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# AXIOMS OF EUCLIDEAN GEOMETRY

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## The Original Euclid's Postulates (5)

- 1. For every point *A* and for every point *B* not equal to *A* there exists a unique line that passes through *A* and *B*.
- 2. For every segment AB and for every segment CD there exists a unique point E such that B is between A and E and such that segment CD is congruent to segment BE.
- 3. For every point O and every point A not equal to O, there exists a circle with center O and radius OA.
- 4. All right angles are congruent to each other.
- 5. (Euclid's Parallel Postulate) For every line *I* and for every point *P* that does not lie on *I*, there exists a unique line *m* passing through *P* that is parallel to *I*.

#### **Incidence Axioms (3)**

- 1. Given 2 distinct points there is a unique line incident with them.
- 2. Given a line there exist at least 2 distinct points incidence with it.
- 3. There exist 3 distinct points not incident with the same line.

#### **Incidence Propositions**

- 1. If 2 distinct lines are not parallel then they have a unique common point.
- 2. There exist 3 distinct lines which are not concurrent.
- 3. For every line there is at least one point not incidence with it.
- 4. For every point there is at least one line not incidence with it.
- 5. For every point there exist at least 2 lines incidence with it.

## Betweenness Axioms (4)

- 1. If A\*B\*C then also C\*B\*A and A, B, C are distinct collinear points.
- 2. Given 2 points *P* and *Q* there exist 3 points *A*, *B*, *C* such that *P*\*A\*Q and *P*\*Q\*B and *C*\**P*\*Q.
- 3. Given 3 collinear points, only one of them can be between the other two.
- 4. (Plane Separation) For every line I and for every 3 points A, B, C not on I,
  - (a) If *A*, *B* are on the same side of *I* and *B*, *C* are on the same side of *I*, then *A*, *C* are on the same side of *I*.
  - (b) If *A*, *B* are on the opposite sides of *I* and *B*, *C* are on the opposite sides of *I*, then *A*, *C* are on the same side of *I*. Corollary:
  - (c) If *A*, *B* are on the opposite sides of *I* and *B*, *C* are on the same side of *I*, then *A*, *C* are on the opposite sides of *I*.

## **Betweenness Propositions**

- 1.  $AB > \cap BA > = AB$  and  $AB > \cup BA > = \langle AB \rangle$
- 2. Every line gives exactly two mutually exclusive half-planes.
- 3. (a) Given  $A^*B^*C$  and  $A^*C^*D$  then  $B^*C^*D$  and  $A^*B^*D$ 
  - (b) Given A\*B\*C and B\*C\*D then A\*B\*D and A\*C\*D

- 4. Line Separation Property
- 5. Given A\*B\*C then
  - (a)  $AB \cup BC = AC$
  - (b)  $AB \cap BC = \{B\}$
  - (c)  $BA > \cap BC > = \{B\}$
  - (d) *AB*> = *AC*>
- 6. Pasch's Theorem
- 7. Given  $\angle CAB$  and a point *D* on the line *BC*, then *D* belongs to the interior of  $\angle CAB$  if and only if  $B^*D^*C$ .
- 8. If *D* is in the interior of  $\angle CAB$  then
  - (a) so is all of ray AD except A itself
  - (b) the opposite of ray AD is completely in the exterior
  - (c) if  $C^*A^*E$  then B is in the interior of  $\angle DAE$
- 9. Crossbar Theorem

# **Congruence Axioms (6)**

- 1. Given segment *AB* and any ray with vertex *C*, there is a unique point *D* on this ray such that  $AB \approx CD$ .
- 2. If  $AB \approx CD$  and  $AB \approx DF$  then  $CD \approx DF$ .
- 3. Given  $A^*B^*C$  and  $D^*E^*F$ , if  $AB \approx DE$  and  $BC \approx EF$  then  $AC \approx DF$ .
- 4. Given  $\angle D$  and any ray *AB* there is a unique ray *AC* on each half-plane of the line *AB* such that  $\angle BAC \approx \angle D$ .
- 5. If  $\angle A \approx \angle B$  and  $\angle A \approx \angle C$  then  $\angle B \approx \angle C$ .
- 6. (SAS Criterion) If 2 sides and the included angle of a triangle are congruent to those of another triangle, respectively, then the two triangles are congruent.

