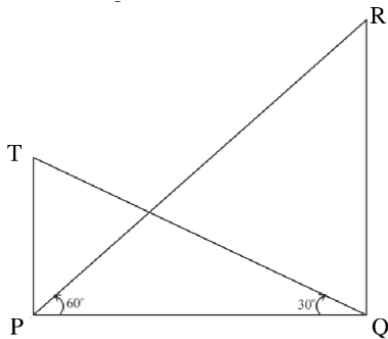


# AI1110 - Assignment 1

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**Q10-c:** The angle of elevation from a point P of the top of a tower QR, 50m high is  $60^\circ$  and that of the tower PT from a point Q is  $30^\circ$ . Find the height of tower PT, correct to the nearest metre.



Parameter	Symbol	Value
QR	$h$	50
Angle QPR	$\alpha$	$60^\circ$
Angle PQT	$\beta$	$30^\circ$
Base PQ	$d$	???
PT	$h_2$	???

TABLE I

**Solution:** In  $\triangle PQR$ , using basic trigonometric equation in a right-angled triangle, we know that,

$$\begin{aligned}\tan(\theta) &= \frac{\text{perpendicular}}{\text{base}} \\ \Rightarrow \tan(\alpha) &= \frac{h}{d} \\ \Rightarrow d &= \frac{h}{\tan(\alpha)} \\ \Rightarrow d &= \frac{50}{\tan(60^\circ)} m \\ [\because \alpha = 60^\circ \text{ \& } h = 50m] \\ \Rightarrow d &= \frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} m \quad - (1)\end{aligned}$$

Now in  $\triangle PQT$ ,  $\beta = 30^\circ$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \tan(\beta) &= \frac{h_2}{d} \\ \Rightarrow h_2 &= d \times \tan(\beta) \\ \Rightarrow h_2 &= d \times \tan(30^\circ) \\ \Rightarrow h_2 &= \frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} \times \tan(30^\circ) m \\ [\text{using}(1)] \\ \Rightarrow h_2 &= \frac{50}{3} m\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore h_2(PT) \approx \boxed{17}$  metres after rounding off.

This can be verified by plotting QR,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  and approximating the length of PT.

**Output:** The Output of the program used to verify the answer is given below:

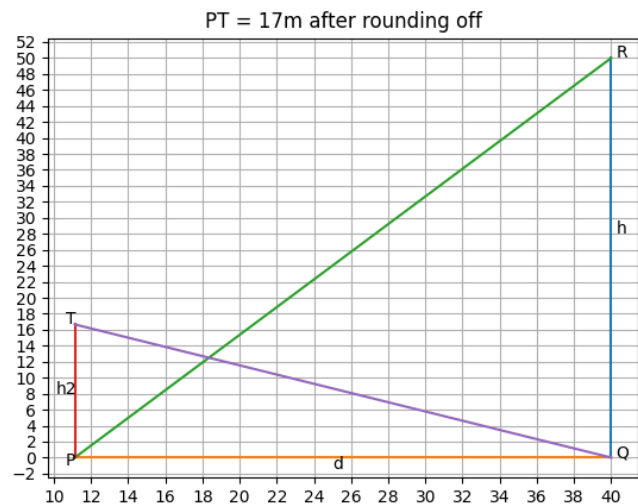


Fig. 0. Plot of the figure and calculated length