

## 11. Construction

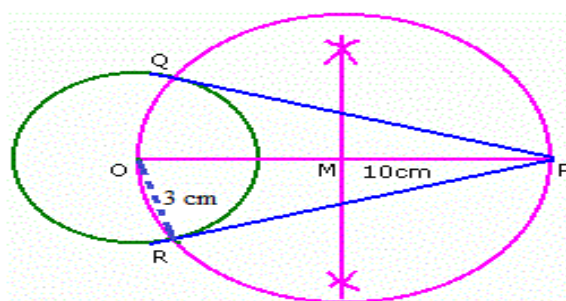
### Question-1

**Draw a circle of radius 3 cm. From a point 10 cm away from its centre. Construct the pair of tangents to the circle.**

#### Solution:

**Given:** A circle with centre O and radius 3 cm.

**Required:** To construct the pair of tangents.



#### Steps of Construction:

- (i) Draw a circle of radius 3 cm.
  - (ii) Take an external point P which is 10 cm away from its centre. Join OP.
  - (i) Bisect the line segment  $OP = 10$  cm. Let the point of bisection be M.
  - (ii) Taking M as centre and OM as radius, draw a circle. Let it intersect the given circle at the points Q and R.
  - (iii) Join PQ and PR.
- These are the required tangents.

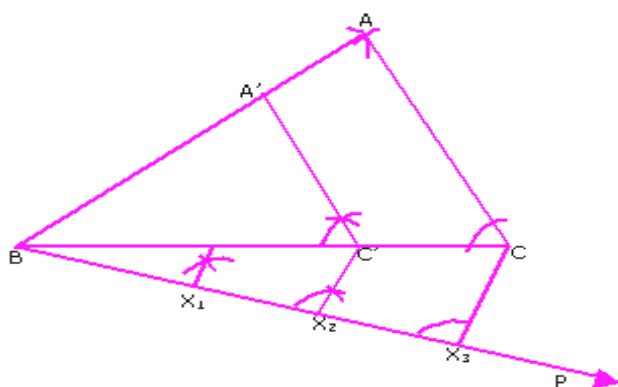
### Question-2

**Construct a triangle ABC whose sides are 7.5 cm, 7 cm and 6.5 cm. Construct another triangle similar to  $\Delta ABC$  and with sides  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the corresponding sides of triangle ABC.**

#### Solution:

**Given:**  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $AB = 7.5$  cm,  $BC = 7$  cm and  $CA = 6.5$  cm.

**Required:** To construct a  $\Delta A'B'C'$  in which  $A'B' = \frac{2}{3} AB$ ,  $A'C' = \frac{2}{3} AC$  and  $BC' = \frac{2}{3} BC$ .



### Steps of construction:

- (i) Divide the base BC into three equal parts. Let  $C'$  be the point on BC such that  $BC' = \frac{2}{3} BC$ .

### Steps of construction

1. Draw a line segment  $BC = 7$  cm,  $AB = 7.5$  cm and  $CA = 6.5$  cm.
  2. Below BC, make an acute angle  $\angle CBP$
  3. Divide the base BC into three equal parts. Let  $C'$  be the point on BC such that  $BC' = \frac{2}{3} BC$ .
  4. Along BP, mark off three points  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  such that  $XX_1 = X_1X_2 = X_2X_3$
  5. Join  $X_3C$
  6. Draw a line  $C'A' \parallel CA$  intersecting BA at  $A'$ .
- Then  $A'BC'$  is the required triangle.

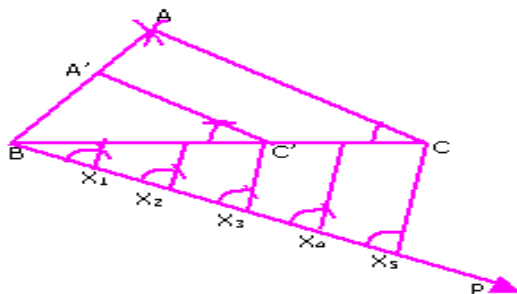
### Question-3

Construct a triangle similar to a given triangle with sides 5 cm, 12 cm and 13 cm and whose sides are  $\frac{3}{5}$ th of the corresponding sides of the given triangle.

### Solution:

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $AB = 5$  cm,  $BC = 12$  cm and  $CA = 13$  cm.

**Required:** To construct a  $\triangle A'BC'$  in which  $A'B = \frac{3}{5} AB$ ,  $A'C' = \frac{3}{5} AC$  and  $BC' = \frac{3}{5} BC$ .



