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## Exercise 11.1

## Question 1:

Construct an angle of $90^{\circ}$ at the initial point of a given ray and justify the construction.

Answer:
The below given steps will be followed to construct an angle of $90^{\circ}$.
(i) Take the given ray PQ. Draw an arc of some radius taking point $P$ as its centre, which intersects PQ at R.
(ii) Taking R as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the previously drawn arc at S.
(iii) Taking $S$ as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the arc at T (see figure).
(iv) Taking S and T as centre, draw an arc of same radius to intersect each other at U.
(v) Join PU, which is the required ray making $90^{\circ}$ with the given ray PQ.


## Justification of Construction:

We can justify the construction, if we can prove $\angle \mathrm{UPQ}=90^{\circ}$.
For this, join PS and PT.

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We have, $\angle \mathrm{SPQ}=\angle \mathrm{TPS}=60^{\circ}$. In (iii) and (iv) steps of this construction, PU was drawn as the bisector of $\angle \mathrm{TPS}$.
$\therefore \angle \mathrm{UPS}=\frac{1}{2} \angle \mathrm{TPS}=\frac{1}{2} \times 60^{\circ}=30^{\circ}$
Also, $\angle \mathrm{UPQ}=\angle \mathrm{SPQ}+\angle \mathrm{UPS}$
$=60^{\circ}+30^{\circ}$
$=90^{\circ}$

## Question 2:

Construct an angle of $45^{\circ}$ at the initial point of a given ray and justify the construction.

Answer:
The below given steps will be followed to construct an angle of $45^{\circ}$.
(i) Take the given ray $P Q$. Draw an arc of some radius taking point $P$ as its centre, which intersects $P Q$ at $R$.
(ii) Taking R as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the previously drawn arc at S.
(iii) Taking $S$ as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the arc at $T$ (see figure).
(iv) Taking $S$ and $T$ as centre, draw an arc of same radius to intersect each other at U.
(v) Join PU. Let it intersect the arc at point V.
(vi) From $R$ and $V$, draw arcs with radius more than ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}} R V$ to intersect each other at W. Join PW.

PW is the required ray making $45^{\circ}$ with PQ .


## Justification of Construction:

We can justify the construction, if we can prove $\angle \mathrm{WPQ}=45^{\circ}$.
For this, join PS and PT.


We have, $\angle \mathrm{SPQ}=\angle \mathrm{TPS}=60^{\circ}$. In (iii) and (iv) steps of this construction, PU was drawn as the bisector of $\angle$ TPS.
$\therefore \angle$ UPS $=\frac{1}{2} \angle$ TPS $=\frac{60^{\circ}}{2}=30^{\circ}$
Also, $\angle \mathrm{UPQ}=\angle \mathrm{SPQ}+\angle \mathrm{UPS}$
$=60^{\circ}+30^{\circ}$
$=90^{\circ}$

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In step (vi) of this construction, PW was constructed as the bisector of $\angle \mathrm{UPQ}$.
$\therefore \angle \mathrm{WPQ}=\frac{1}{2} \angle \mathrm{UPQ}=\frac{90^{\circ}}{2}=45^{\circ}$

## Question 3:

Construct the angles of the following measurements:
(i) $30^{\circ}$ (ii) $22 \frac{1}{2}$ (iii) $15^{\circ}$

Answer:
(i) $30^{\circ}$

The below given steps will be followed to construct an angle of $30^{\circ}$.
Step I: Draw the given ray PQ. Taking P as centre and with some radius, draw an arc of a circle which intersects PQ at R.

Step II: Taking R as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the previously drawn arc at point $S$.

Step III: Taking $R$ and $S$ as centre and with radius more than $\frac{1}{2}$ RS, draw arcs to intersect each other at $T$. Join PT which is the required ray making $30^{\circ}$ with the given ray PQ .

(ii) $22 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

The below given steps will be followed to construct an angle of $22 \frac{1}{2}$.
(1) Take the given ray PQ. Draw an arc of some radius, taking point $P$ as its centre, which intersects PQ at R.
(2) Taking $R$ as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the previously drawn arc at S .
(3) Taking $S$ as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the arc at T (see figure).
(4) Taking $S$ and $T$ as centre, draw an arc of same radius to intersect each other at U.
(5) Join PU. Let it intersect the arc at point V.
(6) From $R$ and $V$, draw arcs with radius more than $\frac{1}{2} R V$ to intersect each other at W. Join PW.
(7) Let it intersect the arc at $X$. Taking $X$ and $R$ as centre and radius more than $\frac{1}{2}$ RX, draw arcs to intersect each other at Y .
Joint PY which is the required ray making $22 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ with the given ray PQ.

