

FreeCAD Cheat Sheet: Sketcher Constraints


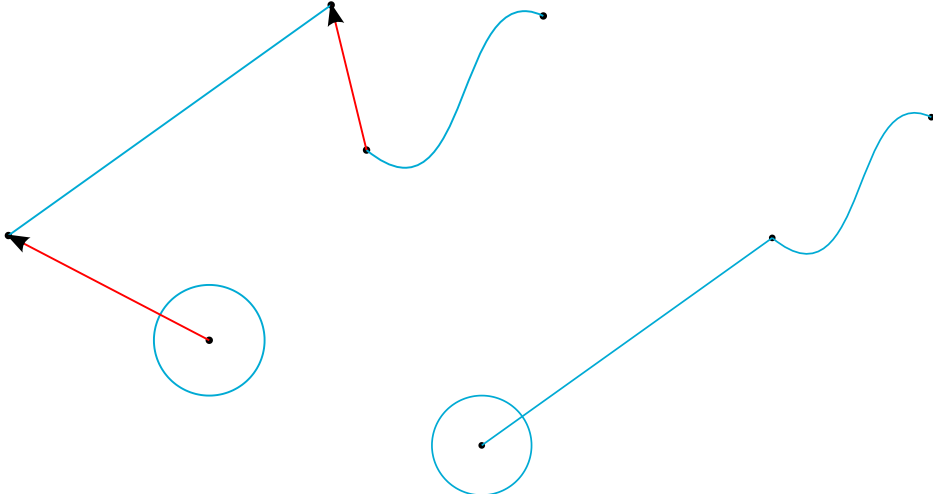



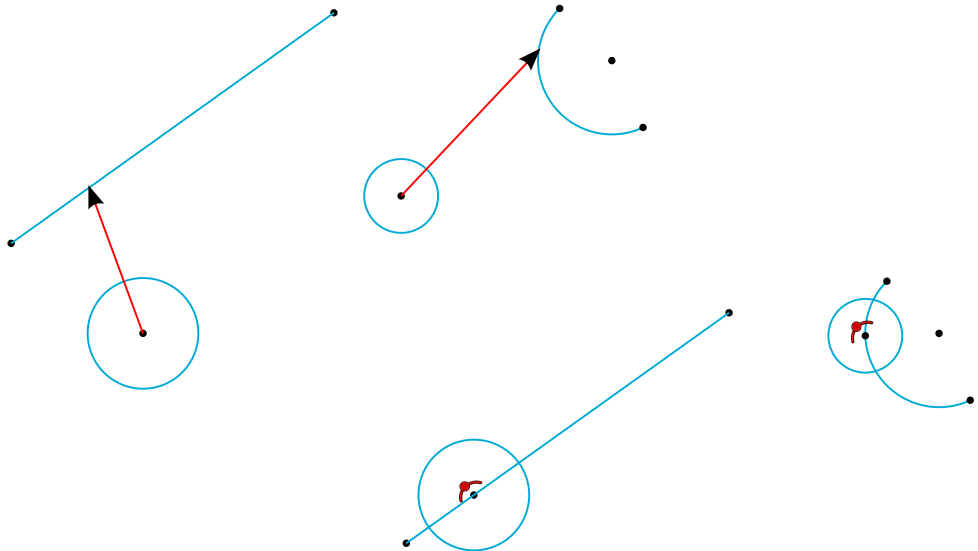


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| 1) Coincident | 11) Lock |
| 2) Point on Object | 12) Horizontal Distance |
| 3) Vertical | 13) Vertical Distance |
| 4) Horizontal | 14) Length |
| 5) Parallel | 15) Radius |
| 6) Perpendicular | 16) Diameter |
| 7) Tangent | 17) Angle |
| 8) Equal | |
| 9) Symmetric | |
| 10) Block | |


