

Unit 1: Foundations of Geometry Geometry

Lesson 1.06 Properties of Lines

Students will be able to:

- <u>Content Objective:</u> Explain the difference between a postulate and a theorem.
- Language Objective: Write conclusions based on investigations with points and lines.

Warm Up

1. In the diagram below, *E* is the midpoint of \overline{AF} , *C* is the midpoint of \overline{AE} and *B* is the midpoint of \overline{AC} . If AB = 2, find the length of \overline{EF} .



2. In the diagram below, \overrightarrow{AW} is the angle bisector of $\angle LAX$, and \overrightarrow{AY} is the angle bisector of $\angle LAW$. If $m \angle LAX = 42^{\circ}$ (not drawn to scale), find the measure of $\angle WAY$.



Vocabulary Review

Using your prior knowledge of geometry, identify whether each of the following lines are parallel, perpendicular or neither. Use measurement if necessary.



Now that you reviewed your general understanding of parallel and perpendicular lines, lets look at these definitions more closely.





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Is it possible to draw more than one line through points J and K below?

- a. Experiment below by constructing lines b. What can through points J and K.
 - b. What can we conclude based on part a.?





Is it possible to draw more than one parallel line through point *P*, **not on the line** *l*, <u>parallel</u> to line *l*?

- a. Experiment below by constructing lines through point *P*.
- a. What can we conclude based on part a.? This is known as **Playfair's Axiom**.



Investigate

Is it possible to draw more than one line through point *P* on *l*, <u>perpendicular</u> to line *l*?

- a. Experiment below by constructing lines through point *P*.
- b. What can we conclude based on part a.?





Is it possible to draw more than one line through point *P* not on *l*, perpendicular to line *l*?

b. Experiment below by constructing lines c. What can we conclude based on part a.? through point *P*.







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Consider the diagram below where line *m* divides the plane into two **half planes**.

- a. Construct \overline{AD} . Is It true that a segment connecting two points on opposite sides of a line m must intersect line m? Explain.
- b. Construct AY. Is it true that a segment connecting two points on the same side of line m will always be parallel to line m? Explain.

- ^m A • D • Y
- c. Construct \overline{DY} . Using your prior knowledge of geometry, what type of triangle is ΔADY ? Use measurement to justify your answer.

The conclusions we have been making based on the investigations above are known as **postulates** or **axioms**. In Euclid's book "Elements", he introduced 5 postulates that, at that time, the whole of geometry was solely based on.



The first four postulates are intuitive and can be assumed when conducting future proofs in this course. The fifth postulate (parallel postulate) is not so intuitive.



Check Point

Explain the difference between a postulate and a theorem.



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Set Problem Set

Name:

- 1. True or False. Identify whether each of the following statements are true or false by writing T or F.
 - a. _____ The intersection of two lines is a line.
 - b. _____ Parallel lines never intersect.
 - c. _____ Through a point not on a given line, there exists at least one line through the point parallel to the given line.
 - d. _____ Through a point not on a given line, there exists exactly one line through the point perpendicular to the given line.
 - e. _____ An equilateral triangle has at least two congruent sides.
 - f. _____ A postulate or axiom is a mathematical statement that can be proven.
 - g. _____ A theorem is a mathematical statement that can be assumed and is intuitive.
- 2. Fill in the blank. Fill in the blanks with correct word or letter.
 - a. Planes *P* and *X* intersect at a _____.
 - b. *QE* is ______ to *HF*.
 - c. Plane _____ contains \overleftarrow{QE} .
 - d. Planes *P* and *X* contain points _____ and _____.
 - e. The only line parallel to *HF* that goes through point *F* is



3. Euclid's parallel postulate can be rephrased many ways using previous axioms. In Geometry, the converse of a statement can be written by switching the hypothesis and conclusion. For example:

Parallel postulate:	<u>Converse of Parallel Postulate:</u>
If two lines cut by a transversal form two same	Two straight lines intersected by a transversal
side interior angles whose sum is equivalent to two right angles, then the two lines will not intersect and are parallel.	are parallel if the interior angles formed have a sum equivalent to the sum of two right angles.

Based on the above and the diagram shown, are lines *m* and *n* parallel? Use measurement to justify your answer.

