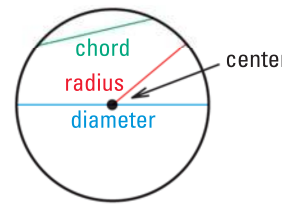
10.1 Use Properties of Tangents

Before	You found the circumference and area of circles.
Now	You will use properties of a tangent to a circle.
Why?	So you can find the range of a GPS satellite, as in Ex. 37.

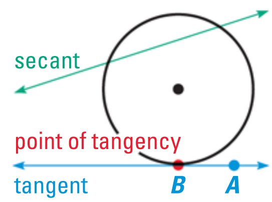
Key Vocabulary
- **circle**
  center, radius, diameter
- **chord**
- **secant**
- **tangent**

A **circle** is the set of all points in a plane that are equidistant from a given point called the **center** of the circle. A circle with center P is called "circle P" and can be written $\odot P$. A segment whose endpoints are the center and any point on the circle is a **radius**.



A **chord** is a segment whose endpoints are on a circle. A **diameter** is a chord that contains the center of the circle.

A **secant** is a line that intersects a circle in two points. A **tangent** is a line in the plane of a circle that intersects the circle in exactly one point, the *point of tangency*. The *tangent ray* $\overrightarrow{AB}$ and the *tangent segment* $\overline{AB}$ are also called tangents.

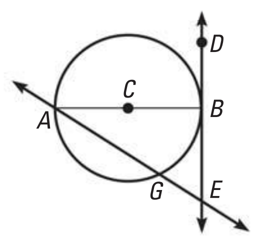


EXAMPLE 1 Identify special segments and lines

Tell whether the line, ray, or segment is best described as a *radius, chord, diameter, secant,* or *tangent* of $\odot C$.

a. $\overline{AC}$ **b.** $\overline{AB}$

c. $\overrightarrow{DE}$ **d.** $\overleftrightarrow{AE}$



Solution

a. $\overline{AC}$ is a radius because C is the center and A is a point on the circle.

b. $\overline{AB}$ is a diameter because it is a chord that contains the center C.

c. $\overrightarrow{DE}$ is a tangent ray because it is contained in a line that intersects the circle at only one point.

d. $\overleftrightarrow{AE}$ is a secant because it is a line that intersects the circle in two points.

✓ GUIDED PRACTICE for Example 1

1. In Example 1, what word best describes $\overline{AG}$? $\overline{CB}$?

2. In Example 1, name a tangent and a tangent segment.

READ VOCABULARY
The plural of radius is *radii.* All radii of a circle are congruent.

RADIUS AND DIAMETER The words *radius* and *diameter* are used for lengths as well as segments. For a given circle, think of *a radius* and *a diameter* as segments and *the radius* and *the diameter* as lengths.

EXAMPLE 2 Find lengths in circles in a coordinate plane

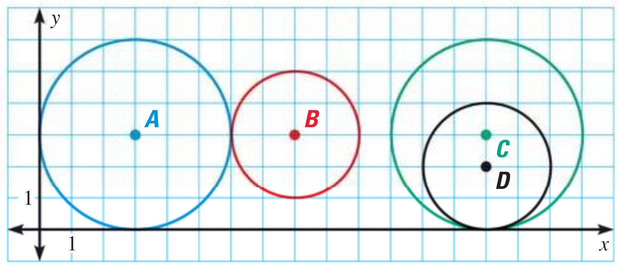
Use the diagram to find the given lengths.

a. Radius of $\odot A$

b. Diameter of $\odot A$

c. Radius of $\odot B$

d. Diameter of $\odot B$



Solution

a. The radius of $\odot A$ is 3 units.

b. The diameter of $\odot A$ is 6 units.

