Measuring and Classifying Angles

A protractor helps you approximate the measure of an angle. You can classify angles according to their measures.

Types of Angles



Example 1 Find the measure of each angle. Then classify the angle.

- **a.** ∠*GHK*
- **b.** ∠JHL
- **c.** ∠*LHK*
- **a.** \overline{HG} lines up with 0° on the outer scale of the protractor. \overline{HK} passes through 125° on the outer scale. So, $m \angle GHK = 125^\circ$. It is an *obtuse* angle.
- **b.** \overrightarrow{HJ} lines up with 0° on the inner scale of the protractor. \overrightarrow{HL} passes through 90°. So, $m \angle JHL = 90^\circ$. It is a *right* angle.
- **c.** \overrightarrow{HL} passes through 90°. \overrightarrow{HK} passes through 55° on the inner scale. So, $m \angle LHK = |90 - 55| = 35°$. It is an *acute* angle.



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Use the diagram to find the angle measure. Then classify the angle.

1. $\angle BOC$ **50°**; acute

Practice

- **2.** $\angle AOB = 140^{\circ}$; obtuse
- **3.** $\angle DOB$ 180°; straight
- **4.** $\angle DOE = 75^{\circ}$; acute
- **5.** $\angle AOC$ **90°**; right
- 6. $\angle BOE = 105^\circ$; obtuse
- 7. $\angle EOC$ 55°; acute
- **8.** $\angle COD$ 130°; obtuse

