

Question-3-3.2-22

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Question:

Write true or false in each of the following. Give reasons for your answer

1. A triangle can be constructed in which $\mathbf{AB} = 5\text{cm}$, $\angle A = 45^\circ$ and $\mathbf{BC} + \mathbf{AC} = 5\text{cm}$

Solution:

Given	Values
\mathbf{AB}	5cm
$\angle A$	45°
$\mathbf{AC} + \mathbf{BC}$	5cm

TABLE 0: variables used

By triangle inequality

$$\mathbf{CB} + \mathbf{AC} > \mathbf{AB} \quad (0.1)$$

$$5\text{cm} > 5\text{cm} \quad (0.2)$$

clearly the above statement is False

A triangle can't be constructed

2. A triangle can be constructed in which $\mathbf{BC} = 6\text{cm}$, $\angle B = 30^\circ$ and $\mathbf{AC} - \mathbf{AB} = 4\text{cm}$.

Solution:

Given	Values
\mathbf{BC}	6cm
$\angle B$	30°
$\mathbf{AC} - \mathbf{AB}$	4cm

TABLE 0: variables used

Let $\mathbf{AB} = a$ and $\mathbf{AC} = a + 4$

Checking triangle inequalities

$$\mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{BC} > \mathbf{AC} \quad (0.3)$$

$$a + 6 > a + 4 \quad (0.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{True} \quad (0.5)$$

$$\mathbf{AC} + \mathbf{BC} > \mathbf{AB} \quad (0.6)$$

$$a + 4 + 6 > a \quad (0.7)$$

$$10 > 0 \quad (0.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{True} \quad (0.9)$$

$$\mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC} > \mathbf{BC} \quad (0.10)$$

$$a + a + 4 > 6 \quad (0.11)$$

$$a > 1 \quad (0.12)$$

if $\mathbf{AB} > 1$ a triangle can be constructed

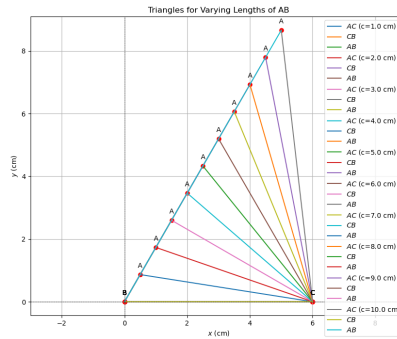


Fig. 0.1: Line \mathbf{AB}

3. A triangle can be constructed in which $\angle B = 105^\circ$, $\angle C = 90^\circ$ and $\mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{BC} + \mathbf{AC} = 10\text{cm}$

Solution:

Given	Values
$\mathbf{BC} + \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$	10cm
$\angle B$	105°
$\angle C$	90°

TABLE 0: variables used

In a triangle the sum of all interior angles should be equal to 180

$$\angle B + \angle C = 195 \quad (0.13)$$

Therefore a triangle cannot be constructed