Geometric Constructions through Python

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Contents

Abstract—**This manual shows how to construct geometric figures using Python. The problems are based on NCERT math textbooks of Class 9 and 10.**

1 Triangle

1.1 Draw $\triangle ABC$ right angled at **B** such that $AB = 6, BC = 8$. **Solution:** The coordinates are

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ c \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \qquad (1)$$

1.2 Let $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{F}$ be the mid points of BC, CA and AB respectively in $\triangle ABC$. Draw AD, BE and CF.
Solution:

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}}{2} \qquad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}}{2} \qquad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} \qquad (4)$$

1.3 Draw AD, BE and CF.
1.4 Draw $\triangle DEF$ in the previous problem.

2 Circle

2.1 Now redraw $\triangle ABC$ with

$$\mathbf{O} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (5)$$

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2.2 Draw the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ with centre **O**.
Solution: The radius of the circumcircle is

$$r = \frac{b}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}}{2} \qquad (6)$$

2.3 Draw a circle with centre

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (7)$$

A and radius c.
2.4 For

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (8)$$

find p, q such that

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (9)$$

2.5 Redraw $\triangle ABC$ with centre **A** and radius c.
2.6 Draw the tangent CD to the circle.
Solution: The coordinate

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ -q \end{pmatrix} \qquad (10)$$

The following code draws the circle and tangents in Fig. 2.6

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#Code by GVV Sharma
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#released under GNU GPL
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

#if using termux
import subprocess
import shlex
#end if

#Generate line points
def line_gen(A,B):
    len =10
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    x_AB = np.zeros((2,len))
    lam_1 = np.linspace(0,1,len)
    for i in range(len):
        temp1 = A + lam_1[i]*(B−A)
        x_AB[:,i]= temp1.T
    return x_AB



#Triangle sides
a = 10
c = 6
b = np.sqrt(a**2−c**2)

p = (a**2 + c**2−b**2 )/(2*a)
q = np.sqrt(c**2−p**2)

#Triangle vertices
A = np.array([p,q])
B = np.array([0,0])
C = np.array([a,0])
D = np.array([p,−q])


#Generating all lines
x_AB = line_gen(A,B)
x_BC = line_gen(B,C)
x_CA = line_gen(C,A)
x_CD = line_gen(C,D)

#Plotting all lines
plt.plot(x_AB[0,:],x_AB[1,:],label='$AB$')
plt.plot(x_BC[0,:],x_BC[1,:],label='$BC$')
plt.plot(x_CA[0,:],x_CA[1,:],label='$CA$')
plt.plot(x_CD[0,:],x_CD[1,:],label='$CD$')

plt.plot(A[0], A[1], 'o')
plt.text(A[0] * (1 + 0.1), A[1] * (1 − 0.1) , '
    A')
plt.plot(B[0], B[1], 'o')
plt.text(B[0] * (1 − 0.2), B[1] * (1) , 'B')
plt.plot(C[0], C[1], 'o')
plt.text(C[0] * (1 + 0.03), C[1] * (1 − 0.1) ,
    'C')
plt.plot(D[0], D[1], 'o')
plt.text(D[0] * (1 − 0.2), D[1] * (1) , 'D')

#Plotting the circle

theta = np.linspace(0,2*np.pi,50)
x = c*np.cos(theta)
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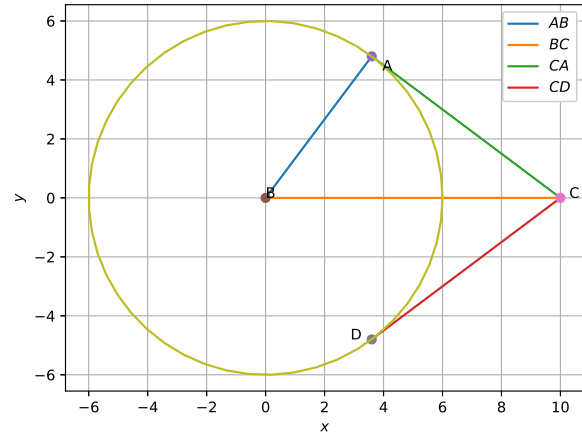

