

# Postulates

## 1.1 Ruler Postulate

The points on a line can be matched one to one with the real numbers. The real number that corresponds to a point is the coordinate of the point. The distance between points  $A$  and  $B$ , written as  $AB$ , is the absolute value of the difference of the coordinates of  $A$  and  $B$ .

## 1.2 Segment Addition Postulate

If  $B$  is between  $A$  and  $C$ , then  $AB + BC = AC$ .

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## 1.3 Protractor Postulate

Consider  $\overrightarrow{OB}$  and a point  $A$  on one side of  $\overrightarrow{OB}$ . The rays of the form  $\overrightarrow{OA}$  can be matched one to one with the real numbers from 0 to 180. The measure of  $\angle AOB$ , which can be written as  $m\angle AOB$ , is equal to the absolute value of the difference between the real numbers matched with  $\overrightarrow{OA}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OB}$  on a protractor.

## 1.4 Angle Addition Postulate

If  $P$  is in the interior of  $\angle RST$ , then the measure of  $\angle RST$  is equal to the sum of the measures of  $\angle RSP$  and  $\angle PST$ .

## 2.1 Two Point Postulate

Through any two points, there exists exactly one line.

## 2.2 Line-Point Postulate

A line contains at least two points.

## 2.3 Line Intersection Postulate

If two lines intersect, then their intersection is exactly one point.

## 2.4 Three Point Postulate

Through any three noncollinear points, there exists exactly one plane.

## 2.5 Plane-Point Postulate

A plane contains at least three noncollinear points.

## 2.6 Plane-Line Postulate

If two points lie in a plane, then the line containing them lies in the plane.

## 2.7 Plane Intersection Postulate

If two planes intersect, then their intersection is a line.

## 2.8 Linear Pair Postulate

If two angles form a linear pair, then they are supplementary.

## 3.1 Parallel Postulate

If there is a line and a point not on the line, then there is exactly one line through the point parallel to the given line.

## 3.2 Perpendicular Postulate

If there is a line and a point not on the line, then there is exactly one line through the point perpendicular to the given line.

## 4.1 Translation Postulate

A translation is a rigid motion.

## 4.2 Reflection Postulate

A reflection is a rigid motion.

## 4.3 Rotation Postulate

A rotation is a rigid motion.

## 10.1 Arc Addition Postulate

The measure of an arc formed by two adjacent arcs is the sum of the measures of the two arcs.

# Theorems

## 2.1 Properties of Segment Congruence

Segment congruence is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

**Reflexive** For any segment  $AB$ ,  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AB}$ .

**Symmetric** If  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$ , then  $\overline{CD} \cong \overline{AB}$ .

**Transitive** If  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$  and  $\overline{CD} \cong \overline{EF}$ , then  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{EF}$ .

## 2.2 Properties of Angle Congruence

Angle congruence is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

**Reflexive** For any angle  $A$ ,  $\angle A \cong \angle A$ .

**Symmetric** If  $\angle A \cong \angle B$ , then  $\angle B \cong \angle A$ .

**Transitive** If  $\angle A \cong \angle B$  and  $\angle B \cong \angle C$ , then  $\angle A \cong \angle C$ .

## 2.3 Right Angles Congruence Theorem

All right angles are congruent.

## 2.4 Congruent Supplements Theorem

If two angles are supplementary to the same angle (or to congruent angles), then they are congruent.

## 2.5 Congruent Complements Theorem

If two angles are complementary to the same angle (or to congruent angles), then they are congruent.

## 2.6 Vertical Angles Congruence Theorem

Vertical angles are congruent.

## 3.1 Corresponding Angles Theorem

If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, then the pairs of corresponding angles are congruent.

## 3.2 Alternate Interior Angles Theorem

If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, then the pairs of alternate interior angles are congruent.

## 3.3 Alternate Exterior Angles Theorem

If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, then the pairs of alternate exterior angles are congruent.

## 3.4 Consecutive Interior Angles Theorem

If two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, then the pairs of consecutive interior angles are supplementary.

