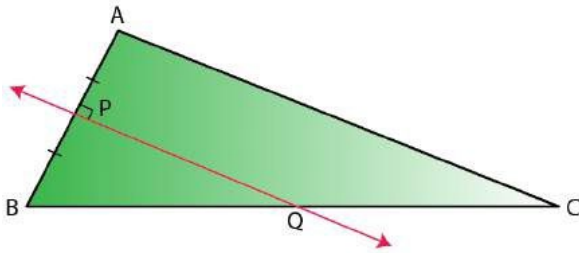


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Exercise 16(A)

Given: PQ is a perpendicular bisector of side AB of the triangle ABC.



Prove: Q is equidistant from A and B.

Solution:

Construction: Join AQ

Proof:

In $\triangle AQP$ and $\triangle BQP$,

$AP = BP$ [Given]

$\angle QPA = \angle QPB$ [Each 90°]

$PQ = PQ$ [Common]

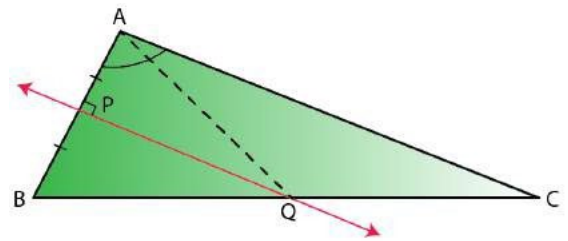
Thus, by SAS criterion of congruence

$\triangle AQP \cong \triangle BQP$

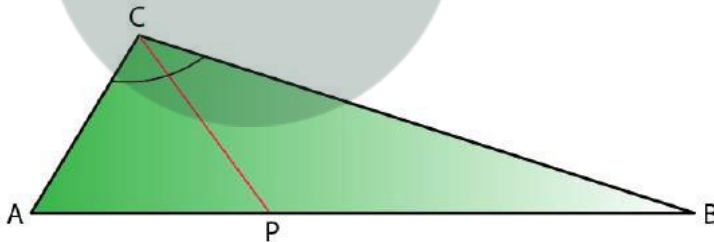
And, by Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangle (CPCT)

$AQ = BQ$

Therefore, Q is equidistant from A and B.



1. Given: CP is the bisector of angle C of $\triangle ABC$



Prove: P is equidistant from AC and BC.

Solution:

Construction: From P, draw $PL \perp AC$ and $PM \perp CB$

Proof:

In $\triangle LPC$ and $\triangle MPC$,

$\angle PLC = \angle PMC$ [Each 90°]

$\angle PCL = \angle MCP$ [Given]

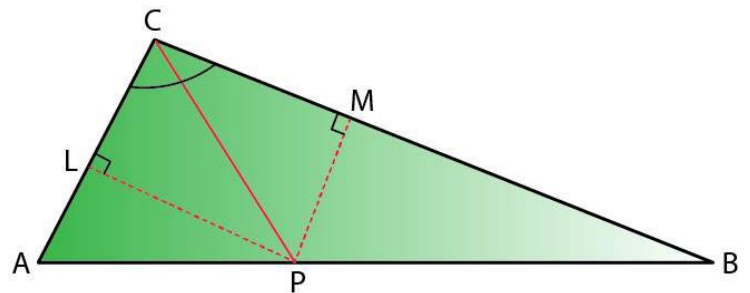
$PC = PC$ [Common]

Thus, by AAS criterion of congruence

$\triangle LPC \cong \triangle MPC$

And, by Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangle (CPCT)

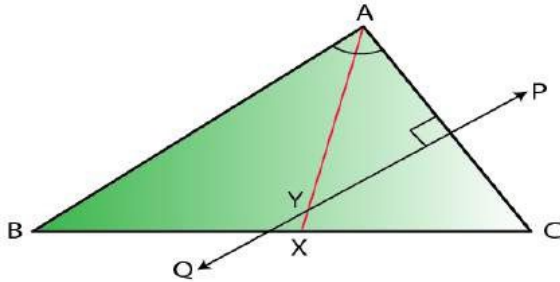
$PL = PM$



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Therefore, P is equidistant from AC and BC.

