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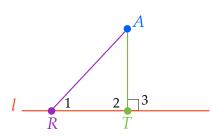




Statements	Reasons

Given: Line l and Point Anot on line l.  $\overline{AT} \perp \text{Line } l$  $\overline{AR}$  is any segment from A to l, not  $\overline{AT}$ 

Prove: AR > AT



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