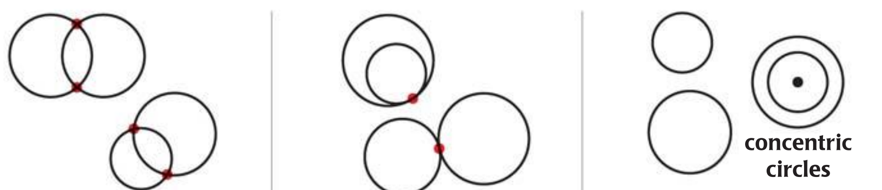
c. The radius of $\odot B$ is 2 units.

d. The diameter of $\odot B$ is 4 units.

✓ GUIDED PRACTICE for Example 2

3. Use the diagram in Example 2 to find the radius and diameter of $\odot C$ and $\odot D$.

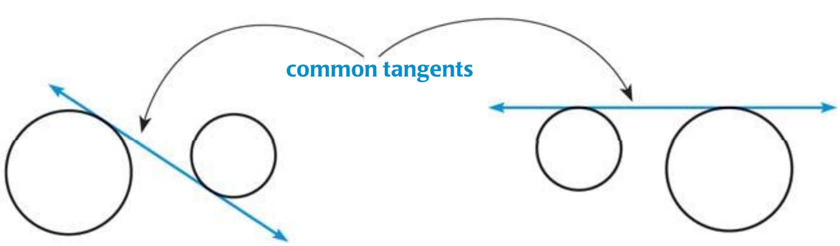
COPLANAR CIRCLES Two circles can intersect in two points, one point, or no points. Coplanar circles that intersect in one point are called *tangent circles*. Coplanar circles that have a common center are called *concentric*.



2 points of intersection | **1 point of intersection (tangent circles)** | **no points of intersection**

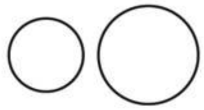
READ VOCABULARY
A line that intersects a circle in exactly one point is said to be *tangent* to the circle.

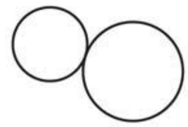
COMMON TANGENTS A line, ray, or segment that is tangent to two coplanar circles is called a *common tangent*.

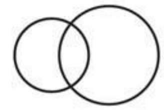


EXAMPLE 3 Draw common tangents

Tell how many common tangents the circles have and draw them.

a. 

b. 

c. 

Solution

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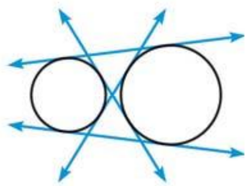
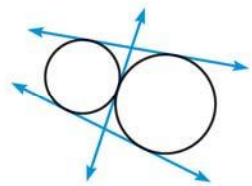
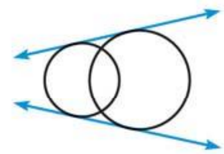


b. 3 common tangents

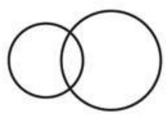


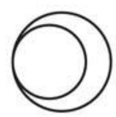
c. 2 common tangents

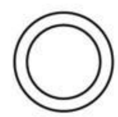


✓ GUIDED PRACTICE for Example 3

Tell how many common tangents the circles have and draw them.

4. 

5. 

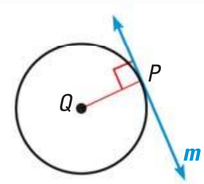
6. 

THEOREM *For Your Notebook*

THEOREM 10.1

In a plane, a line is tangent to a circle if and only if the line is perpendicular to a radius of the circle at its endpoint on the circle.

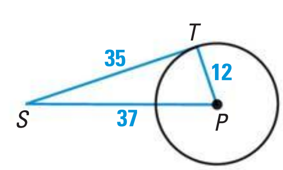
Proof: Exs. 39–40, p. 658



Line m is tangent to $\odot Q$ if and only if $m \perp \overline{QP}$.

EXAMPLE 4 Verify a tangent to a circle

In the diagram, $\overline{PT}$ is a radius of $\odot P$. Is $\overline{ST}$ tangent to $\odot P$?

