

# TOPIC 4: MEDIANS & ALTITUDES IN $\Delta$ 'S

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Geometry Worksheet: 3.4 Beyond CPCTC

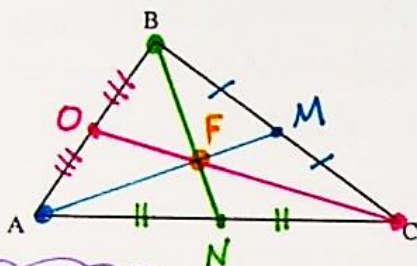
**Defn:** **median** – a line segment drawn from any vertex of a triangle to the midpoint of the opposite side.

For  
Proof  
Reasons

**COND:** If a segment is a median, then it bisects the side to which it is drawn.

**CONV:** If a segment drawn from a vertex of a triangle bisects the side to which it is drawn, then it is a median.

1. Draw 3 medians – one from A to  $\overline{BC}$ , one from B to  $\overline{AC}$  and a third from C to  $\overline{AB}$ .  
Label the 3 midpoints, M, N and O, respectively.  
Use tick marks to show congruent segments.



Centroid  
point F

**Note:** The point where all 3 medians intersect is called the **centroid**.  
Label the centroid as point F.

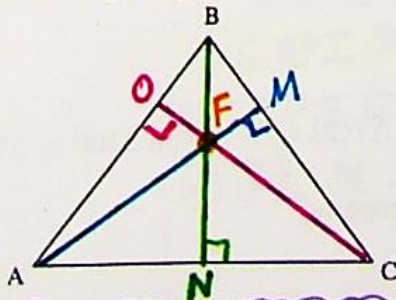
**Defn:** **altitude** – a line segment drawn from any vertex of a triangle such that it is perpendicular to the opposite side or the extension thereof.

For  
Proof  
Reasons

**COND:** If a segment is an altitude, then it forms right angles with the side to which it is drawn.

**CONV:** If a segment drawn from a vertex of a triangle forms right angles with the side to which it is drawn, then it is an altitude.

2. Draw 3 altitudes – one from A to  $\overline{BC}$ , one from B to  $\overline{AC}$  and a third from C to  $\overline{AB}$ .  
Label the 3 points of intersection as M, N and O, respectively.  
Use proper tick marks to show right angles.

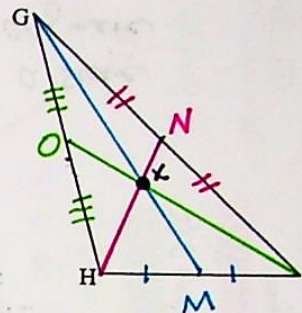
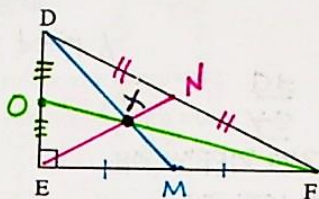
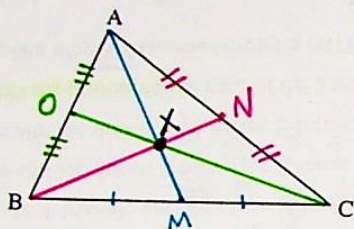


Orthocenter  
point F

**Note:** The point where all 3 altitudes intersect is called the **orthocenter**.  
Label the orthocenter as point F.

### 3.4 Medians

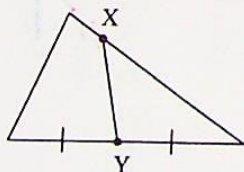
Draw the 3 medians for each triangle below. Use a ruler for accuracy.



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Questions:

