

# Proofs for Triangle Congruence - NOTES

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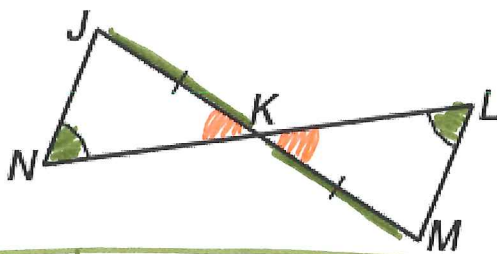
CPCTC = Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangles are Congruent.

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Given:  $\angle N \cong \angle L$

$\overline{JK} \cong \overline{MK}$

Prove:  $\triangle JKN \cong \triangle MKL$



1.  $\angle N \cong \angle L$   
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1. given

2.  $\angle JKN \cong \angle MKL$

2. vertical  $\angle$ s are  $\cong$

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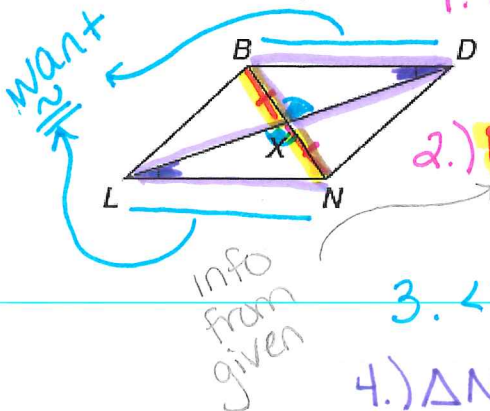
3. AAS

2.)

Given:  $\overline{DL}$  bisects  $\overline{BN}$ .

$\angle XLN \cong \angle XDB$

Prove:  $\overline{LN} \cong \overline{DB}$



1. DL Bisects BN  
 $\angle XLN \cong \angle XDB$

1. given

2.)  $\overline{BX} \cong \overline{NX}$

2.) def of bisector

3.  $\angle BXD \cong \angle NXL$

3. vertical  $\angle$ s are  $\cong$

4.)  $\triangle NXL \cong \triangle BXD$

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5.  $\overline{LN} \cong \overline{DB}$

5. CPCTC  
(corresponding parts of  $\cong \triangle$  are  $\cong$ )

When writing a proof you must:

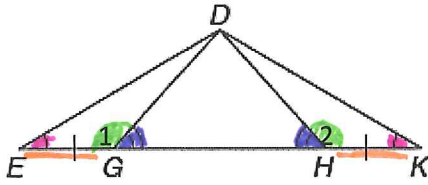
- 1.) start by Given
- 2.) write what we can conclude from the Given THEN the picture.
- 3.) end w/ what we wanted to Prove but never use "Prove" as a reason.

This means that after we use a shortcut to Prove  $\cong \triangle$ , we know all other parts are  $\cong$  too!

3.)

Given:  $\angle E \cong \angle K$ ,  $\angle DGH \cong \angle DHG$   
 $EG \cong KH$

Prove:  $\triangle EGD \cong \triangle KHD$



Want to get  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$  because then we can use ASA to show  $\cong \Delta$ s.

1.  $\angle E \cong \angle K$

$\angle DGH \cong \angle DHG$

$EG \cong KH$

1. given

2.  $\angle DGH + \angle 1 = 180$

$\angle DHG + \angle 2 = 180$

3.  $\angle DGH + \angle 1 = \angle DHG + \angle 2$

4.  $\angle DGH + \angle 1 = \angle DGH + \angle 2$   
 $-\angle DGH$                        $-\angle DGH$

5.  $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$

6.  $\triangle EGD \cong \triangle KHD$

2. linear pairs are Suppl.

3. Substitution

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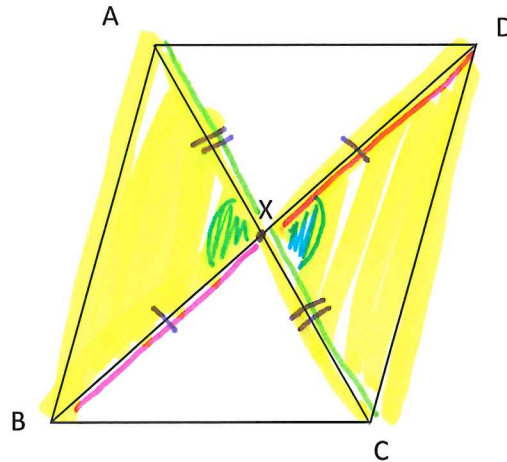
5. Subtraction

6. ASA

4.)