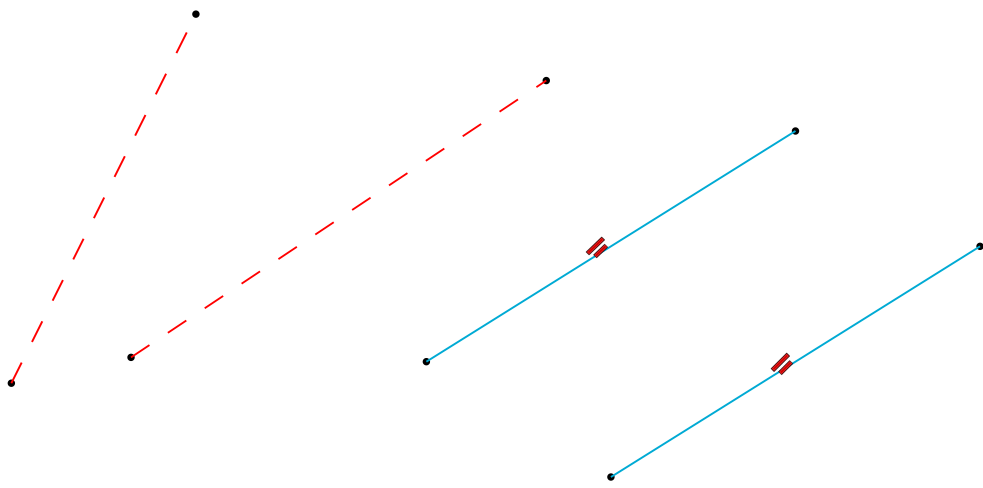

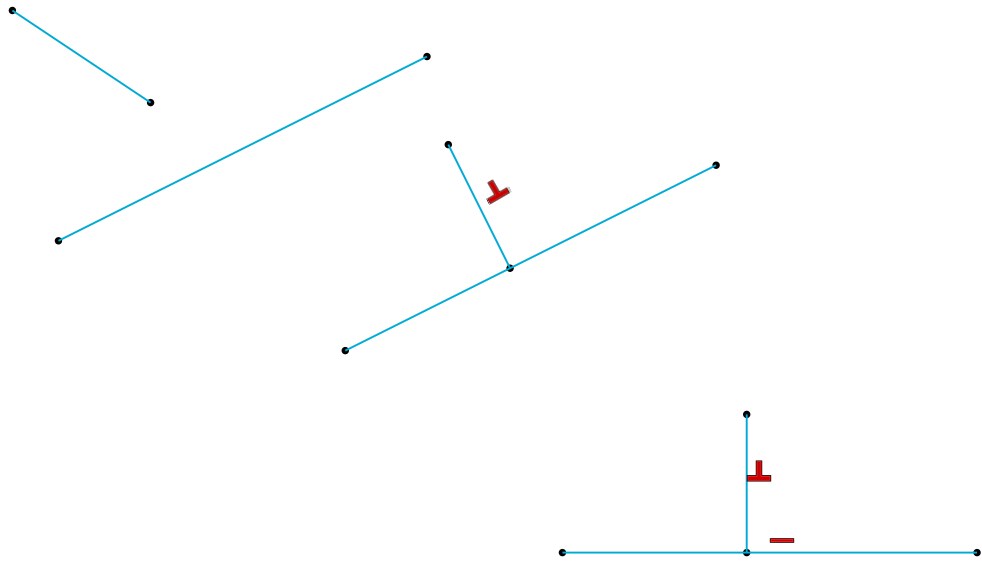
What is a constraint?


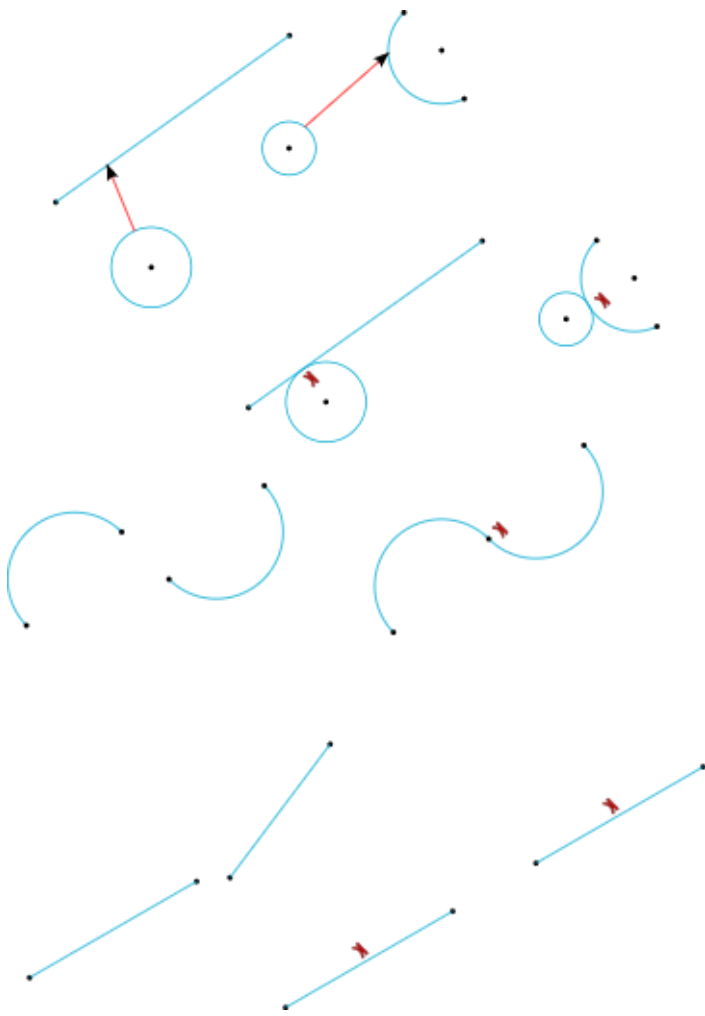

Constraints ensure points or lines with a geometric relationship stay consistent throughout the sketch.


