
Module 1: SCALES

Objectives

- Learning the use of set squares/ drafter for technical drawing.
- Basic drawing skills.
- Use of scales in engineering drawing.
- Construct plain scale and Vernier scale as per requirement.

Necessity

- Drawings drawn with the same size as the objects are called full sized drawing.
- It is not convenient, always, to draw drawings of the object to its actual size. e.g. Buildings, Heavy machines, Bridges, Watches, Electronic devices etc.
- Hence scales are used to prepare drawing at
 - Full size
 - Reduced size
 - Enlarged size

Types of Scale

- Engineers Scale :

The relation between the dimension on the drawing and the actual dimension of the object is mentioned numerically (like 10 mm = 15 m).

- Graphical Scale:

Scale is drawn on the drawing itself. This takes care of the shrinkage of the engineer's scale when the drawing becomes old.

Basics

Representative fraction (R.F.)

$$\text{R.F.} = \frac{\text{Length of an object on the drawing}}{\text{Actual Length of the object}}$$

When a 1 cm long line in a drawing represents 1 meter length of the object,

$$R.F = \frac{1\text{ cm}}{1\text{ m}} = \frac{1\text{ cm}}{1 \times 100\text{ cm}} = \frac{1}{100}$$

Types of Graphical Scale

- Plain Scale
- Diagonal Scale
- Vernier Scale
- Comparative scale

Plain scale

Problem 4-1. (fig. 4-1): Construct a scale of 1 : 4 to show centimetres and long enough to measure upto 5 decimetres.

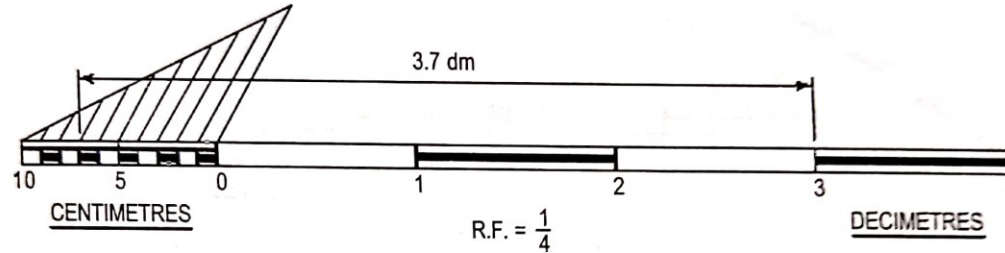


FIG. 4-1

- Determine R.F. of the scale. Here it is $\frac{1}{4}$.
- Determine length of the scale.
Length of the scale = R.F. \times maximum length = $\frac{1}{4} \times 5 \text{ dm} = 12.5 \text{ cm}$.
- Draw a line 12.5 cm long and divide it into 5 equal divisions, each representing 1 dm.
- Mark 0 at the end of the first division and 1, 2, 3 and 4 at the end of each subsequent division to its right.
- Divide the first division into 10 equal sub-divisions, each representing 1 cm.
- Mark cms to the left of 0 as shown in the figure.

To distinguish the divisions clearly, show the scale as a rectangle of small width (about 3 mm) instead of only a line. Draw the division-lines showing decimetres throughout the width of the scale. Draw the lines for the sub-divisions slightly shorter as shown. Draw thick and dark horizontal lines in the middle of all alternate divisions and sub-divisions. This helps in taking measurements. Below the scale, print DECIMETRES on the right-hand side, CENTIMETRES on the left-hand side, and the R.F. in the middle.

To set-off any distance, say 3.7 dm, place one leg of the divider on 3 dm mark and the other on 7 cm mark. The distance between the ends of the two legs will represent 3.7 dm.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_t_Zhuibno0

Vernier scale

- A Vernier scale consists of (i) a primary scale and (ii) a vernier.
- The primary scale is a plain scale fully divided in to minor divisions.
- The graduations on the vernier are derived from those on the primary scale.
Least count (LC) is the minimum distance that can be measured.

