

QUIZ 1

Solution a. We show that $\text{area}(AP_1P_2C) = \text{area}(AR_1UT)$. The same proof can be applied to show that $\text{area}(BQ_1Q_2C) = \text{area}(BR_2UT)$.

Summing those two equations imply the desired result.

First, extend AR_1 parallel to SU and write P_3 for the intersection point with P_1P_2 (see figure). Now, AP_3SC is a parallelogram by construction. It has the same base and same height as the parallelogram AP_1P_2C . We showed in class this implies

$$\text{area}(AP_1P_2C) = \text{area}(AP_3SC). \quad (1)$$

Now, the parallelogram AR_1UT has base TU which, by construction, is equal in length to SC . Since AP_3SC is contained in the same parallels as AR_1UT , the same result as before shows

$$\text{area}(AP_3SC) = \text{area}(AR_1UT). \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2), we get $\text{area}(AP_1P_2C) = \text{area}(AR_1UT)$. This finishes the proof.

b. Suppose that $\angle ACB = 45^\circ$ and that AP_1P_2C , BQ_1Q_2C are squares. By construction, we have that

$$\angle P_2CQ_2 = 45^\circ - (\angle ACP_2 + \angle ACB + \angle BCQ_2) = 45^\circ.$$

And, CP_2SQ_2 is a parallelogram, meaning $|CQ_2| = |P_2S|$ by a result from Euclid (parallelograms have opposite sides of equal length). Lastly, $\angle CP_2S = 2 \times 45^\circ - \angle CP_2P_1 = 45^\circ$. Now, by SAS, CP_2S is congruent to ABC and $|CS| = |AB|$. Consequently, the parallelogram AR_1R_2B will have four equal sides of length $|AB|$. Now, the segment CS (when extended) makes an angle with AB equal to $\angle BAC + \angle Q_2CS$. But, same process as before shows CSQ_2 is congruent to ABC . Thus, $\angle BAC + \angle Q_2CS = \angle BAC + \angle ABC = 90^\circ$.

This implies SU is perpendicular to AB . Thus, AR_1R_2B is a square. Applying part a gives the pythagorean theorem.