**Steps of construction:**

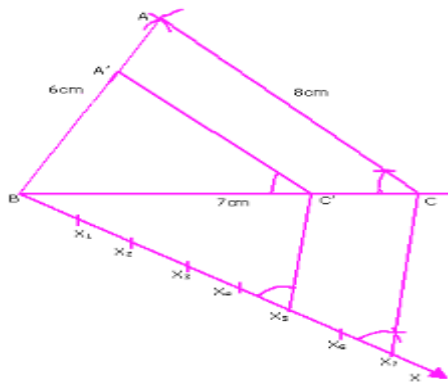
1. Draw a line segment  $BC = 12$  cm
2. With B as centre and with radius 5 cm, draw an arc.
3. With C as centre and with radius 13 cm, draw another arc, intersecting the previously drawn arc at A.
4. Join AB and AC. Then,  $\triangle ABC$  is the required triangle.
5. Below BC, make an acute angle  $\angle CBP$ .
6. Along BP, mark off seven points  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_7$  such that  $XX_1 = X_1X_2 = \dots = X_6X_7$
7. Join  $X_5$  to C and draw a line through  $X_3$  parallel to  $X_5C$ , intersecting the extended line segment BC at  $C'$ .
8. Draw a line through  $C'$  parallel to CA intersecting the line segment BA at  $A'$ . Then  $A'BC'$  is the required triangle.

**Question-4**

Construct a triangle similar to a given triangle with sides 6 cm, 7 cm and 8 cm and whose sides are  $\frac{5}{7}$ th of the corresponding sides of the given triangle.

**Solution:**

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**Steps of construction:**

1. Draw a line segment  $BC = 7$  cm
2. With B as centre and with radius 6 cm, draw an arc.
3. With C as centre and with radius 8 cm, draw another arc, intersecting the previously drawn arc at A.
4. Join AB and AC. Then,  $\triangle ABC$  is the required triangle.
5. Below BC, make an acute angle  $\angle CBX$ .
6. Along BX, mark off seven points  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_7$  such that  $XX_1 = X_1X_2 = \dots = X_6X_7$
7. Join  $X_7$  to C and draw a line through  $X_5$  parallel to  $X_7C$ , intersecting the extended line segment BC at  $C'$ .
8. Draw a line through  $C'$  parallel to CA intersecting the line segment BA at  $A'$ . Then  $A'BC'$  is the required triangle.

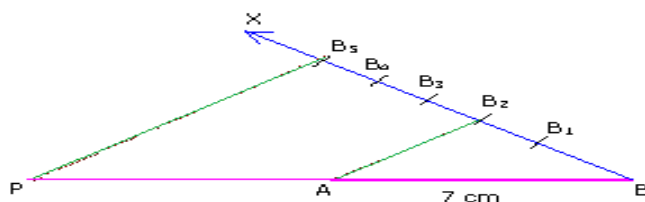
### Question-5

Divide a line segment of 7 cm length externally in the ratio of 3 : 5.

#### Solution:

**Given:** AB is a line segment of 7 cm length.

**Required:** To divide a line segment of 7 cm length externally in the ratio of 3 : 5.



#### Steps of Construction:

1. Draw the line segment  $AB = 7$  cm.
2. Draw ray  $BX$  making an acute  $\angle ABX$ .
3. Along  $BX$ , mark off five points  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$  and  $B_5$ . Join  $B_2$  to  $A$ .
4. Through  $B_5$  draw  $B_5P \parallel B_2A$ , intersecting  $BA$  produced at  $P$ .
5. The point  $P$  so obtained is the required point which divides  $AB$  externally in the ratio 3 : 5.

**Proof:** In  $\Delta s ABB_2$  and  $PBB_5$ ,

$B_5P \parallel B_2A \Rightarrow ABB_2 \sim PBB_5$

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{PB} = \frac{B_2B}{B_5B} = \frac{AB_2}{PB_5} = \frac{2}{7} \text{ (Property of similarity).}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AP}{PB} = \frac{3}{5}$$

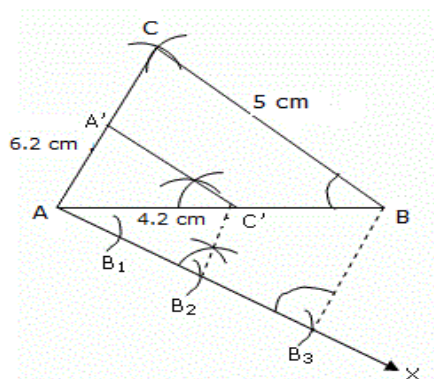
### Question-6

Construct a triangle similar to a given  $\Delta ABC$  such that each of its sides is  $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of the corresponding sides of the  $\Delta ABC$ . Given  $AB = 4.2$  cm,  $BC = 5$  cm and  $AC = 6.2$  cm.

#### Solution:

**Given:** In  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $AB = 4.2$  cm,  $BC = 5$  cm and  $AC = 6.2$  cm.

**Required:** To construct  $\Delta AB'C'$  such that each of its sides is  $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of the corresponding sides of the  $\Delta ABC$ .



