

The Multisection Of Any Arbitrary Angle With Straightedge And Compass Only

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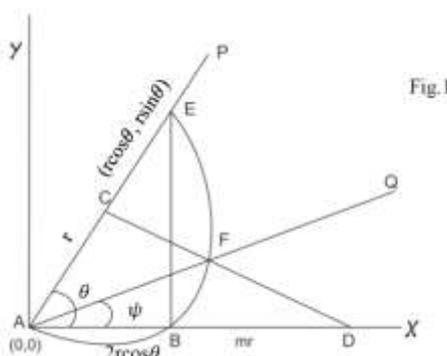
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Preface

At school level students learn about bisection of any arbitrary angle or repeated bisections if required with the help of straightedge and compass only. They do not come across about angle trisection or other higher multisections with the help of only these tools. In 1837 P. Wantzel a French mathematician proved the impossibility of trisection of any arbitrary angle with only straightedge and compass except some specified angles. In my present work I have endeavoured to demonstrate methods for drawing very approximate multisections of any arbitrary angles lying between 0 to 90° with the help of only straightedge and compass. I came to know about impossibility of angle trisection at my B.Sc. standard in 1970 through a mathematical journal and since then I was working on it. Thus my present work is the result of many years of dedicated efforts.

I. Multisection of an arbitrary angle with the help of straightedge and compass only

1. Before proceeding further we shall first derive the formula or results (4) & (5) worked out in the following pages.



Given AX & AY are X & Y axis.

AP a line making an angle θ with X axis such that $(0^\circ < \theta \leq 90^\circ)$

C any point on the line AP, a semi-circle ABFE is drawn taking C as centre and AC as radius r .

The semi circle cuts X axis on pt. B. AE is diameter.

BD a length is cut equal to mr (m times of radius r). points C & D are joined.

To find the locus of point F where the line CD cuts the semicircle at F.

Point C is $(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$

Point E is $(2r \cos \theta, 2r \sin \theta)$

So length AB is $= 2r \cos \theta$ & $BD = mr$

Hence coordinates of pt. D is $(2r \cos \theta + mr, 0)$

So equation of line CD is

$$y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} (x - x_1)$$

$$\text{Or } y - r \sin \theta = \frac{0 - r \sin \theta}{2r \cos \theta + mr - r \cos \theta} (x - r \cos \theta)$$

$$\text{Or } y - r \sin \theta = \frac{-r \sin \theta}{r \cos \theta + mr} (x - r \cos \theta)$$

$$\text{Or } (y - r \sin \theta) (r \cos \theta + mr) = r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - xr \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Or } (y - r \sin \theta) \times r (\cos \theta + m) = r (r \sin \theta \cos \theta - x \sin \theta)$$

$$\text{Or } (y - r \sin \theta) (\cos \theta + m) = r \sin \theta \cos \theta - x \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Or } y \cos \theta + my - r \sin \theta \cos \theta = r \sin \theta \cos \theta - x \sin \theta + mr \sin \theta$$

Or $y \cos\theta + my + x \sin\theta = 2r \sin\theta \cos\theta + mr \sin\theta$ ----- (1)

Now equation of the circle is

$$(x-x_1)^2 + (y-y_1)^2 = r^2$$

$$= (x - r\cos\theta)^2 + (y - r\sin\theta)^2 = r^2$$
----- (2)

$$= x^2 + r^2 \cos^2\theta - 2x r \cos\theta + y^2 + r^2 \sin^2\theta - 2y r \sin\theta = r^2$$

Or $x^2 + y^2 + r^2 (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) - 2r (x \cos\theta + y \sin\theta) = r^2$

Or $x^2 + y^2 + r^2 - 2r (x \cos\theta + y \sin\theta) = r^2$

Or $x^2 + y^2 = 2r (x \cos\theta + y \sin\theta)$ ----- (3)

Now from (1) $r = \frac{y \cos\theta + x \sin\theta + my}{2\sin\theta \cos\theta + m\sin\theta}$

