MAT 3271: Geometry

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Third Exam; Due by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

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- 1. Given $\triangle ABC$, let *D* be the midpoint of *BC*, and let *E* be the point on the ray opposite \overrightarrow{DA} such that $DE \cong DA$. Prove that $\angle AEC \cong \angle EAB$.
- 2. Given a line l and a point A not lying on l, define the *reflection in* l of point A as follows: let Q be the foot of the perpendicular from A to l. (It is an immediate consequence of the Alternate Interior Angle Theorem, which we will discuss on Friday, November 20, that the perpendicular to l through A is unique; the point at which this perpendicular intersects l is called its *foot*. The reflection in l of point A is the point A' on line \overrightarrow{AQ} on the ray opposite \overrightarrow{QA} such that $QA' \cong QA$. (See the figure below.



Now consider a line l and two points, A and B, on the same side of l. Let A' and B' be their reflections in l. Prove that $A'B' \cong AB$. (Note that there are two cases: point B may lie on line $\overrightarrow{AA'}$ or it may not.)

3. Prove that if, in quadrilateral $\Box ABCD$, $\angle A \cong \angle B$ and $AD \cong BC$, then $\angle C \cong \angle D$.



4. Archimedes' Axiom for the real number system states: For any positive real number ζ , there is a natural number n such that $\zeta < n$. (Recall that the natural numbers are $1, 2, 3, \ldots$) Prove that Archimedes' Axiom implies that for any positive real number ϵ , there is a natural number n such that $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$. You may use the algebraic and order properties of the real number system without proof.