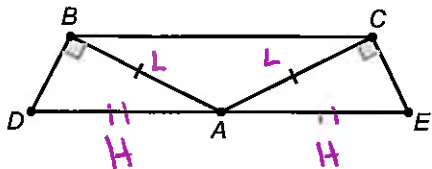


Overlapping Triangles & HL Proofs

Given: Isosceles Triangle ABC
A midpoint of \overline{DE}
 $\angle DBA$ and $\angle ECA$ are Right

Prove: $\overline{BD} \cong \overline{CE}$



1. After assessing the problem situation, a student quickly decides they are going to use vertical angles to prove $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACE$ by A.S.A. Explain how the student has incorrectly assessed the situation.

The student miss took $\angle BAD$ and $\angle CAE$ as vertical. They are not vertical because vertical \angle 's are formed by the intersection of 2 lines not 3.

2. Complete a proof of the problem above that uses the HL congruency postulate.

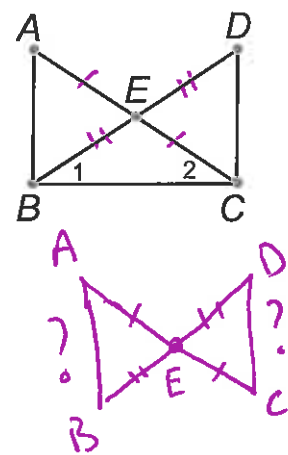
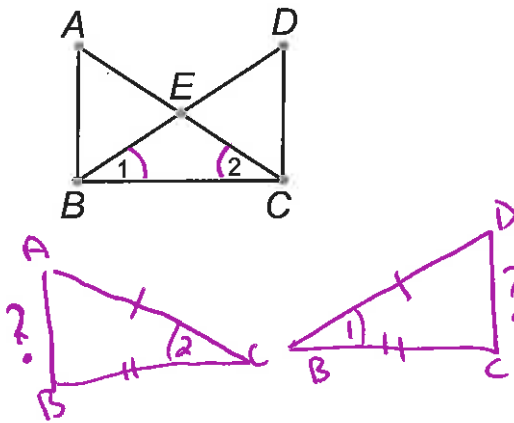
Statement	Reason
① Isosc. $\triangle ABC$ A midpt of \overline{DE} $\angle DBA, \angle ECA$ are rt	① Given
Legs ② $\overline{BA} \cong \overline{CA}$	② Isosc. \triangle has 2 \cong sides
hypots. ③ $\overline{DA} \cong \overline{EA}$	③ midpt \div seg into 2 \cong segs.
④ $\triangle DBA \cong \triangle ECA$	④ HL

Overlapping Triangles – Often times, a geometry picture will contain many overlapping triangles and it is unclear which triangles should be shown congruent. In these cases, redrawing the picture to single out the suspected congruent triangles can help determine a direction for the proof.

Example: For each problem, redraw the picture to separate out the suspected congruent triangles based on the given information. *Hint: Which triangles contain the parts in the "given" statements? Name the two triangles drawn and complete a proof.*

3a. Given: $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$
 $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DB}$
 Prove: $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DC}$

3b. Given: \overline{AC} & \overline{BD} bisect each other
 Prove: $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DC}$



Statement	Reason
① $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$ $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DB}$	① Given
② $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{BC}$	② Reflexive.
③ $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DCB$	③ SAS
④ $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DC}$	④ CPCTC CPCTC

Statement	Reason
① \overline{AC} bisects \overline{BD} \overline{BD} bisects \overline{AC}	① Given
② E midpt of \overline{BD} and \overline{AC}	② Seg. bisector goes through m.p.
③ $\overline{AE} \cong \overline{CE}$ $\overline{BE} \cong \overline{DE}$	③ midpt \div seg into 2 \cong segs.
④ $\angle AEB \cong \angle CED$	④ vert. \angle 's \cong
⑤ $\triangle AEB \cong \triangle CED$	⑤ SAS
⑥ $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DC}$	⑥ CPCTC

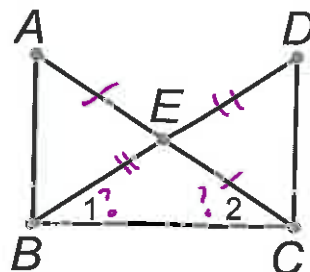
Proving Triangles congruent using parts from other congruent triangles

Sometimes a proof problem may require you to prove two triangles congruent based off parts from other congruent triangles. Essentially, this requires you to prove more than one pair of triangles congruent in a single proof.

Consider this example:

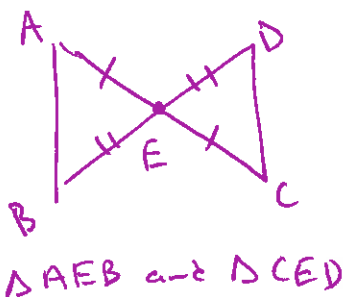
Given: \overline{AC} & \overline{BD} bisect each other
 $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DB}$

Prove: $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$

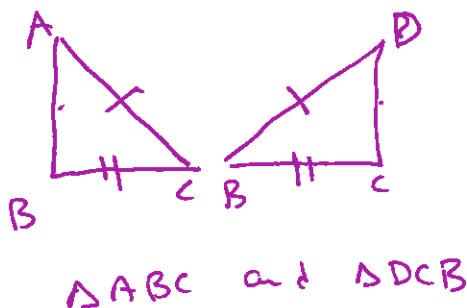


4. For each "given" statement, redraw the picture to separate out the suspected congruent triangles and name the two triangles drawn.

a. \overline{AC} & \overline{BD} bisect each other



b. $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DB}$



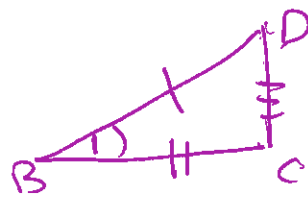
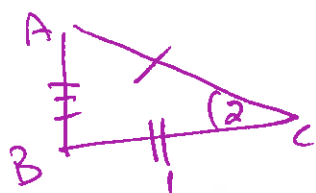
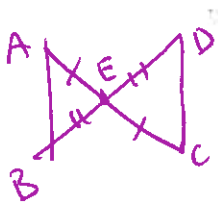
5. Of the two pairs of triangles drawn and named in #4, which pair does $\angle 1$ and $\angle 2$ belong to?

$\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DCB$

6. Based on your drawings in #4, how will showing $\triangle AEB \cong \triangle CED$ help in showing $\triangle ACB \cong \triangle DCB$? Explain.

We can use $\triangle AEB$ and $\triangle CED$ to show $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$
 Since \overline{AB} and \overline{CD} are in $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DCB$, we can use them to show $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DCB$ by SSS.

7. Complete a proof for this problem on the back of this page.



Statement

Reason.

- ① \overline{AC} and \overline{DB} bisect each other
 $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DB}$
- ② E midpt of \overline{AC} and \overline{BD}
- ③ $\overline{AE} \cong \overline{CE}$, $\overline{BE} \cong \overline{DE}$
- ④ $\angle AEB \cong \angle CED$
- ⑤ $\triangle AEB \cong \triangle CED$
- ⑥ $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$
- ⑦ $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{BC}$
- ⑧ $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DCB$
- ⑨ $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$

- ① Give -
- ② Seg. bisector goes through midpt.
- ③ midpt of seg. into 2 \cong segs.
- ④ vert. \angle 's \cong
- ⑤ SAS
- ⑥ cpctc
- ⑦ Reflexive
- ⑧ SSS
- ⑨ cpctc.