What You Will Learn

- List sides and angles of a triangle in order by size.
- Use the Triangle Inequality Theorem to find possible side lengths of triangles.

Draw an obtained les triangle. Find the largest angle and the longest side and mark them in red. Find the smallest angle and shortest side and mark them in blue. What do you notice?

Theorem 6.9 Triangle Longer Side 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. $AB > BC, so m \angle C > m \angle A.$

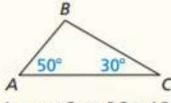
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Theorem 6.10 Triangle Larger Angle Theorem

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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.

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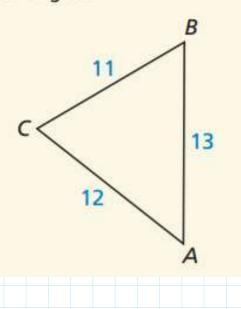
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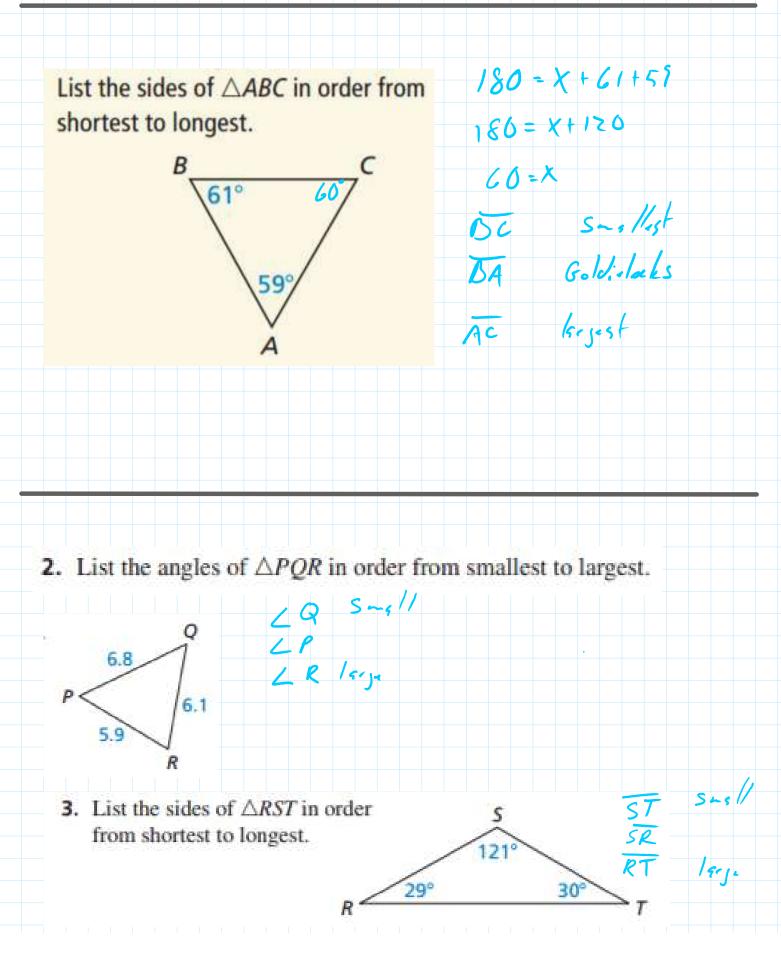
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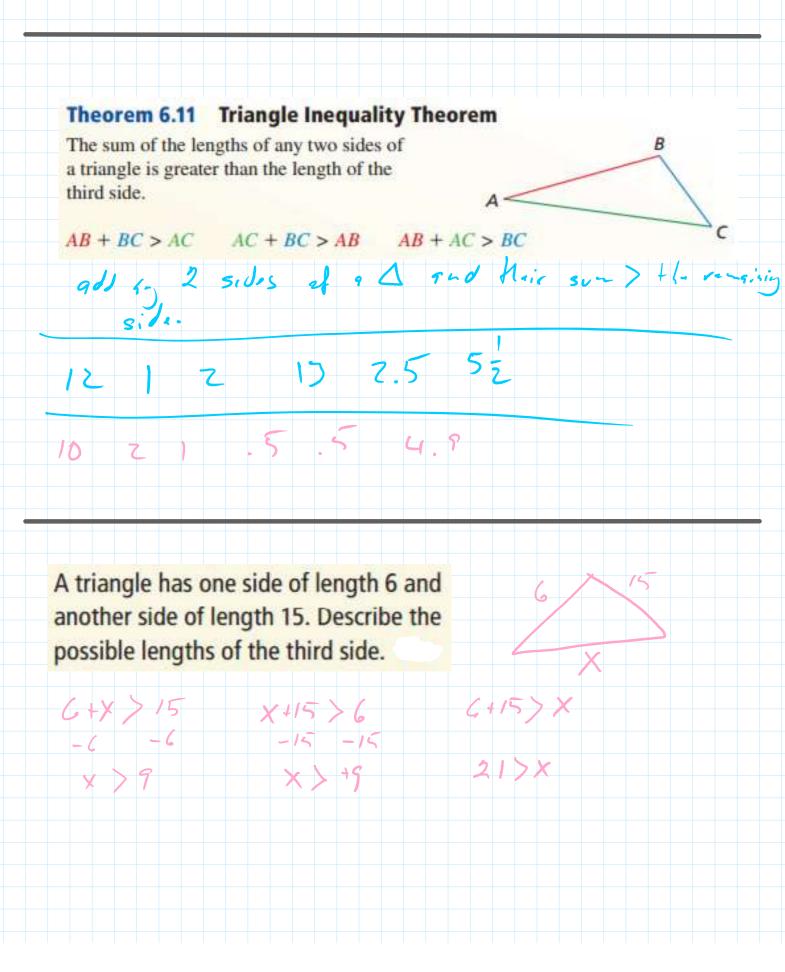
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 $m \angle A > m \angle C$, so BC > AB.