Forward Vernier Scale :

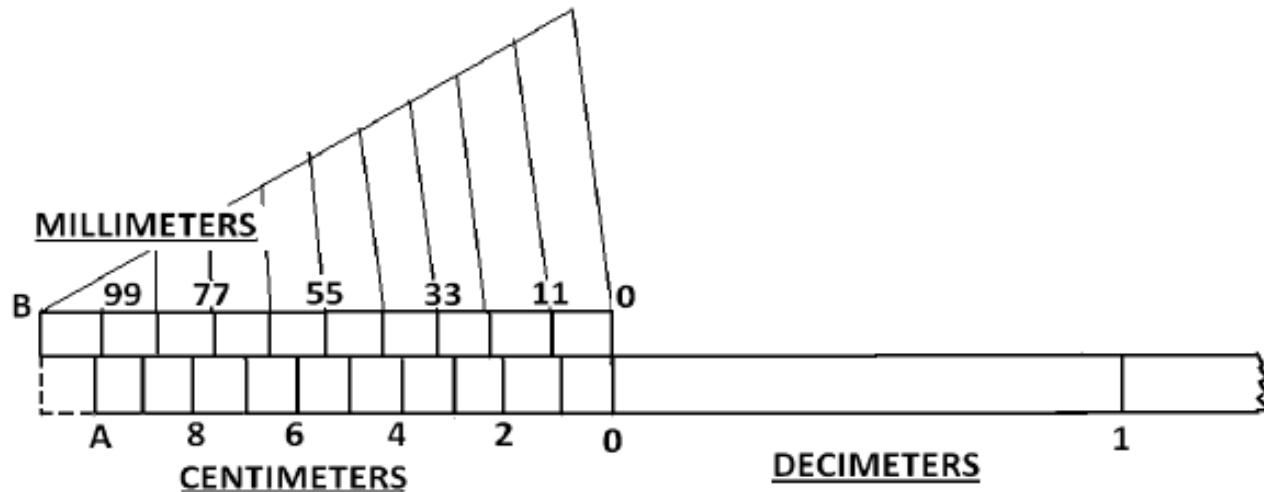
$$\text{MSD} > \text{VSD}; \quad \text{LC} = \text{MSD} - \text{VSD}$$

Backward Vernier scale:

$$\text{VSD} > \text{MSD}; \quad \text{LC} = \text{VSD} - \text{MSD}$$

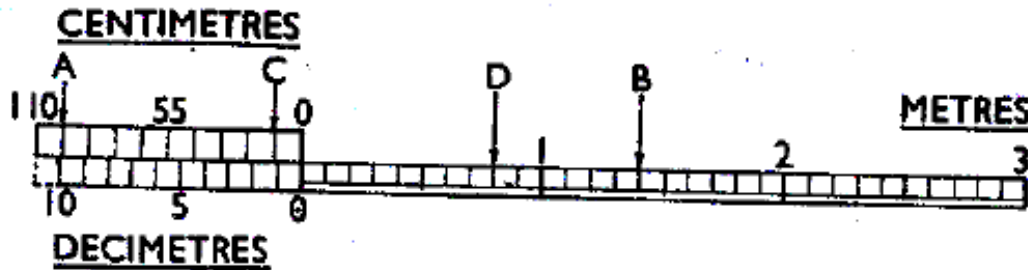
Vernier scale

- Length $A0$ represents 10 cm and is divided into 10 equal parts each representing 1 cm.
- $B0 = 11$ (i.e. $10+1$) such equal parts = 11 cm.
- Divide $B0$ into 10 equal divisions. Each division of $B0$ will be equal to $11/10 = 1.1$ cm or 11 mm.
- Difference between 1 part of $A0$ and one part of $B0 = 1.1$ cm - 1.0 cm = 0.1 cm or 1 mm.



Vernier scale

Question: Draw a Vernier scale of R.F. = $1/25$ to read up to 4 meters. On it show lengths 2.39 m and 0.91 m



- Length of Scale = $(1/25) \times (4 \times 100) = 16 \text{ cm}$
- Draw a 16 cm long line and divide it into 4 equal parts. Each part is 1 meter. Divide each of these parts into 10 equal parts to show decimeter (10 cm).
- Take 11 parts of dm length and divide it into 10 equal parts. Each of these parts will show a length of 1.1 dm or 11 cm.
- To measure 2.39 m, place one leg of the divider at A on 99 cm mark and other leg at B on 1.4 mark. ($0.99 + 1.4 = 2.39$).
- To measure 0.91 m, place the divider at C and D ($0.8 + 0.11 = 0.91$).

Assignment#1

- Construct a Vernier scale of meters to read up to centimeters when 8 cm represents 1 m. State R.F. and measure distance of 1.89 cm with the help of the scale. The scale should be long enough to measure 2 m

Help:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajzIINxL0z0&t=1311s>

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Instruction regarding format of assignments

- Assignment no. , name, roll no. should be clearly written at the top of every A4 sheet.
- Assignments are to be submitted in a single pdf file of image(s) of the hand drawn A4 sheet(s) in MS TEAMS. The file name should be in following format.

