

**LESSON**  
**5.1**

**Study Guide**

For use with pages 294–301

**GOAL**

Use properties of midsegments and write coordinate proofs.

**Vocabulary**

A **midsegment of a triangle** is a segment that connects the midpoints of two sides of the triangle.

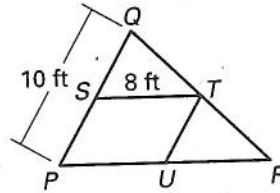
A **coordinate proof** involves placing geometric figures in a coordinate plane. When you use variables to represent the coordinates of a figure in a coordinate proof, the results are true for all figures of that type.

**Theorem 5.1 Midsegment Theorem:** The segment connecting the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and is half as long as that side.

**EXAMPLE 1**

Use the Midsegment Theorem to find lengths

In the diagram,  $\overline{ST}$  and  $\overline{TU}$  are midsegments of  $\triangle PQR$ . Find  $PR$  and  $TU$ .



**Solution**

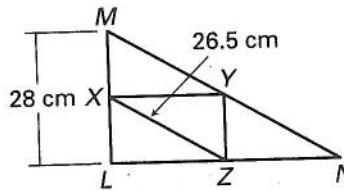
$$PR = 2 \cdot ST = 2(8 \text{ ft}) = 16 \text{ ft}$$

$$TU = \frac{1}{2} \cdot QP = \frac{1}{2}(10 \text{ ft}) = 5 \text{ ft}$$

**Exercises for Example 1**

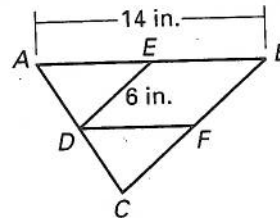
- In the diagram,  $\overline{XZ}$  and  $\overline{ZY}$  are midsegments of  $\triangle LMN$ . Find  $MN$  and  $ZY$ .

$MN = 53 \text{ cm}$   
 $ZY = 14 \text{ cm}$



- In the diagram,  $\overline{ED}$  and  $\overline{DF}$  are midsegments of  $\triangle ABC$ . Find  $DF$  and  $BC$ .

$DF = 7 \text{ in.}$   
 $BC = 12 \text{ in.}$



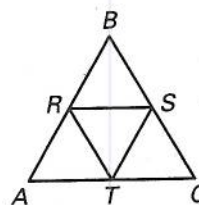
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**EXAMPLE 2** Use the Midsegment Theorem

In the diagram at the right,  $\overline{SB} \cong \overline{SC}$ ,  $\overline{RS} \parallel \overline{AC}$ , and  $RS = \frac{1}{2}AC$ . Show that  $R$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{BA}$ .



**Solution**

Because  $\overline{SB} \cong \overline{SC}$ ,  $S$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{BC}$ . Because  $\overline{RS} \parallel \overline{AC}$  and  $RS = \frac{1}{2}AC$ ,  $\overline{RS}$  is a midsegment of  $\triangle ABC$  by definition. By the Midsegment Theorem,  $R$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{BA}$ .

**EXAMPLE 3** Place a figure in a coordinate plane

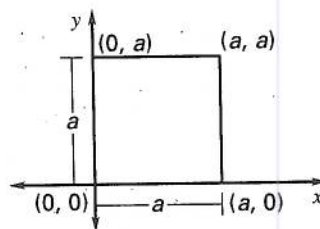
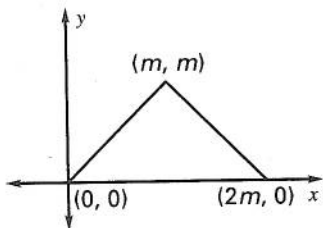
Place each figure in a coordinate plane in a way that is convenient for finding side lengths. Assign coordinates to each vertex.

- a. An isosceles triangle
- b. A square

**Solution**

It is easy to find lengths of horizontal and vertical segments and distances from  $(0, 0)$ , so place one vertex at the origin and one or more sides on an axis.

- a. Let  $2m$  represent the length of the base of the isosceles triangle. The coordinates of the vertex opposite the base is  $(m, m)$ , which makes each of the legs congruent.
- b. Let  $a$  represent the side length of the square.