List the angles of $\triangle ABC$ in order from smallest to largest.







4. A triangle has one side of length 12 inches and another side of length 20 inches. Describe the possible lengths of the third side.

9 < X < 21

Decide whether it is possible to construct a triangle with the given side lengths. Explain your reasoning.

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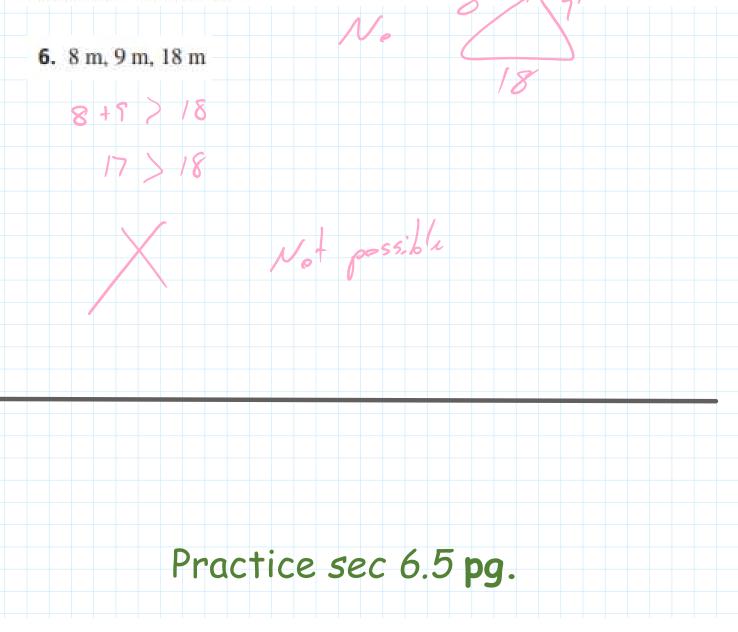


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8 < x < 32

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