2. Given: AX bisects angle BAC and PQ is perpendicular bisector of AC which meets AX at point Y.



Prove:

i) X is equidistant from AB and AC.

ii) Y is equidistant from A and C

Solution:

Construction: From X, draw $XL \perp AC$ and $XM \perp AB$.

And, join YC

Proof:

(i) In $\triangle AXL$ and $\triangle AXM$,

$$\angle XAL = \angle XAM \quad [\text{Given}]$$

$$AX = AX \quad [\text{Common}]$$

$$\angle XLA = \angle XMA \quad [\text{Each } 90^\circ]$$

Thus, by ASA criterion of congruence

$$\triangle AXL \cong \triangle AXM$$

And, by Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangle

(CPCT)

$$XL = XM$$

Therefore, X is equidistant from AC and AB.

(ii) In $\triangle YTA$ and $\triangle YTC$,

$$AT = CT \quad [\text{because PQ is perpendicular bisector of AC}]$$

$$\angle YTA = \angle YTC \quad [\text{Each } 90^\circ]$$

$$YT = YT \quad [\text{Common}]$$

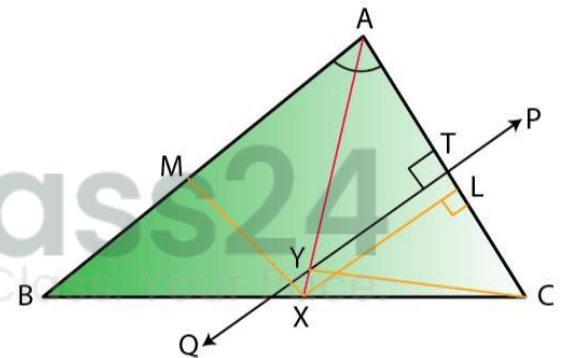
Thus, by SAS criterion of congruence

$$\triangle YTA \cong \triangle YTC$$

And, by Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangle (CPCT)

$$YA = YC$$

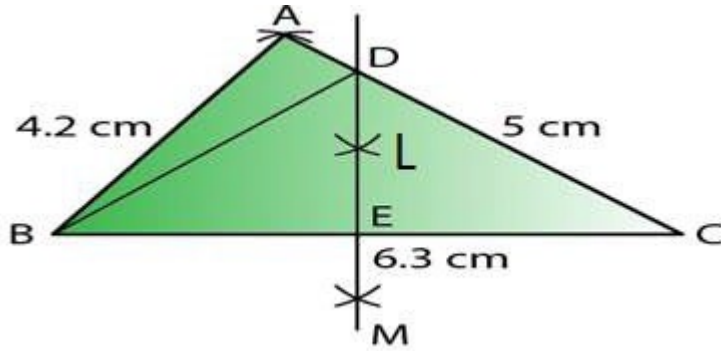
Therefore, Y is equidistant from A and C.



3. Construct a triangle ABC, in which AB = 4.2 cm, BC = 6.3 cm and AC = 5 cm. Draw perpendicular bisector of BC which meets AC at point D. Prove that D is equidistant from B and C.

Solution:

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Given: In triangle ABC, $AB = 4.2$ cm, $BC = 6.3$ cm and $AC = 5$ cm

Steps of Construction:

- i) Draw a line segment $BC = 6.3$ cm
- ii) With centre B and radius 4.2 cm, draw an arc.
- iii) With centre C and radius 5 cm, draw another arc which intersects the first arc at A.
- iv) Join AB and AC.

Then, $\triangle ABC$ is the required triangle.

- v) Again with centre B and C and radius greater than $\frac{1}{2} BC$, draw arcs which intersect each other at L and M.
- vi) Join LM intersecting AC at D and BC at E.
- vii) Join DB.

