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Assignment 10

1. Prove Theorem 2.8.6 in the notes.
2. Do Exercise 2.8.1 in the notes.
3. Draw a large triangle $\triangle ABC$ on a piece of paper.
 - (a) Carefully construct the perpendicular bisectors of each of the sides of the triangle. It appears that all three of the perpendicular bisectors intersect in one point X . Draw a circle centered at X which contains one vertex of the triangle. The circle appears to contain both the other vertices as well.
 - (b) By varying the shape of the original triangle $\triangle ABC$, can you cause the point X to lie either the interior or the exterior of the $\triangle ABC$?
4. Now prove the observations made in the previous exercise, as follows:

Consider an arbitrary triangle $\triangle ABC$ and the perpendicular bisectors of two of the sides. These two lines intersect at a point X . (You may assume this.) Show that the point X is equidistant from the three vertices of the triangle, and conclude that a circle centered at X and containing one of the vertices of the triangle contains all of the vertices. Also conclude that X lies on the perpendicular bisector of the third side, and therefore the three perpendicular bisectors all intersect at X .
5. Draw a large triangle on a piece of paper. Carefully construct the bisectors of each of the three angles of the triangle. The three lines appear to intersect at one point X . Can you think of a strategy for proving that the three angle bisectors do indeed intersect in one point?