

## Definitions and Notations of SMSG and Neutral Geometry

(a) A point  $C$  is said to lie *between* points  $A$  and  $B$ , denoted  $A - C - B$ , if  $A, B, C$  are distinct and  $d(A, B) = d(A, C) + d(C, B)$ .

(b) For two distinct points  $A, B$  a *line segment*  $\overline{AB}$  consists of the points  $A, B$  and of all points  $C$  on the unique line passing through  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A - C - B$ . The points  $A$  and  $B$  are called the *endpoints* of  $\overline{AB}$ .

(c) For two distinct points  $A, B$  the unique line through  $A$  and  $B$  is denoted  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ .

(d) For two distinct points  $A, B$  the *ray*  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  consists of the points  $A, B$  and of all the points  $C$  on the line  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$  such that  $A - C - B$  or  $A - B - C$ .

(e) A set of points  $R$  is called *convex* if for any two distinct points  $A, B$  in  $R$  the segment  $\overline{AB}$  is contained in  $R$ .

(f) If  $l$  is a line in a plane  $P$  then by SMSG Postulate 9 the complement of  $l$  in  $P$  is a union of two convex disjoint sets  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  such that for any points  $A \in H_1$  and  $B \in H_2$  the segment  $\overline{AB}$  intersects  $l$  at a single point. The sets  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are called *half-planes* of  $P$  determined by  $l$ .

(g) If  $A, B, C$  are three distinct non-colinear points, then the *angle*  $\angle BAC$  consists of the points on rays  $\overrightarrow{AB}, \overrightarrow{AC}$  and of all points  $D$  that lie between a point on  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and a point on  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ . The rays  $\overrightarrow{AB}, \overrightarrow{AC}$  are called the *sides* of  $\angle BAC$  and the point  $A$  is called the *vertex* of  $\angle BAC$ .

(h) An angle is *obtuse* if it has measure more than  $90^\circ$ . An angle is *acute* if it has measure less than  $90^\circ$ . An angle is *right* if it has measure  $90^\circ$ .

(i) Two angles are *adjacent* if they have a common side and their intersection is equal to that side.

(j) Two angles are *vertical* if they have a common vertex, their intersection is equal to that vertex and if the sides of each angle can be ordered in such a way that the union of the first sides of these angles is a line and the union of the second sides of these angles is a line.

(k) Two angles are *supplementary* if the sum of their measures is  $180^\circ$ . Two angles are *complementary* if the sum of their measures is  $90^\circ$ .

(l) The midpoint of a line segment is a point on the segment that is equidistant from the endpoints of the segment.

(m) A *bisector* of an angle  $\angle BAC$  is a ray  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  that is contained in  $\angle BAC$  and such that  $m\angle BAD = m\angle DAC = \frac{1}{2}m\angle BAC$ .

(n) Two lines  $l_1, l_2$  are said to be *perpendicular* if they intersect at a point  $A$  such that for any point  $B$  on  $l_1$  and any point  $C$  on  $l_2$  such that  $B \neq A$  and  $C \neq A$  the angle  $\angle BAC$  is right.

(o) If  $A, B, C$  are three non-colinear points then a *triangle*  $\triangle ABC$  is the intersection of the angles  $\angle ABC, \angle BAC$  and  $\angle CBA$ . The points  $A, B, C$  are called *vertices* of  $\triangle ABC$  and the segments  $\overline{AB}, \overline{AC}, \overline{BC}$  are called the *sides* of  $\triangle ABC$ .

(p) Let  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  (where  $n \geq 4$ ) be  $n$  distinct points in the plane.

Suppose that:

- (1) No three distinct points in the list  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  are colinear; and
- (2) For each  $i = 2, \dots, n - 2$  the intersection of the triangles  $\triangle A_1 A_i A_{i+1}$  and  $A_1 A_{i+1} A_{i+2}$  is equal to the segment  $\overline{A_1 A_{i+1}}$ ; and
- (3) The union of the triangles  $\triangle A_1 A_2 A_3, \triangle A_1 A_3 A_4, \dots, \triangle A_1 A_{n-1} A_n$  is convex.

Then a *polygon*  $P(A_1, \dots, A_n)$  is the union of triangles

$$\triangle A_1 A_2 A_3, \triangle A_1 A_3 A_4, \dots, \triangle A_1 A_{n-1} A_n.$$

The points  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are called the *vertices* of  $P(A_1, \dots, A_n)$  and the segments  $\overline{A_1 A_2}, \overline{A_2 A_3}, \dots, \overline{A_{n-1} A_n}, \overline{A_n A_1}$  are called the *sides* of  $P(A_1, \dots, A_n)$ .

(q) The *interior* of an angle (triangle, polygon) consists of all those points of the angle (triangle, polygon) that do not lie on its sides.