## 3.5 Corresponding Angles Converse

If two lines are cut by a transversal so the corresponding angles are congruent, then the lines are parallel.

## 3.6 Alternate Interior Angles Converse

If two lines are cut by a transversal so the alternate interior angles are congruent, then the lines are parallel.

## 3.7 Alternate Exterior Angles Converse

If two lines are cut by a transversal so the alternate exterior angles are congruent, then the lines are parallel.

## 3.8 Consecutive Interior Angles Converse

If two lines are cut by a transversal so the consecutive interior angles are supplementary, then the lines are parallel.

## 3.9 Transitive Property of Parallel Lines

If two lines are parallel to the same line, then they are parallel to each other.

## 3.10 Linear Pair Perpendicular Theorem

If two lines intersect to form a linear pair of congruent angles, then the lines are perpendicular.

## 3.11 Perpendicular Transversal Theorem

In a plane, if a transversal is perpendicular to one of two parallel lines, then it is perpendicular to the other line.

## 3.12 Lines Perpendicular to a Transversal Theorem

In a plane, if two lines are perpendicular to the same line, then they are parallel to each other.

## 3.13 Slopes of Parallel Lines

In a coordinate plane, two distinct nonvertical lines are parallel if and only if they have the same slope. Any two vertical lines are parallel.

## 3.14 Slopes of Perpendicular Lines

In a coordinate plane, two nonvertical lines are perpendicular if and only if the product of their slopes is  $-1$ . Horizontal lines are perpendicular to vertical lines.

## 4.1 Composition Theorem

The composition of two (or more) rigid motions is a rigid motion.

## 4.2 Reflections in Parallel Lines Theorem

If lines  $k$  and  $m$  are parallel, then a reflection in line  $k$  followed by a reflection in line  $m$  is the same as a translation. If  $A''$  is the image of  $A$ , then

1.  $\overline{AA''}$  is perpendicular to  $k$  and  $m$ , and
2.  $AA'' = 2d$ , where  $d$  is the distance between  $k$  and  $m$ .

### 4.3 Reflections in Intersecting Lines Theorem

If lines  $k$  and  $m$  intersect at point  $P$ , then a reflection in line  $k$  followed by a reflection in line  $m$  is the same as a rotation about point  $P$ . The angle of rotation is  $2x^\circ$ , where  $x^\circ$  is the measure of the acute or right angle formed by lines  $k$  and  $m$ .

### 5.1 Triangle Sum Theorem

The sum of the measures of the interior angles of a triangle is  $180^\circ$ .

### 5.2 Exterior Angle Theorem

The measure of an exterior angle of a triangle is equal to the sum of the measures of the two nonadjacent interior angles

#### Corollary 5.1 Corollary to the Triangle Sum Theorem

The acute angles of a right triangle are complementary.

### 5.3 Properties of Triangle Congruence

Triangle congruence is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

**Reflexive** For any triangle  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ABC$ .

**Symmetric** If  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ , then  $\triangle DEF \cong \triangle ABC$ .

**Transitive** If  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$  and  $\triangle DEF \cong \triangle JKL$ , then  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle JKL$ .

### 5.4 Third Angles Theorem

If two angles of one triangle are congruent to two angles of another triangle, then the third angles are also congruent.

### 5.5 Side-Angle-Side (SAS) Congruence Theorem

If two sides and the included angle of one triangle are congruent to two sides and the included angle of a second triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

### 5.6 Base Angles Theorem

If two sides of a triangle are congruent, then the angles opposite them are congruent.

### 5.7 Converse of the Base Angles Theorem

If two angles of a triangle are congruent, then the sides opposite them are congruent.

#### Corollary 5.2 Corollary to the Base Angles Theorem

If a triangle is equilateral, then it is equiangular.

#### Corollary 5.3 Corollary to the Converse of the Base Angles Theorem

If a triangle is equiangular, then it is equilateral.

