

Exercise - 13A

1. Draw a line segment AB of length 7 cm. Using ruler and compasses, find a point P on AB such that $\frac{AP}{AB} = \frac{3}{5}$.

Sol:

Steps of Construction:

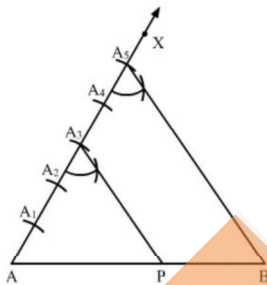
Step 1: Draw a line segment $AB = 7\text{ cm}$

Step 2: Draw a ray AX, making an acute angle $\angle BAX$.

Step 3: Along AX, mark 5 points (greater of 3 and 5) A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 and A_5 such that $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = A_3A_4 = A_4A_5$

Step 4: Join A_5B .

Step 5: From A_3 , draw A_3P parallel to A_5B (draw an angle equal to $\angle AA_5B$), meeting AB in P.



Here, P is the point on AB such that $\frac{AP}{PB} = \frac{3}{2}$ or $\frac{AP}{AB} = \frac{3}{5}$.

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

Sol:

Steps of Construction:

Step 1: Draw a line segment $AB = 7.6\text{ cm}$

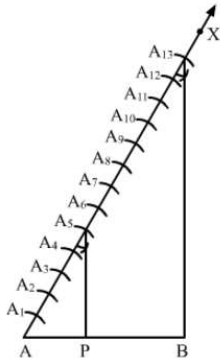
Step 2: Draw a ray AX, making an acute angle $\angle BAX$.

Step 3: Along AX, mark $(5 + 8 =) 13$ points $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, A_7, A_8, A_9, A_{10}, A_{11}, A_{12}$ and A_{13} such that

$$AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = A_3A_4 = A_4A_5 = A_6A_7 = A_8A_9 = A_9A_{10} = A_{10}A_{11} = A_{11}A_{12} = A_{12}A_{13}.$$

Step 4: Join $A_{13}B$.

Step 5: From A_5 , draw A_5P parallel to $A_{13}B$ (draw an angle equal to $\angle AA_{13}B$), meeting AB in P.



Here, P is the point on AB which divides it in the ratio $5 : 8$.

\therefore Length of $AP = 2.9 \text{ cm}$ (Approx)

Length of $BP = 4.7 \text{ cm}$ (Approx)

3. Construct a ΔPQR , in which $PQ = 6 \text{ cm}$, $QR = 7 \text{ cm}$ and $PR = 8 \text{ cm}$. Then, construct another triangle whose sides are $\frac{4}{5}$ times the corresponding sides of ΔPQR

Sol:

Steps of Construction

Step 1: Draw a line segment $QR = 7 \text{ cm}$.

Step 2: With Q as center and radius 6 cm , draw an arc.

Step 3: With R as center and radius 8 cm , draw an arc cutting the previous arc at P

Step 4: Join PQ and PR . Thus, ΔPQR is the required triangle.

Step 5: Below QR , draw an acute angle $\angle RQX$.

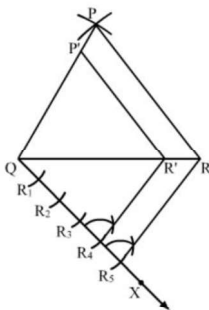
Step 6: Along OX , mark five points R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 and R_5 such that

$$QR_1 = R_1R_2 = R_2R_3 = R_3R_4 = R_4R_5.$$

Step 7: Join RR_5 .

Step 8: From R_4 , draw $R_4R' \parallel RR_5$ meeting QR at R' .

Step 9: From R' , draw $P'R' \parallel PR$ meeting PQ in P' .



Here, $\Delta P'QR'$ is the required triangle, each of whose sides are $\frac{4}{5}$ times the corresponding sides of ΔPQR .

4. Construct a triangle with sides 5 cm, 6 cm, and 7 cm and then another triangle whose sides are $\frac{7}{5}$ of the corresponding sides of the first triangle.