Putting this value of r in eq. (3) we have

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{2(y \cos\theta + x \sin\theta + my)(x \cos\theta + y \sin\theta)}{2\sin\theta \cos\theta + m\sin\theta}$$

or $(x^2 + y^2) (2\sin\theta \cos\theta + m\sin\theta)$

$$= 2(y \cos\theta + x \sin\theta + my) (x \cos\theta + y \sin\theta)$$

L.H.S. = $2x^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta + x^2 m \sin\theta + 2y^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta + my^2 \sin\theta$

R.H.S. = $2y x \cos^2\theta + 2y^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta + 2x^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta + 2x y \sin^2\theta +$

$2x y m \cos\theta + 2m y^2 \sin\theta$

$$= 2xy(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) + 2y^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta + 2x^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta +$$

$2x y m \cos\theta + 2m y^2 \sin\theta$

Simplifying LHS & RHS we get:-

$$mx^2 \sin\theta + my^2 \sin\theta = 2xy + 2x y m \cos\theta + 2m y^2 \sin\theta$$

OR $mx^2 \sin\theta = 2m y^2 \sin\theta - my^2 \sin\theta + 2x y m \cos\theta + 2xy$

OR $my^2 \sin\theta + 2xy(1 + m \cos\theta) - mx^2 \sin\theta = 0$

$$\text{OR } y = \frac{-2x(1+m\cos\theta) \pm \sqrt{4x^2(1+m\cos\theta)^2 + 4m^2x^2\sin^2\theta}}{2m\sin\theta}$$

By solving for y-

$$\text{OR } y = \frac{-2x(1+m\cos\theta) \pm \sqrt{4x^2(1+m^2\cos^2\theta + 2m\cos\theta + 4m^2x^2\sin^2\theta)}}{2m\sin\theta}$$

$$= \frac{-2x(1+m\cos\theta) \pm \sqrt{4x^2\{1 + (m^2\cos^2\theta + m^2\sin^2\theta) + 2m\cos\theta\}}}{2m\sin\theta}$$

$$\text{OR } y = \frac{-2x(1+m\cos\theta) \pm \sqrt{4x^2(1+m^2+2m\cos\theta)}}{2m\sin\theta}$$

$$= \frac{-2x(1+m\cos\theta) \pm 2x\sqrt{1+m^2+2m\cos\theta}}{2m\sin\theta}$$

$$\text{OR } y = \frac{x\sqrt{1+m^2+2m\cos\theta} - x(1+m\cos\theta)}{m\sin\theta}$$

Only taking (+) sign. (since $0^\circ < \theta \leq 90^\circ$)

$$= x \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2+2m\cos\theta} - (1+m\cos\theta)}{m\sin\theta} \right\}$$

Hence Locus of the point F, the point of intersection of line CD & circle ABFE is a straight line passing through origin A(0,0) and making an angle ψ with X axis.

such that,

$$\tan\psi = \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2+2m\cos\theta} - (1+m\cos\theta)}{m\sin\theta}$$
(4)

which is independent of r and a function of θ & m only.

This is an important result and the basis of angle multisections.

Note that the length BD is = $m \times r$

that is m times or radius r

if BD is $\frac{m}{n}$ times of r then (4) becomes

$$\tan\psi = \frac{\sqrt{m^2+n^2+2mncos\theta} - (n+mcos\theta)}{m\sin\theta}$$
(5)

1.1 Corollary-1

if $BD = mr$ and $m=1$

then $BD = r$ so from (4)

$$\tan\psi = \frac{\sqrt{1^2+1^2+2.1\cos\theta} - (1+\cos\theta)}{\sin\theta}$$

or = $\frac{\sqrt{2+2\cos\theta} - (1+\cos\theta)}{\sin\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2(1+\cos\theta)} - (1+\cos\theta)}{\sin\theta} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2.2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} - 2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2}}}{2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{2\cos\frac{\theta}{2} - 2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2}}{2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{2\cos\frac{\theta}{2}(1-\cos\frac{\theta}{2})}{2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1-\cos\frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin\frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{2\sin^2\frac{\theta}{4}}{2\sin\frac{\theta}{4}\cos\frac{\theta}{4}} \\
 &= \frac{\sin\frac{\theta}{4}}{\cos\frac{\theta}{4}} = \tan\frac{\theta}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

So $\tan\psi = \tan\frac{\theta}{4}$

Or $\psi = \frac{\theta}{4}$

Hence if length BD = r (radius) then

$\angle QAD = \frac{1}{4}\angle PAD = \frac{\theta}{4}$ (6)

This is another important result as it gives us a method for constructing $\frac{1^{th}}{4}$ of any original angle without bisecting it with the help of straightedge and compass only.