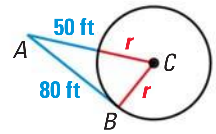


Solution

Use the Converse of the Pythagorean Theorem. Because $12^2 + 35^2 = 37^2$, $\triangle PST$ is a right triangle and $\overline{ST} \perp \overline{PT}$. So, $\overline{ST}$ is perpendicular to a radius of $\odot P$ at its endpoint on $\odot P$. By Theorem 10.1, $\overline{ST}$ is tangent to $\odot P$.

EXAMPLE 5 Find the radius of a circle

In the diagram, B is a point of tangency. Find the radius r of $\odot C$.



Solution

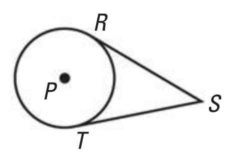
You know from Theorem 10.1 that $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{BC}$, so $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle. You can use the Pythagorean Theorem.

$AC^2 = BC^2 + AB^2$	Pythagorean Theorem
$(r + 50)^2 = r^2 + 80^2$	Substitute.
$r^2 + 100r + 2500 = r^2 + 6400$	Multiply.
$100r = 3900$	Subtract from each side.
$r = 39$ ft	Divide each side by 100.

THEOREM *For Your Notebook*

THEOREM 10.2

Tangent segments from a common external point are congruent.

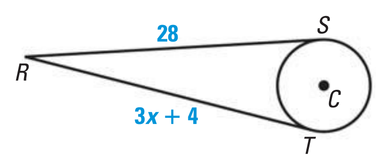


If $\overline{SR}$ and $\overline{ST}$ are tangent segments, then $\overline{SR} \cong \overline{ST}$.

Proof: Ex. 41, p. 658

EXAMPLE 6 Find the radius of a circle

$\overline{RS}$ is tangent to $\odot C$ at S and $\overline{RT}$ is tangent to $\odot C$ at T. Find the value of x.

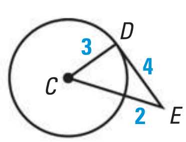


Solution

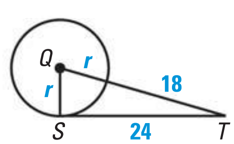
$RS = RT$	Tangent segments from the same point are $\cong$.
$28 = 3x + 4$	Substitute.
$8 = x$	Solve for x.

✓ GUIDED PRACTICE for Examples 4, 5, and 6

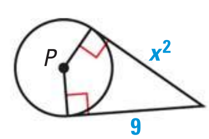
7. Is $\overline{DE}$ tangent to $\odot C$?



8. $\overline{ST}$ is tangent to $\odot Q$. Find the value of r.



9. Find the value(s) of x.



10.1 EXERCISES

HOMEWORK KEY
○ = **WORKED-OUT SOLUTIONS** on p. WS1 for Exs. 7, 19, and 37
★ = **STANDARDIZED TEST PRACTICE** Exs. 2, 29, 33, and 38

SKILL PRACTICE

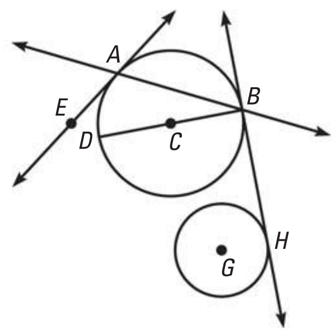
1. **VOCABULARY** Copy and complete: The points A and B are on $\odot C$. If C is a point on $\overline{AB}$, then $\overline{AB}$ is a _?_.

2. ★ **WRITING** Explain how you can determine from the context whether the words *radius* and *diameter* are referring to a segment or a length.

EXAMPLE 1 on p. 651 for Exs. 3–11

MATCHING TERMS Match the notation with the term that best describes it.