Sol:

Steps of Construction :

Step 1: Draw a line segment $BC = 4\text{ cm}$.

Step 2: With B as center, draw an angle of 90° .

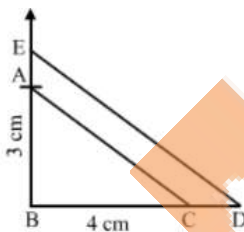
Step 3: With B as center and radius equal to 3 cm, cut an arc at the right angle and name it A.

Step 4: Join AB and AC .

Thus, ΔABC is obtained.

Step 5: Extend BC to D , such that $BD = \frac{7}{5}BC = \frac{7}{5}(4)\text{ cm} = 5.6\text{ cm}$.

Step 6: Draw $DE \parallel CA$, cutting AB produced to E .



Thus, ΔEBD is the required triangle, each of whose sides is $\frac{7}{5}$ the corresponding sides of ΔABC .

5. Construct a ΔABC with $BC = 7\text{ cm}$, $\angle B = 60^\circ$ and $AB = 6\text{ cm}$. Construct another triangle whose sides are $\frac{3}{4}$ times the corresponding sides of ΔABC

Sol:

Steps of Construction

Step 1: Draw a line segment $BC = 7\text{ cm}$.

Step 2: At B , draw $\angle XBC = 60^\circ$.

Step 3: With B as center and radius 6 cm, draw an arc cutting the ray BX at A .

Step 4: Join AC . Thus, ΔABC is the required triangle.

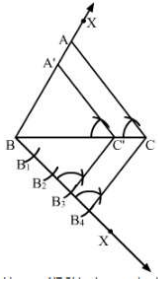
Step 5: Below BC , draw an acute angle $\angle YBC$.

Step 6: Along BY , mark four points B_1, B_2, B_3 and B_4 such that $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4$.

Step 7: Join CB_4 .

Step 8: From B_3 , draw $B_3C' \parallel CB_4$ meeting BC at C' .

Step 9: From C' , Draw $A'C' \parallel AC$ meeting AB in A' .



Here, $\Delta A'BC'$ is the required triangle whose sides are $\frac{3}{4}$ times the corresponding sides of ΔABC .

6. Construct a ΔABC in which $AB = 6$ cm, $\angle A = 30^\circ$ and $\angle B = 60^\circ$. Construct another $\Delta AB'C'$ similar to ΔABC with base $AB' = 8$ cm.

Sol:

Steps of Construction

Step 1: Draw a line segment $AB = 6$ cm.

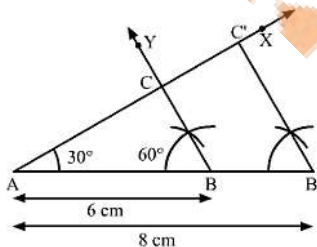
Step 2: At A, draw $\angle XAB = 30^\circ$.

Step 3: At B, draw $\angle YBA = 60^\circ$. Suppose AX and BY intersect at C.

Thus, ΔABC is the required triangle.

Step 4: Produce AB to B' such that $AB' = 8$ cm.

Step 5: From B' , draw $B'C' \parallel BC$ meeting AX at C' .



Here, $\Delta AB'C'$ is the required triangle similar to ΔABC .

7. Construct a ΔABC in which $BC = 8$ cm, $\angle B = 45^\circ$ and $\angle C = 60^\circ$. Construct another triangle similar to ΔABC such that its sides are $\frac{3}{5}$ of the corresponding sides of ΔABC .

Sol:

Steps of Construction

Step 1: Draw a line segment $BC = 8$ cm.

Step 2: At B, draw $\angle XBC = 45^\circ$.

Step 3: At C , draw $\angle YCB = 60^\circ$. Suppose BX and CY intersect at A .

Thus, $\triangle ABC$ is the required triangle

Step 4: Below BC , draw an acute angle $\angle ZBC$.

