

Geometric Constructions through Python



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

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1 Triangle

1.1 Draw a line segement of length 7.6 cm and divide it in the ratio 5:8.

Solution: Let the end points of the line be

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 7.6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

Then the point C

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{k\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{k+1} \tag{2}$$

divides AB in the ration k:1. For the given problem, $k = \frac{5}{8}$. The following code plots Fig.

codes/draw section.py

1.2 Draw $\triangle ABC$ where $\angle B = 90^{\circ}$, a = 4 and b = 3. **Solution:** The vertices of $\triangle ABC$ are

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

The following code plots Fig. 1.2

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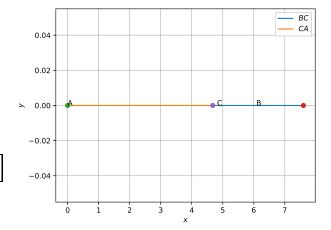


Fig. 1.1

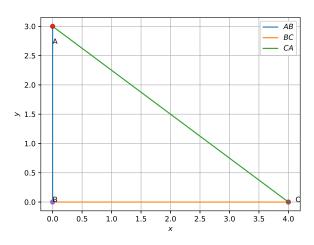


Fig. 1.2

1.3 Construct a triangle of sides a = 4cm, b = 5cm and c = 6 cm.

Solution: Let the vertices of $\triangle ABC$ be

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

Then

$$b^{2} = ||\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}||^{2} = (p - a)^{2} + q^{2}$$
 (5)

$$c^{2} = ||\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C}||^{2} = p^{2} + q^{2}$$
 (6)

yielding

$$p = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2a} \tag{7}$$

$$q = \sqrt{c^2 - p^2} \tag{8}$$

The following code plots Fig. 1.3

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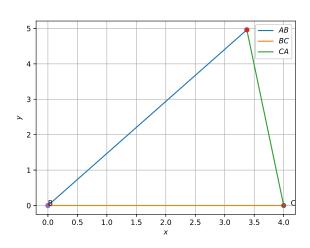


Fig. 1.3

- 1.4 Construct a triangle of sides a = 5cm, b = 6 cm and c = 7 cm. Construct a similar triangle whose sides are $\frac{7}{5}$ times the corresponding sides of the first triangle.
- 1.5 Construct an isosceles triangle whose base is a = 8 cm and altitude AD = p = 4 cm

Solution: Using Baudhayana's theorem,

$$b = c = \sqrt{p^2 + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2} \tag{9}$$

1.6 Draw $\triangle ABC$ with a = 6, c = 5 and $\angle B = 60^{\circ}$. Solution: Using the cosine formula,

$$b^2 = c^2 + a^2 - 2ca\cos B \tag{10}$$

- 1.7 Draw $\triangle ABC$ with $a = 7, \angle B = 45^{\circ}$ and $\angle A = 105^{\circ}$
- 1.8 In $\triangle ABC$, a = 7, $\angle B = 75^{\circ}$ and b + c = 13. Find b and c and sketch $\triangle ABC$.
- 1.9 In $\triangle ABC$, a = 8, $\angle B = 45^{\circ}$ and c b = 3.5. Sketch $\triangle ABC$.

- 1.10 In $\triangle ABC$, a = 6, $\angle B = 60^{\circ}$ and b-c = 2. Sketch $\triangle ABC$.
- 1.11 $\triangle ABC$ is right angled at **B**. If a = 12 and b+c = 18, find a, b, c and draw the triangle.

Solution: From Baudhayana's theorem,

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 (11)$$

1.12 In $\triangle ABC$, given that a + b + c = 11, $\angle B = 45^{\circ}$ and $\angle C = 45^{\circ}$, find a, b, c.

Solution: We have

$$a = b\cos C + c\cos B \tag{12}$$

$$b\sin C = c\sin B \tag{13}$$

$$a + b + c = 11$$
 (14)

resulting in the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\cos C & -\cos B \\ 0 & \sin C & -\sin B \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (15)

Solving the equivalent matrix equation gives the desired answer.

1.13 Draw $\triangle ABC$, given that a+b+c=11, $\angle B=30^{\circ}$ and $\angle C=90^{\circ}$, find a,b,c.

2 Circle

2.1 Draw a circle with centre **B** and radius 6. If **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.

$$b = \sqrt{a^2 - c^2} \tag{16}$$

The following code plots Fig. 2.1

- 2.2 Construct a tangent to a circle of radius 4 units from a point on the concentric circle of radius 6 units.
- 2.3 Draw a circle of radius 3 units. Take two points P and 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 P and O.
- 2.4 Draw a pair of tangents to a circle of radius 5 units which are inclined to each other at an angle of 60°.
- 2.5 Draw a line segment AB of length 8 units. Taking **A** as centre, draw a circle of radius

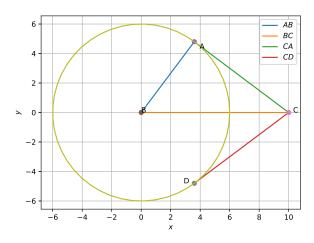


Fig. 2.1

4 units and taking **B** as centre, draw another circle of radius 3 units. Construct tangents to each circle from the centre of the other circle.

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