

CHAPTER-9  
TRIANGLES

## 1 Exercise 11.4

Question(4).Construct a triangle  $XYZ$  in which  $\angle Y = 30^\circ, \angle Z = 90^\circ$  and  $XY + YZ + ZX = 11cm$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  are the vertices of the triangle with coordinates. Given  $XY + YZ + ZX = 8cm$ .So the coordinate of the vertex  $\mathbf{X}$  is:

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Also given  $\angle Y = 30^\circ$  and  $\angle Z = 90^\circ$  so by finding the length of sides we can form a required triangle.

The input parameters for this construction are

Symbol	Value	Description
$c + a + b$	11	$XY + YZ + ZX$
$\angle Y$	$30^\circ$	$\angle Y$ in $\triangle ABC$
$\angle Z$	$90^\circ$	$\angle Z$ in $\triangle XYZ$
$\mathbf{e}_1$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Basis vector

Table 1: Parameters

From the given information

$$a + b + c = k \tag{1}$$

$$b \cos Z + c \cos Y - a = 0 \tag{2}$$

$$b \sin Z - c \sin Y = 0 \tag{3}$$

Resulting in the matrix equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \cos Z & \cos Y \\ 0 & \sin Z & -\sin Y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = k \mathbf{e}_1 \tag{4}$$

Substitute the values of  $k, \mathbf{e}_1, \angle Y$  and  $\angle Z$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \cos 90^\circ & \cos 30^\circ \\ 0 & \sin 90^\circ & -\sin 30^\circ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = 11 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & \sqrt{3}/2 \\ 0 & -1/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = 11 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

From the above matrix we get the equations as:

$$a + b + c = 11 \quad (7)$$

$$-a + c\sqrt{3}/2 = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$b - c/2 = 0 \quad (9)$$

From the equations 8 and 9 we get:

$$a = c\sqrt{3}/2 \quad (10)$$

$$b = c/2 \quad (11)$$

Substitute the above equations in equation 6, we get the value of  $c$ :

$$c = \frac{22}{3 + \sqrt{3}} \quad (12)$$

$$c = 4.65 \quad (13)$$

Therefore we get the values of  $a$  and  $b$  :

$$a = 4.03 \quad (14)$$

$$b = 2.32 \quad (15)$$

Therefore the coordinates of the vertices are:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} c/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.32 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} c/2 \\ c\sqrt{3}/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.32 \\ 4.03 \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

Construction:

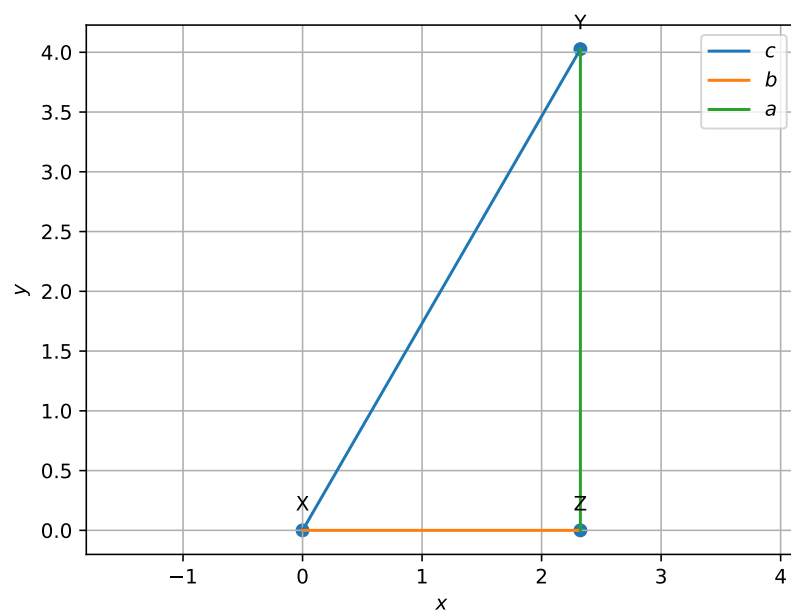


Figure 1: Triangle XYZ