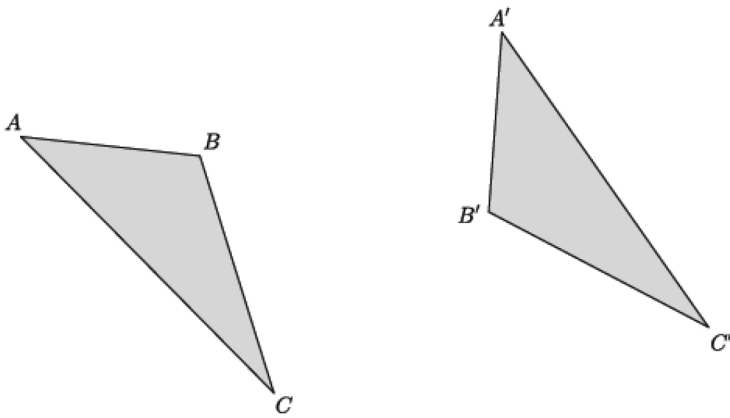


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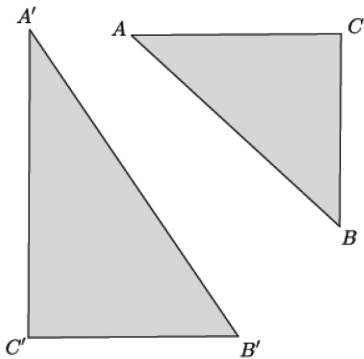
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Definition of Congruence and Some Basic Properties

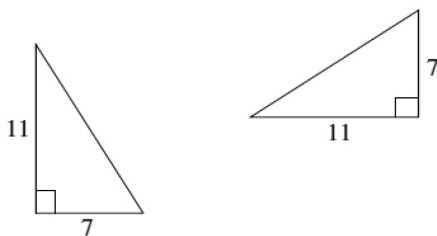
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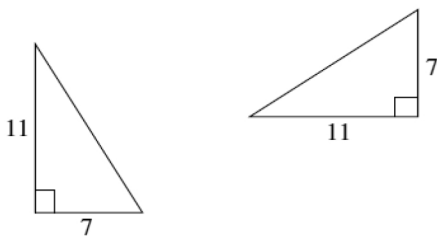
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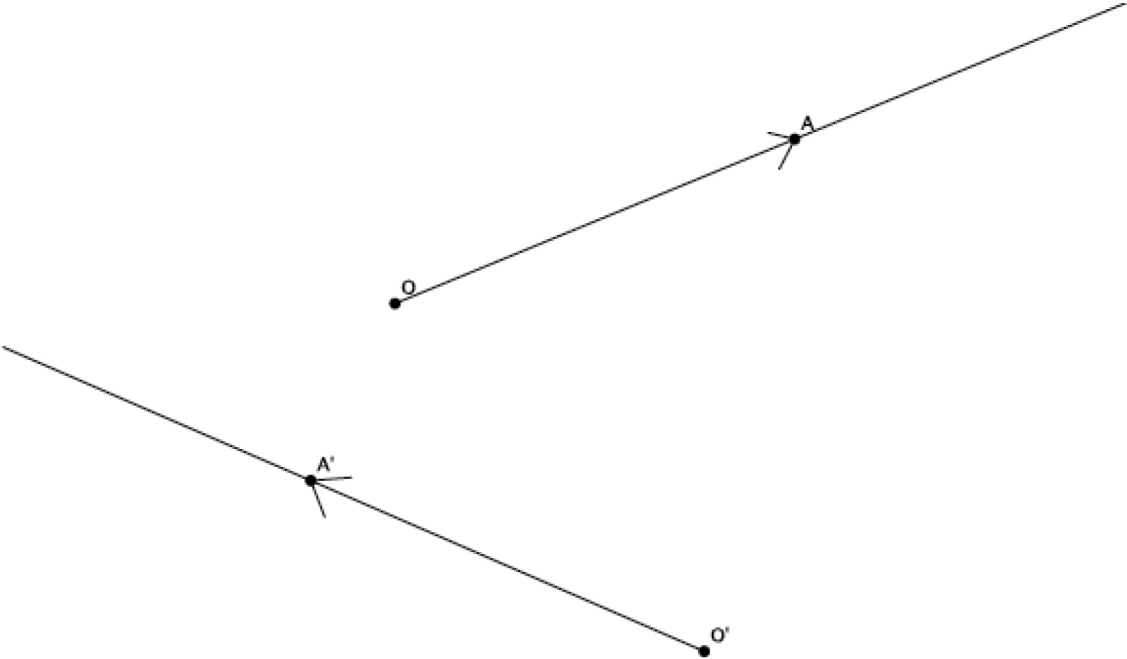
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2. Are the two right triangles shown below congruent? If so, describe a congruence that would map one triangle onto the other.