(iii) $15^{\circ}$

The below given steps will be followed to construct an angle of $15^{\circ}$.
Step I: Draw the given ray PQ. Taking P as centre and with some radius, draw an arc of a circle which intersects $P Q$ at R.

Step II: Taking R as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the previously drawn arc at point $S$.

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Step III: Taking $R$ and $S$ as centre and with radius more than $\frac{1}{2}$ RS, draw arcs to intersect each other at T. Join PT.
Step IV: Let it intersect the arc at $U$. Taking $U$ and $R$ as centre and with radius more than $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{RU}$, draw an arc to intersect each other at $V$. Join $P V$ which is the required ray making $15^{\circ}$ with the given ray PQ .


## Question 4:

Construct the following angles and verify by measuring them by a protractor:
(i) $75^{\circ}$ (ii) $105^{\circ}$ (iii) $135^{\circ}$

Answer:
(i) $75^{\circ}$

The below given steps will be followed to construct an angle of $75^{\circ}$.
(1) Take the given ray PQ. Draw an arc of some radius taking point $P$ as its centre, which intersects $P Q$ at $R$.
(2) Taking $R$ as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the previously drawn arc at S.
(3) Taking $S$ as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the arc at T (see figure).
(4) Taking $S$ and $T$ as centre, draw an arc of same radius to intersect each other at U.
(5) Join PU. Let it intersect the arc at V . Taking S and V as centre, draw arcs with radius more than $\frac{1}{2}$ SV. Let those intersect each other at W. Join PW which is the required ray making $75^{\circ}$ with the given ray PQ .

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The angle so formed can be measured with the help of a protractor. It comes to be 750.
(ii) $105^{\circ}$

The below given steps will be followed to construct an angle of $105^{\circ}$.
(1) Take the given ray PQ . Draw an arc of some radius taking point P as its centre, which intersects PQ at R.
(2) Taking R as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the previously drawn arc at S.
(3) Taking $S$ as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the arc at T (see figure).
(4) Taking $S$ and $T$ as centre, draw an arc of same radius to intersect each other at U.
(5) Join PU. Let it intersect the arc at $V$. Taking $T$ and $V$ as centre, draw arcs with radius more than $\frac{1}{2}$ TV. Let these arcs intersect each other at W. Join PW which is the required ray making $105^{\circ}$ with the given ray PQ .

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The angle so formed can be measured with the help of a protractor. It comes to be 1050 .
(iii) $135^{\circ}$

The below given steps will be followed to construct an angle of $135^{\circ}$.
(1) Take the given ray PQ. Extend PQ on the opposite side of Q . Draw a semi-circle of some radius taking point $P$ as its centre, which intersects $P Q$ at $R$ and $W$.
(2) Taking $R$ as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the previously drawn arc at S.
(3) Taking $S$ as centre and with the same radius as before, draw an arc intersecting the arc at T (see figure).
(4) Taking $S$ and $T$ as centre, draw an arc of same radius to intersect each other at U.
(5) Join PU. Let it intersect the arc at V . Taking V and W as centre and with radius more than $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{VW}$, draw arcs to intersect each other at X . Join PX , which is the required ray making $135^{\circ}$ with the given line $P Q$.


The angle so formed can be measured with the help of a protractor. It comes to be 1350 .

Question 5:
Construct an equilateral triangle, given its side and justify the construction
Answer:
Let us draw an equilateral triangle of side 5 cm . We know that all sides of an equilateral triangle are equal. Therefore, all sides of the equilateral triangle will be 5 cm . We also know that each angle of an equilateral triangle is $60^{\circ}$.

The below given steps will be followed to draw an equilateral triangle of 5 cm side. Step I: Draw a line segment $A B$ of 5 cm length. Draw an arc of some radius, while taking $A$ as its centre. Let it intersect $A B$ at $P$.
Step II: Taking $P$ as centre, draw an arc to intersect the previous arc at E . Join AE .
Step III: Taking A as centre, draw an arc of 5 cm radius, which intersects extended line segment $A E$ at $C$. Join $A C$ and $B C . \triangle A B C$ is the required equilateral triangle of side 5 cm .


## Justification of Construction:

We can justify the construction by showing $A B C$ as an equilateral triangle i.e., $A B=$ $B C=A C=5 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $\angle A=\angle B=\angle C=60^{\circ}$.