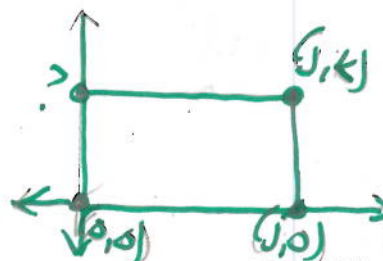


**Exercises for Examples 2 and 3**

- 3. In Example 2, if  $T$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{AC}$ , what do you know about  $\overline{ST}$ ?
- 4. A rectangle has vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(j, 0)$ , and  $(j, k)$ . Find the fourth vertex.

#3.  $\overline{ST} \parallel \overline{BA}$ ,  $ST = \frac{1}{2}BA$

4.  $(0, k)$



**LESSON**  
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**Study Guide**

For use with pages 303–309

**GOAL Use perpendicular bisectors to solve problems.**

**Vocabulary**

A segment, ray, line, or plane that is perpendicular to a segment at its midpoint is called a **perpendicular bisector**.

A point is **equidistant** from two figures if the point is the *same distance* from each figure.

**Theorem 5.2 Perpendicular Bisector Theorem:** In a plane, if a point is on the perpendicular bisector of a segment, then it is equidistant from the endpoints of the segment.

**Theorem 5.3 Converse of the Perpendicular Bisector Theorem:** In a plane, if a point is equidistant from the endpoints of a segment, then it is on the perpendicular bisector of the segment.

When three or more lines, rays, or segments intersect in the same point, they are called **concurrent** lines, rays, or segments. The point of intersection of the lines, rays, or segments is called the **point of concurrency**.

**Theorem 5.4 Concurrency of Perpendicular Bisectors of a Triangle:** The perpendicular bisectors of a triangle intersect at a point that is equidistant from the vertices of the triangle.

The point of concurrency of the three perpendicular bisectors of a triangle is called the **circumcenter** of the triangle.

**EXAMPLE 1 Use the Perpendicular Bisector Theorem**

$\overline{KM}$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{JL}$ .  
Find  $JK$ .

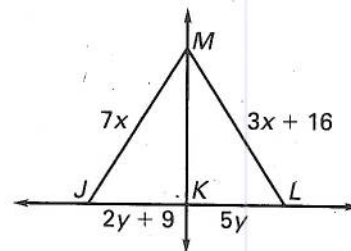
**Solution**

$JK = KL$  Perpendicular Bisector Theorem

$5y = 2y + 9$  Substitute.

$y = 3$  Solve for  $y$ .

$JK = 2(3) + 9 = 15$

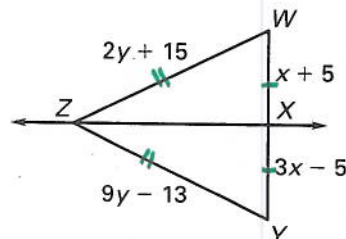


**Exercises for Example 1**

In the diagram  $\overline{XZ}$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{WY}$ .

1. Find  $WZ$ .

2. Find  $XY$ .



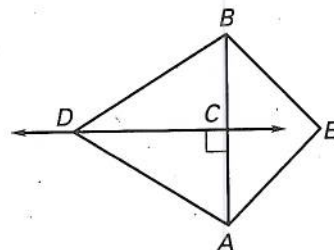
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**EXAMPLE 2 Use perpendicular bisectors**

In the diagram shown,  $\overleftrightarrow{DC}$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{AE} \cong \overline{BE}$ .



- What segment lengths in the diagram are equal?
- Is  $E$  on  $\overleftrightarrow{DC}$ ?

**Solution**

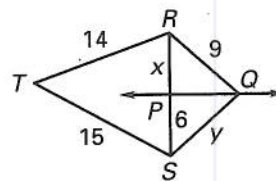
- $\overleftrightarrow{DC}$  bisects  $\overline{AB}$ , so  $CA = CB$ . Because  $D$  is on the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AB}$ ,  $DA = DB$  by Theorem 5.2. Because  $\overline{AE} \cong \overline{BE}$ ,  $AE = BE$  by definition of congruence.
- Because  $AE = BE$ ,  $E$  is equidistant from  $A$  and  $B$ . So, by the Converse of the Perpendicular Bisector Theorem,  $E$  is on the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AB}$ , which is  $\overleftrightarrow{DC}$ .

#3  $\overleftrightarrow{PQ}$  bisects  $\overline{RS}$ , so  $PR = PS$ .  
Because  $Q$  is on  $\perp$  bisector of  $\overline{RS}$ ,  $QR = QS$  by  $\perp$  bisector th.

