

## Geometric Proofs

The process of proving geometrical statements through geometric definitions, postulates and theorems.

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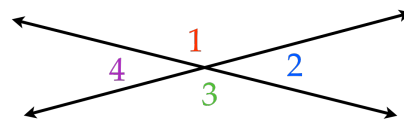
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Vertical Angle Theorem

If two angles are vert.  $\angle$ s,  
then the two  $\angle$ s are  $\cong$ .

Definition of  $\cong \angle$ s

If the two  $\angle$ s are  $\cong$ ,  
then their measures are equal.

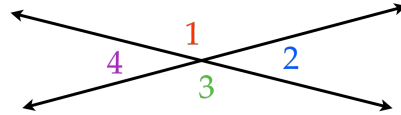
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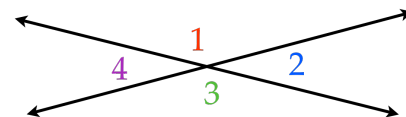
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### Linear Pair Postulate

If two angles form linear pair,  
then their measures add to equal  $180^\circ$ .

### Definition of Supplementary $\angle$ s

If the measure of two angles add to equal  $180^\circ$ ,  
then the two angles are supplementary.

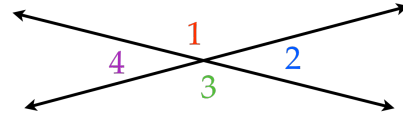
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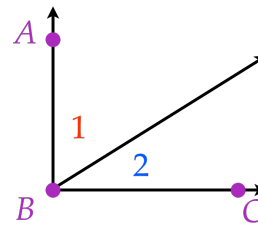
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Given:  $\angle ABC$  is a right angle.

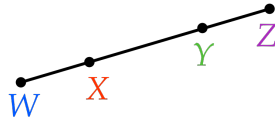
Prove:  $\angle 1$  and  $\angle 2$  are complementary.



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Given:  $WY = XZ$

Prove:  $\overline{WX} \cong \overline{YZ}$



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