Proof:

In $\triangle DBE$ and $\triangle DCE$,

$BE = EC$ [LM is the bisector of BC]

$\angle DEB = \angle DEC$ [Each 90°]

$DE = DE$ [Common]

Thus, by SAS criterion of congruence

$\triangle DBE \cong \triangle DCE$

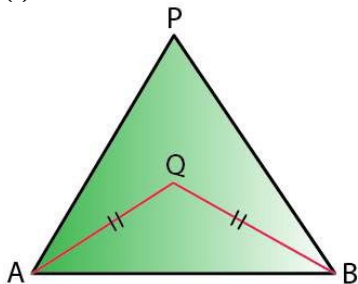
And, by Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangle (CPCT)

$DB = DC$

Therefore, D is equidistant from B and C.

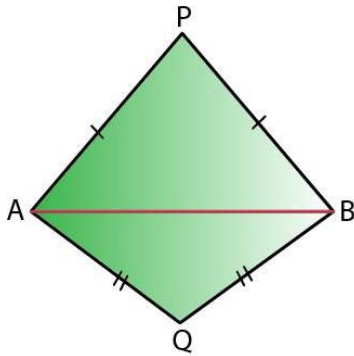
4. In each of the given figures: $PA = PB$ and $QA = QB$

(i)



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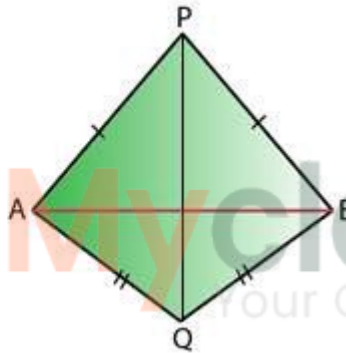
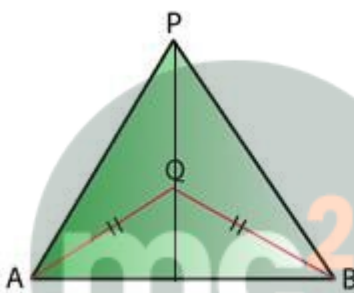
(ii)



Prove in each case, that PQ (produced, if required) is perpendicular bisector of AB.
Hence, state the locus of the points equidistant from two given fixed points.

Solution:

Construction: Join PQ which meets AB in D.



Proof:

As P is equidistant from A and B.

Thus, P lies on the perpendicular bisector of AB.

Similarly, as Q is equidistant from A and B.

Q lies on perpendicular bisector of AB.

Thus, both P and Q lie on the perpendicular bisector of AB.

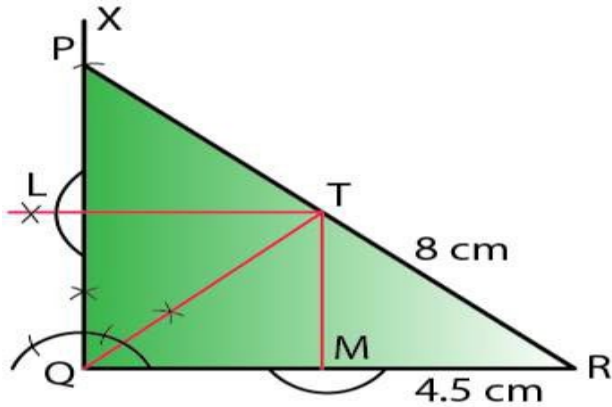
Therefore, PQ is the perpendicular bisector of AB.

Hence, locus of the points which are equidistant from two fixed points, is a perpendicular bisector of the line joining the fixed points.

5. Construct a right angled triangle PQR, in which $\angle Q = 90^\circ$, hypotenuse $PR = 8$ cm and $QR = 4.5$ cm. Draw bisector of angle PQR and let it meet PR at point T. Prove that T is equidistant from PQ and QR.

Solution:

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Steps of Construction:

- i) Draw a line segment $QR = 4.5$ cm
 - ii) At Q, draw a ray QX making an angle of 90°
 - iii) With centre R and radius 8 cm, draw an arc which intersects QX at P.
 - iv) Join RP.
- ΔPQR is the required triangle.
- v) Draw the bisector of $\angle PQR$ which meets PR at T.
 - vi) From T, draw perpendicular TL and TM respectively on PQ and QR.