#4 No, if  $T$  were on  $\overleftrightarrow{PQ}$  then  $TR$  would be  $\cong$  to  $ST$ .  $T$  would be equidistant.

**Exercises for Example 2**

In the diagram,  $\overleftrightarrow{PQ}$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{RS}$ .



- What segment lengths in the diagram are equal? Explain your reasoning.
- Is  $T$  on  $\overleftrightarrow{PQ}$ ? Explain.

**EXAMPLE 3 Use the concurrency of perpendicular bisectors**

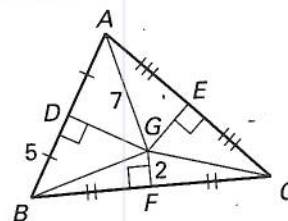
The perpendicular bisectors of  $\triangle ABC$  meet at point  $G$ . Find  $GB$ .

**Solution**

Using Theorem 5.4, you know that point  $G$  is equidistant from the vertices of the triangle. So,  $GA = GB = GC$ .

$GB = GA$       Theorem 5.4.

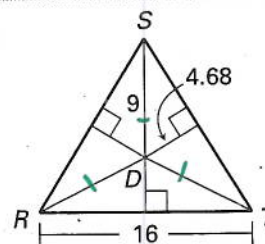
$GB = 7$       Substitute.



**Exercise for Example 3**

- The perpendicular bisectors of  $\triangle RST$  meet at point  $D$ . Find  $DR$ .

$DR = 9$



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**GOAL** Use angle bisectors to find distance relationships.

**Vocabulary**

The point of concurrency of the three angle bisectors of a triangle is called the **incenter** of the triangle.

**Theorem 5.5 Angle Bisector Theorem:** If a point is on the bisector of an angle, then it is equidistant from the two sides of the angle.

**Theorem 5.6 Converse of the Angle Bisector Theorem:** If a point is in the interior of an angle and is equidistant from the sides of the angle, then it lies on the bisector of the angle.

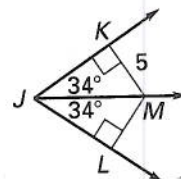
**Theorem 5.7 Concurrency of Angle Bisectors of a Triangle:** The angle bisectors of a triangle intersect at a point that is equidistant from the sides of the triangle.

**EXAMPLE 1** Use the Angle Bisector Theorem

Find the measure of  $\overline{LM}$ .

**Solution**

$\overline{JM}$  bisects  $\angle KJL$  because  $m\angle KJM = m\angle LJM$ .  
Because  $\overline{JM}$  bisects  $\angle KJL$  and  $\overline{MK} \perp \overline{JK}$  and  $\overline{ML} \perp \overline{JL}$ ,  $ML = MK$  by the Angle Bisector Theorem.  
So,  $ML = MK = 5$ .



**EXAMPLE 2** Use algebra to solve a problem

For what value of  $x$  does  $P$  lie on the bisector of  $\angle GFH$ ?

**Solution**

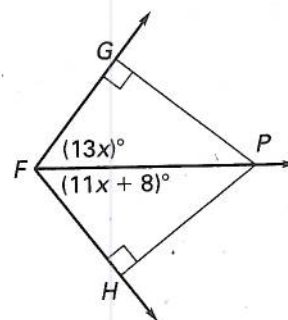
From the definition of an angle bisector, you know that  $P$  lies on the bisector of  $\angle GFH$  if  $m\angle GFP = m\angle HFP$ .

$m\angle GFP = m\angle HFP$       Set angle measures equal.

$13x = 11x + 8$       Substitute.

$x = 4$       Solve for  $x$ .

Point  $P$  lies on the bisector of  $\angle GFH$  when  $x = 4$ .



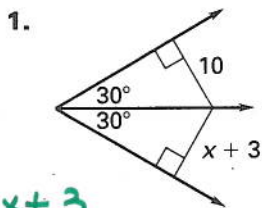
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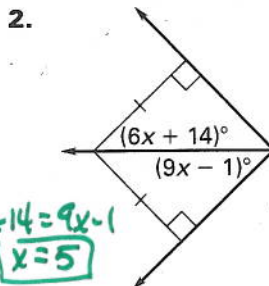
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**Exercises for Examples 1 and 2**

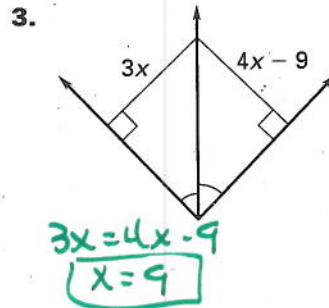
Find the value of  $x$ .