3. B	A. Center
4. $\overleftrightarrow{BH}$	B. Radius
5. $\overline{AB}$	C. Chord
6. $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$	D. Diameter
7. $\overleftrightarrow{AE}$	E. Secant
8. G	F. Tangent
9. $\overline{CD}$	G. Point of tangency
10. $\overline{BD}$	H. Common tangent



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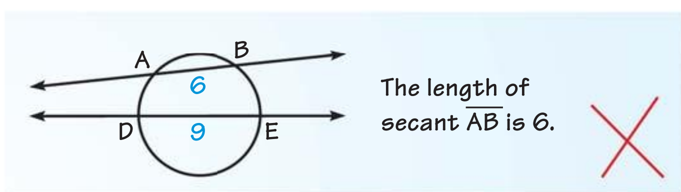
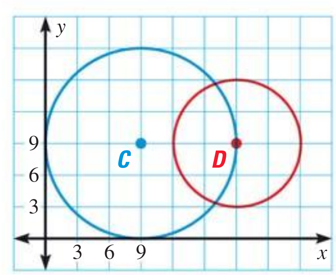
11. **ERROR ANALYSIS** *Describe* and correct the error in the statement about the diagram.



EXAMPLES 2 and 3 on pp. 652–653 for Exs. 12–17

COORDINATE GEOMETRY Use the diagram at the right.

12. What are the radius and diameter of $\odot C$?
13. What are the radius and diameter of $\odot D$?
14. Copy the circles. Then draw all the common tangents of the two circles.



DRAWING TANGENTS Copy the diagram. Tell how many common tangents the circles have and draw them.

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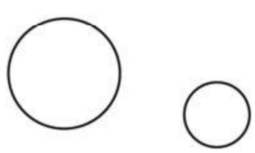

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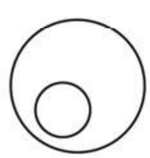

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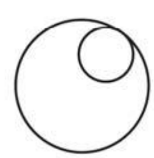

EXAMPLE 4
on p. 653
for Exs. 18–20

DETERMINING TANGENCY Determine whether $\overline{AB}$ is tangent to $\odot C$. *Explain.*

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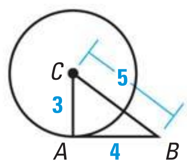

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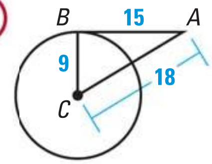

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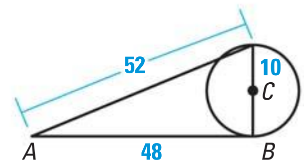

EXAMPLES 5 and 6
on p. 654
for Exs. 21–26

ALGEBRA Find the value(s) of the variable. In Exercises 24–26, *B* and *D* are points of tangency.

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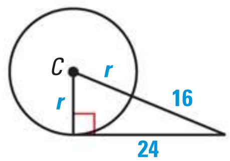

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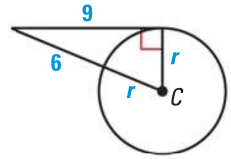

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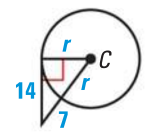

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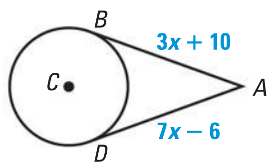

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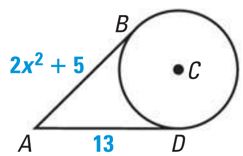

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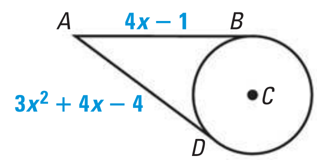

COMMON TANGENTS A *common internal tangent* intersects the segment that joins the centers of two circles. A *common external* tangent does not intersect the segment that joins the centers of the two circles. Determine whether the common tangents shown are *internal* or *external*.