In Fig.2

$\angle EAD = \theta, m = 1$

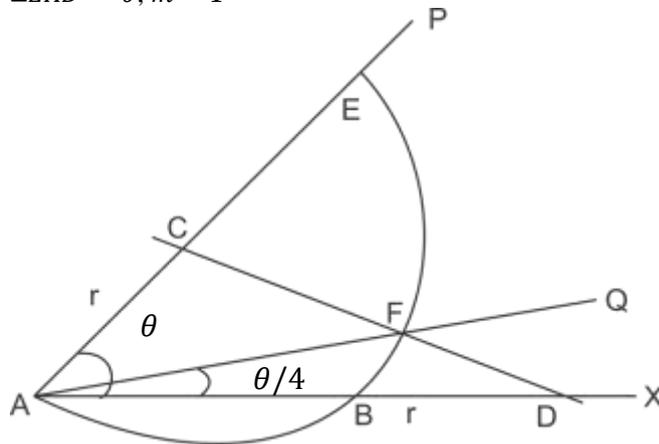


Fig.2

$m = 1$

$BD = AC = r$

By corollary 1 $\angle FAD = \frac{1}{4}\theta$

1.2 Corollary-2

If D proceeds further & BD becomes larger $\angle FAD$ increases gradually and finally when BD is infinite line CD becomes parallel to AD or X axis then equation of line CD becomes.

$y = r\sin\theta$

and eq. of circle is $(x - r\cos\theta)^2 + (y - r\sin\theta)^2 = r^2$

or $(x - r\cos\theta)^2 - 0^2 = r^2$

or $\left(x - \frac{y\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{y}{\sin\theta}\right)^2$

or $x - \frac{y\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \frac{y}{\sin\theta}$

or $x\sin\theta - y\cos\theta = y$

or $x\sin\theta = y(1 + \cos\theta)$

or $y \times 2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} = x \times 2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}$

or $y \times \cos\frac{\theta}{2} = x \times \sin\frac{\theta}{2}$

or $y = x \cdot \tan\frac{\theta}{2}$

or $\tan\psi = \tan\frac{\theta}{2}$

or $\psi = \frac{\theta}{2}$ (7)

So in this case the line AF bisects the angle E A B or θ .

So this corollary gives us another method of bisecting any given angle.

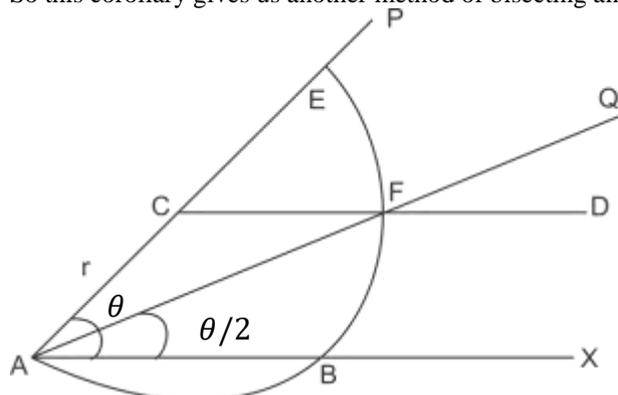


Fig. 3

$m = \infty$

Line CD is parallel to AX

$\angle FAB = \frac{1}{2} \angle EAX = \frac{\theta}{2}$

When the length BD = 0, pt. F coincides with pt. B and $\angle FAB = 0$ and as per corollary 2 when BD is infinite

$\angle FAB = \frac{1}{2} \angle EAB$

So by taking different values of m we can multisection the given angle θ with the help of straight edge and compass only.

II. Some results of taking different values of m and θ and ψ

A for trisection of an angle

θ	m or $\frac{m}{n}$	ψ
90^0	$\sqrt{3}$	30^0 exactly
60^0	$\frac{15}{8}$ or $(2 - \frac{1}{8})$	19.983^0 approximately
30	2	10.05^0 approx.
20	2	6.682^0 approx.
10	2	3.335^0 approx.
6	2	2.00043^0 approx.

