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exterior angles of triangle

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The exterior angle of an angle of triangle is greater than both other angles of the triangle.

Proof. Let us study in an arbitrary triangle ABC for example the exterior angle $\angle ACD$ where D is point on the lengthening of the side BC nearer to C than to B . Let E be the midpoint of AC . Let BE be the median of the triangle. We find on its lengthening the point F such that $EF = EB$. Then the triangles ABE and CEF are congruent (SAS). Consequently, we have $\angle ECF = \angle BAE$ and therefore $\angle ACD > \angle BAC$. Analogically one shows that $\angle ACD > \angle ABC$. \square

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