Proof:

In ΔLTQ and ΔMTQ

$\angle TLQ = \angle TMQ$ [Each 90°]

$\angle LQT = \angle TQM$ [QT is angle bisector]

$QT = QT$ [Common]

Thus, by AAS criterion of congruence

$\Delta LTQ \cong \Delta MTQ$

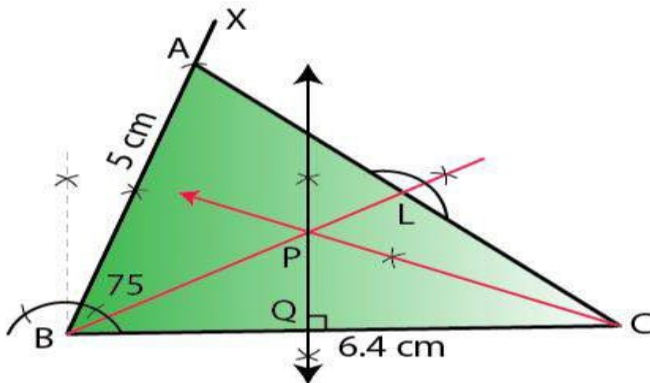
And, by Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangle (CPCT)

$TL = TM$

Therefore, T is equidistant from PQ and QR.

6. Construct a triangle ABC in which angle $ABC = 75^\circ$, $AB = 5$ cm and $BC = 6.4$ cm. Draw perpendicular bisector of side BC and also the bisector of angle ACB. If these bisectors intersect each other at point P; prove that P is equidistant from B and C; and also from AC and BC.

Solution:



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Steps of Construction:

- i) Draw a line segment $BC = 6.4$ cm
- ii) At B, draw a ray BX making an angle of 75° with BC and cut off $BA = 5$ cm.
- iii) Join AC .
 $\triangle ABC$ is the required triangle.
- iv) Draw the perpendicular bisector of BC .
- v) Draw the angle bisector of angle ACB which intersects the perpendicular bisector of BC at P .
- vi) Join PB and draw $PL \perp AC$.

Proof:

In $\triangle PBQ$ and $\triangle PCQ$,

$$PQ = PQ \quad [\text{Common}]$$

$$\angle PQB = \angle PQC \quad [\text{Each } 90^\circ]$$

$$BQ = QC \quad [PQ \text{ is the perpendicular bisector of } BC]$$

Thus, by SAS criterion of congruence

$$\triangle PBQ \cong \triangle PCQ$$

And, by Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangle (CPCT)

$$PB = PC$$

Therefore, P is equidistant from B and C .

Also,

In $\triangle PQC$ and $\triangle PLC$,

$$\angle PQC = \angle PLC \quad [\text{Each } 90^\circ]$$

$$\angle PCQ = \angle PCL \quad [\text{Given}]$$

$$PC = PC \quad [\text{Common}]$$

Thus, by AAS criterion of congruence

$$\triangle PQC \cong \triangle PLC$$

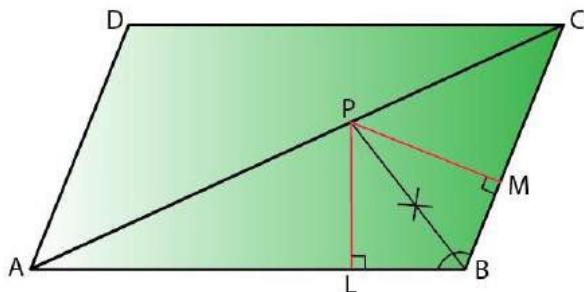
And, by Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangle (CPCT)

$$PQ = PL$$

Therefore, P is equidistant from AC and BC .

7. In parallelogram $ABCD$, side AB is greater than side BC and P is a point in AC such that PB bisects angle B . Prove that P is equidistant from AB and BC .

Solution:



Construction: From P , draw $PL \perp AB$ and $PM \perp BC$

Proof:

In $\triangle PLB$ and $\triangle PMB$,

$$\angle PLB = \angle PMB \quad [\text{Each } 90^\circ]$$

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$$\angle PBL = \angle PBM \quad [\text{Given}]$$

$$PB = PB \quad [\text{Common}]$$

Thus, by AAS criterion of congruence

$$\triangle PLB \cong \triangle PMB$$

And, by Corresponding Parts of Congruent Triangle (CPCT)

$$PL = PM$$

Therefore, P is equidistant from AB and BC.