In $\triangle A B C$, we have $A C=A B=5 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $\angle A=60^{\circ}$.
Since $A C=A B$, $\angle \mathrm{B}=\angle \mathrm{C}$ (Angles opposite to equal sides of a triangle)
In $\triangle A B C$,
$\angle \mathrm{A}+\angle \mathrm{B}+\square \mathrm{C}=180^{\circ}$ (Angle sum property of a triangle)
$\square 60^{\circ}+\square C+\square C=180^{\circ}$
$\square 60^{\circ}+2 \square \mathrm{C}=180^{\circ}$$2 \square \mathrm{C}=180^{\circ}-60^{\circ}=120^{\circ}$$\square C=60^{\circ}$$\square B=\square C=60^{\circ}$
We have, $\square \mathrm{A}=\square \mathrm{B}=\square \mathrm{C}=60^{\circ}$$\square A=\square B$ and $\square A=\square C$
$\square B C=A C$ and $B C=A B$ (Sides opposite to equal angles of a triangle)$A B=B C=A C=5 \mathrm{~cm} \ldots$ (2)
From equations (1) and (2), $\triangle \mathrm{ABC}$ is an equilateral triangle.

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## Exercise 11.2

## Question 1:

Construct a triangle $A B C$ in which $B C=7 \mathrm{~cm}, \square B=75^{\circ}$ and $A B+A C=13 \mathrm{~cm}$.
Answer:
The below given steps will be followed to construct the required triangle.
Step I: Draw a line segment BC of 7 cm . At point B, draw an angle of $75^{\circ}$, say $\square X B C$.

Step II: Cut a line segment $B D=13 \mathrm{~cm}$ (that is equal to $A B+A C$ ) from the ray $B X$.
Step III: Join DC and make an angle DCY equal to $\square B D C$.
Step IV: Let CY intersect $B X$ at $A . \triangle A B C$ is the required triangle.


## Question 2:

Construct a triangle $A B C$ in which $B C=8 \mathrm{~cm}, \square B=45^{\circ}$ and $A B-A C=3.5 \mathrm{~cm}$.
Answer:
The below given steps will be followed to draw the required triangle.
Step I: Draw the line segment $B C=8 \mathrm{~cm}$ and at point $B$, make an angle of $45^{\circ}$, say $\square X B C$.

Step II: Cut the line segment $B D=3.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ (equal to $A B-A C$ ) on ray $B X$.

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Step III: Join DC and draw the perpendicular bisector PQ of DC.
Step IV: Let it intersect $B X$ at point $A$. Join $A C . \triangle A B C$ is the required triangle.


## Question 3:

Construct a triangle $P Q R$ in which $Q R=6 \mathrm{~cm}, \square Q=60^{\circ}$ and $P R-P Q=2 \mathrm{~cm}$ Answer:
The below given steps will be followed to construct the required triangle.
Step I: Draw line segment QR of 6 cm . At point $Q$, draw an angle of $60^{\circ}$, say $\square X Q R$.
Step II: Cut a line segment QS of 2 cm from the line segment QT extended in the opposite side of line segment $X Q$. (As $P R>P Q$ and $P R-P Q=2 \mathrm{~cm}$ ). Join $S R$.
Step III: Draw perpendicular bisector $A B$ of line segment $S R$. Let it intersect $Q X$ at point P. Join PQ, PR.
$\triangle P Q R$ is the required triangle.


## Question 4:

Construct a triangle $X Y Z$ in which $\square Y=30^{\circ}, \square Z=90^{\circ}$ and $X Y+Y Z+Z X=11 \mathrm{~cm}$.
Answer:
The below given steps will be followed to construct the required triangle.
Step I: Draw a line segment $A B$ of 11 cm .
(As $X Y+Y Z+Z X=11 \mathrm{~cm})$
Step II: Construct an angle, $\square \mathrm{PAB}$, of $30^{\circ}$ at point $A$ and an angle, $\square \mathrm{QBA}$, of $90^{\circ}$ at point $B$.

Step III: Bisect $\square$ PAB and $\square$ QBA. Let these bisectors intersect each other at point $X$.
Step IV: Draw perpendicular bisector ST of AX and UV of BX.
Step V: Let ST intersect AB at $Y$ and UV intersect $A B$ at $Z$.
Join XY, XZ.
$\triangle X Y Z$ is the required triangle.


## Question 5:

Construct a right triangle whose base is 12 cm and sum of its hypotenuse and other side is 18 cm .

Answer:
The below given steps will be followed to construct the required triangle.
Step I: Draw line segment $A B$ of 12 cm . Draw a ray $A X$ making $90^{\circ}$ with $A B$.
Step II: Cut a line segment $A D$ of 18 cm (as the sum of the other two sides is 18) from ray $A X$.
Step III: Join DB and make an angle DBY equal to ADB.
Step IV: Let BY intersect $A X$ at $C$. Join $A C, B C$.
$\triangle A B C$ is the required triangle.


