Construction of triangle

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Question

Construct a right triangle when one side is 3.5 cm, and the sum of the other side and the hypotenuse is 5.5 cm.

Solution: Parameters

Segment	Norm	Angles
AB	3.5	∠C
BC	Distance between B and C	∠ <i>A</i> = 90°
<i>AC</i>	Distance between C and A	∠B

Table: Input parameters

Solution:

Given:

$$c = 3.5 \,\mathrm{cm}, \quad a + b = 5.5 \,\mathrm{cm}, \quad \angle A = 90^{\circ}$$

Using the cosine formula in $\triangle ABC$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\implies (5.5 - b)^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

Solution: Further Calculations

Expanding and solving the equation :

$$\implies b \approx 2.5cm$$

The coordinates of $\triangle ABC$ can then be expressed as:

$$C = b \begin{bmatrix} \sin A \\ \cos A \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = 0 \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

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Diagram

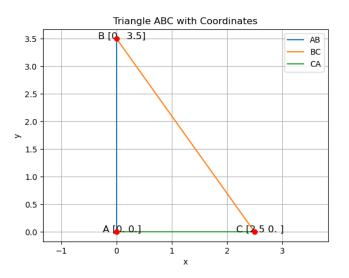


Figure: Right triangle with c= 3.5 cm , a+b=5.5 cm and $\angle A=90^{\circ}$.