### 5.8 Side-Side-Side (SSS) Congruence Theorem

If three sides of one triangle are congruent to three sides of a second triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

### 5.9 Hypotenuse-Leg (HL) Congruence Theorem

If the hypotenuse and a leg of a right triangle are congruent to the hypotenuse and a leg of a second right triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

### 5.10 Angle-Side-Angle (ASA) Congruence Theorem

If two angles and the included side of one triangle are congruent to two angles and the included side of a second triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

### 5.11 Angle-Angle-Side (AAS) Congruence Theorem

If two angles and a non-included side of one triangle are congruent to two angles and the corresponding non-included side of a second triangle, then the two triangles are congruent.

### 6.1 Perpendicular Bisector Theorem

In a plane, if a point lies on the perpendicular bisector of a segment, then it is equidistant from the endpoints of the segment.

### 6.2 Converse of the Perpendicular Bisector Theorem

In a plane, if a point is equidistant from the endpoints of a segment, then it lies on the perpendicular bisector of the segment.

### 6.3 Angle Bisector Theorem

If a point lies on the bisector of an angle, then it is equidistant from the two sides of the angle.

### 6.4 Converse of the Angle Bisector Theorem

If a point is in the interior of an angle and is equidistant from the two sides of the angle, then it lies on the bisector of the angle.

### 6.5 Circumcenter Theorem

The circumcenter of a triangle is equidistant from the vertices of the triangle.

### 6.6 Incenter Theorem

The incenter of a triangle is equidistant from the sides of the triangle.

### 6.7 Centroid Theorem

The centroid of a triangle is two-thirds of the distance from each vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side.

## 6.8 Triangle Midsegment Theorem

The segment connecting the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and is half as long as that side.

## 6.9 Triangle Longer Side Theorem

If one side of a triangle is longer than another side, then the angle opposite the longer side is larger than the angle opposite the shorter side.

## 6.10 Triangle Larger Angle Theorem

If one angle of a triangle is larger than another angle, then the side opposite the larger angle is longer than the side opposite the smaller angle.

## 6.11 Triangle Inequality Theorem

The sum of the lengths of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the length of the third side.

## 6.12 Hinge Theorem

If two sides of one triangle are congruent to two sides of another triangle, and the included angle of the first is larger than the included angle of the second, then the third side of the first is longer than the third side of the second.

## 6.13 Converse of the Hinge Theorem

If two sides of one triangle are congruent to two sides of another triangle, and the third side of the first is longer than the third side of the second, then the included angle of the first is larger than the included angle of the second.

## 7.1 Polygon Interior Angles Theorem

The sum of the measures of the interior angles of a convex  $n$ -gon is  $(n - 2) \cdot 180^\circ$ .

### Corollary 7.1 Corollary to the Polygon Interior Angles Theorem

The sum of the measures of the interior angles of a quadrilateral is  $360^\circ$ .

## 7.2 Polygon Exterior Angles Theorem

The sum of the measures of the exterior angles of a convex polygon, one angle at each vertex, is  $360^\circ$ .

## 7.3 Parallelogram Opposite Sides Theorem

If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its opposite sides are congruent.

## 7.4 Parallelogram Opposite Angles Theorem

If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its opposite angles are congruent.

## 7.5 Parallelogram Consecutive Angles Theorem

If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its consecutive angles are supplementary.

## 7.6 Parallelogram Diagonals Theorem

If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its diagonals bisect each other.

## 7.7 Parallelogram Opposite Sides Converse

If both pairs of opposite sides of a quadrilateral are congruent, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

## 7.8 Parallelogram Opposite Angles Converse

If both pairs of opposite angles of a quadrilateral are congruent, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

## 7.9 Opposite Sides Parallel and Congruent Theorem

If one pair of opposite sides of a quadrilateral are congruent and parallel, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

## 7.10 Parallelogram Diagonals Converse

If the diagonals of a quadrilateral bisect each other, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

### Corollary 7.2 Rhombus Corollary

A quadrilateral is a rhombus if and only if it has four congruent sides.

