NCERT Solutions for Class 10 MATHS – Constructions



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1. Draw a line segment of length 7.6 cm and divide it in the ratio 5 : 8. Measure the two parts.

Sol. A line segment of length 7.6 cm can be divided in the ratio of 5 : 8 as follows.

Step 1 Draw line segment AB of 7.6 cm and draw a ray AX making an acute angle with segment AB.

Step 2 Locate 13 (= 5 + 8) points,  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, \dots, A_{13}$ , on AX such that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3$  and so on.

Step 3 Join BA<sub>13</sub>

**Step 4** Through the point  $A_5$ , draw a line parallel to  $BA_{13}$  (by making an angle equal to  $\angle AA_{13}B$ ) at  $A_5$  intersecting AB at point C.

C is the point dividing line segment AB of 7.6 cm in the required ratio of 5 : 8. The lengths of AC and CB can be measured. It comes out to 2.9 cm and 4.7 cm respectively.



#### Justification

The construction can be justified by proving that

$$\frac{AC}{CB} = \frac{5}{8}$$

By construction, we have  $A_5C \parallel A_{13}B$ . By applying Basic proportionality theorem for the triangle  $AA_{13}B$ , we obtain

$$\frac{AC}{CB} = \frac{AA_5}{A_5 A_{13}} \qquad \dots (1)$$







From the figure, it can be observed that  $AA_5$  and  $A_5A_{13}$  obtain 5 and 8 equal divisions of line segments respectively.

$$\therefore \frac{AA_{5}}{A_{5}A_{13}} = \frac{5}{8} \qquad \dots (2)$$

On comparing equations (1) and (2), we obtain

$$\frac{AC}{CB} = \frac{5}{8}$$

This justifies the construction.

- 2. Construct a triangle of sides 4 cm, 5 cm and 6 cm and then a triangle similar to it whose sides are  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the corresponding sides of the first triangle.
- Sol. <u>Step 1</u>Draw a line segment AB = 4 cm. Taking point A as centre, draw an arc of 5 cm radius. Similarly, taking point B as its centre, draw an arc of 6 cm radius. These arcs will intersect each other at point C. Now, AC = 5 cm and BC = 6 cm and  $\triangle ABC$  is the required triangle.

<u>Step 2</u>Draw a ray AX making an acute angle with line AB on the opposite side of vertex C.

**<u>Step 3</u>** Locate 3 points  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  (as 3 is greater between 2 and 3) on line AX such that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3$ 

<u>Step 4</u> Join  $BA_3$  and draw a line through  $A_2$  parallel to  $BA_3$  to intersect AB at point B'.

Step 5 Draw a line through B' parallel to the line BC to intersect AC at C'

 $\Delta AB'C'$  is the required triangle.







#### Justification

The construction can be justified by proving that

 $AB' = \frac{2}{3}AB, B'C' = \frac{2}{3}BC, AC' = \frac{2}{3}AC$ By construction, we have  $B'C' \parallel BC$  $\therefore \angle AB'C' = \angle ABC$  (Corresponding angles) In  $\triangle AB'C'$  and  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle AB'C' = \angle ABC$  (Proved above)  $\angle B'AC' = \angle BAC$  (Common)  $\therefore \Delta AB'C' \sim \Delta ABC$  (AA Similarity criterion)  $\Rightarrow \frac{AB'}{AB} = \frac{B'C'}{BC} = \frac{AC'}{AC}$ ...(1) In  $\triangle AA_2B'$  and  $\triangle AA_3B$ ,  $\angle A_2 AB' = \angle A_3 AB$  (Common)  $\angle AA_2B' = \angle AA_3B$  (Corresponding angles)  $\therefore \Delta AA_3B' \sim \Delta AA_3B$  (AA similarity criterion)  $\Rightarrow \frac{AB'}{AB} = \frac{AA_2}{AA_2}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{AB'}{AB} = \frac{2}{3}$ ...(2) From equation (1) and (2) we obtain  $\frac{AB'}{AB} = \frac{B'C'}{BC} = \frac{AC'}{AC} = \frac{2}{3}$  $\Rightarrow AB' = \frac{2}{3}AB, B'C' = \frac{2}{3}BC, AC' = \frac{2}{3}AC$ 

This justifies the construction.

- 3. Construct an isosceles triangle whose base is 8 cm and altitude 4 cm and then another triangle whose sides are  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the corresponding sides of the isosceles triangle.
- **Sol.** Let us assume that  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle having CA and CB of equal lengths, base AB of 8 cm, and AD is the altitude of 4 cm.

 $A\Delta AB'C'$  whose sides are  $\frac{3}{2}$  times  $\Delta ABC$  can be drawn as follows.





