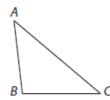


7.3 Triangle Inequalities

Essential Question: How can you use inequalities to describe the relationships among the side lengths and angle measures in a triangle?

Triangle Inequality Theorem

The sum of any two side lengths of a triangle is greater than the third side length.



$$AB + BC > AC$$

$$BC + AC > AB$$

$$AC + AB > BC$$

Use the Triangle Inequality Theorem to tell whether a triangle can have Example 1 sides with the given lengths. Explain.

(A) 4, 8, 10

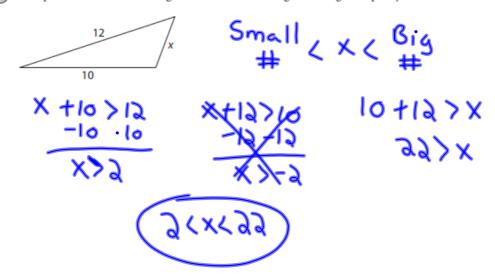
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Determine if a triangle can be formed with the given side lengths. Explain your reasoning.

- 6. 12 units, 4 units, 17 units
 - 12+4>17 No, 16×17
- 7. 24 cm, 8 cm, 30 cm

Example 2 Find the range of values for x using the Triangle Inequality Theorem.

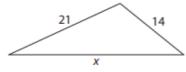
Find possible values for the length of the third side using the Triangle Inequality Theorem.



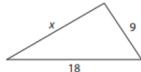
Your Turn

Find the range of values for x using the Triangle Inequality Theorem.

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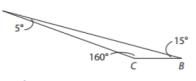
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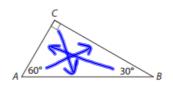
Your Turn

For each triangle, order the side lengths from least to greatest.

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CB, AC, AB

AC, BC, AB

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