## **Congruence Propositions**

- 1. Segment Subtraction
- 2. Segment Ordering
- 3. Supplements of congruent angles are congruent.
- 4. All vertical angles are congruent to each other.
- 5. An angle congruent to a right angle is a right angle.
- 6. Given a line I and a point P there exists a line through P perpendicular to I.
- 7. ASA Criterion
- 8. Isosceles Triangle Theorem
- 9. Angle Addition
- 10. Angle Subtraction
- 11. Angle Ordering
- 12. SSS Criterion
- 13. All right angles are congruent to each other.

## **Continuity Axioms (2)**

- 1. (Circular Continuity Principle) If a circle has one point inside and one point outside another circle, then the two circles intersect in two points.
- 2. (Archimedes' Axiom) Given segment *CD* and any ray *AB* there is a number *n* and a point *E* on this ray such that  $n \ge AE \ge AB$ .

# Parallelism Axiom (1)

• (Hilbert's Parallel Axiom) Given a line *I* and a point *P* not on *I*, there is at most one line through *P* which is parallel to *I*.

#### **Theorems in Neutral Geometry:**

- 1. Alternate Interior Angle Theorem and its corollaries:
  - (a) Two lines perpendicular to another line are parallel.
  - (b) Given a line *I* and a point *P* not on *I*, there is a unique line through *P* which is perpendicular to *I*.
  - (c) Given a line *l* and a point *P* not on *l*, there exists a line through *P* which is parallel to *l*.
- 2. SAA Criterion
- 3. Every segment has a unique midpoint.
- 4. Every segment has a unique perpendicular bisector.
- 5. Every angle has a unique bisector.
- 6. Given  $\triangle ABC$ , AB > BC if and only if  $\angle C > \angle A$ .
- 7. Given  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle DEF$  with  $AB \approx DE$  and  $BC \approx EF$ , then AC < DF if and only if  $\angle B < \angle E$ .
- 8. Triangle Inequality Theorem
- 9. Saccheri-Legendre Theorem
- 10. If there is one triangle with angle sum =  $180^{\circ}$  then a rectangle exists.
- 11. If a rectangle exists then every triangle has angle sum =  $180^{\circ}$ .
- 12. If there is one triangle with angle sum  $< 180^{\circ}$  then every triangle has angle sum  $< 180^{\circ}$ .

**Note**: Using Euclid's Parallel Postulate it can be proved that in Euclidean Geometry the angle sum of any triangle =  $180^{\circ}$ . In Hyperbolic Geometry angle sum of any triangle always <  $180^{\circ}$  whereas in Elliptic Geometry >  $180^{\circ}$ .

- 13. Euclid's Parallel Postulate is equivalent to each of the following statements:
  - (a) If two lines are cut by a transversal such that two interior angles of the same side have degree sum < 180° then the two lines intersect on this same side.
  - (b) Hilbert's Parallel Axiom
  - (c) If a line intersects / then it intersects any line which is parallel to /.
  - (d) The converse of the Alternate Interior Angle Theorem
  - (e) If  $I_1 // I_2$  and  $m \perp I_1$  then  $m \perp I_2$ .
  - (f) If  $I_1 // I_2$  and  $m_1 \perp I_1$  and  $m_2 \perp I_2$  then either  $m_1 = m_2$  or  $m_1 // m_2$ .

# Hyperbolic Axiom (1)

• There exists a line *I* and a point *P* not on *I* such that there are at least two lines through *P* which are parallel to *I*.

## Theorems in Hyperbolic Geometry:

- 1. There are no rectangles.
- 2. Universal Hyperbolic Theorem
- 3. For every line *l* and a point *P* not on *l*, there are infinitely many lines through *P* which are parallel to *l*.
- 4. The angle sum of any triangle  $< 180^{\circ}$ .
- 5. AAA Criterion

## Note: It can be proved that, if Euclidean Geometry is consistent then

- (a) so is Hyperbolic Geometry
- (b) the Parallel Axiom is independent from the other axioms.