Fig. 2.6

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y = c*np.sin(theta)

plt.plot(x,y)

plt.xlabel('$x$')
plt.ylabel('$y$')
plt.legend(loc='best')
plt.grid() # minor
plt.axis('equal')
#if using termux
plt.savefig('../figs/circle.pdf')
plt.savefig('../figs/circle.eps')
subprocess.run(shlex.split("termux−open ../
    figs/circle.pdf"))
#else
#plt.show()
```

2.7 Consider $\triangle ABC$ with $BC = a, CA = b$ and $AB = c$. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \qquad (11)$$

Find p and q.
Solution: Since

$$p^2 + q^2 = c^2 \qquad (12)$$
$$(p − a)^2 + q^2 = b^2, \qquad (13)$$

we obtain

$$p = \frac{a^2 + c^2 − b^2}{2a}, q = \sqrt{c^2 − p^2} \qquad (14)$$

2.8 Plot $\triangle ABC$ for $a = 8, b = 11$ and $c = 13$.
Solution: The following program plots $\triangle ABC$

in Fig. 2.8

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  len =10
  x_AB = np.zeros((2,len))
  lam_1 = np.linspace(0,1,len)
  for i in range(len):
    temp1 = A + lam_1[i]*(B−A)
    x_AB[:,i]= temp1.T
  return x_AB


#Triangle sides
a = 8
b = 11
c = 13
p = (a**2 + c**2−b**2 )/(2*a)
q = np.sqrt(c**2−p**2)

#Triangle vertices
A = np.array([p,q])
B = np.array([0,0])
C = np.array([a,0])



#Generating all lines
x_AB = line_gen(A,B)
x_BC = line_gen(B,C)
x_CA = line_gen(C,A)

#Plotting all lines
plt.plot(x_AB[0,:],x_AB[1,:],label='$AB$')
plt.plot(x_BC[0,:],x_BC[1,:],label='$BC$')
plt.plot(x_CA[0,:],x_CA[1,:],label='$CA$')

plt.plot(A[0], A[1], 'o')
plt.text(A[0] * (1 + 0.1), A[1] * (1 − 0.1) , '
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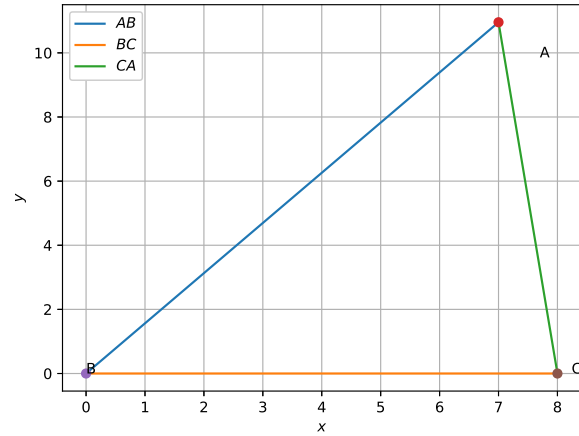

Fig. 2.8

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plt.plot(B[0], B[1], 'o')
plt.text(B[0] * (1 − 0.2), B[1] * (1) , 'B')
plt.plot(C[0], C[1], 'o')
plt.text(C[0] * (1 + 0.03), C[1] * (1 − 0.1) ,
    'C')

plt.xlabel('$x$')
plt.ylabel('$y$')
plt.legend(loc='best')
plt.grid() # minor

#if using termux
plt.savefig('../figs/triangle.pdf')
plt.savefig('../figs/triangle.eps')
subprocess.run(shlex.split("termux−open ../
    figs/triangle.pdf"))
#else
#plt.show()
```

2.9 Find **O** and R such that

$$R = OA = OB = OC \qquad (15)$$

2.10 Let

$$x + y = ay + z = bz + x = c \qquad (16)$$

Find x, y, z.
Solution: The given information can be expressed as the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \qquad (17)$$

which can be solved to obtain x, y, z.

