

# CONSTRUCTIONS

## INTRODUCTION

**SUBJECT : MATHEMATICS**

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# LEARNING OUTCOME

1. Students will be able to learn to divide a line segment internally in a given ratio.
2. Students will be able to construct a triangle similar to a given triangle as per given scale factor which may be less than 1 or greater than 1.

## Determining a Point Dividing a given Line Segment, Internally in the given Ratio M : N

Let AB be the given line segment of length x cm. We are required to determine a point P dividing it internally in the ratio m : n.

### Steps of Construction:

Draw a line segment  $AB = x$  cm.

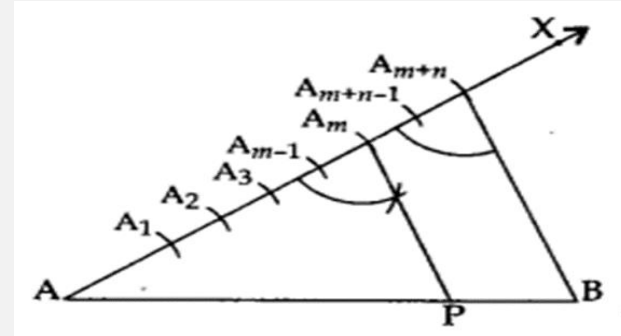
Make an acute  $\angle BAX$  at the end A of AB.

Use a compass of any radius and mark off arcs.

Take  $(m + n)$  points  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m, A_{m+1}, \dots, A_{m+n}$  along AX such that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = \dots = A_{m+n-1}A_{m+n}$

Join  $A_{m+n}B$ .

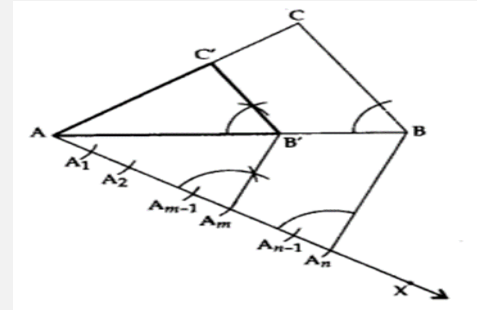
Passing through  $A_m$ , draw a line  $A_mP \parallel A_{m+n}B$  to intersect AB at P. The point P so obtained is the A required point which divides AB internally in the ratio m : n..



Let  $\Delta ABC$  be the given triangle. To construct a  $\Delta A'B'C'$  such that each of its sides is  $m:n$  ( $m < n$ ) of the corresponding sides of  $\Delta ABC$ .

**Steps of Construction:**

- Construct a triangle  $ABC$  by using the given data.
- Make an acute angle  $\angle BAX$ , below the base  $AB$ .
- Along  $AX$ , mark  $n$  points  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , such that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = \dots = A_{m-1}A_m = \dots = A_{n-1}A_n$ .
- Join  $A_nB$ .
- From  $A_m$ , draw  $A_mB'$  parallel to  $A_nB$ , meeting  $AB$  at  $B'$ .



From  $B'$ , draw  $B'C'$  parallel to  $BC$ , meeting  $AC$  at  $C'$ .

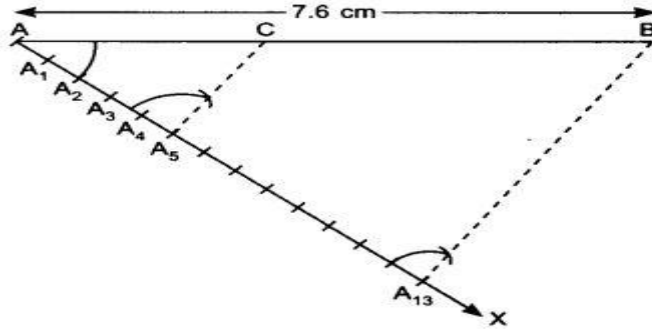
Triangle  $A'B'C'$  is the required triangle, each of whose sides is  $m/n$  ( $m < n$ ) of the corresponding sides of  $\Delta ABC$ .