### Corollary 7.3 Rectangle Corollary

A quadrilateral is a rectangle if and only if it has four right angles.

### Corollary 7.4 Square Corollary

A quadrilateral is a square if and only if it is a rhombus and a rectangle.

## 7.11 Rhombus Diagonals Theorem

A parallelogram is a rhombus if and only if its diagonals are perpendicular.

## 7.12 Rhombus Opposite Angles Theorem

A parallelogram is a rhombus if and only if each diagonal bisects a pair of opposite angles.

## 7.13 Rectangle Diagonals Theorem

A parallelogram is a rectangle if and only if its diagonals are congruent.

## 7.14 Isosceles Trapezoid Base Angles Theorem

If a trapezoid is isosceles, then each pair of base angles is congruent.

### 7.15 Isosceles Trapezoid Base Angles Converse

If a trapezoid has a pair of congruent base angles, then it is an isosceles trapezoid.

### 7.16 Isosceles Trapezoid Diagonals Theorem

A trapezoid is isosceles if and only if its diagonals are congruent.

### 7.17 Trapezoid Midsegment Theorem

The midsegment of a trapezoid is parallel to each base, and its length is one-half the sum of the lengths of the bases.

### 7.18 Kite Diagonals Theorem

If a quadrilateral is a kite, then its diagonals are perpendicular.

### 7.19 Kite Opposite Angles Theorem

If a quadrilateral is a kite, then exactly one pair of opposite angles are congruent.

## 8.1 Perimeters of Similar Polygons

If two polygons are similar, then the ratio of their perimeters is equal to the ratios of their corresponding side lengths.

## 8.2 Areas of Similar Polygons

If two polygons are similar, then the ratio of their areas is equal to the squares of the ratios of their corresponding side lengths.

## 8.3 Angle-Angle (AA) Similarity Theorem

If two angles of one triangle are congruent to two angles of another triangle, then the two triangles are similar.

## 8.4 Side-Side-Side (SSS) Similarity Theorem

If the corresponding side lengths of two triangles are proportional, then the triangles are similar.

## 8.5 Side-Angle-Side (SAS) Similarity Theorem

If an angle of one triangle is congruent to an angle of a second triangle and the lengths of the sides including these angles are proportional, then the triangles are similar.

## 8.6 Triangle Proportionality Theorem

If a line parallel to one side of a triangle intersects the other two sides, then it divides the two sides proportionally.

## 8.7 Converse of the Triangle Proportionality Theorem

If a line divides two sides of a triangle proportionally, then it is parallel to the third side.

## 8.8 Three Parallel Lines Theorem

If three parallel lines intersect two transversals, then they divide the transversals proportionally.

## 8.9 Triangle Angle Bisector Theorem

If a ray bisects an angle of a triangle, then it divides the opposite side into segments whose lengths are proportional to the lengths of the other two sides.

## 9.1 Pythagorean Theorem

In a right triangle, the square of the length of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the lengths of the legs.

## 9.2 Converse of the Pythagorean Theorem

If the square of the length of the longest side of a triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the lengths of the other two sides, then the triangle is a right triangle.

## 9.3 Pythagorean Inequalities Theorem

For any  $\triangle ABC$ , where  $c$  is the length of the longest side, the following statements are true.

If  $c^2 < a^2 + b^2$ , then  $\triangle ABC$  is acute.

If  $c^2 > a^2 + b^2$ , then  $\triangle ABC$  is obtuse.

## 9.4 45°-45°-90° Triangle Theorem

In a 45°-45°-90° triangle, the hypotenuse is  $\sqrt{2}$  times as long as each leg.

## 9.5 30°-60°-90° Triangle Theorem

In a 30°-60°-90° triangle, the hypotenuse is twice as long as the shorter leg, and the longer leg is  $\sqrt{3}$  times as long as the shorter leg.

## 9.6 Right Triangle Similarity Theorem

If the altitude is drawn to the hypotenuse of a right triangle, then the two triangles formed are similar to the original triangle and to each other.