<u>Step 1</u> Draw a line segment AB of 8 cm. Draw arcs of same radius on both sides of the line segment while taking point A and B as its centre. Let these arcs intersect each other at O and O'. Join OO'. Let OO' intersect AB at D.

<u>Step 2</u> Taking D as centre, draw an arc of 4 cm radius which cuts the extended line segment OO' at point C. An isosceles  $\triangle ABC$  is formed, having CD (altitude) as 4 cm and AB (base) as 8 cm.

Step 3 Draw a ray AX making an acute angle with line segment AB on the opposite side of vertex C.

**<u>Step 4</u>** Locate 3 points (as 3 is greater between 3 and 2)  $A_1, A_2$ , and  $A_3$  on AX such that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3$ .

<u>Step 5</u> Join  $BA_2$  and draw a line through  $A_3$  parallel to  $BA_3$  to intersect extended line segment AB at point B'.

<u>Step 6</u> Draw a line through B' parallel to BC intersecting the extended line segment AC at C'.  $\Delta AB'C'$  is the required triangle.

#### Justification

The construction can be justified by proving that

4 cm

$$AB' = \frac{3}{2}AB, B'C' = \frac{3}{2}BC, AC' = \frac{3}{2}AC$$

In  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle AB'C'$ ,  $\angle ABC = \angle AB'C'$  (Corresponding angles)  $\angle BAC = \angle B'AC'$  (Common)  $\therefore \triangle ABC \sim \triangle AB'C'$  (AA similarity criterion)  $\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AB'} = \frac{BC}{B'C'} = \frac{AC}{AC'}$  ...(1) In  $\triangle AA_2B$  and  $\triangle AA_3B'$ ,  $\angle A_2AB = \angle A_3AB'$  Common

 $\angle AA_2B = \angle AA_3B'$  (Corresponding angles)

 $\therefore \Delta AA_2 B \sim \Delta AA_3 B' \text{ (AA similarity criterion)}$ 

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AB'} = \frac{AA_2}{AA_3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AB} = \frac{2}{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AB'} = \frac{2}{3} \qquad \dots (2)$$

On comparing equations (1) and (2), we obtain

 $\frac{AB}{AB'} = \frac{BC}{B'C'} = \frac{AC}{AC'} = \frac{2}{3}$  $\Rightarrow AB' = \frac{3}{2}AB, B'C' = \frac{3}{2}BC, AC' = \frac{3}{2}AC$ 

This justifies the construction.

- 4. Draw a triangle ABC with side BC = 6 cm, AB = 5 cm and  $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$ . Then construct a triangle whose sides are  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the corresponding sides of the triangle ABC.
- **Sol.** A  $\triangle A'BC'$  whose sides are  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the corresponding sides of  $\triangle ABC$  can be drawn as follows.

**<u>Step 1</u>** Draw a  $\triangle ABC$  with side BC = 6 cm, AB = 5 cm and  $\angle ABC = 60^{\circ}$ .

Step 2 Draw a ray BX making an acute angle with BC on the opposite side of vertex A.

**<u>Step 3</u>** Locate 4 points (as 4 is greater in 3 and 4),  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$ , on line segment BX.

<u>Step 4</u> Join  $B_4C$  and draw a line through  $B_3$ , parallel to  $B_4C$  intersecting BC at C'.

<u>Step 5</u> Draw a line through C' parallel to AC intersecting AB at A'.  $\Delta A'BC'$  is the required triangle.







#### Justification

The construction can be justified by proving

 $A'B = \frac{3}{4}AB, BC' = \frac{3}{4}BC, A'C' = \frac{3}{4}AC$ In  $\Delta A'BC'$  and  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $\angle A'C'B = \angle ACB$  (Corresponding angles)  $\angle A'BC' = \angle ABC$  (Common)  $\therefore \Delta A'BC' \sim \Delta ABC$  (AA similarity criterion)  $\Rightarrow \frac{A'B}{AB} = \frac{BC'}{BC} = \frac{A'C'}{AC}$ ...(1) In  $\Delta BB_3C'$  and  $\Delta BB_4C$ ,  $\angle B_3 BC' = \angle B_4 BC$  (Common)  $\angle BB_3C' = \angle BB_4C$  (Corresponding angels)  $\therefore \Delta BB_3C' \sim \Delta BB_4C$  (AA similarity criterion)  $\Rightarrow \frac{BC'}{BC} = \frac{BB_3}{BB_4}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{BC'}{BC} = \frac{3}{4}$ ...(2) From equations (1) and (2), we obtain  $\frac{A'B}{AB} = \frac{BC'}{BC} = \frac{A'C'}{AC} = \frac{3}{4}$  $\Rightarrow A'B = \frac{3}{4}AB, BC' = \frac{3}{4}BC, A'C' = \frac{3}{4}AC$ This justifies the construction. Draw a triangle ABC with side BC = 7 cm,  $\angle B = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\angle A = 105^{\circ}$ . Then, construct a triangle whose sides are  $\frac{4}{2}$ 

times the corresponding sides of  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Sol.**  $\angle B = 45^\circ$ ,  $\angle A = 105^\circ$ 

5.