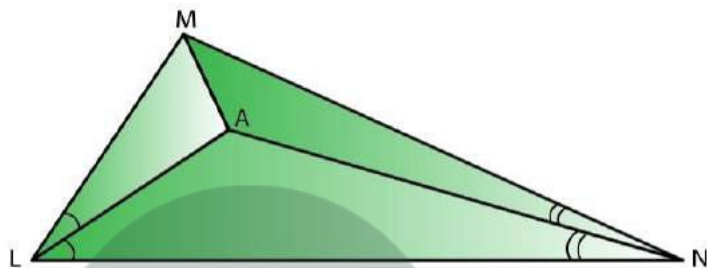
8. In triangle LMN, bisectors of interior angles at L and N intersect each other at point A.

Prove that:

i) point A is equidistant from all the three sides of the triangle.

ii) AM bisects angle LMN.

Solution:



Construction: Join AM

Proof:

(i) Since, A lies on bisector of $\angle N$

So, A is equidistant from MN and LN.

Again, as A lies on the bisector of $\angle L$

A is equidistant from LN and LM.

Therefore, A is equidistant from all three sides of the triangle LMN.

And,

(ii) As A lies on the bisector of $\angle M$.

Hence, AM bisects $\angle LMN$

9. Use ruler and compasses only for this question.

(i) Construct $\triangle ABC$, where $AB = 3.5$ cm, $BC = 6$ cm and $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$

(ii) Construct the locus of points inside the triangle which are equidistant from BA and BC.

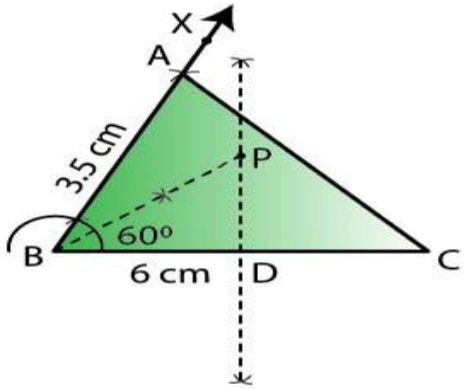
(iii) Construct the locus of points inside the triangle which are equidistant from B and C.

(iv) Mark the point P which is equidistant from AB, BC and also equidistant from B and C.

Measure and record the length of PB.

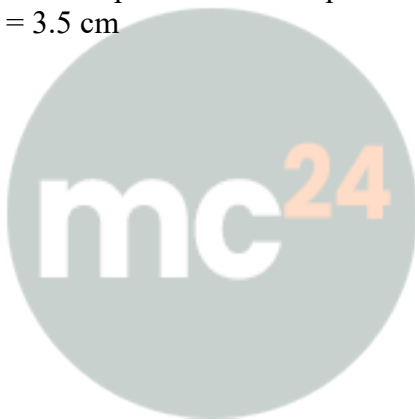
Solution:

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Steps of construction:

- (i) Draw line $BC = 6$ cm and construct angle $CBX = 60^\circ$. Cut off $AB = 3.5$. Join AC , triangle ABC is the required triangle.
- (ii) Draw the perpendicular bisector of BC and bisector of angle B .
- (iii) Now, bisector of angle B meets bisector of BC at P .
Hence, BP is the required length, where $PB = 3.5$ cm.
- (iv) P is the point which is equidistant from BA and BC , which is also equidistant from B and C .
 $PB = 3.5$ cm



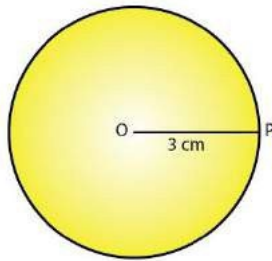
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Exercise 16(B)

Describe the locus for questions 1 to 13 given below:

