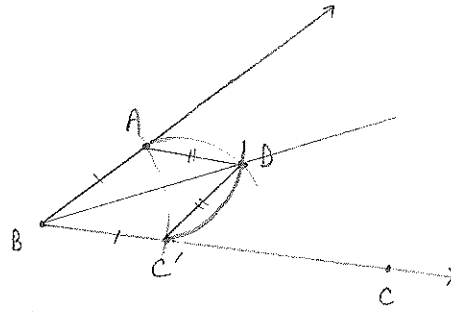


Thm 32 Every angle has a bisector.

Proof: Let  $\angle ABC$  be an angle. Consider a circle of radius  $\ell(AB)$  and center  $B$ . Let  $C'$  be the intersection point of the circle with ray  $\vec{BC}$ . So  $AB \cong C'B$  by construction.



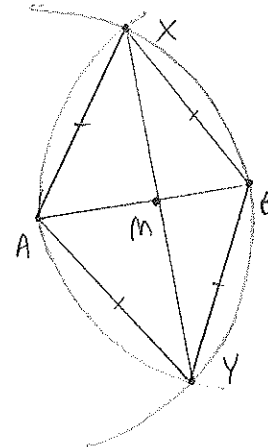
Let  $D$  be the intersection point of two circles:

- (1) the circle with center  $A$  and radius  $\ell(AC')$  (other choices of radius work as well)
- (2) the circle with center  $C'$  and radius  $\ell(AC')$ .

By construction, then,  $AD \cong C'D$ . Since  $BD \cong BD$ , the SSS Axiom now implies that  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle C'BD$ . By CPCFC,  $\angle ABD \cong \angle C'BD$ . Therefore  $\vec{BD}$  is a bisector of  $\angle ABC$ .  $\square$

Thm 35 Every segment has a midpoint.

Proof: Let  $AB$  be a segment. Consider two circles:



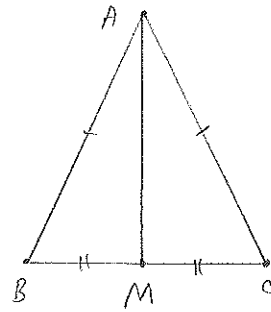
- (1) the circle with center  $A$  and radius  $\ell(AB)$  (other choices of radius work, as long as they are not too short)
- (2) the circle with center  $B$  and radius  $\ell(AB)$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be their two intersection points. Let  $M$  be the intersection of  $AB$  and  $XY$ .

By construction,  $AX \cong BX$ ,  $AY \cong BY$ , and certainly  $XY \cong XY$ . By the SSS Axiom,  $\triangle AXY \cong \triangle BXY$ . By CPCFC,  $\angle AXY \cong \angle BXY$ , so that  $\angle AXM \cong \angle BXM$  (these angles are the same as the others). Now apply the SAS Axiom to  $\triangle AXM$  and  $\triangle BXM$ : By construction,  $AX \cong BX$ , and certainly  $XM \cong XM$ . We have also just shown that  $\angle AXM \cong \angle BXM$ . So by the SAS Axiom,  $\triangle AXM \cong \triangle BXM$ . Now by CPCFC,  $AM \cong MB$ . Therefore  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ .  $\square$

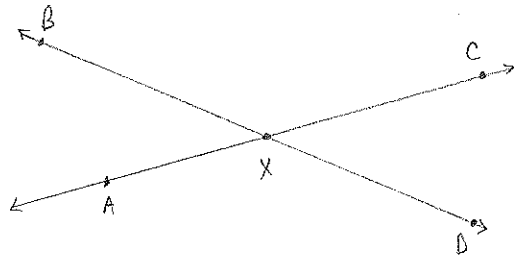
Thm 36 The base angles of an isosceles triangle are congruent angles.

Proof Let  $\triangle ABC$  be an isosceles triangle in which  $AB \cong AC$ . By Theorem 35,  $BC$  has a midpoint; call it  $M$ . So  $BM \cong MC$ . Since  $AM \cong AM$ , by the SSS Axiom,  $\triangle ABM \cong \triangle ACM$ . By CPCFC,  $\angle ABM \cong \angle ACM$ . Thus the base angles of  $\triangle ABC$  are congruent.  $\square$



Cor 38 Vertical angles are congruent.

Proof Let  $\angle AXB$  and  $\angle CXD$  be a pair of vertical angles. Note that  $\angle AXB$  is supplementary to  $\angle BXC$ , and that  $\angle CXD$  is also supplementary to  $\angle BXC$ . Since  $\angle BXC$  is congruent to itself, by Thm 37,  $\angle AXB \cong \angle CXD$ .  $\square$



Thm 39 (Weak Right Angle Thm) An angle that is congruent to a right angle is also a right angle.

Proof Suppose  $\angle CBD \cong \angle YXZ$ , as indicated in the picture by an asterisk, and that  $\angle CBD$  is a right angle. By definition then,  $\angle CBD \cong \angle ABD$  as shown since  $\angle ABD$  is supplementary to  $\angle CBD$ .

By Thm 37,  $\angle ABD \cong \angle WXZ$ , since these are supplements to angles that are congruent. So, collecting all these congruences together, we have:

$$\angle WXY \cong \angle ABD \cong \angle CBD \cong \angle YXZ.$$

So all of these angles are congruent to each other, and in particular,  $\angle WXY \cong \angle YXZ$ . Now  $\angle WXY$  and  $\angle YXZ$  are supplementary as well, and so by definition of right angle,  $\angle YXZ$  is a right angle.  $\square$