From above it will be seen, when $\theta \rightarrow 0^0$, "2" is the limiting value of 'm' for trisection of any angle.

So the values from $\theta = 0^0$ to 90^0 , m ranges between 2 to $\sqrt{3}$

For 'm' formula (4) and for $\frac{m}{n}$ formula (5) can be taken to obtain the value of $\tan \psi$ or ψ

B. other results-

	θ	m or $\frac{m}{n}$	ψ
Voluntary	90^0	$\sqrt{3}$	30^0 exactaly
	90	1.2 or $\frac{6}{5}$	25^0 approximately
	90	.84 or $\frac{21}{25}$	20^0 approx.
	60	4.5 or $\frac{9}{2}$	25^0 approx.
Pentasection	90	$\sqrt{3} - 1$	18.1^0 approx.
	60	$\frac{9}{13}$	12.003 approx.
	30	$\frac{2}{3}$	5.97^0

3. Special Case: when $\theta = 90^0$, $\cos\theta = 0$, $\sin\theta = 1$ then formula (4) becomes

$\tan\psi = \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2}-1}{m}$ (8)

put $m = \sqrt{3}$ then

$\tan\psi = \frac{\sqrt{1+3}-1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$= \frac{2-1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \tan 30^0$

or $\psi = 30^\circ = \frac{1}{3}$ of 90° which is true as per results of A & B.

Let $\tan\psi = \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2}-1}{m} = k$

So $\sqrt{1+m^2}-1 = mk$

or $\sqrt{1+m^2}-1 = mk$

or $1+m^2 = 1+m^2k^2+2mk$

or $m^2-m^2k^2=2mk$

or $m^2(1-k^2)=2mk$

or $m = \frac{2k}{1-k^2} = \tan 2\psi$ (9)

So for given k, m can be evaluated exact or approx. for $\theta = 90^\circ$ and also for any angle θ applying the results (4) or (5). Nearest fractional values can be obtained by applying continued fractions methods.

For Example if $\theta = 90^\circ$ then for trisection

$\psi = 30^\circ$ So by result (9)

$m = \tan 2\psi = \tan 2.30^\circ$

$= \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}$ as in result A

For $\psi = 15^\circ$ $m = \tan 2.15^\circ$

$= \tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

For $\psi = 20^\circ$, $m = \tan 40^\circ$

$= .84 = \frac{21}{25}$ approximately as in result B

For $\psi = 25^\circ$ $m = \tan 50^\circ$

$= 1.19 = \frac{6}{5}$ approximately As in result B

4. How to draw lines equal to

$BD = mr$ with the help of unmarked straight edge and compass only.

We know that by simple school level geometry methods any line can be divided into any number of equal parts. This method can be used here.

i) When m is an integer like 2, 3, 4, 5..... simply $BD = m$ times of radius and can be drawn by compass only.

ii) When $m = \frac{p}{q}$ a fractional form then $BD = \frac{pr}{q} = p \times (\frac{r}{q})$ in this case r can be divided into q equal parts and p part of it will be take to draw BD. All this exercise can be done with the help of straight edge and compass only.

e.g. $\frac{15r}{8} = (1 + \frac{7}{8})r = (2 - \frac{1}{8})r$

$BD = (r + \frac{7}{8}r)$ or $(2r - \frac{1}{8}r)$ can be draw in parts.

iii) When $m = \sqrt{p}$ likes $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}$ etc.

Then $BD = \sqrt{p} r$ like $\sqrt{2} r, \sqrt{3} r$

in right angled triangle Fig.4

ABC if $AB = BC = r$

then $AC = \sqrt{2} r$

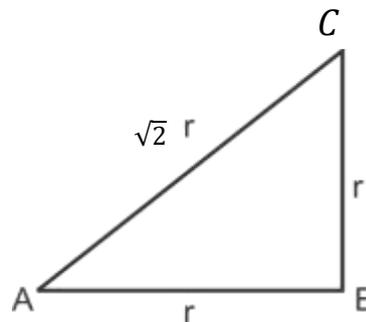
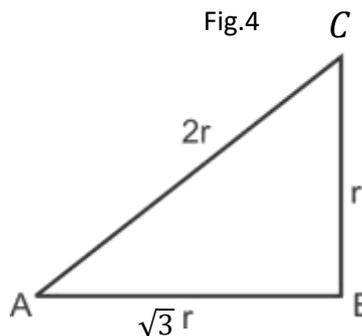