1. The locus of a point at a distance of 3 cm from a fixed point.

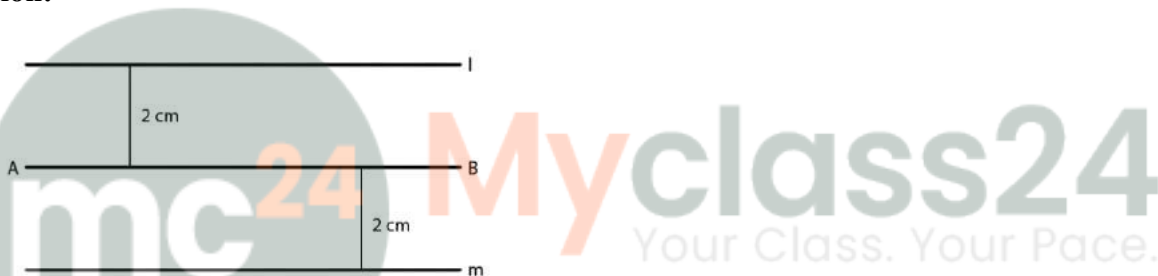
Solution:



The locus of a point which is at a distance of 3 cm away from a fixed point is circumference of a circle whose radius is 3 cm and the fixed point is the centre of the circle.

2. The locus of a points at a distance of 2 cm from a fixed line.

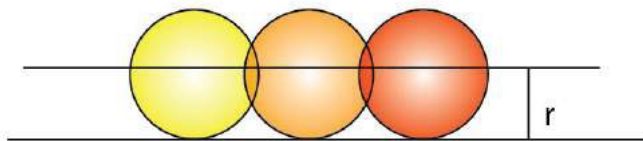
Solution:



The locus of points which are at a distance of 2 cm from a fixed line AB are a pair of straight lines l and m which are parallel to the given line at a distance of 2 cm.

3. The locus of the centre of a wheel of a bicycle going straight along a level road.

Solution:

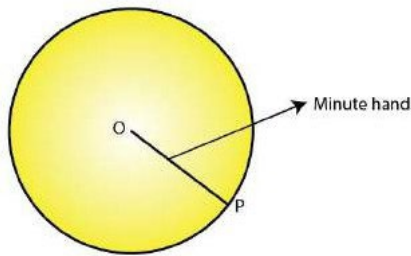


The locus of the centre of a wheel, which is going straight along a level road will be a straight line parallel to the road at a distance equal to the radius of the wheel.

4. The locus of the moving end of the minute hand of a clock.

Solution:

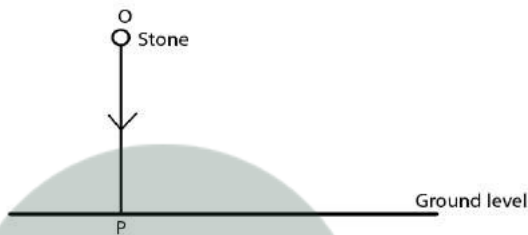
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The locus of the moving end of the minute hand of the clock will be a circle whose radius will be the length of the minute hand.

5. The locus of a stone dropped from the top of a tower.

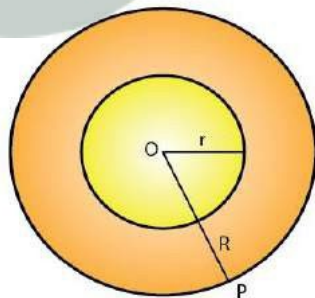
Solution:



The locus of a stone which is dropped from the top of a tower will be a vertical line through the point from which the stone is dropped.

6. The locus of a runner, running around a circular track and always keeping a distance of 1.5 m from the inner edge.

Solution:

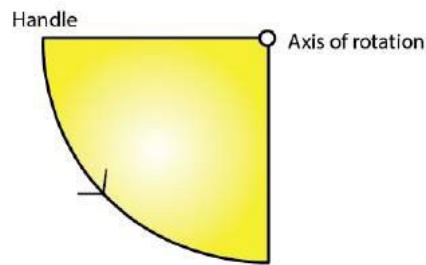


The locus of the runner, running around a circular track and always keeping a distance of 1.5 m from the inner edge will be the circumference of a circle where the radius is equal to the radius of the inner circular track and exceeding 1.5 m.