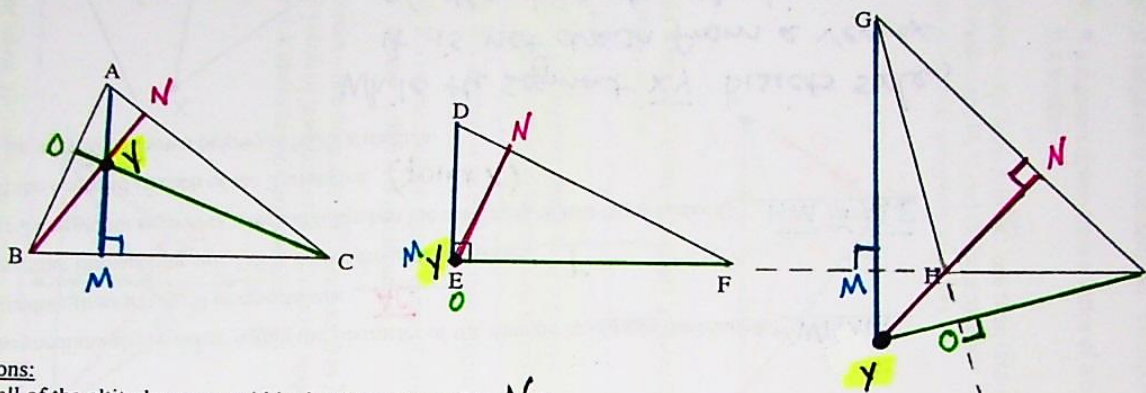
1. Do the medians above occur within the perimeter of the triangle or outside the triangle? within
2. The median drawn from B intersects side AC.
3. The median intersecting side DE is drawn from which vertex F.
4. Name 2 congruent segments which result when the median is drawn from vertex G:  $\overline{HM} \cong \overline{MI}$
5. Label the centroid in each of the 3 triangles. (point X)
6. Explain why  $\overline{XY}$  (shown below) is **NOT** a median.



While the segment  $\overline{XY}$  bisects side, it is not drawn from a vertex of the triangle. Medians originate from a vertex of a triangle.

3.4 Altitudes

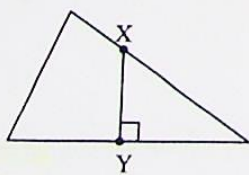
Draw the 3 altitudes for each triangle below. Use a ruler for accuracy.



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Questions:

1. Do all of the altitudes occur within the three triangles? No
2. In which triangle do two of the altitudes fall outside the triangle? the last one,  $\triangle GHI$
3. In which triangle are two of the altitudes on the triangle? the middle one,  $\triangle DEF$
4. The altitude drawn from vertex C forms right angles with which side?  $\overline{AB}$
5. The altitude drawn from vertex E forms right angles with which side?  $\overline{DF}$
6. Label the orthocenter in each of the 3 triangles. point Y
7. Explain why  $\overline{XY}$  (shown below) is NOT an altitude.



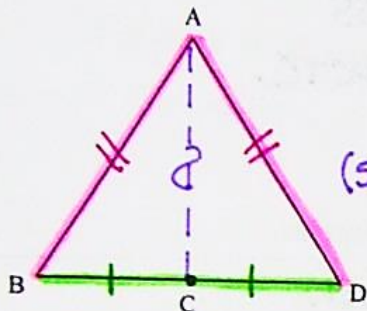
While  $\overline{XY}$  forms a right  $\angle$  on a side of the triangle, it does not originate from a vertex of the triangle. Altitudes originate from a vertex of a triangle and form right angles on opposite sides.

**Defn: auxiliary line** – a line added to a diagram to help complete a proof. (dotted)

**Postulate:** any two points determine a line.

3. Given:  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AD}$   
C midpoint  $\overline{BD}$

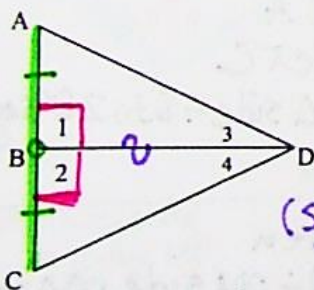
Prove:  $\angle B \cong \angle D$



Statements	Reasons
1) $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AD}$	1) Given
2) C mdpt $\overline{BD}$	2) Given
3) $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{CD}$	3) A mdpt $\div$ seg into 2 $\cong$ segs
4) Draw $\overline{AC}$	4) 2 pts determine a seg
(5) 5) $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{AC}$	5) Reflexive Property
6) $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ADC$	6) SSS (1, 3, 5)
7) $\angle B \cong \angle D$	7) CPCTC

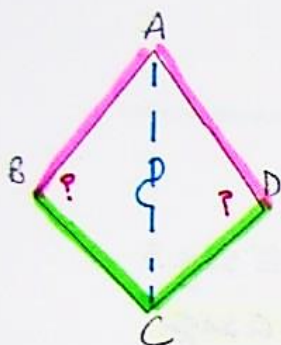
4. Given:  $\overline{DB}$  is an altitude to  $\overline{AC}$   
B midpoint  $\overline{AC}$

