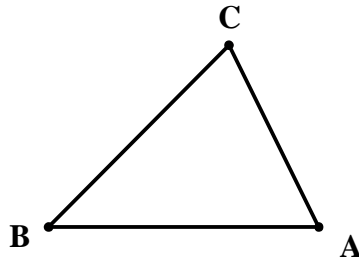


Outline of Proof:

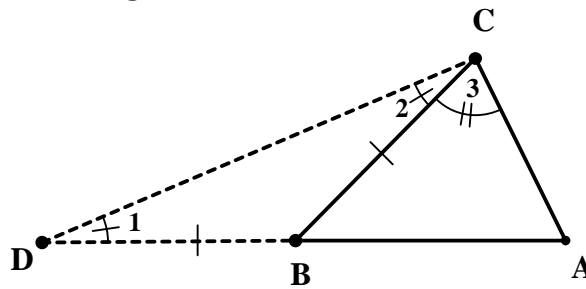
The sum of the lengths of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the length of the third side.

Given: $\triangle ABC$

Prove: $AB + BC > AC$



Extend \overline{AB} to point D such that $\overline{BD} \cong \overline{BC}$
Construct $\triangle DBC$.



Since $\overline{BD} \cong \overline{BC} \Rightarrow \angle 1 \cong \angle 2$

(b/c they are angles opposite congruent sides of a triangle)

$m\angle ACD = m\angle 2 + m\angle 3$ and $m\angle 3 > 0^\circ \Rightarrow m\angle ACD > m\angle 2$

$\angle 1 \cong \angle 2 \Rightarrow m\angle ACD > m\angle 1$

If angles of a triangle are unequal then opposite sides of a triangle are unequal in the same order

\Rightarrow in $\triangle ACD$, $m\angle ACD > m\angle 1$ so $\overline{AD} > \overline{AC}$
 $\overline{AD} = \overline{AB} + \overline{BD} \Rightarrow \overline{AB} + \overline{BD} > \overline{AC} \Rightarrow \overline{AB} + \overline{BC} > \overline{AC}$