## 4.4 Proving Congruence SSS, SAS

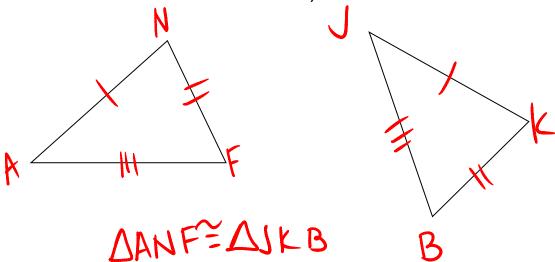
- 1. You learned CPCTC
- 2. But Now
  - a. SSS
  - b. SAS
  - c. ASA
  - d. AAS (same as SAA)

Can all show congruence.

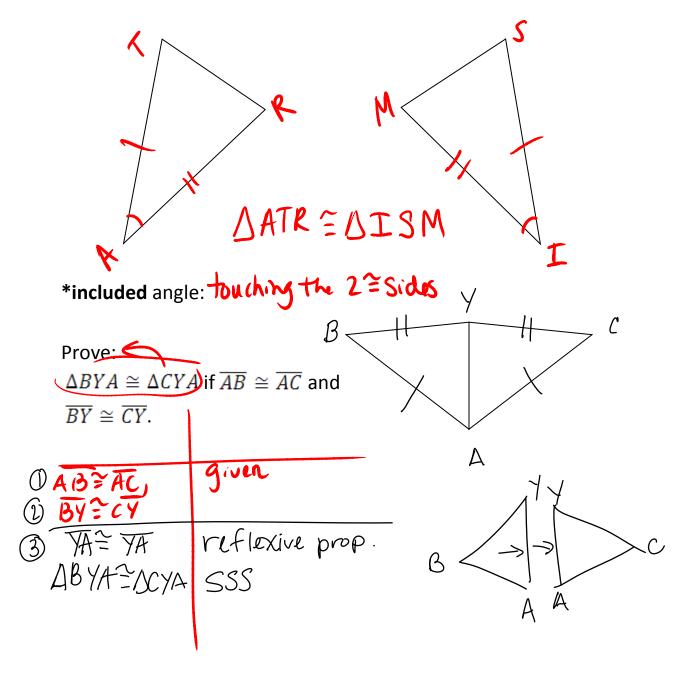
e. SSA, AAA

Cannot show congruence

• Side-Side-Side Congruence Postulate (SSS): If the sides of one  $\Delta$  are  $\cong$  to the sides of a second  $\Delta$ , then the  $\Delta$ 's are  $\cong$ .



• Side-Angle-Side Congruence Postulate (SAS): If two sides and the \*included angle of one  $\Delta$  are  $\cong$  to two sides and the \*included angle of a second  $\Delta$ , then the  $\Delta$ 's are  $\cong$ .

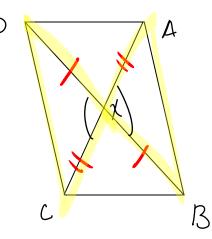


Given: x is midpoint of  $\overline{BD}$ .

x is midpoint of  $\overline{AC}$ .

Prove:  $\Delta DXC \cong \Delta BXA$ 

X 13 midpt AC



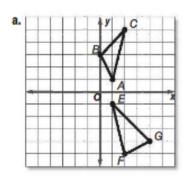
midpt thm midpt thm

DDXC=ABXC SAS

3 L DXC=LBXA | vertical L's thm

**EXTENDED RESPONSE** Triangle ABC has vertices A(1, 1), B(0, 3), and C(2, 5). Tripngle EFG has vertices E(1, -1), F(2, -5), and G(4, -4).

- Graph both triangles on the same coordinate plane.
- b. Use your graph to make a conjecture as to whether the triangles are congruent. Explain your reasoning.
- c. Write a logical argument using coordinate geometry to support the conjecture you made in part b.



b. From the graph, it appears that the triangles do not have the same shape, so we can conjecture that they are not congruent.

c. Use the Distance Formula to show that not all corresponding sides have the same measure.

$$AB = \sqrt{(0-1)^2 + (3-1)^2}$$

$$=\sqrt{1+4} \text{ or } \sqrt{5}$$

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$$BC = \sqrt{(2-0)^2 + (5-3)^2}$$

$$=\sqrt{4+4}$$
 or  $\sqrt{8}$ 

$$AC = \sqrt{(2-1)^2 + (5-1)^2}$$
  
=  $\sqrt{1+16}$  or  $\sqrt{17}$ 

$$EF = \sqrt{(2-1)^2 + [-5 - (-1)]^2}$$

$$=\sqrt{1+16} \text{ or } \sqrt{17}$$

$$FG = \sqrt{(4-2)^2 + [-4 - (-5)]^2}$$

$$=\sqrt{4+1}$$
 or  $\sqrt{5}$ 

$$EG = \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + [-4 - (-1)]^2}$$

$$=\sqrt{9+9} \text{ or } \sqrt{18}$$

While AB = FG and AC = EF,  $BC \neq EG$ . Since SSS congruence is not met,  $\triangle ABC \not\equiv \triangle EFG$ .