

## 3-3.2-10

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### Question:

Draw a triangle ABC in which BC=6cm, CA=5cm and AB=4cm.

**Solution:** Given, a=6cm, b=5cm and c=4cm.

Variable	Description
$a$	length of side-BC
$b$	length of side-CA
$c$	length of side-AB
$A$	co-ordinates of vertex-1
$B$	co-ordinates of vertex-2
$C$	co-ordinates of vertex-3

TABLE 0: Variables Used

Let us place B at origin and C along the x-axis i.e.,

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

Let us use distances AB and CA to find co-ordinates of A,

By using  $c=4\text{cm}$

$$(A - B) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

$$\|A - B\| = 4 \quad (0.4)$$

$$\sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}} = 4 \quad (0.5)$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 4 \quad (0.6)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 16 \quad (0.7)$$

By using  $b=5\text{cm}$

$$(A - C) = \begin{pmatrix} x-6 \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.8)$$

$$\|A - C\| = 5 \quad (0.9)$$

$$\sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} x-6 & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x-6 \\ y \end{pmatrix}} = 5 \quad (0.10)$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 5 \quad (0.11)$$

$$x - 6^2 + y^2 = 25 \quad (0.12)$$

By solving both the equations we get,  $x=2.25$  ,  $y=3.308$   
Therefore,

$$A = (2.25/3.308) \quad (0.13)$$

Therefore,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2.25 \\ 3.308 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (0.14)$$

Using these co-ordinates of A,B,C the triangle ABC can be constructed.

