

**Sketch of proof of the Euler line Theorem.** It is slightly different than what was suggested in class. Fill in the details.

**Theorem (Euler):** In an arbitrary triangle  $\triangle ABC$  the orthocenter  $H$ , the centroid  $G$  and the circumcenter  $O$  are always collinear. Moreover,  $|HG| = 2|GO|$ .

*Sketch of Proof:* Let  $M$  and  $N$  be, respectively, the midpoints of segments  $\overline{BC}$  and  $\overline{AC}$  and let  $D$  and  $E$  be the feet of the altitudes from  $A$  and  $B$ .

*Step 1.* Show that  $\triangle AHB \sim \triangle OMN$ , using (AA). Deduce that  $|AH| = 2|OM|$ .

Let now  $Q$  be the point of intersection of the line  $AM$  with the line  $HO$ . We'll prove that  $Q = G$ , the centroid. To see this:

*Step 2.* Use (AA) to show  $\triangle AQH \sim \triangle MQO$ . Deduce that  $|AQ| = 2|QM|$ , thus  $Q$  trisects the median from  $A$ , so it must be the centroid  $G$ . From this similarity, you also get  $|HG| = 2|GO|$ .

For the proof to be completely clean, before step 2, you should also argue that the point  $Q$  of intersection of the lines  $AM$  and  $HO$  exists **and** that  $Q$  is between  $A$  and  $M$  and  $Q$  is between  $H$  and  $O$ . Can you justify these? How will the figure change if the triangle  $\triangle ABC$  has an obtuse angle at  $A$ ? Argue that the proof still works though.