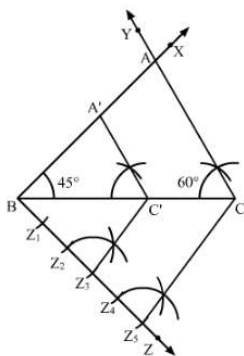
Step 5: Along BZ , mark five points Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4 and Z_5 such that

$$BZ_1 = Z_1Z_2 = Z_2Z_3 = Z_3Z_4 = Z_4Z_5.$$

Step 6: Join CZ_5 .

Step 7: From Z_3 , draw $Z_3C' \parallel CZ_5$ meeting BC at C' .

Step 8: From C' , draw $A'C' \parallel AC$ meeting AB in A' .



Here, $\triangle A'BC'$ is the required triangle whose sides are $\frac{3}{5}$ of the corresponding sides of $\triangle ABC$.

8. To construct a triangle similar to $\triangle ABC$ in which $BC = 4.5$ cm, $\angle B = 45^\circ$ and $\angle C = 60^\circ$, using a scale factor of $\frac{3}{7}$, BC will be divided in the ratio

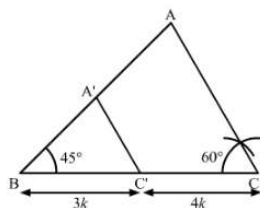
(a) 3 : 4 (b) 4 : 7 (c) 3 : 10 (d) 3 : 7

Answer: (a) 3 : 4

Sol:

To construct a triangle similar to $\triangle ABC$ in which $BC = 4.5$ cm, $\angle B = 45^\circ$ and $\angle C = 60^\circ$,

using a scale factor of $\frac{3}{7}$, BC will be divided in the ratio 3 : 4.



Here, $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle A'BC'$

$$BC' : C'C = 3 : 4$$

$$\text{or } BC' : BC = 3 : 7$$

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

9. Construct an isosceles triangles 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:

Steps of Construction

Step 1: Draw a line segment $BC = 8\text{cm}$.

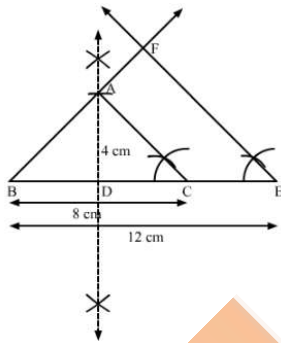
Step 2: Draw the perpendicular bisector XY of BC , cutting BC at D .

Step 3: With D as center and radius 4 cm, draw an arc cutting XY at A .

Step 4: Join AB and AC . Thus, an isosceles $\triangle ABC$ whose base is 8 cm and altitude 4 cm is obtained.

Step 5: Extend BC to E such that $BE = \frac{3}{2}BC = \frac{3}{2} \times 8\text{cm} = 12\text{cm}$.

Step 6: Draw $EF \parallel CA$, cutting BA produced in F .



Here, $\triangle BEF$ is the required triangle similar to $\triangle ABC$ such that each side of $\triangle BEF$ is $1\frac{1}{2}$ (or $\frac{3}{2}$) times the corresponding side of $\triangle ABC$.

10. 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:

Steps of Construction

Step 1: Draw a line segment $BC = 3\text{cm}$.

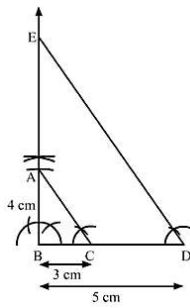
Step 2: At B , draw $\angle XBC = 90^\circ$.

Step 3: With B as center and radius 4 cm, draw an arc cutting BX at A .

Step 4: Join AC . Thus, a right $\triangle ABC$ is obtained.

Step 5: Extend BC to D such that $BD = \frac{5}{3}BC = \frac{5}{3} \times 3\text{cm} = 5\text{cm}$.

Step 6: Draw $DE \parallel CA$, cutting BX in E .



Here, $\triangle BDE$ is the required triangle similar to $\triangle ABC$ such that each side of $\triangle BDE$ is $\frac{5}{3}$ times the corresponding side of $\triangle ABC$.