Prove:  $\overline{DB}$  bisects  $\angle ADC$



Statements	Reasons
1) $\overline{DB}$ alt to $\overline{AC}$	1) Given
2) $\angle 1$ & $\angle 2$ Rt $\angle$ 's	2) alt forms Rt $\angle$ 's on opp side of $\Delta$
3) $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$	3) All right $\angle$ 's are $\cong$
4) B mdpt $\overline{AC}$	4) Given
5) $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC}$	5) A mdpt $\div$ seg into 2 $\cong$ segs
(5) 6) $\overline{BD} \cong \overline{BD}$	6) Reflexive Property
7) $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle CBD$	7) SAS (5, 3, 6)
8) $\angle 3 \cong \angle 4$	8) CPCTC
9) $\overline{DB}$ bis $\angle ADC$	9) If $\angle$ is $\div$ into 2 $\cong$ $\angle$ 's by a ray, then bisected.

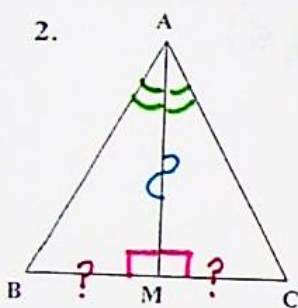
1. Now write the proof for it:



Given:  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AD}$   
 $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{DC}$   
 Prove:  $\angle B \cong \angle D$

Statements	Reasons
1) $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AD}$	1) Given
2) $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{DC}$	2) Given
3) Draw $\overline{AC}$	3) 2 pts det a seg
4) $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{AC}$	4) Reflexive Property
5) $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ADC$	5) SSS
6) $\angle B \cong \angle D$	6) CPCTC

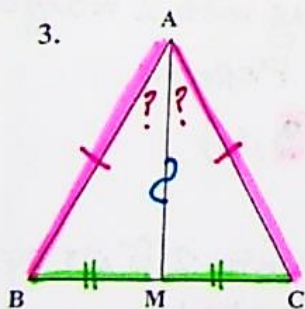
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Given:  $\overline{AM}$  is an altitude  
 $\overline{AM}$  bis.  $\angle BAC$   
 Prove:  $\overline{AM}$  is a median

Statements	Reasons
1) $\overline{AM}$ is an altitude	1) Given
2) $\triangle BMA$ & $\triangle CMA$ are rt $\triangle$ 's	2) Alt forms rt $\triangle$ 's in $\triangle$
3) $\triangle BMA \cong \triangle CMA$	3) All right $\triangle$ 's are $\cong$
4) $\overline{AM}$ bis $\angle BAC$	4) Given
5) $\angle BAM \cong \angle CAM$	5) A bis. $\angle$ is $\div$ into 2 $\cong$ $\angle$ 's
6) $\overline{AM} \cong \overline{AM}$	6) Reflexive Prop.
7) $\triangle BAM \cong \triangle CAM$	7) ASA
8) $\overline{BM} \cong \overline{MC}$	8) CPCTC
9) $\overline{AM}$ is a median	9) If $\triangle$ side $\div$ into 2 $\cong$ segs $\rightarrow$ median

3.

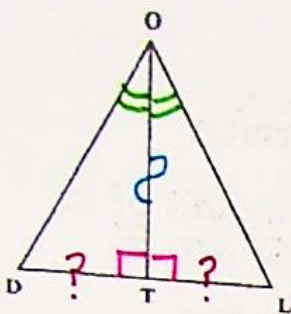


Given:  $\overline{AM}$  is a median  
 $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$   
 Prove:  $\overline{AM}$  bis.  $\angle BAC$

Statements	Reasons
1) $\overline{AM}$ is a median	1) Given
2) $\overline{BM} \cong \overline{MC}$	2) med $\div$ opp side of $\triangle$ into 2 $\cong$ segs
3) $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$	3) Given
4) $\overline{AM} \cong \overline{AM}$	4) Reflexive Prop.
5) $\triangle ABM \cong \triangle ACM$	5) SSS
6) $\angle BAM \cong \angle CAM$	6) CPCTC
7) $\overline{AM}$ bis $\angle BAC$	7) If $\angle$ is $\div$ into 2 $\cong$ $\angle$ 's, then bis by a ray.

