



# Enrichment

## 4.8 Other Inequalities in a Triangle

The Triangle Inequality Theorem describes a relationship among the lengths of the sides of a triangle. The following two theorems relate the lengths of the sides to the measures of the angles.

### UNEQUAL SIDES THEOREM

If one side of a triangle is longer than another side, then the angle opposite the longer side is larger than the angle opposite the shorter side.

### UNEQUAL ANGLES THEOREM

If one angle of a triangle is larger than another angle, then the side opposite the larger angle is longer than the side opposite the smaller angle.

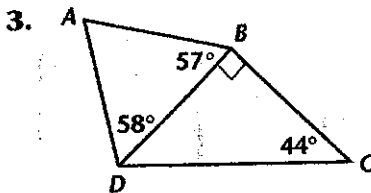
1. In  $\triangle XYZ$ ,  $XY = 9.3$ ,  $YZ = 7.6$ , and  $XZ = 8.05$ . Name the largest and smallest angles of  $\triangle XYZ$ .

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2. In  $\triangle JKL$ ,  $m\angle J = 62^\circ$  and  $m\angle K = 57^\circ$ . Name the longest and shortest sides of  $\triangle JKL$ .

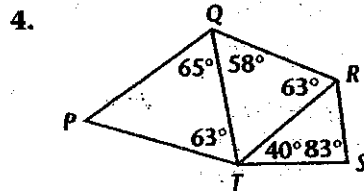
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In each figure, list the segments in order from longest to shortest.



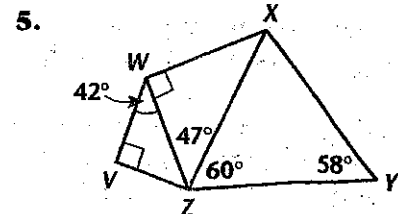
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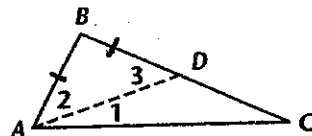


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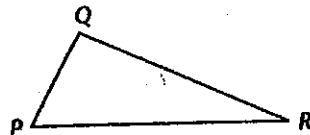
On a separate sheet of paper, write a proof of each theorem.

6. *Unequal Sides Theorem*  
 Given:  $\triangle ABC$  with  $BC > AB$   
 Prove:  $m\angle BAC > m\angle C$

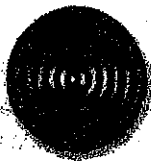


Plan for proof: Locate point  $D$  on  $\overline{BC}$  such that  $BD = BA$ . Draw  $\overline{AD}$ . Explain why  $m\angle BAC > m\angle 3$ ,  $m\angle 3 > m\angle C$ , and so  $m\angle BAC > m\angle C$ .

7. *Unequal Angles Theorem*  
 Given:  $\triangle PQR$  with  $m\angle P > m\angle R$   
 Prove:  $QR > QP$



Plan for proof: The three possible relationships between  $QR$  and  $QP$  are  $QR = QP$ ,  $QR < QP$ , and  $QR > QP$ . Show that the first two relationships listed are impossible.



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### 12.4 Indirect Proofs of Theorems About Perpendicular Lines

The method of indirect proof makes it possible to prove the following fundamental theorem about perpendicular lines.

Through a point outside a line, there is exactly one line perpendicular to the given line.

Complete the following indirect proof of the above theorem.

Given: Lines  $m$  and  $n$  each pass through point  $P$ , not on line  $\ell$ .

$$m \perp \ell$$

$$n \perp \ell$$

Prove: Lines  $m$  and  $n$  are the same line.

Assume that lines  $m$  and  $n$  are 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Since lines  $m$  and  $n$  each pass through point  $P$ , they have a point in common. Therefore, by the definition of 2. \_\_\_\_\_, they are intersecting lines. However, since lines  $m$  and  $n$  are each perpendicular to line  $\ell$ , they are 3. \_\_\_\_\_

to each other, because 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Thus, the assumption that lines  $m$  and  $n$  are different lines leads to the following contradiction:

lines  $m$  and  $n$  are 5. \_\_\_\_\_ and lines  $m$  and  $n$  are 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, the assumption must be 7. \_\_\_\_\_. The conclusion is that

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Describe a different plan for an indirect proof of the above theorem.

10. A second fundamental theorem about perpendicular lines is:

Through a point on a line, there is exactly one line perpendicular to the given line.

Using the figure at right, write an indirect proof of this theorem.  
(Hint: Use the Linear Pair Property in relation to  $\angle APB$  and  $\angle BPD$ . Use the Angle Addition Postulate in relation to  $\angle BPC$  and  $\angle CPD$ .)

