



**Objective** To identify properties of medians and altitudes of a triangle

Construct a perpendicular line that passes through vertex A and side BC.

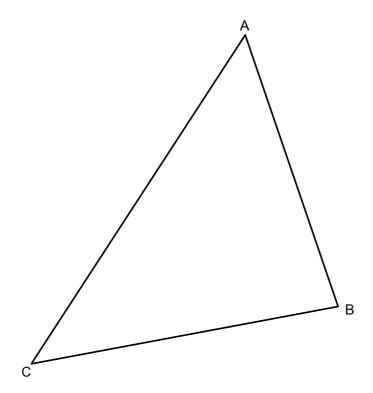
Construct a perpendicular line that passes through vertex B and side AC.

Where the two perpendicular lines intersect, label that point O.

Now construct a segment that passes through vertex C, point O, and side AB.

Where is point O located? Are there any other properties that you can find?

Activity 1



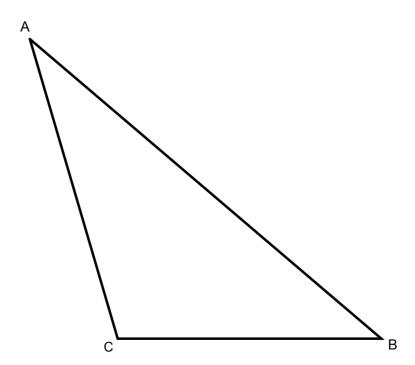
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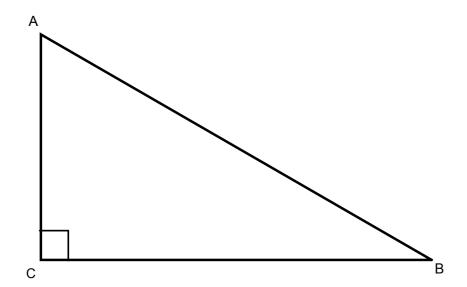
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Now construct a segment that passes through vertex A, point O, and side CB.

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Activity 3



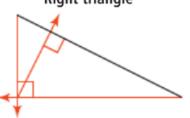
An **altitude of a triangle** is the perpendicular segment from a vertex of the triangle to the line containing the opposite side. An altitude of a triangle can be inside or outside the triangle, or it can be a side of the triangle.

# The point of concurrency of the altitudes is called the orthocenter.

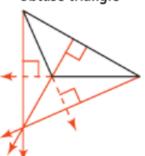
The lines that contain the altitudes of a triangle are concurrent at the **orthocenter of the triangle**. The orthocenter of a triangle can be inside, on, or outside the triangle.

Acute triangle

Right triangle



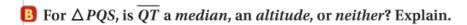
Obtuse triangle

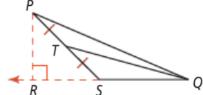


## Definition What does it look like? 1) point of concurrency of the Acute triangle Right triangle Obtuse triangle altitudes of a triangle Point C is the orthocenter Orthocenter How is it created? Where is it located? Altitudes (height of a triangle) Acute - inside Altitude - segment that is perpendicular going through a vertex and the opposite side Obtuse - outside Right - on the vertex of the right angle Altitudes can be inside, outside or a side of a triangle (see diagrams above)

## **Identifying Medians and Altitudes**

 $\triangle$  For  $\triangle PQS$ , is  $\overline{PR}$  a median, an altitude, or neither? Explain.

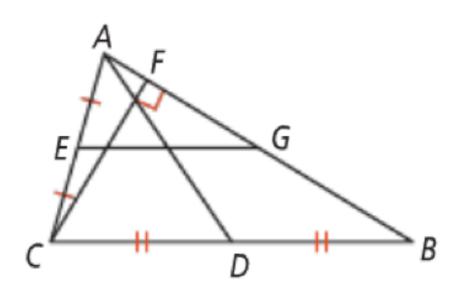




For  $\triangle ABC$ , is each segment a median, an altitude, or neither? Explain. a.  $\overline{AD}$ 