$10 = x + 3$   
 $x = 7$



$6x + 14 = 9x - 1$   
 $x = 5$



$3x = 4x - 9$   
 $x = 9$

**EXAMPLE 3 Use the concurrency of angle bisectors**

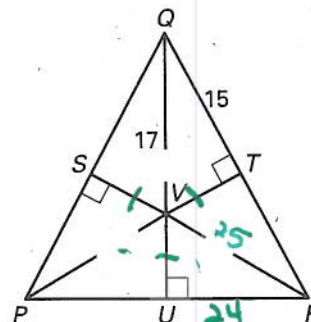
In the diagram,  $V$  is the incenter of  $\triangle PQR$ . Find  $VS$ .

**Solution**

By the Concurrency of Angle Bisectors of a Triangle Theorem, the incenter  $V$  is equidistant from the sides of  $\triangle PQR$ . So, to find  $VS$ , you can find  $VT$  in  $\triangle PQR$  by using the Pythagorean Theorem.

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| $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$    | Pythagorean Theorem                         |
| $17^2 = VT^2 + 15^2$ | Substitute known values.                    |
| $289 = VT^2 + 225$   | Multiply.                                   |
| $64 = VT^2$          | Subtract 225 from each side.                |
| $8 = VT$             | Take the positive square root of each side. |

Because  $VT = VS$ ,  $VS = 8$ .

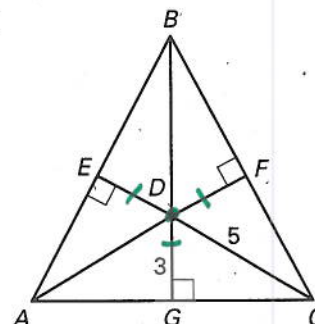


#4  $\sqrt{u} \cong \sqrt{5}$   
 $24^2 + u^2 = 25^2$   
 $u^2 = 49$   
 $u = 7$   
so  $VS = 7$

**Exercises for Example 3**

- In Example 3, suppose you are not given  $QV$  or  $QT$ , but you are given that  $RU = 24$  and  $RV = 25$ . Find  $VS$ .
- In the diagram,  $D$  is the incenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . Find  $DF$ .

$DF = 3$



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# Study Guide

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**GOAL** Use medians and altitudes of triangles.

### Vocabulary

A **median of a triangle** is a segment from a vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side.

The point of concurrency of the three medians of a triangle is called the **centroid**, and is always inside the triangle.

An **altitude of a triangle** is the perpendicular segment from a vertex to the opposite side or to the line that contains the opposite side.

The point at which the lines containing the three altitudes of a triangle intersect is called the **orthocenter** of the triangle.

**Theorem 5.8 Concurrency of Medians of a Triangle:** The medians of a triangle intersect at a point that is two thirds of the distance from each vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side.

**Theorem 5.9 Concurrency of Altitudes of a Triangle:** The lines containing the altitudes of a triangle are concurrent.

**EXAMPLE 1** Use the centroid of a triangle

In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $D$  is the centroid and  $BD = 12$ . Find  $DG$  and  $BG$ .

**Solution**

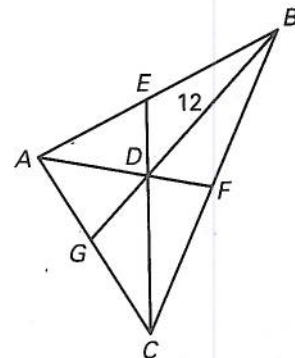
$BD = \frac{2}{3}BG$  Concurrency of Medians of a Triangle Theorem

$12 = \frac{2}{3}BG$  Substitute 12 for  $BD$ .

$18 = BG$  Multiply each side by the reciprocal,  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

Then  $DG = BG - BD = 18 - 12 = 6$ .

So,  $DG = 6$  and  $BG = 18$ .

