

Assignment 1

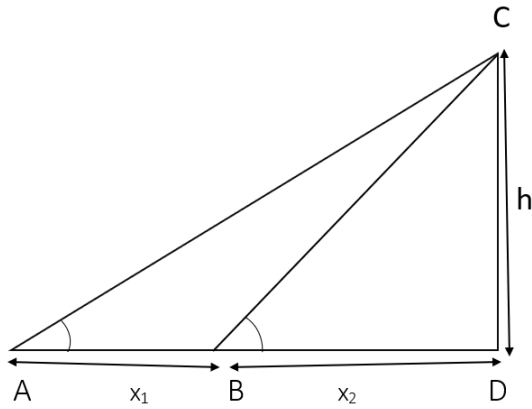
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Q10(b) : A man observes the angle of elevation of the top of the tower to be 45° . He walks towards it in a horizontal line through its base. On covering 20 m the angle of elevation changes to 60° . Find the height of the tower correct to 2 significant figures.

Input parameters:

Variable	value
$\angle CAD = \theta_1$	45°
$\angle CBD = \theta_2$	60°
$AB = x_1$	$20m$

Solution: Let the height of the tower be ' h ' and total distance between man and the tower be ' d '.



Let the given angles be $\theta_1 = 45^\circ$ and $\theta_2 = 60^\circ$.
From the given information,

$$d = x_1 + x_2 \quad (1)$$

$$h \cot \theta_1 = d \quad (2)$$

$$h \cot \theta_2 = x_2 \quad (3)$$

Solving the equations (1),(2),(3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} h \cot \theta_1 &= x_1 + h \cot \theta_2 \\ h &= \frac{x_1}{\cot \theta_1 - \cot \theta_2} \\ h &= \frac{20}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \\ h &= 47.32m \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The height of the tower is 47.32 m