

Section 2.2 – Prove Statements about Segments and Angles

**Helpful Tips for Completing a Proof:**

1. If possible, always label the diagram with the given information or newly acquired information.

Labeling a diagram can make useful information stand out, which may have not otherwise.

**Ex:** Tick marks for congruent segments, arcs for congruent angles, and numbers for side lengths.

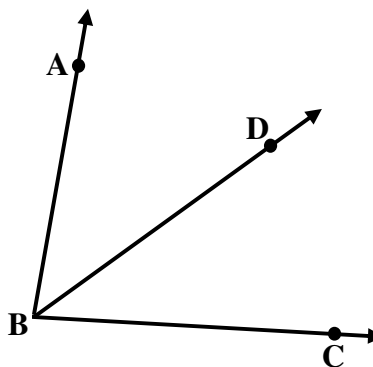
2. Analyze ALL the previous statements when trying to determine how to get the next statement in the proof.

For example, sometimes the 5<sup>th</sup> statement can be constructed using the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

**Ex 1:**

**Given:**  $\overrightarrow{BD}$  bisects  $\angle ABC$

**Prove:**  $m\angle ABD = \frac{1}{2}m\angle ABC$

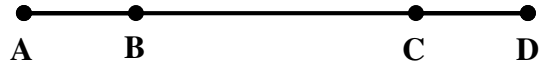


| Statement                                     | Reason |
|---|--------|
| 1. $\overrightarrow{BD}$ bisects $\angle ABC$ | 1.     |
| 2. $\angle ABD \cong \angle DBC$              | 2.     |
| 3. $m\angle ABD = m\angle DBC$                | 3.     |
| 4. $m\angle ABD + m\angle DBC = m\angle ABC$  | 4.     |
| 5. $m\angle ABD + m\angle ABD = m\angle ABC$  | 5.     |
| 6. $2(m\angle ABD) = m\angle ABC$             | 6.     |
| 7. $m\angle ABD = \frac{1}{2}m\angle ABC$     | 7.     |

**Ex 3:**

**Given:**  $AC = BD$

**Prove:**  $AB = CD$

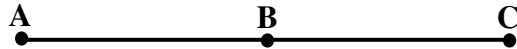


| Statement              | Reason |
|------------------------|--------|
| 1. $AC = BD$           | 1.     |
| 2. $AC = AB + BC$      | 2.     |
| 3. $BD = BC + CD$      | 3.     |
| 4. $AB + BC = BD$      | 4.     |
| 5. $AB + BC = BC + CD$ | 5.     |
| 6. $AB = CD$           | 6.     |

**Ex 4:**

**Given:** B is the midpoint of AC

**Prove:**  $AB = \frac{1}{2}AC$



| Statement                              | Reason |
|--|--------|
| 1. B is the midpoint of AC             | 1.     |
| 2. $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC}$ | 2.     |
| 3. $AB = BC$                           | 3.     |
| 4. $AB + BC = AC$                      | 4.     |
| 5. $AB + AB = AC$                      | 5.     |
| 6. $2AB = AC$                          | 6.     |
| 7. $AB = \frac{1}{2}AC$                | 7.     |