

3.2.28 Matgeo

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Question

Find if a triangle ABC can be constructed in which $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = 5\text{cm}$, $\angle \mathbf{A} = 45^\circ$ and $(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B}) + (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}) = 5\text{cm}$.

Given

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$$\mathbf{B - A = c} \quad \mathbf{(C - B) = a} \quad \mathbf{(C - A) = b}$$

$$a + b = 5cm$$

$$c = 5cm$$

Solution

Using the triangle inequality, for any triangle ABC :

$$\mathbf{B - A < (C - B) + (C - A).} \quad (1)$$

$$c < a + b \quad (2)$$

Which is not true.

Hence we cannot form a triangle with the given conditions.