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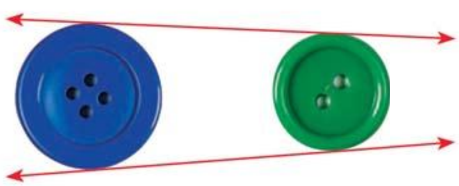

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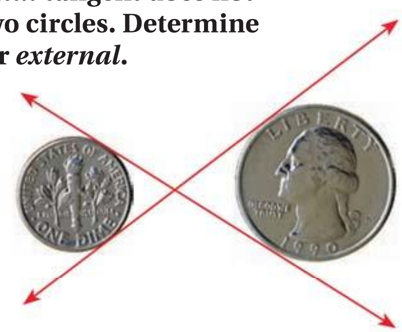

29. ★ **MULTIPLE CHOICE** In the diagram, $\odot P$ and $\odot Q$ are tangent circles. $\overline{RS}$ is a common tangent. Find *RS*.

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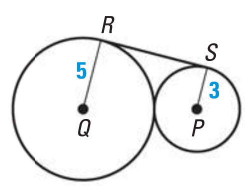
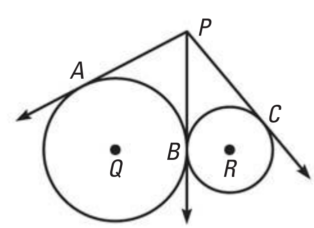
Ⓑ 4

Ⓒ $2\sqrt{15}$

Ⓓ 8



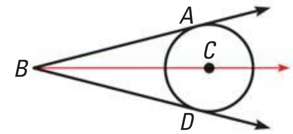
30. **REASONING** In the diagram, $\overrightarrow{PB}$ is tangent to $\odot Q$ and $\odot R$. *Explain* why $\overline{PA} \cong \overline{PB} \cong \overline{PC}$ even though the radius of $\odot Q$ is not equal to the radius of $\odot R$.



31. **TANGENT LINES** When will two lines tangent to the same circle not intersect? Use Theorem 10.1 to *explain* your answer.

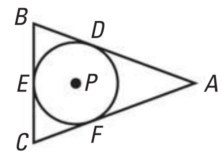
◯ = **WORKED-OUT SOLUTIONS** on p. WS1 ★ = **STANDARDIZED TEST PRACTICE**

32. **ANGLE BISECTOR** In the diagram at right, A and D are points of tangency on $\odot C$. *Explain* how you know that $\overrightarrow{BC}$ bisects $\angle ABD$. (*Hint*: Use Theorem 5.6, page 310.)



33. ★ **SHORT RESPONSE** For any point outside of a circle, is there ever only one tangent to the circle that passes through the point? Are there ever more than two such tangents? *Explain* your reasoning.

34. **CHALLENGE** In the diagram at the right, $AB = AC = 12$, $BC = 8$, and all three segments are tangent to $\odot P$. What is the radius of $\odot P$?



PROBLEM SOLVING

BICYCLES On modern bicycles, rear wheels usually have *tangential spokes*. Occasionally, front wheels have *radial spokes*. Use the definitions of *tangent* and *radius* to determine if the wheel shown has *tangential spokes* or *radial spokes*.

35.

36.

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EXAMPLE 4
on p. 653
for Ex. 37

37. **GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS)** GPS satellites orbit about 11,000 miles above Earth. The mean radius of Earth is about 3959 miles. Because GPS signals cannot travel through Earth, a satellite can transmit signals only as far as points A and C from point B, as shown. Find BA and BC to the nearest mile.

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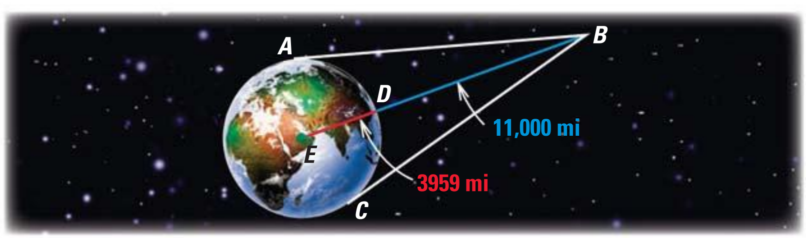
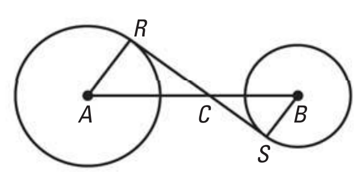
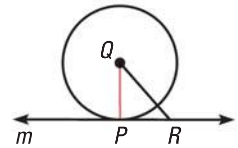


38. ★ **SHORT RESPONSE** In the diagram, $\overline{RS}$ is a common internal tangent (see Exercises 27–28) to $\odot A$ and $\odot B$. Use similar triangles to *explain* why $\frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{RC}{SC}$.