Given: x is the midpoint of BD  
x is the midpoint of AC

Prove:  $\triangle DXC$  is congruent to  $\triangle BXA$



1. X is midpt of BD

X is midpt of AC

2.  $BX \cong DX$

$AX \cong CX$

3.  $\angle AXB \cong \angle CXD$

4.  $\triangle DXC$  is congruent to  $\triangle BXA$

1. Given

2. Definition of midpoint

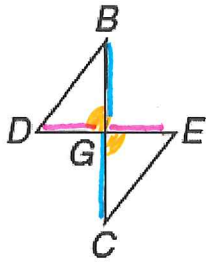
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Prove:  $\triangle DGB \cong \triangle EGC$



1.  $\overline{DE}$  and  $\overline{BC}$  bisect each other.

2.  $BG \cong CG$   
 $DG \cong EG$

3.  $\angle BGD \cong \angle CGE$

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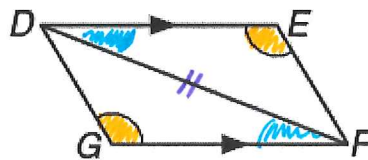
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Given:  $\overline{DE} \parallel \overline{FG}$

$\angle E \cong \angle G$

Prove:  $\triangle DFG \cong \triangle FDE$



1.  $\underline{DE \parallel FG}$

1. Given

$\underline{\angle E \cong \angle G}$

2.  $\underline{\angle EDF \cong \angle GFD}$

2. Parallel lines form  $\cong$  alternate interior angles

3.  $DF \cong DF$

3. Reflexive

4.  $\underline{\triangle DFG \cong \triangle FDE}$

4. AAS

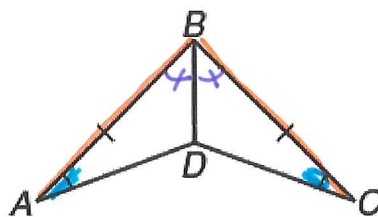
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Given:  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CB}$

$\angle A \cong \angle C$

$\overline{DB}$  bisects  $\angle ABC$ .

Prove:  $\overline{AD} \cong \overline{CD}$



1.  $AB \cong CB$   
 $\angle A \cong \angle C$   
 $DB$  bisects  $\angle ABC$

2.  $\angle ABD \cong \angle CBD$

3.  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle CBD$

4.  $AD \cong CD$

1. given

2. def of angle bisector.

3. ASA

4. CPCTC



If you prove  $\cong \Delta$   
then the left over  
parts are  $\cong$  to each other

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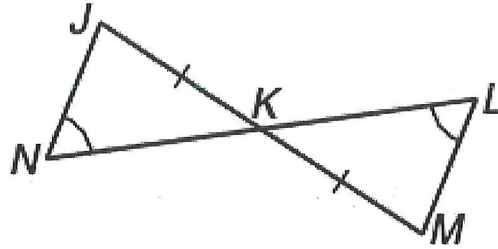
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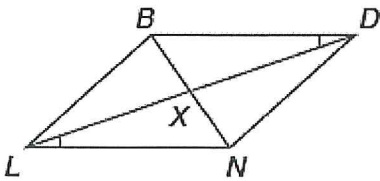
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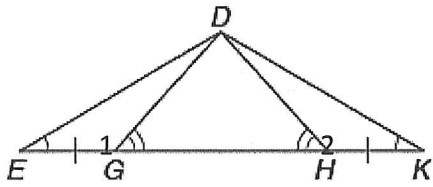
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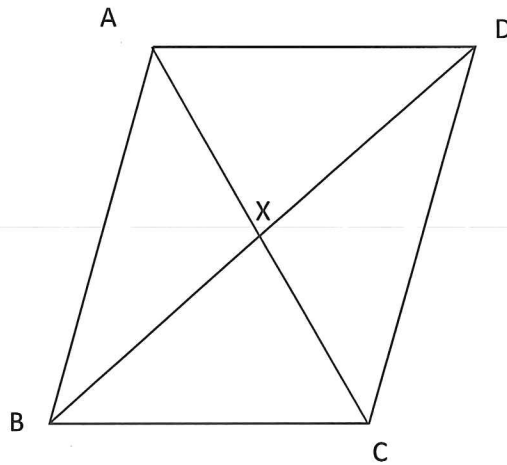
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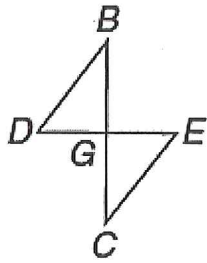
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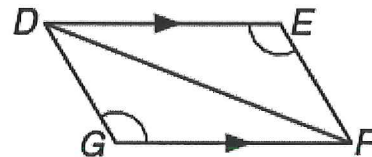
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