# Lesson 2.05 AAS/ASA Congruence

#### Geometry GT

# Analyze

What do you notice about the angles and sides in the two triangles below? What do you wonder?



#### Theorem

In a triangle, the greater side is opposite the greater angle. Conversely, the greater angle is opposite the greater side.

# Explore

Triangle  $\Delta ABC$  has the following characteristics:

- $m \angle A = 30^{\circ}$
- $m \angle B = 95^{\circ}$
- AB = 90 mm
- BC = 55 mm
- AC = 109.5 mm

Construct triangle  $\triangle ABC$  with dry pasta. Then, attempt to construct a triangle with a longer  $\overline{AC}$ , and another triangle with a shorter  $\overline{AC}$ . What happens to the angles and sides of the triangles?

## Theorem

Angle-Angle-Side Triangle Congruence Theorem: in two triangles, if two pairs of corresponding angles are congruent, and a corresponding pair of non-included sides are congruent, then the two triangles are congruent

## Discuss

Two triangles,  $\Delta WXY$  and  $\Delta DEF$ , have two pairs of corresponding angles congruent ( $\angle W \cong \angle D$  and  $\angle X \cong \angle E$ ), and the corresponding sides between those angles are congruent ( $\overline{WX} \cong \overline{DE}$ ). Sketch these two triangles, and use a sequence of rigid motions to take  $\Delta WXY$  to  $\Delta DEF$ . Consider how you know that the vertices must line up.

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## Demonstrate

Prove that if a point C is the same distance from A as it is from B, then C must be on the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AB}$ . Hint: sketch the scenario, then consider what auxiliary lines will assist.

#### Theorem

**Perpendicular Bisector Theorem:** if a point is equidistant from the endpoints of a segment, then it must be on the perpendicular bisector of the segment

## Practice

**1.** What triangle congruence theorem could you use to prove  $\Delta ADE \cong \Delta CBE$ ?



**2.** Esther wrote a proof that  $\Delta BCD \cong \Delta DAB$ , but it is incomplete. How can Esther fix her proof?

**A.** Line  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  is parallel to line  $\overrightarrow{DC}$  and cut by transversal  $\overrightarrow{BD}$ . So angles  $\angle CDB$  and  $\angle ABD$  are alternate interior angles and must be congruent.

**B.** Side  $\overline{DB}$  is congruent to side  $\overline{BD}$  because they're the same segment.

**C.**  $\angle A$  is congruent to  $\angle C$  because they're both right angles.

**D.** By the Angle-Side-Angle Triangle Congruence Theorem,  $\Delta BCD$  is congruent to  $\Delta DAB$ .

**3.** Segment  $\overline{GE}$  is an angle bisector of both  $\angle HEF$  and  $\angle FGH$ . Prove that  $\triangle HGE$  is congruent to  $\triangle FGE$ .





4. Triangles  $\triangle ACD$  and  $\triangle BCD$  are isosceles. If  $m \angle BAC = 33^{\circ}$  and  $m \angle BDC = 35^{\circ}$ , find  $m \angle ABD$ .

