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Lesson 17 Classwork

19.2: That Can't Be Right, Can It?

Here is a figure where ray r meets line ℓ . The dashed rays are **angle bisectors**.



1. Diego made the conjecture: "The angle formed between the angle bisectors is always a right angle, no matter what the angle between r and ℓ is." It is difficult to tell specifically which angles Diego is talking about in his conjecture.

Label the diagram and rephrase Diego's conjecture more precisely using your labels.

2. Is the conjecture true? Explain your reasoning.



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Here are 2 intersecting lines that create 2 pairs of **vertical angles**:

2. How do you know your conjecture is true for all possible pairs of vertical angles? Explain your reasoning.

^{1.} What is the relationship between vertical angles? Write down a conjecture. Label the diagram to make it easier to write your conjecture precisely.



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In many situations, it is important to understand the reasons why an idea is true. Here are some questions to ask when trying to convince ourselves or others that a statement is true:

- How do we know this is true?
- Would these reasons convince someone who didn't think it was true?
- Is this true always, or only in certain cases?
- Can we find any situations where this is false?

In this lesson, we reasoned that pairs of vertical angles are always congruent to each other:



We saw this by labeling the diagram and making precise arguments having to do with transformations or angle relationships. For example, label the diagram with points:



Rotate the figure 180 degrees around point *E*. Then ray *EA* goes to ray *EB* and ray *ED* goes to ray *EC*. That means the rotation takes angle *AED* onto angle *BEC*, and so angle *AED* is congruent to angle *BEC*.

Many true statements have multiple explanations. Another line of reasoning uses angle relationships. Notice that angles *AED* and *AEC* together form line *CD*. That means that x + y = 180. Similarly, y + w = 180. That means that both x and w are equal to 180 - y, so they are equal to each other. Since angle *AED* and angle *CEB* have the same degree measure, they must be congruent.