## 9.7 Geometric Mean (Altitude) Theorem

In a right triangle, the altitude from the right angle to the hypotenuse divides the hypotenuse into two segments. The length of the altitude is the geometric mean of the lengths of the two segments of the hypotenuse.

## 9.8 Geometric Mean (Leg) Theorem

In a right triangle, the altitude from the right angle to the hypotenuse divides the hypotenuse into two segments. The length of each leg of the right triangle is the geometric mean of the lengths of the hypotenuse and the segment of the hypotenuse that is adjacent to the leg.

## 9.9 Law of Sines

The Law of Sines can be written in either of the following forms for  $\triangle ABC$  with sides of length  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

## 9.10 Law of Cosines

If  $\triangle ABC$  has sides of length  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , then the following are true.

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

## 10.1 Tangent Line to Circle Theorem

In a plane, a line is tangent to a circle if and only if the line is perpendicular to a radius of the circle at its endpoint on the circle.

## 10.2 External Tangent Congruence Theorem

Tangent segments from a common external point are congruent.

## 10.3 Congruent Circles Theorem

Two circles are congruent circles if and only if they have the same radius.

## 10.4 Congruent Central Angles Theorem

In the same circle, or in congruent circles, two minor arcs are congruent if and only if their corresponding central angles are congruent.

## 10.5 Similar Circles Theorem

All circles are similar.

## 10.6 Congruent Corresponding Chords Theorem

In the same circle, or in congruent circles, two minor arcs are congruent if and only if their corresponding chords are congruent.

## 10.7 Perpendicular Chord Bisector Theorem

If a diameter of a circle is perpendicular to a chord, then the diameter bisects the chord and its arc.

## 10.8 Perpendicular Chord Bisector Converse

If one chord of a circle is a perpendicular bisector of another chord, then the first chord is a diameter.

## 10.9 Equidistant Chords Theorem

In the same circle, or in congruent circles, two chords are congruent if and only if they are equidistant from the center.

## 10.10 Measure of an Inscribed Angle Theorem

The measure of an inscribed angle is one-half the measure of its intercepted arc.

## 10.11 Inscribed Angles of a Circle Theorem

If two inscribed angles of a circle intercept the same arc, then the angles are congruent.

## 10.12 Inscribed Right Triangle Theorem

If a right triangle is inscribed in a circle, then the hypotenuse is a diameter of the circle. Conversely, if one side of an inscribed triangle is a diameter of the circle, then the triangle is a right triangle and the angle opposite the diameter is the right angle.

## 10.13 Inscribed Quadrilateral Theorem

A quadrilateral can be inscribed in a circle if and only if its opposite angles are supplementary.

## 10.14 Tangent and Intersected Chord Theorem

If a tangent and a chord intersect at a point on a circle, then the measure of each angle formed is one-half the measure of its intercepted arc.

## 10.15 Angles Inside the Circle Theorem

If two chords intersect inside a circle, then the measure of each angle is one-half the sum of the measures of the arcs intercepted by the angle and its vertical angle.

## 10.16 Angles Outside the Circle Theorem

If a tangent and a secant, two tangents, or two secants intersect outside a circle, then the measure of the angle formed is one-half the difference of the measures of the intercepted arcs.

## 10.17 Circumscribed Angle Theorem

The measure of a circumscribed angle is equal to  $180^\circ$  minus the measure of the central angle that intercepts the same arc.

## 10.18 Segments of Chords Theorem

If two chords intersect in the interior of a circle, then the product of the lengths of the segments of one chord is equal to the product of the lengths of the segments of the other chord.

## 10.19 Segments of Secants Theorem

If two secant segments share the same endpoint outside a circle, then the product of the lengths of one secant segment and its external segment equals the product of the lengths of the other secant segment and its external segment.

## 10.20 Segments of Secants and Tangents Theorem

If a secant segment and a tangent segment share an endpoint outside a circle, then the product of the lengths of the secant segment and its external segment equals the square of the length of the tangent segment.