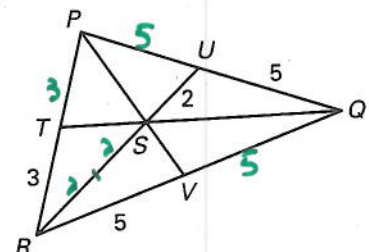


**Exercises for Example 1**

In  $\triangle PQR$ ,  $S$  is the centroid,  $\overline{PQ} \cong \overline{PR}$ ,  $UQ = 5$ ,  $TR = 3$ , and  $SU = 2$ .

- Find  $RU$  and  $RS$ .
- Find the perimeter of  $\triangle PQR$ .

Perimeter = 26



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**EXAMPLE 2 Find the centroid of a triangle**

The vertices of  $\triangle ABC$  are  $A(0, 0)$ ,  $B(4, 10)$ , and  $C(8, 2)$ . Find the coordinates of the centroid  $P$  of  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Solution**

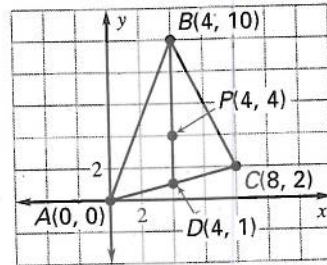
Sketch  $\triangle ABC$ . Then use the Midpoint Formula to find the midpoint  $D$  of  $\overline{AC}$  and sketch median  $\overline{BD}$ .

$$D\left(\frac{0+8}{2}, \frac{0+2}{2}\right) = D(4, 1)$$

The centroid is two thirds of the distance from each vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side.

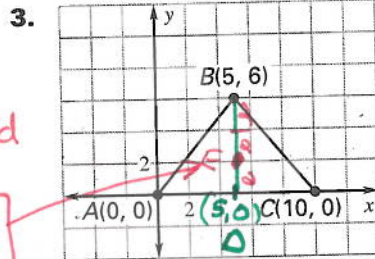
The distance from vertex  $B(4, 10)$  to  $D(4, 1)$  is  $10 - 1 = 9$  units. So, the centroid is  $\frac{2}{3}(9) = 6$  units down from  $B$  on  $\overline{BD}$ .

The coordinates of the centroid  $P$  are  $(4, 10 - 6)$  or  $(4, 4)$ .

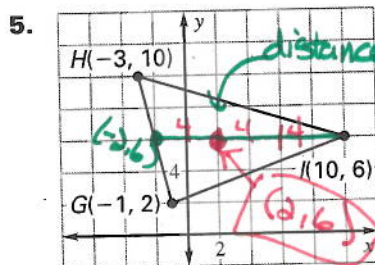


**Exercises for Example 2**

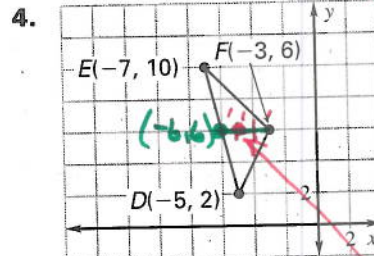
Find the coordinates of the centroid of the triangle with the given vertices.



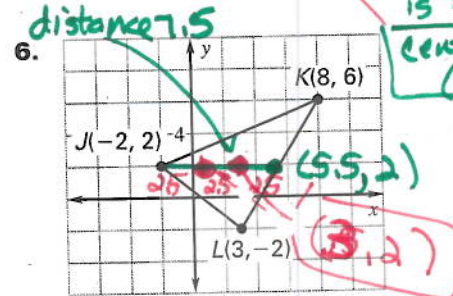
$BD = 6$   
E is centroid  
 $\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$   
so  $E(5, 2)$



mdpt HG is  $\left(\frac{-3+1}{2}, \frac{10+2}{2}\right)$   
 $(-2, 6)$



mdpt. ED  
 $\left(\frac{-7+3}{2}, \frac{10+2}{2}\right)$   
 $(-2, 6)$   
mdpt ED  $(-6, 6)$   
distance btw mdpt. & F  
is 3  
centroid  $(-5, 6)$



distance 7.5  
mdpt. KL  $\left(\frac{8+3}{2}, \frac{6+(-2)}{2}\right)$   
 $(5.5, 2)$



**LESSON**  
**5.5**

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**GOAL** Find possible side lengths of a triangle.

