5.5 Use Inequalities in a Triangle


The longest side and largest angle are opposite each other.


The shortest side and smallest angle are opposite each other.

## 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 angle.

$m \angle A>m \angle C$, so $B C>A B$.

## 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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A B+B C>A C \quad A C+B C>A B \quad A B+A C>B C
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