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Question:

Construct a triangle with sides 5cm, 6cm and 7cm.

Solution:

Let triangle be $\triangle ABC$

Let $AB=5\text{cm}$ $BC=6\text{cm}$ $CA=7\text{cm}$

Take

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \cos A \\ 7 \sin A \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos A = \frac{AB^2 + AC^2 - BC^2}{2 \cdot AB \cdot AC} \quad (0.1)$$

$$\cos A = \frac{5^2 + 7^2 - 6^2}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} = \frac{19}{35} \quad (0.2)$$

$$\sin A = \frac{12\sqrt{6}}{35} \quad (0.3)$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{C} \left(7 \cdot \frac{19}{35}, 7 \cdot \frac{12\sqrt{6}}{35} \right) \quad (0.4)$$

$$\mathbf{C} \left(\frac{19}{5}, \frac{12\sqrt{6}}{5} \right) \quad (0.5)$$

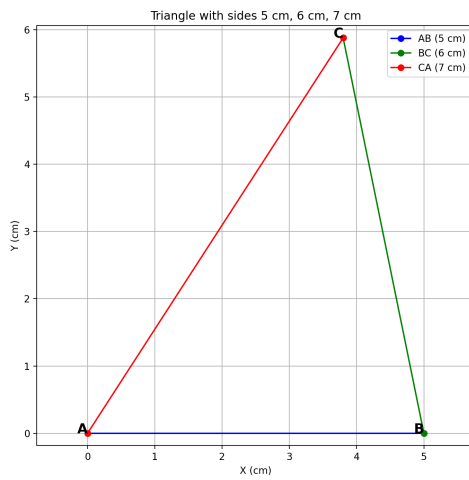


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