7. The locus of the door-handle, as the door opens.

Solution:

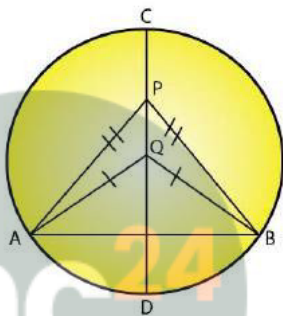
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The locus of the door handle will be the circumference of a circle with centre at the axis of rotation of the door and the radius equal to distance between the door handle and the axis of rotation of the door.

8. The locus of a points inside a circle and equidistant from two fixed points on the circumference of the circle.

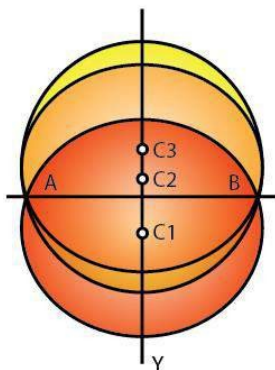
Solution:



The locus of the points inside the circle which are equidistant from the fixed points on the circumference of a circle will be a diameter which is the perpendicular bisector of the line joining the two fixed points on the circle.

9. The locus of the centres of all circles passing through two fixed points.

Solution:

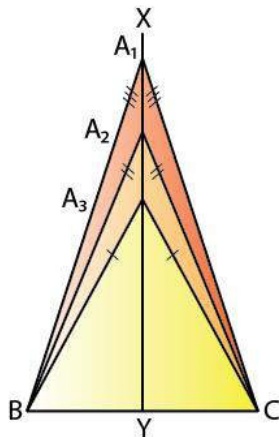


The locus of the centres of all the circles passing through two fixed points will be the perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the two given fixed points.

10. The locus of vertices of all isosceles triangles having a common base.

Solution:

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The locus of vertices of all isosceles triangles having a common base will be the perpendicular bisector of the common base of the triangles.

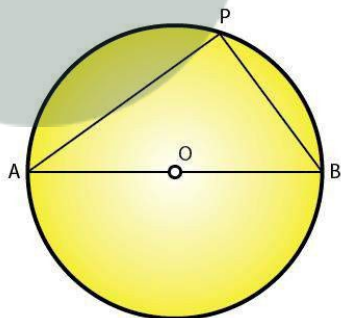
11. The locus of a point in space which is always at a distance of 4 cm from a fixed point.

Solution:

The locus of a point in space is the surface of the sphere whose centre is the fixed point and radius equal to 4 cm.

12. The locus of a point P, so that:
 $AB^2 = AP^2 + BP^2$,
where A and B are two fixed points.

Solution:



The locus of the point P is the circumference of a circle with AB as diameter and satisfies the condition $AB^2 = AP^2 + BP^2$.

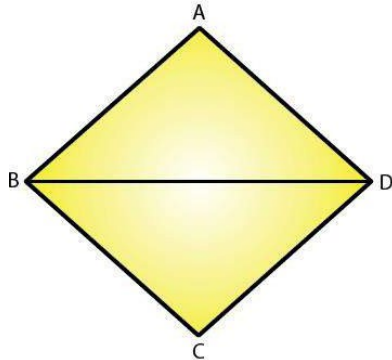
13. The locus of a point in rhombus ABCD, so that it is equidistant from

i) AB and BC; ii) B and D.

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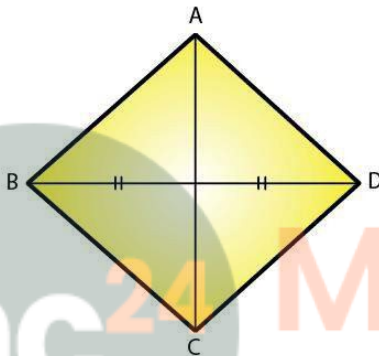
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The locus of the point in a rhombus ABCD which is equidistant from AB and BC will be the diagonal BD of the rhombus.

ii)



The locus of the point in a rhombus ABCD which is equidistant from B and D will be the diagonal AC.