2.11 Find $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$ such that

$$AE = AF = zBE = BD = xCD = CF = y \tag{18}$$

2.12 Find $\mathbf{I}$ such that

$$ID = IE = IF = r \tag{19}$$

3 EXERCISES

3.1 Draw a circle with centre $\mathbf{B}$ and radius 6. If $\mathbf{C}$ be a point 10 units away from its centre, construct the pair of tangents AC and CD to the circle.
Solution: From the given information, in $\triangle ABC, AC \perp AB, a = 10$ and $c = 6$.

$$b = \sqrt{a^2 - c^2} \tag{20}$$

3.2 Write a program to compute p and q when $a = 8, b = 11$ and $c = 13$.

3.3 In $\triangle ABC$, a and $\angle B$ are known and $b + c = k$. If

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \tag{21}$$

find b and c.
Solution: From (21),

$$(k - c)^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \tag{22}$$

$$\implies k^2 - 2kc + c^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \tag{23}$$

$$\implies -2kc + 2ac \cos B = a^2 - k^2 \tag{24}$$

$$\implies 2c (a \cos B - k) = a^2 - k^2 \tag{25}$$

$$\text{or, } c = \frac{a^2 - k^2}{2 (a \cos B - k)} \tag{26}$$

3.4 In $\triangle ABC$, $a = 7, \angle B = 75°$ and $b + c = 13$. Find b and c and sketch $\triangle ABC$.

3.5 In $\triangle ABC$, $a = 8, \angle B = 45°$ and $c - b = 3.5$. Sketch $\triangle ABC$.

3.6 In $\triangle ABC$, $a = 6, \angle B = 60°$ and $b - c = 2$. Sketch $\triangle ABC$.

3.7 $\triangle ABC$ is right angled at $\mathbf{B}$. If $a = 12$ and $b + c = 18$, find a, b, c and draw the triangle.
Solution: From Baudhayana's theorem,

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 \tag{27}$$

3.8 In $\triangle ABC$, given that $a + b + c = 11, \angle B = 45°$ and $\angle C = 45°$, find a, b, c.

Solution: We have

$$a = b \cos C + c \cos B \tag{28}$$
$$b \sin C = c \sin B \tag{29}$$
$$a + b + c = 11 \tag{30}$$

resulting in the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\cos C & -\cos B \\ 0 & \sin C & -\sin B \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \tag{31}$$

Solving the equivalent matrix equation gives the desired answer.

3.9 Draw $\triangle ABC$, given that $a + b + c = 11, \angle B = 30°$ and $\angle C = 90°$, find a, b, c.

3.10 Draw a square of side 3.

3.11 Draw a parallelogram with sides 12 and 5.

3.12 Draw a circle with centre $\mathbf{O}$ and diameter $AC = 6$. Choose any point B on the circle and draw $\triangle ABC$.

3.13 In $\triangle ABC$, $a = 8, b = 11, c = 13$. Find

$$R = \frac{a}{2 \sin A}. \tag{32}$$

Let $\mathbf{D}$ be the mid point of BC. Find the point $\mathbf{O}$ such that $\triangle ODB$ is right angled at $\mathbf{D}$ and $OD = R$. Draw the circle with centre $\mathbf{O}$ and radius R.

3.14 Let

$$r = \frac{abc}{2 (a + b + c)}. \tag{33}$$

and

$$IB = r \sqrt{\frac{2}{1 - \cos B}}. \tag{34}$$

Draw a circle with centre $\mathbf{I}$ and radius r.

3.15 Construct a tangent to a circle of radius 4 units from a point on the concentric circle of radius 6 units.

3.16 Draw a circle of radius 3 units. Take two points $\mathbf{P}$ and $\mathbf{Q}$ on one of its extended diameter each at a distance of 7 units from its centre. Draw tangents to the circle from these two points $\mathbf{P}$ and $\mathbf{Q}$.

3.17 Draw a pair of tangents to a circle of radius 5 units which are inclined to each other at an angle of 60°.

3.18 Draw a line segment AB of length 8 units. Taking $\mathbf{A}$ as centre, draw a circle of radius 4 units and taking $\mathbf{B}$ as centre, draw another

circle of radius 3 units. Construct tangents to each circle from the centre of the other circle.

3.19 Let ABC be a right triangle in which $a = 8, c = 6$ and $\angle B = 90°$. *BD* is the perpendicular from **B** on *AC*. The circle through **B**, **C**, **D** is drawn. Construct the tangents from **A** to this circle.