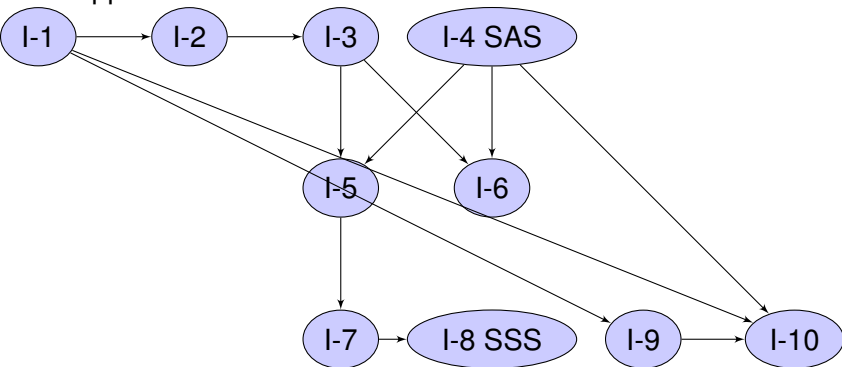
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- analytic/metric: Law of Cosines:  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$
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# Propositions, Assumptions and Applications

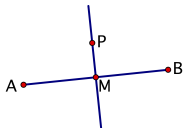
Proof Considerations: I can write rigorous proofs in geometry, identify underlying assumptions, and understand limitations and applications.



## SAS Application: Perpendicular Bisectors Equidistance

Sketch of Proof: Given a line segment.

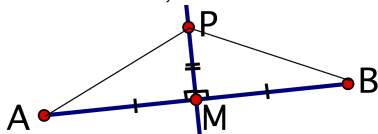
- Proposition 10 constructs midpoint
- Proposition 11 lets us construct a perpendicular through a point on a line creating two right angles
- Select any point on the perpendicular bisector



- Now  $\overline{PM} \cong \overline{PM}$  by CN 4 and  $\overline{AM} \cong \overline{MB}$  by midpoint
- By Postulate 4, all right angles are equal so if we use postulate 1 to construct  $\overline{AP}$  and  $\overline{PB}$ , then we have SAS in  $\triangle PMA$  and  $\triangle PMB$ .
- By Proposition 4,  $\triangle PMA \cong \triangle PMB$  so  $\overline{AP} \cong \overline{PB}$

## SAS Application: Perpendicular Bisectors Equidistance

Proof: Given  $\overline{AB}$  we will show that we can construct a perpendicular bisector which has the property that any point on it is equidistant to the endpoints. Construct the midpoint  $M$  by I-10. Apply I-11 to construct the perpendicular bisector through  $M$  to  $\overline{AB}$ . Let  $P$  be a point on the perpendicular bisector. Construct  $\overline{AM}$ ,  $\overline{MB}$ ,  $\overline{PM}$ ,  $\overline{AP}$  and  $\overline{PB}$  by postulate 1. To show that  $\overline{AP}$  and  $\overline{PB}$  are congruent, we will show that  $\triangle PMA$  and  $\triangle PMB$  are congruent by SAS I-4. Now  $\overline{PM} \cong \overline{PM}$  by CN 4 and  $\overline{AM} \cong \overline{MB}$  since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{AB}$ . Also,  $\angle AMP \cong \angle BMP$  by postulate 4 since  $\overline{PM}$  is on the perpendicular bisector we constructed. So we have satisfied the assumptions of I-4 SAS. Thus the conclusion of I-4 applies here that  $\triangle PMA \cong \triangle PMB$ . So  $\overline{AP} \cong \overline{PB}$ , as desired.

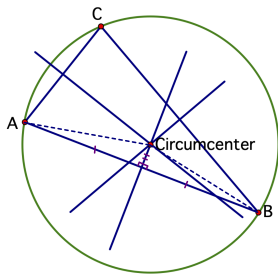
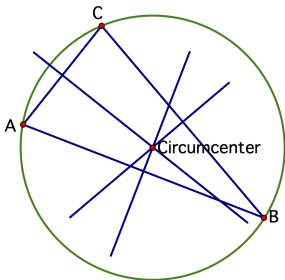


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- It must be equidistant to all 3 vertices of the triangle.
- The 3rd perpendicular bisector contains all the points that are equidistant to 2 of the vertices, so the intersection too.
- All 3 perpendicular bisectors intersect at the circumcenter.