14. The speed of sound is 332 meters per second. A gun is fired. Describe the locus of all the people on the Earth's surface, who hear the sound exactly one second later.

Solution:

The locus of all the people on Earth's surface is the circumference of a circle whose radius is 332 m and centre is the point where the gun is fired.

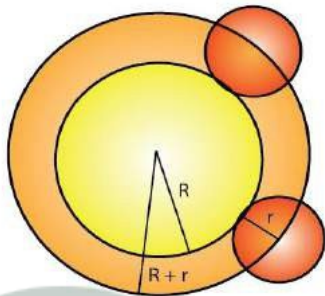
15. Describe:

- i) The locus of points at distances less than 3 cm from a given point.
- ii) The locus of points at distances greater than 4 cm from a given point.
- iii) The locus of points at distances less than or equal to 2.5 cm from a given point.
- iv) The locus of points at distances greater than or equal to 35 mm from a given point.
- v) The locus of the centre of a given circle which rolls around the outside of a second circle and is always touching it.
- vi) The locus of the centres of all circles that are tangent to both the arms of a given angle.
- vii) The locus of the mid-points of all chords parallel to a given chord of a circle.
- viii) The locus of points within a circle that are equidistant from the end points of a given chord.

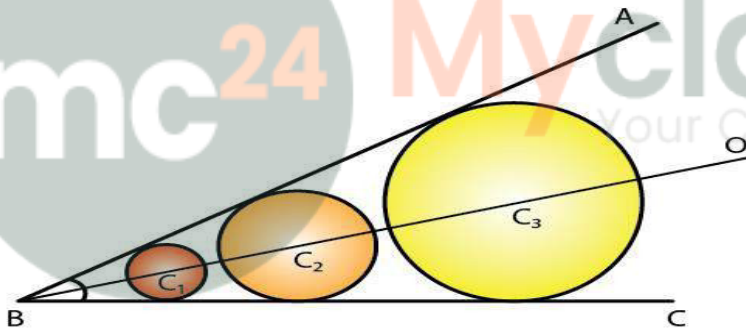
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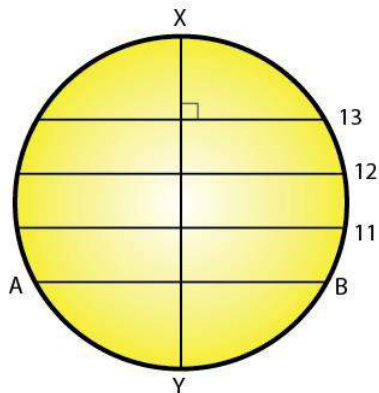
- i) The locus of the points will be the space inside of the circle whose radius is 3 cm and centre as the given point.
- ii) The locus of the points will be the space outside of the circle whose radius is 4 cm and centre is the given fixed point.
- iii) The locus of points is the space inside and the circumference of the circle with a radius of 2.5 cm and the centre as the given fixed point.
- iv) The locus is the space outside and circumference of the circle with a radius of 35 mm and the centre as the given fixed point.
- v) The locus is the circumference of the circle concentric with the second circle whose radius is equal to the sum of the radii of the given two circles.



- vi) The locus of the centre of all circles whose tangents are the arms of a given angle is the bisector of that angle.

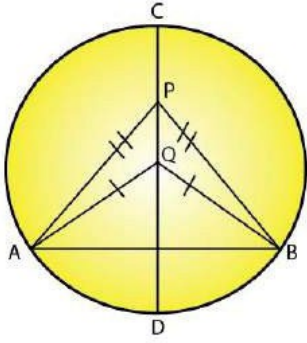


- vii) The locus of the mid-points of the chords which are parallel to a given chords is the diameter perpendicular to the given chords.



- viii) The locus of the points within a circle which are equidistant from the end points of a given chord is the diameter which is the perpendicular bisector to the given chord.

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