Sum of all interior angles in a triangle is  $180^{\circ}$ .

 $\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^{\circ}$   $105^{\circ} + 45^{\circ} + \angle C = 180^{\circ}$   $\angle C = 180^{\circ} - 150^{\circ}$   $\angle C = 30^{\circ}$ The required triangle can be drawn as follows.





**<u>Step 1</u>** Draw a  $\triangle ABC$  with side BC = 7 cm,  $\angle B = 45^{\circ}$ ,  $\angle C = 30^{\circ}$ 

**<u>Step 2</u>** Draw a ray BX making an acute angle with BC on the opposite side of vertex A.

**<u>Step 3</u>** Locate 4 Points (as 4 is greater in 4 and 3),  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$ , on BX.

<u>Step 4</u> Join  $B_3C$ . Draw a line through  $B_4$  parallel to  $B_3C$  intersecting extended BC at C'.

<u>Step 5</u>Through C', draw a line parallel to AC intersecting extended line segment at C'.  $\Delta A'BC'$  is the required triangle.



#### Justification

The construction can be justified by proving that

$$A'B = \frac{4}{3}AB, BC' = \frac{4}{3}BC, A'C' = \frac{4}{3}AC$$

In  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle A'BC'$ ,

 $\angle ABC = \angle A'BC'$  (Common)  $\angle ACB = \angle A'C'B$  (Corresponding angles)  $\therefore ABC \sim \Delta A'BC'$  (AA similarity criterion)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{A'B} = \frac{BC}{BC'} = \frac{AC}{A'C'} \qquad \dots (1)$$
  
In  $\Delta BB_3C$  and  $\Delta BB_4C'$ ,  
 $\angle B_3BC = \angle B_4B'$  (Common)  
 $\angle BB_3C = \angle BB_4C'$  (Corresponding angles)  
 $\therefore \Delta BB_3C \sim \Delta BB_4C'$  (AA similarity criterion)  
 $\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{BC'} = \frac{BB_3}{BB_4}$   
 $BC = 3$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC}{BC'} = \frac{3}{4} \qquad \dots (2)$$

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On comparing equations (1) and (2), we obtain

$$\frac{AB}{A'B} = \frac{BC}{BC'} = \frac{AC}{A'C'} = \frac{3}{4}$$
$$\Rightarrow A'B = \frac{4}{3}AB, BC' = \frac{4}{3}BC, A'C' = \frac{4}{3}AC$$

This justifies the construction.

- 6. Draw a right triangle in which the sides (other than hypotenuse) are of lengths 4 cm and 3 cm. Then construct another triangle whose sides are  $\frac{5}{3}$  times the corresponding sides of the given triangle.
- **Sol.** It is given that sides other than hypotenuse are of lengths 4 cm and 3 cm. Clearly, these will be perpendicular to each other.

The required triangle can be drawn as follows.

**<u>Step 1</u>** Draw a line segment AB = 4 cm. Draw a ray SA making 90° with it.

Step 2 Draw an arc of 3 cm radius while taking A as its centre to intersect SA at C. Join BC.

#### $\Delta ABC$ is the required triangle.

Step 3 Draw a ray AX making an acute angle with AB, opposite to vertex C.

Step 4 Locate 5 points (as 5 is greater in 5 and 3),  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5$ , on line segment AX such that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = A_3A_4 = A_4A_5$ .

<u>Step 5</u> Join  $A_3B$ . Draw a line through  $A_5$  parallel to  $A_3B$  intersecting extended line segment AB at B'.

#### <u>Step 6</u>

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AB}{AB'} = \frac{AA_3}{AA_5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{AB'} = \frac{3}{5}$$

On comparing equations (1) and (2), we obtain

...(2)

$$\frac{AB}{AB'} = \frac{BC}{B'C'} = \frac{AC}{AC'} = \frac{3}{5}$$
$$\Rightarrow AB' = \frac{5}{3}AB, B'C' = \frac{5}{3}BC, AC' = \frac{5}{3}AC$$

This justifies then construction.

Through B', draw a line parallel to BC intersecting extended line segment AC at C'.

 $\Delta AB'C'$  is the required triangle.



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- 7. Draw a circle of radius 6 cm. From a point 10 cm away from its centre, construct the pair of tangents to the circle and measure their lengths.
- Sol. A pair of tangents to the given circle can be constructed as follows.