Division of a line segment,  
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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.

**Steps of Construction:**

1. Draw a line segment  $AB = 7.6$  cm.
2. Draw an acute angle  $BAX$  on base  $AB$ . Mark the ray as  $AX$ .
3. Locate 13 points  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{13}$  on the ray  $AX$  so that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = \dots = A_{12}A_{13}$
4. Join  $A_{13}$  with  $B$  and at  $A_5$  draw a line  $\parallel$  to  $BA_{13}$ , i.e.  $A_5C$ . The line intersects  $AB$  at  $C$ .
5. On measure  $AC = 2.9$  cm and  $BC = 4.7$  cm.



**Justification:**

In  $\triangle AA_5C$  and  $\triangle AA_{13}B$ ,

$$A_5C \parallel A_{13}B$$

$$\frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{AA_5}{A_5A_{13}}$$

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

(By the Basic Proportionality Theorem)

$$\left[ \because \frac{AA_5}{A_5A_{13}} = \frac{5}{8} \right]$$

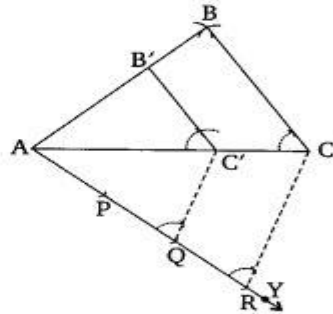
$\therefore AC : BC = 5 : 8$

Construction of similar triangles as per the ratio.  
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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.

**Steps of Construction:**

1. Draw AC – 6 cm (ii) With A and C as centres and radii 4 cm.
2. 5 cm respectively draw two arcs intersecting each other at B. Join BA and BC.
3. Draw a ray AY making an acute angle with AC.
4. Locate three points P, Q and R on AY, such that AP = PQ = QR.
5. Join CR.
6. Through P, draw a line PB' parallel to RC (by making an angle equal to  $\angle ARC$ ) meeting the line segment AC at C'.



7. Similarly, through Q, draw a line B'C parallel to CB

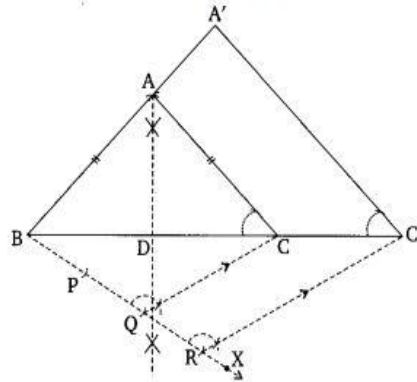
Thus,  $\triangle AB'C$  is the required triangle, which is similar to  $\triangle ABC$  with scale factor  $\frac{2}{3}$



3. Construct an isosceles triangle whose base is 8 cm and altitude 4 cm and then another triangle whose sides are  $3/2$  times the corresponding sides of the isosceles triangle

**Steps of Construction:**

1. Construct an isosceles triangle ABC in which BC = 8 cm and altitude AD is 4 cm.
2. Draw a ray BX, making an acute angle with BC.
3. Locate 3 points on BX, such that BP = PQ = QR.
4. Join QC.
5. Through R, draw a line RC parallel to QC, meeting produced line BC at C'.
6. Through C, draw a line CA parallel to CA, meeting the produced line BA at A'.



Thus,  $\Delta A'BC'$  is the required isosceles triangle

## HOME ASSIGNMENT Ex. 11.1 Q. 1 to Q 4

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1. Draw a triangle ABC with side  $BC = 7$  cm,  $\angle B = 45^\circ$ ,  $\angle A = 105^\circ$ . Then, construct a triangle whose sides are  $\frac{4}{3}$  times the corresponding sides of  $\Delta ABC$ .

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