## Beyond CPCTC (OTB 3.4)

1)

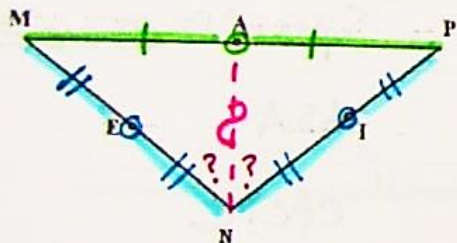
Given:  $\overline{OT}$  is an altitude $\overline{OT}$  bisects  $\angle DOL$ Prove:  $\overline{OT}$  is a median

Statements

Reasons

1) $\overline{OT}$ is an alt	1) Given
2) $\triangle OTD$ & $\triangle OTL$ are rt $\triangle$ 's	2) $\Delta$ alt forms rt $\triangle$ 's
3) $\angle OTD \cong \angle OTL$	3) All right $\triangle$ 's are $\cong$
4) $\overline{OT}$ bis $\angle DOL$	4) Given
5) $\angle DOT \cong \angle LOT$	5) A bis $\angle$ is $\div$ into 2 $\cong \angle$ 's
6) $\overline{OT} \cong \overline{OT}$	6) Reflexive Prop.
7) $\triangle DOT \cong \triangle LOT$	7) ASA
8) $\overline{DT} \cong \overline{TL}$	8) CPCTC
9) $\overline{OT}$ is a median	9) If opp side of $\Delta$ is $\div$ into 2 $\cong$ segs, then median

2)



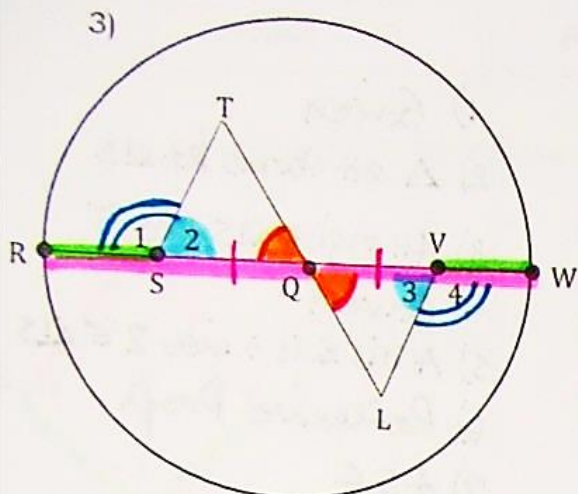
Given: I midpt  $\overline{PN}$   
 E midpt  $\overline{MN}$   
 $\overline{EN} \cong \overline{IN}$   
 A midpt  $\overline{PM}$

Prove:  $\overline{NA}$  bisects  $\angle MNP$ 

Statements

Reasons

1) I midpt of $\overline{PN}$	1) Given
2) E midpt of $\overline{MN}$	2) Given
3) $\overline{EN} \cong \overline{IN}$	3) Given
4) $\overline{NM} \cong \overline{NP}$	4) Multiplication Property
5) A midpt of $\overline{PM}$	5) Given
6) $\overline{MA} \cong \overline{AP}$	6) midpt $\div$ seg into 2 $\cong$ segs
7) Draw $\overline{NA}$	7) 2 pts det. a seg
8) $\overline{NA} \cong \overline{NA}$	8) Reflexive Prop.
9) $\triangle MAN \cong \triangle PAN$	9) SSS
10) $\angle MNA \cong \angle PNA$	10) CPCTC
11) $\overline{NA}$ bis. $\angle MNP$	11) If $\angle$ is $\div$ into 2 $\cong \angle$ 's, then bis. by a ray



Given:  $\odot Q$   
 $\overline{RS} \cong \overline{WV}$   
 $\angle 1 \cong \angle 4$

Prove: Q midpt of  $\overline{TL}$

Statements	Reasons
1. $\odot Q$	1. Given
2. $\overline{QR} \cong \overline{QW}$	2. All radii of a $\odot$ are $\cong$
3. $\overline{RS} \cong \overline{WV}$	3. Given
4. $\overline{SQ} \cong \overline{QV}$	4. Subtraction Prop.
5. $\angle SQT$ & $\angle VQL$ are vertical $\angle$ 's	5. Assumed from diagram
6. $\angle SQT \cong \angle VQL$	6. Vertical $\angle$ 's are $\cong$
7. $\angle 1 \cong \angle 4$	7. Given
8. $\angle 1$ supps $\angle 2$ $\angle 4$ supps $\angle 3$	8. If 2 $\angle$ 's form str $\angle$ , then supps
9. $\angle 2 \cong \angle 3$	9. Supps of $\cong \angle$ 's are $\cong$
10. $\triangle SQT \cong \triangle VQL$	10. ASA
11. $\overline{TQ} \cong \overline{QL}$	11. CPCTC
12. Q midpt of $\overline{TL}$	12. If seg is $\div$ into 2 $\cong$ segs by a pt, then midpoint