## **O-Level Geometry**

Definitions and Theorems

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### 1 Definitions

- 1. A **degree** is a unit of angular measure, where one degree  $(1^{\circ})$  represents  $\frac{1}{360}$ th of a revolution.
  - An **acute** angle is  $< 90^{\circ}$
  - A **right** angle is  $= 90^{\circ}$
  - An obtuse angle is  $> 90^{\circ}$  and  $< 180^{\circ}$
  - A **reflex** angle is  $> 180^{\circ}$
- 2. A set of lines are **parallel** if they have the same direction and do not intersect.
- 3. A line intersecting parallel lines is called their traversal.
- 4. When a line is extended, we say it is **produced**.
- 5. A triangle is
  - right-angled (or Pythagorean) if one of its angles is 90°.
  - scalene if all its sides are unequal.
  - isosceles if two of its sides are equal.
  - equilateral if all its sides are equal.
- 6. Two angles are **complementary** if they add up to  $90^{\circ}$ .
- 7. Two angles are **supplementary** if they add up to  $180^{\circ}$ .
- 8. An angle at a point within a circle is said to be an **inscribed angle**.
- 9. A tangent to a curve is a line which touches the curve at only one point.
- 10. A **cyclic quadrilateral** (or cyclic quad) is a quadrilateral such that there exists a circle through all of its vertices.

## 2 Theorems

- 1. Vertically opposite angles are equal.
- 2. Angles on a straight line are supplementary.
- 3. Angles at a point add up to 360°.
- 4. The three **angles in a triangle** add up to  $180^{\circ}$ .
- 5. The exterior angle of a triangle is equal to the **sum of the interior angles** at the other two sides.
- In a right-angled triangle, the square at the hypotenuse 6. is equal to the sum of the square at the other two sides. (**Pythagoras' Theorem**)
- 7. Corresponding angles ("F angles") are equal.
- 8. Alternate angles ("Z angles") are equal.
- 9. Interior angles ("C angles") are supplementary.





- 11. The angle inscribed by a **semicircle** is a right-angle.
- 12. Angles subtended by the same arc are equal.
- 13. A tangent to a circle always forms a right angle with the radius.
- 14. Tangents to a circle **from the same point** are equal in length.
- 15. A perpendicular line from the centre of the circle to a chord in the circle **bisects** the chord.



The angle between a tangent and a chord is equal to to the 16. opposite angle inscribed by the chord.

(Alternate Segment Theorem)

- 17. **Opposite angles** inscribed in a cyclic quadrilateral are supplementary.
- 18. Any **exterior angle** of a cyclic quadrilateral is equal to the opposite interior angle.