**Vocabulary**

**Theorem 5.10:** 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.

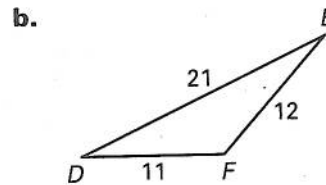
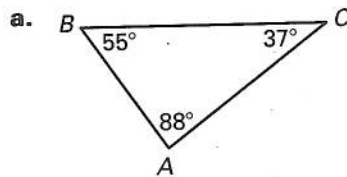
**Theorem 5.11:** If one angle of a triangle is larger than another angle, then the side opposite the larger angle is longer than the side opposite the smaller side.

**Theorem 5.12 Triangle Inequality Theorem:** The sum of the lengths of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the length of the third side.

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**EXAMPLE 1** Write measurements in order from least to greatest

Write the measurements of the triangle in order from least to greatest.



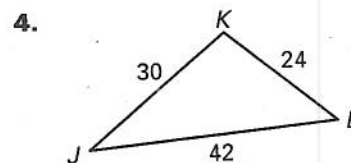
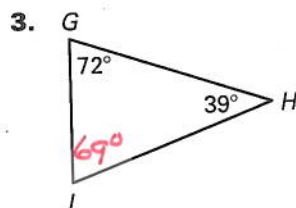
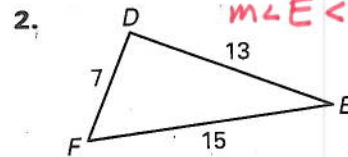
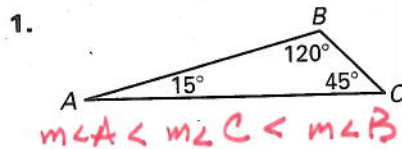
**Solution**

a.  $m\angle C < m\angle B < m\angle A$   
 $AB < AC < BC$

b.  $m\angle E < m\angle D < m\angle F$   
 $DF < EF < DE$

**Exercises for Example 1**

Write the measurements of the triangle in order from least to greatest.



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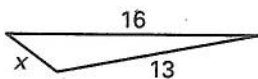
- A triangle has sides that are about 33, 18, and 24 centimeters long and angles of about  $32^\circ$ ,  $103^\circ$ , and  $45^\circ$ . Sketch and label a diagram with the shortest side on the bottom and the largest angle at the left.
- A right triangle has sides that are 16, 34, and 30 inches long and angles of  $90^\circ$ , about  $28^\circ$ , and about  $62^\circ$ . Sketch and label a diagram with the shortest side on the bottom and the right angle at the left.

**EXAMPLE 2** Find possible side lengths

**A triangle has one side of length 13 and another side of length 16. Describe the possible lengths of the third side.**

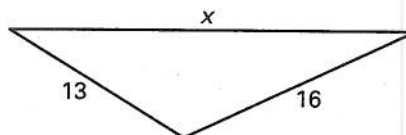
**Solution**

Let  $x$  represent the length of the third side. Draw diagrams to help visualize the small and large values of  $x$ . Then use the Triangle Inequality Theorem to write and solve the inequalities.

Small values of  $x$ 

$$x + 13 > 16$$

$$x > 3$$

Large values of  $x$ 

$$13 + 16 > x$$

$$29 > x, \text{ or } x < 29$$

The length of the third side must be greater than 3 and less than 29.

**Exercises for Example 2**

**Two sides of a triangle are given. Describe the possible lengths of the third side.**

- 2 centimeters and 5 centimeters
- 7 inches and 12 inches
- 4 feet and 10 feet
- 11 meters and 10 meters
- 9 inches and 25 inches
- 1 mile and 8 miles

$$\#7 \quad \begin{array}{l} x+2 > 5 \quad 5+2 > x \\ \boxed{3 < x < 7} \end{array}$$

$$\#10 \quad \begin{array}{l} x+10 > 11 \quad 10+11 > x \\ \boxed{1 < x < 21} \end{array}$$

$$\#8 \quad \begin{array}{l} x+7 > 12 \quad 7+12 > x \\ x > 5 \quad 19 > x \\ \boxed{5 < x < 19} \end{array}$$

$$\#11 \quad \begin{array}{l} x+9 > 25 \quad 9+25 > x \\ \boxed{16 < x < 34} \end{array}$$

$$\#9 \quad \begin{array}{l} x+4 > 10 \quad 4+10 > x \\ \boxed{6 < x < 14} \end{array}$$

$$\#12 \quad \begin{array}{l} x+1 > 8 \quad 1+8 > x \\ \boxed{7 < x < 9} \end{array}$$