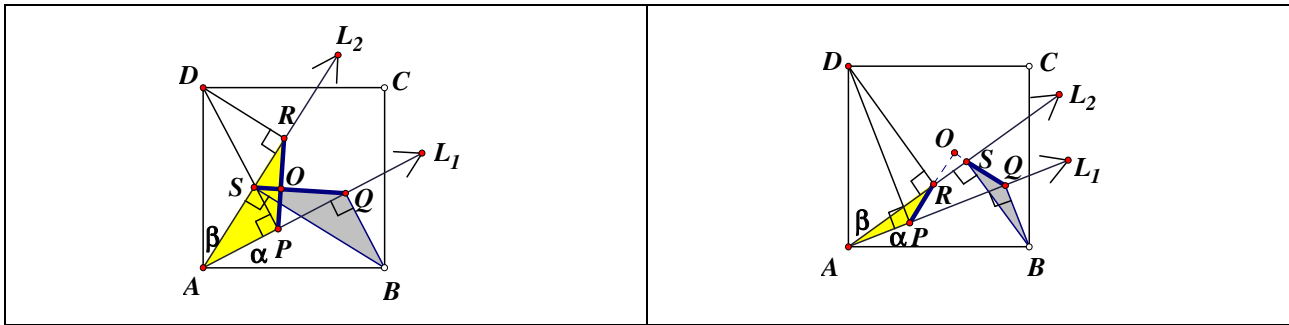


## Equal and perpendicular segments in a square

Reference: <https://www.cut-the-knot.org/m/Geometry/KvantM1202.shtml>

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Given a square  $ABCD$ . Two rays  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are drawn through  $A$  inside the square.

$P, Q, R$  and  $S$  are the feet of perpendiculars from  $D$  and  $B$  onto  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  respectively.

Prove that  $PR = QS$  and  $PR \perp QS$ .

Proof: Let  $\angle BAQ = \alpha$ ,  $\angle DAR = \beta$

$$\angle DAQ = 90^\circ - \alpha, \angle BAS = 90^\circ - \beta$$

$$\angle ADP = 180^\circ - \angle DAP - \angle DPA = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - (90^\circ - \alpha) = \alpha \quad (\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta)$$

$$\angle ABS = 180^\circ - \angle BSA - \angle BAS = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - (90^\circ - \beta) = \beta \quad (\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta)$$

$$AB = AD \quad (\text{sides of a square})$$

$$\angle AQB = \angle APD = \angle ASB = \angle ARD = 90^\circ$$

$$\Delta AQB \cong \Delta DPA, \Delta ASB \cong \Delta DRA \quad (\text{A.A.S.})$$

$$BQ = AP, BS = AR \quad (\text{corr. sides, } \cong \Delta s)$$

$$\angle PAR = 90^\circ - \alpha - \beta$$

$$\angle ABS = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - (90^\circ - \beta) = \beta \quad (\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta)$$

$$\angle ABQ = 90^\circ - \alpha \quad (\angle \text{ sum of } \Delta)$$

$$\angle QBS = 90^\circ - \alpha - \beta$$

$$\therefore \angle PAR = \angle QBS$$

$$\Delta QBS \cong \Delta PAR \quad (\text{A.A.S.})$$

$$PR = QS \quad (\text{corr. sides, } \cong \Delta s)$$

$$\angle APR = \angle BQS \quad (\text{corr. } \angle s, \cong \Delta s)$$

$$\angle APS + \angle SPR = \angle BQP + \angle PQS$$

$$90^\circ + \angle SPR = 90^\circ + \angle PQS$$

$$\angle SPR = \angle PQS$$

Suppose  $PR$  and  $QS$  intersect at  $O$ .

$$\text{In } \Delta POQ, \angle PQO + \angle POQ = \angle APO \quad (\text{ext. } \angle \text{ of } \Delta)$$

$$\angle POQ = 90^\circ + \angle SPR - \angle PQO = 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore PR \perp QS$$

The proof is complete.