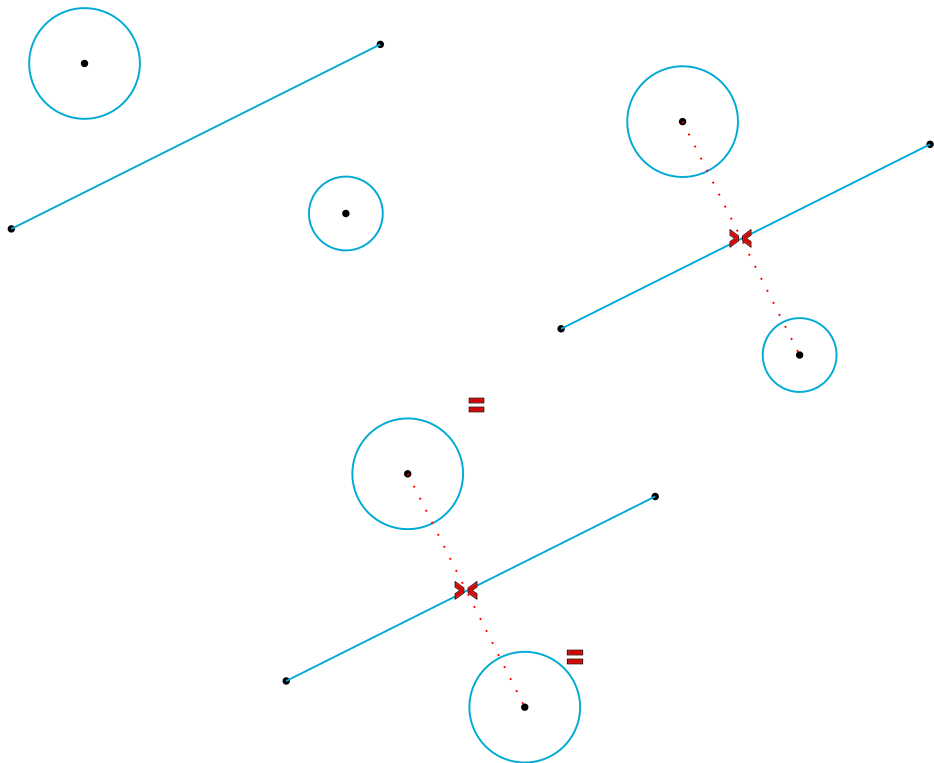










Constraint	Description & Example
	<p>Attach a point to another point. If both points are unconstrained the second point selected will move to the first point selected.</p> 

Constraint	Description & Example
	<p data-bbox="435 266 998 314">Attach a point to an line or arc.</p> 
	<p data-bbox="435 1181 1510 1229">Ensures this line always stays vertical on this sketch plane.</p>
	<p data-bbox="435 1447 1437 1553">Ensures this line always stays horizontal on this sketch plane.</p>

Constraint	Description & Example
	<p data-bbox="430 266 1006 319">Orients two lines to be parallel.</p> 
	<p data-bbox="430 978 1518 1138">Orients two lines to be perpendicular. Use in conjunction with <i>Point on Object</i> to create a T-shape. One line is free to be constrained in another way.</p> 

Constraint	Description & Example
	<p data-bbox="430 212 1510 372">Attach an arc or ellipse to a line or another arc/ellipse. Can also be used to make two arcs/ellipses share tangency and two lines collinear.</p> 
	<p data-bbox="430 1585 1510 1798">Ensures two lines share the same length or an arc or circle share the same radius. If both circles or arcs are unconstrained the second shape will match the first selected shape.</p>

Constraint	Description & Example
	<p>Orients two points to share the same distance from a line. Preselect two points and a line before invoking this command. Use <i>Equal</i> to ensure figures mirrored across the line are uniform. Use <i>Distance</i> to set the distance from the line of symmetry.</p> 
	<p>Prevents lines from changing slope/angle, length or location.</p>
	<p>Applies a <i>Distance</i> constraint to a point relative to the sketch origin. Preselect one point before invoking this command.</p>

Constraint	Description & Example
	Dimensions the length of a horizontal line or distance between two points.
	Dimensions the length of a vertical line or distance between two points.
	Dimensions a line or distance between two points.
	Dimensions the radius of a circle or arc.
	Dimensions the diameter of a circle or arc.
	Dimensions the angle between two lines.

Sketcher Constraints: Shortcuts



Coincident (C)



Point on Object (Shift + O)



Vertical (V)



Horizontal (H)



Parallel (Shift + P)



Perpendicular (N)



Tangent (T)



Equal (E)



Symmetric (S)



Block (none)



Lock (none)



Horizontal Distance (Shift + H)



Vertical Distance (Shift + V)



Length (Shift + D)



Radius (none)



Diameter (none)



Angle (A)

Customize shortcuts!

Menu bar → Tools →
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