39. PROVING THEOREM 10.1 Use parts (a)–(c) to prove indirectly that if a line is tangent to a circle, then it is perpendicular to a radius.



GIVEN ▶ Line m is tangent to $\odot Q$ at P.

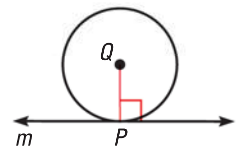
PROVE ▶ $m \perp \overline{QP}$

a. Assume m is not perpendicular to $\overline{QP}$. Then the perpendicular segment from Q to m intersects m at some other point R. Because m is a tangent, R cannot be inside $\odot Q$. *Compare* the length QR to QP.

b. Because $\overline{QR}$ is the perpendicular segment from Q to m, $\overline{QR}$ is the shortest segment from Q to m. Now *compare* QR to QP.

c. Use your results from parts (a) and (b) to complete the indirect proof.

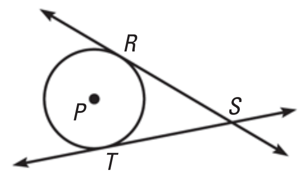
40. PROVING THEOREM 10.1 Write an indirect proof that if a line is perpendicular to a radius at its endpoint, the line is a tangent.



GIVEN ▶ $m \perp \overline{QP}$

PROVE ▶ Line m is tangent to $\odot Q$.

41. PROVING THEOREM 10.2 Write a proof that tangent segments from a common external point are congruent.

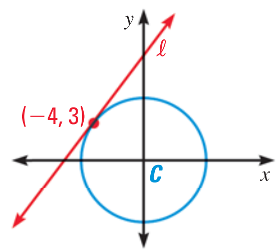


GIVEN ▶ $\overline{SR}$ and $\overline{ST}$ are tangent to $\odot P$.

PROVE ▶ $\overline{SR} \cong \overline{ST}$

Plan for Proof Use the Hypotenuse–Leg Congruence Theorem to show that $\triangle SRP \cong \triangle STP$.

42. CHALLENGE Point C is located at the origin. Line ℓ is tangent to $\odot C$ at $(-4, 3)$. Use the diagram at the right to complete the problem.



a. Find the slope of line ℓ.

b. Write the equation for ℓ.

c. Find the radius of $\odot C$.

d. Find the distance from ℓ to $\odot C$ along the y-axis.

MIXED REVIEW

PREVIEW
Prepare for Lesson 10.2 in Ex. 43.

43. D is in the interior of $\angle ABC$. If $m\angle ABD = 25°$ and $m\angle ABC = 70°$, find $m\angle DBC$. *(p. 24)*

Find the values of x and y. *(p. 154)*

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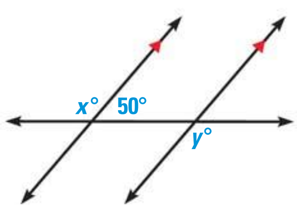

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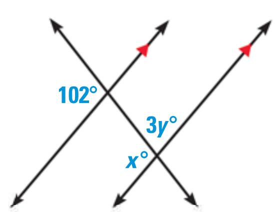

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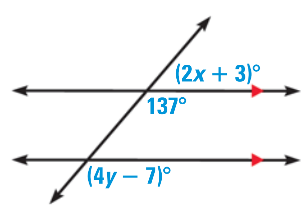

47. A triangle has sides of lengths 8 and 13. Use an inequality to describe the possible length of the third side. What if two sides have lengths 4 and 11? *(p. 328)*