**b.**  $\overline{EG}$ 

c.  $\overline{\mathit{CF}}$ 

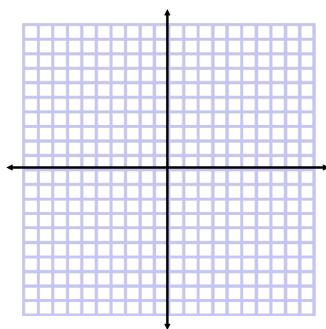


# Finding coordinates of the Orthocenter

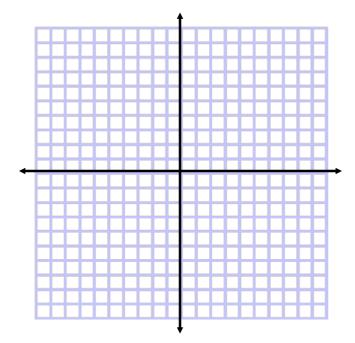


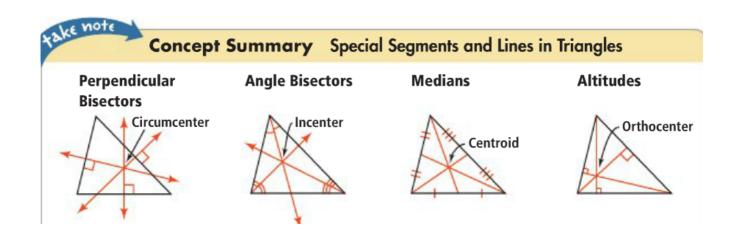
## **Finding the Orthocenter**

 $\triangle ABC$  has vertices A(1,3), B(2,7), and C(6,3). What are the coordinates of the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ ?



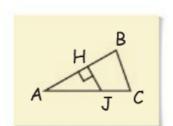
 $\triangle DEF$  has vertices D(1, 2), E(1, 6), and F(4, 2). What are the coordinates of the orthocenter of  $\triangle DEF$ ?





## Do you UNDERSTAND?

- **5. Error Analysis** Your classmate says she drew  $\overline{HJ}$  as an altitude of  $\triangle ABC$ . What error did she make?
- **6. Reasoning** Does it matter which two altitudes you use to locate the orthocenter of a triangle? Explain.



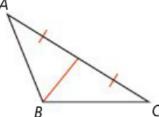
**7. Reasoning** The orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$  lies at vertex A. What can you conclude about  $\overline{BA}$  and  $\overline{AC}$ ? Explain.

#### homework

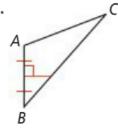
For  $\triangle ABC$ , is the red segment a *median*, an *altitude*, or *neither*? Explain.



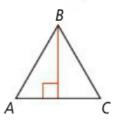
**11**. A



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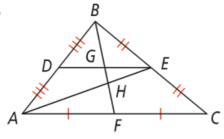


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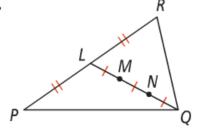


Name the centroid.

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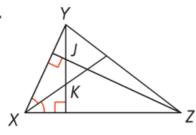


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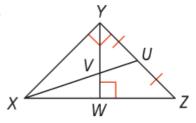


Name the orthocenter of  $\triangle XYZ$ .

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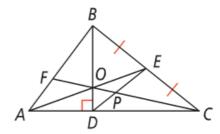


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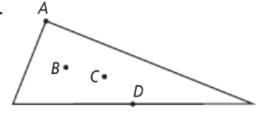
In Exercises 24-27, name each segment.

- **24.** a median in  $\triangle ABC$
- **25.** an altitude in  $\triangle ABC$
- **26.** a median in  $\triangle BDC$
- **27.** an altitude in  $\triangle AOC$

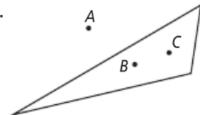


A, B, C, and D are points of concurrency for the triangle. Determine whether each point is a *circumcenter*, *incenter*, *centroid*, or *orthocenter*. Explain.

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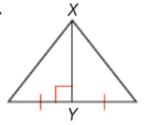
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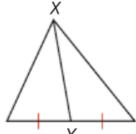
D

Is  $\overline{XY}$  a perpendicular bisector, an angle bisector, or neither? Explain.

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- **11.** Median; it connects a vertex of  $\triangle ABC$  and the midpt. of the opposite side.
- **12.** Neither; it does not have a vertex of  $\triangle ABC$  as an endpoint.
- **13.** Altitude; it extends from a vertex of  $\triangle ABC$  and is  $\perp$  to the opposite side.

median.

- **17.** *H*
- **18.** *M*
- **19.** *J*
- **20.** Y
- $\cong$ . Therefore,  $\overline{XY}$  is also an  $\angle$  bisector. **44.** Neither;  $\overline{XY}$  connects vertex X and the **24.**  $\overline{AE}$ midpt., Y, of the opposite side, so  $\overline{XY}$  is a **25.** BD

**43.** Both; the markings show directly that  $\overline{XY}$ is a ⊥ bisector. The two ∆ formed are

congruent by SAS, so the two sat top are

- **26.**  $\overline{DE}$
- **27.**  $\overline{OD}$
- 37) a orthocenter; b incenter; c centroid; d circumcenter
- 38) a circumcenter; b centroid; c incenter; d orthocenter