

Construction of Quadrilateral with 2 sides and 3 angle

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Problem

Construct

A quadrilateral $ABCD$ with given information

$$\angle A = \alpha \quad (1)$$

$$\angle B = \beta \quad (2)$$

$$\angle C = \gamma \quad (3)$$

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\| = a \quad (4)$$

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C}\| = b \quad (5)$$

First, Consider

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

and calculate angle between CD and $+x$ -axis is θ

$$\theta = 360^\circ - (\beta + \gamma) \quad (7)$$

and we have to find \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{D} , which as shown in fig 1.

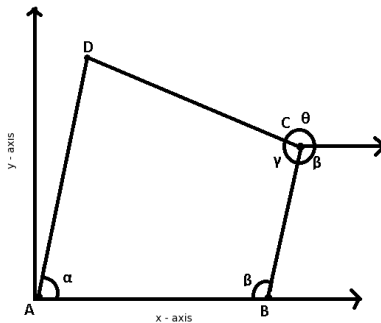


Figure: Quadrilateral MIST

Lemma

For **C**,

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B} + b\mathbf{X} \text{ where } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(180^\circ - \beta) \\ \sin(180^\circ - \beta) \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

here, **X** is unit vector in direction of line BC and then multiply it with *b* which is magnitude of line BC and last adding **B**. For **D**,

$$\mathbf{D} = x\mathbf{Y} \text{ where } \mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } x \in R^+ \quad (9)$$

Here, **Y** is unit vector in direction of line AD, and we need to find *x* which is magnitude of line AD. Also, we use **C** to find **D** as

$$\mathbf{D} = y\mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{C} \text{ where } \mathbf{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } y \in R^+ \quad (10)$$

Here, **Z** is unit vector in direction of line CD and we need to find *y* which is magnitude of line CD.

Thus, from (2) and (5) in (8), we easily calculate **C** and from (9),(10) and **C**, we get

$$x\mathbf{Y} = y\mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{C} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\cos \theta \\ \sin \alpha & -\sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{C} \quad (12)$$

and then find x and y

So, using x and (9) we get **D**