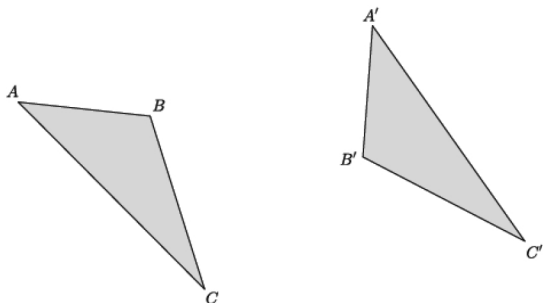


3. Given two rays, \overrightarrow{OA} and $\overrightarrow{O'A'}$:



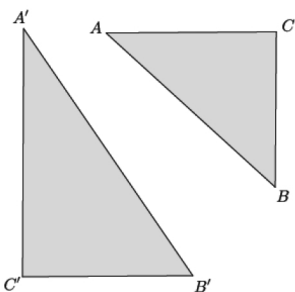
- a. Describe a congruence that maps \overrightarrow{OA} to $\overrightarrow{O'A'}$.
- b. Describe a congruence that maps $\overrightarrow{O'A'}$ to \overrightarrow{OA} .

1. Is $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle A'B'C'$? If so, describe a sequence of rigid motions that proves they are congruent. If not, explain how you know.



Sample student response: Yes, $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle A'B'C'$. Translate $\triangle A'B'C'$ along vector $\overrightarrow{A'A}$. Rotate $\triangle A'B'C'$ around center A, d degrees until side $A'C'$ coincides with side AC. Then, reflect across line AC.

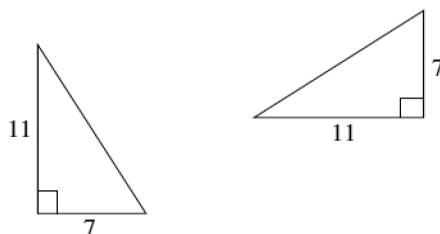
2. Is $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle A'B'C'$? If so, describe a sequence of rigid motions that proves they are congruent. If not, explain how you know.



Sample student response: No, $\triangle ABC$ is not congruent to $\triangle A'B'C'$. Though I could translate and rotate to get some of the parts from each triangle to coincide, there is no rigid motion that would map side $A'C'$ to AC or side $A'B'$ to side AB, because they are different lengths. Basic rigid motions preserve length, so no sequence would map $\triangle A'B'C'$ onto $\triangle ABC$.

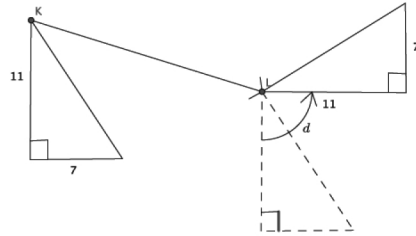
Students practice describing sequences of rigid motions that produce a congruence.

1. Given two right triangles with lengths shown below, is there one basic rigid motion that maps one to the other? Explain.



Yes, a rotation of d degrees around some center would map one triangle onto the other. The rotation would map the right angle to the right angle; the sides of length 7 and length 11 would then coincide.

2. Are the two right triangles shown below congruent? If so, describe a congruence that would map one triangle onto the other.

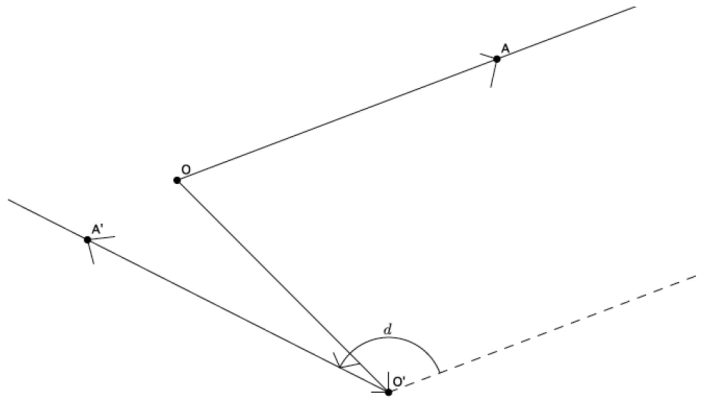


Sample student response: Yes, they are congruent. Let there be the translation along vector \overrightarrow{KL} . Let there be the rotation around point L , d degrees. Then, the translation followed by the rotation will map the triangle on the left to the triangle on the right.

3. Given two rays, \overrightarrow{OA} and $\overrightarrow{O'A'}$:

- a. Describe a congruence that maps \overrightarrow{OA} to $\overrightarrow{O'A'}$.

Sample student response: Let there be the translation along vector $\overrightarrow{OO'}$. Let there be the rotation around point O' , d degrees. Then, the Translation(\overrightarrow{OA}) followed by the Rotation = $\overrightarrow{O'A'}$.



- b. Describe a congruence that maps $\overrightarrow{O'A'}$ to \overrightarrow{OA} .

Sample student response: Let there be the translation along vector $\overrightarrow{O'O}$. Let there be the rotation around point O , d_1 degrees. Then, the Translation ($\overrightarrow{O'A'}$) followed by the Rotation = \overrightarrow{OA} .

