
Class #13

More betweenness

Proposition 3.1: For any two distinct points A and B:

1. $\overrightarrow{AB} \cap \overrightarrow{BA} = AB$ (overlapping rays)
2. $\overrightarrow{AB} \cup \overrightarrow{BA} = \{ \overleftrightarrow{AB} \}$

Prove 1. We will leave 2. for homework

Proof of Proposition 3.1 (1.)

We need to show two things:

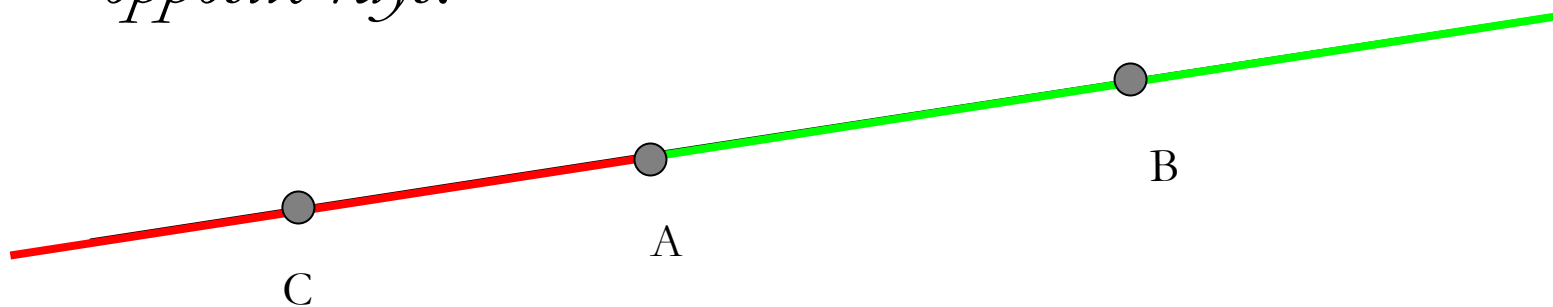
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1. That $\overrightarrow{AB} \subset \overrightarrow{AB} \cap \overrightarrow{BA}$ means that $\overrightarrow{AB} \subset \overrightarrow{AB}$ and $\overrightarrow{AB} \subset \overrightarrow{BA}$. By definition of a ray $\overrightarrow{AB} \subset \overrightarrow{AB}$. By Lemma 3.0(1) $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{BA}$, and by definition of a ray $\overrightarrow{BA} \subset \overrightarrow{BA}$, so $\overrightarrow{AB} \subset \overrightarrow{BA}$. Hence $\overrightarrow{AB} \subset \overrightarrow{AB} \cap \overrightarrow{BA}$.

2. We now show that $\overrightarrow{AB} \cap \overrightarrow{BA} \subset \overrightarrow{AB}$. Let $P \in \overrightarrow{AB} \cap \overrightarrow{BA}$. If $P=A$ or $P=B$, then $P \in \overrightarrow{AB}$ by definition of a segment. Suppose that P, A and B are distinct points. Note that they are collinear: $P \in \overrightarrow{AB} \cap \overrightarrow{BA} \Rightarrow P \in \overrightarrow{AB} \Rightarrow P \in \overrightarrow{AB}$ or $A*B*P \Rightarrow A*P*B$ or $A*B*P$, hence by **B-1** these three points are collinear. Since A, B, P are three distinct points, by **B-3**, exactly one of the following holds: $A*P*B$ or $A*B*P$ or $P*A*B$.

- If $A*B*P$, then by **B-3**, $\text{not}(A*P*B)$ and $\text{not}(P*A*B)$. Since $\text{not}(A*P*B)$ then by **B-1**, $\text{not}(B*P*A)$, which by definition of a segment means that $P \notin \overrightarrow{BA}$. Also, $\text{not}(P*A*B)$ means $\text{not}(B*A*P)$. By definition of a ray, $P \notin \overrightarrow{BA}$ and $\text{not}(B*A*P)$ show that $P \notin \overrightarrow{BA}$, which contradicts our assumption.
- If $P*A*B$, similar argument shows that $P \notin \overrightarrow{AB}$, which is a contradiction.
- If $A*P*B$, then by definition of a segment means that $P \in \overrightarrow{AB}$.

- Definition: If C^*A^*B , then \overrightarrow{AC} and \overrightarrow{AB} are called *opposite rays*.



Obvious claim?

- If C^*A^*B and l is a line through A, B and C then for every point P on l either $P \in \overrightarrow{AB}$ or $P \in \overrightarrow{AC}$.

Exercise:

- Prove the obvious claim:

If $C * A * B$ and l is a line through A , B and C then for every point P on l either $P \in \overrightarrow{AB}$ or $P \in \overrightarrow{AC}$.

Try #1:

- If $P=A$ or $P=C$, we're done. Else P , A and C are distinct, so by **B-3**, one of the following holds:

■ $P*A*C$



$P \in CA$

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$A*P*C$



$P \in AC$

$A*C*P$



$P \in AC$

Try #2:

- If P is A, B or C, we're done.
- P, A and B are distinct, so by **B-3**, one of the following holds:
 1. $P*A*B$
 2. $A*P*B$
 3. $A*B*P$
- P, A and C are distinct, so by **B-3**, one of the following holds:
 4. $P*A*C$
 5. $A*P*C$
 6. $A*C*P$

If 2., 3., 5. or 6. done.

If 1. or 4. $P*A*B$ and $P*A*C$. So?

Line Separation Property (LSP): If C^*A^*B and l is a line through A , B and C then for every point P on l either $P \in \overrightarrow{AB}$ or $P \in \overrightarrow{AC}$.

Equivalently: If C^*A^*B and l is the line through A , B and C then $\{l\} = \overrightarrow{AB} \cup \overrightarrow{AC}$.

LSP is related to another “obvious” claim:

(B4P): If A^*B^*C and A^*C^*D then B^*C^*D and A^*B^*D .

Homework for WEDNESDAY!

Show that LSP is independent of $I1-3$ and $B1-3$.