Step 1 Taking any point O of the given plane as centre, draw a circle of 6 cm radius. Locate a point P, 10 cm away from O. Join OP.

Step 2 Bisect OP. Let M be the mid-point of PO.

Step 3 Taking M as centre and MO as radius, draw a circle.

Step 4 Let this circle intersect the previous circle at point Q and R.

Step 5 Join PQ and PR. PQ and PR are the required tangents.



The lengths of tangents PQ and PR are 8 cm each.





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#### Justification

The construction can be justified by proving that PQ and PR are the tangents to the circle (whose centre is O and radius is 6 cm). For this, join OQ and OR.



 $\angle PQO$  is an angle in the semi-circle. We know that angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.

 $\therefore \angle PQO = 90^{\circ}$ 

$$\Rightarrow OQ \perp PQ$$

Since OQ is the radius of the circle, PQ has to be a tangent of the circle. Similarly, PR is a tangent of the circle.

- **8.** Construct a tangent to a circle of radius 4 cm from a point on the concentric circle of radius 6 cm and measure its length. Also verify the measurement by actual calculation.
- Sol. Tangents on the given circle can be drawn as follows.

Step 1 Draw a circle of 4 cm radius with centre as O on the given plane.

Step 2 Draw a circle of 6 cm radius taking O as its centre. Locate a point P on this circle and join OP.

<u>Step 3</u>Bisect OP. Let M be the mid-point of PO.

<u>Step 4</u>Taking M as its centre and MO as its radius, draw a circle. Let it intersect the given circle at the points Q and R.

Step 5 Join PQ and PR. PQ and PR are the required tangents.



It can be observed that PQ and PR are of length 4.47 cm each. In  $\Delta PQO$ , Since PQ is tangent,  $\angle PQO = 90^{\circ}$ 





PO = 6 cm QO = 4 cm Appling Pythagoras theorem in  $\Delta PQO$ , we obtain  $PQ^2 + QO^2 = PQ^2$   $PQ^2 + (4)^2 = (6)^2$   $PQ^2 + 16 = 36$   $PQ^2 = 36 - 16$   $PQ^2 = 20$   $PQ = 2\sqrt{5}$ PQ = 4.47 cm

#### **Justification**

The construction can be justified by proving that PQ and PR are the tangents to the circle (whose centre is O and radius is 4 cm). For this, let us join OQ and OR.



 $\angle PQO$  is an angle in the semi-circle. We know that angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.

 $\therefore \angle PQO = 90^{\circ}$ 

 $\Rightarrow OQ \perp PQ$ 

Since OQ is the radius of the circle, PQ has to be a tangent of the circle. Similarly, PR is a tangent of the circle.

- **9.** Draw a circle of radius 3 cm. Take two points P and Q on one of its extended diameter each at a distance of 7 cm from its centre. Draw tangents to the circle from these two points P and Q.
- **Sol.** The tangent can be constructed on the given circle as follows.

**<u>Step 1</u>** Taking any point O on the given plane as centre, draw a circle of 3 cm radius.

<u>Step 2</u>Take one of its diameters, RS, and extend it on both sides. Locate two points on this diameter such that OP = OS = 7 cm





Step 3 Bisect P and OQ. Let T and U be the mid-points of OP and OQ respectively.

**<u>Step 4</u>** Taking T and U as its centre and with TO and UO as radius, draw two circles. These two circles will intersect the circle at point V, W, X, Y respectively. Join PV, PW, QX and QY. These are the required tangents.



#### Justification

The construction can be justified by proving that PV, PW, QY, and QX are the tangents to the circle (whose centre is O and radius is 3 cm). For this, join OV, OW, OX, and OV.



 $\angle PVO$  is an angle in the semi-circle. We know that angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.

 $\therefore \angle PVO = 90^{\circ}$ 

 $\Rightarrow OV \perp PV$ 

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Since OV is the radius of the circle, PV has to be a tangent of the circle. Similarly, PW, QX, and QY are the tangents of the circle.

10. Draw a pair of tangents to a circle of radius 5 cm which are inclined to each other at an angle of  $60^{\circ}$ .

Sol. The tangents can be constructed in the following manner:
<u>Step 1</u>Draw a circle of radius 5 cm and with centre as O.
<u>Step 2</u>Take a point A on the circumference of the circle and join OA. Draw a perpendicular to OA at point A.

**<u>Step 3</u>** Draw a radius OB, making an angle of  $120^{\circ}(180^{\circ}-60^{\circ})$  with OA.



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<u>Step 4</u> Draw a perpendicular to OB at point B. Let both the perpendiculars intersect at point P. PA and PB are the required tangents at an angle of  $60^{\circ}$ .



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