## AA Similarity and SAS Proportionality

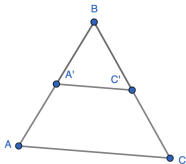
AA: If two angles of a triangle are congruent then the triangles are similar.

SAS Congruence: If two sides of a triangle and the included angle are congruent then the triangles are congruent

SAS Proportionality: If two sides are proportional with the same constant of proportionality and the included angle is congruent then the triangles are similar with the same proportion

Prove: The segment joining the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is half the length of the third

- Create  $\triangle ABC$ .
- Under Transform, select Dilate from point. Select the triangle,  $B$  as the center of dilation, and .5 as the dilation factor.



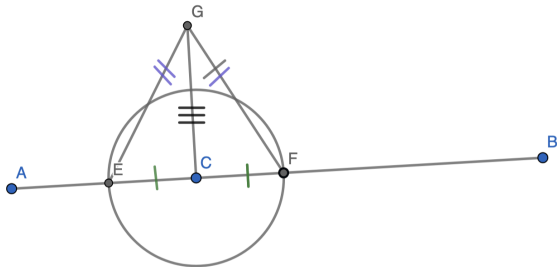
## *Application of SAS Proportionality*

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**Proof:** Let  $\triangle ABC$  with  $A'$  the midpoint of  $\overline{AB}$  and  $C'$  the midpoint of  $\overline{BC}$  and  $\overline{A'C'}$  the segment joining the midpoints all be given. We will show  $\overline{A'C'}$  is half the length of  $\overline{AC}$ . Look at a dilation by  $\frac{1}{2}$  from  $\triangle ABC$  to  $\triangle A'BC'$ . By definition of midpoints,  $\frac{1}{2}AB = A'B$  and  $\frac{1}{2}BC = BC'$ . By CN4,  $\angle ABC \cong \angle A'BC'$ , so  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle A'BC'$  satisfy the conditions of SAS proportionality, where two sides are proportional and their included angle is congruent. Thus the triangles are similar with the same constant of proportionality, and so  $\frac{1}{2}AC = A'C'$ .  
Q.E.D.

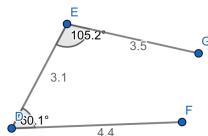
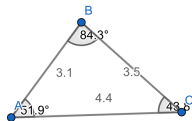
## SSS Applied in Euclid's Elements I-11

Part 2 of Proof: To show that  $\overline{GC}$  is perpendicular to  $\overline{AB}$ , compare triangles  $ECG$  and  $FCG$ , after completing the segments  $\overline{EG}$  and  $\overline{FG}$  by postulate 1. Notice  $CE = CF$  by Def 15 as they are radii of the circle centered at C. In addition  $CG = CG$  by CN4. Also,  $EG = EF = FG$  because they are constructed using I-1, the equilateral triangle. So  $\triangle ECG \cong \triangle FCG$  by SSS congruence in I-8. Thus,  $\angle GCE \cong \angle GCF$ . By definition 10 the angles must be right.



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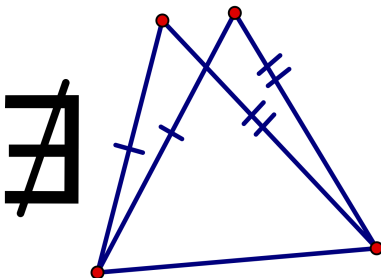
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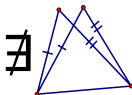
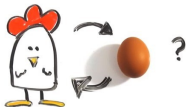


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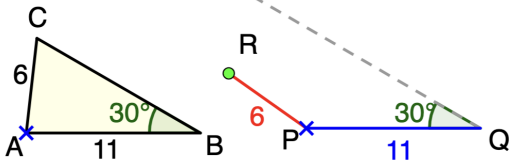
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  - Move triangle so that  $\overline{BC}$  sits on  $\overline{B'C'}$ , both triangles sit on the same side, and assume for contradiction that  $A$  is not on  $A'$
  - $B$  is the same distance from  $A$  and  $A'$  so it lies on the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AA'}$ .  $C$  is similar, so  $\overline{BC}$  is the perpendicular bisector.



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1. Move the green dot to try and make two different triangles.



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## Congruence and Similarity: Proof of (not) SSA