### Steps of Construction:

1. Draw a line segment  $AB = 4.2$  cm.
  2. With A as centre and radius =  $AC = 6.2$  cm, draw an arc.
  3. With B as centre and radius =  $BC = 5$  cm, draw another arc, intersecting the previous arc at C.
  4. Join AC and BC to obtain  $\Delta ABC$ .
  5. Below AB, make an acute angle  $\angle BAX$ .
  6. Along AX, mark off three points  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  such that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3$
  7. Join  $A_3B$ .
  8. Draw  $A_2B' \parallel A_3B$ , meeting AB at  $B'$ .
  9. From  $B'$ , draw  $B'C' \parallel BC$  meeting AC at  $C'$ .
- $AB'C'$  is the required  $\Delta$ .

**Proof:** Since  $B'C' \parallel BC$ ,  $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta AB'C'$ .

$$B'C'/BC = AC'/AC = AB'/AB = 2/3.$$

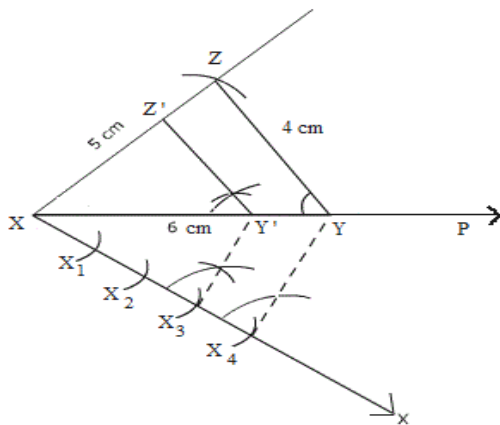
### Question-7

Construct a triangle similar to a  $\Delta XYZ$  with its sides equal to  $(\frac{3}{4})$ th of the corresponding sides of  $\Delta XYZ$ . It is given that  $XY = 6$  cm,  $XZ = 5$  cm and  $ZY = 4$  cm. Write the steps of construction.

#### Solution:

**Given:**  $\Delta XYZ$  in which  $XY = 6$  cm,  $XZ = 5$  cm and  $ZY = 4$  cm.

**Required:** To construct a  $\Delta XY'Z'$  in which  $XY' = (\frac{3}{4})XY$ ,  $Y'Z' = (\frac{3}{4})ZY$  and  $XZ' = (\frac{3}{4})XZ$ .



#### Steps of construction:

- (i) Draw a ray  $XP$ .
  - (ii) Construct a  $\Delta XYZ$  in which  $XY = 6$  cm,  $XZ = 5$  cm and  $ZY = 4$  cm.
  - (iii) Draw any ray  $XP$  inclined at certain angle with  $X$ .
  - (iv) Starting from  $X$ , cut off seven equal line – segment  $XX_1, X_1X_2, X_2X_3, X_3X_4$  on  $XQ$ .
  - (v) Join  $YX_4$  and draw a line – segment  $X_3Y'$  parallel to  $X_4Y$  to intersect  $XP$  at  $Y'$ .
- Draw a line  $Y'Z'$  parallel to  $YZ$  which intersects  $XP$  in  $Y'$
- Then  $XY'Z'$  is the required quadrilateral.

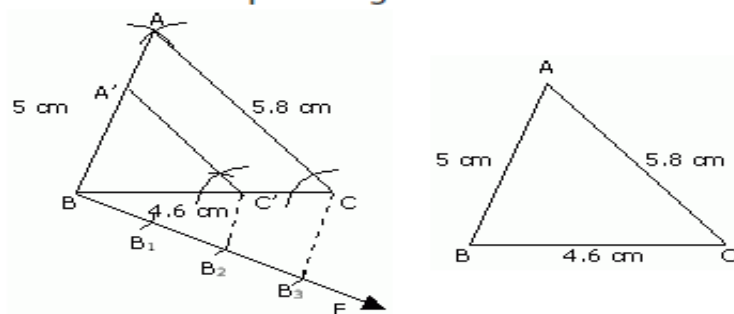
### Question-8

Draw a  $\Delta ABC$  in which  $AB = 5$  cm,  $BC = 4.6$  cm, and  $AC = 5.8$  cm. Construct a triangle similar to  $\Delta ABC$  such that each of its sides is  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of the corresponding sides of  $\Delta ABC$ .

#### Solution:

**Given:** In  $\Delta ABC$ , in which  $AB = 5$  cm,  $BC = 4.6$  cm, and  $AC = 5.8$  cm.

**Required:** To construct a triangle similar to  $\Delta ABC$  such that each of its sides is two-third of the corresponding sides of  $\Delta ABC$ .



#### Steps of Construction:

(i) Draw  $BC = 4.6$  cm.

(ii) With  $B$  as centre and radius equal to 5 cm draw an arc and with  $C$  as centre and radius equal to 5.8 cm draw another arc to cut the previous arc at  $A$ .

(iii) Join  $AB$  and  $AC$ .

(iv) Make an acute angle  $\angle CBE$ .

(v) Set off three equal distances along  $BE$  at  $B_1, B_2$  and  $B_3$ .

(vi) Join  $B_3C$ .

(vii) From  $B_2$  draw  $B_2C' \parallel B_3C$ , meeting  $BC$  at  $C'$ .

(viii) Join  $AC'$ .

Then,  $ABC'$  is the required triangle.