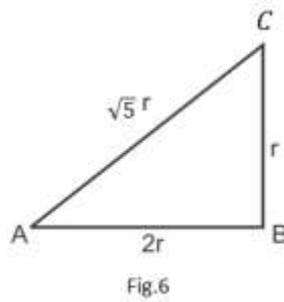
Fig.4



in fig. 5 rt angled triangle if $AC = 2 r$

$CB = r$ then

$AB = \sqrt{3} r$



In fig.6
 $BC = r$ $AB = 2r$
 Then $AC = \sqrt{5} r$

In fig.7
 If $AB = \sqrt{5} r$
 $BC = r$
 Then $AC = \sqrt{6} r$

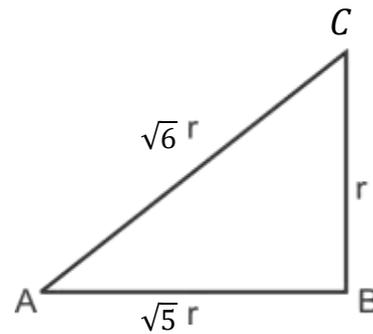


Fig.7

Similarly any line equal to $\sqrt{p} r$ can be drawn.

iv) If $m = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{q}}$
 The $BD = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{q}} r = \frac{\sqrt{pq}}{q} r$

Then $\sqrt{pq} r$ can be drawn as in (iii) and then divided into q equal parts.

e.g. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} r = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} r$
 in fig. (7) $AC = \sqrt{6} r$

so $BD = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} r = \frac{AC}{2}$

v) If m is like $\sqrt{3} - 1$

$BD = (\sqrt{3} - 1) r$

$= \sqrt{3} r - r$ which can be drawn easily so BD can be drawn with the help of straight edge and compass only for all above type of values of m .

5. To find the limiting values of m when θ is small and tends to zero

As in result (4) we have

$$\tan \psi = \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2+2m \cos \theta} - (1+m \cos \theta)}{m \sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{\left\{1+m^2+2m\left(1-\frac{\theta^2}{12}+\frac{\theta^4}{14}\dots\dots\dots\right)\right\}^{1/2} - \left\{1+m\left(1-\frac{\theta^2}{12}+\frac{\theta^4}{14}\dots\dots\dots\right)\right\}}{m\left(\theta-\frac{\theta^3}{13}+\frac{\theta^5}{15}\dots\dots\dots\right)}$$

Since θ is small we can discard θ^3 and other higher powers of θ

Then,

$$\text{Tan} \psi = \frac{\left\{1+m^2+2m-m\theta^2\right\}^{1/2} - \left\{1+m-\frac{m\theta^2}{2}\right\}}{m\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\left\{(1+m)^2-m\theta^2\right\}^{1/2} - \left\{1+m-\frac{m\theta^2}{2}\right\}}{m\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\left\{(1+m)^2\left(1-\frac{m\theta^2}{(1+m)^2}\right)\right\}^{1/2} - \left\{1+m-\frac{m\theta^2}{2}\right\}}{m\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\left\{(1+m)\left(1-\frac{1}{2}\frac{m\theta^2}{(1+m)^2}\right)\right\} - \left\{1+m-\frac{m\theta^2}{2}\right\}}{m\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left\{1+m-\frac{m\theta^2}{2(1+m)}\right\} \left\{1+m-\frac{m\theta^2}{2}\right\} \\
 &= \frac{1+m-1-m+\frac{m\theta^2}{2}-\frac{m\theta^2}{2(1+m)}}{\frac{m\theta^2}{2}-\frac{m\theta^2}{2(1+m)}} \\
 &= \frac{m\theta^2}{2} \left(1-\frac{1}{1+m}\right) \\
 &= \frac{\theta}{2} \times \frac{m}{m+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now since θ is small

$$\tan\psi = \psi$$

So,

$$\psi = \frac{\theta}{2} \times \frac{m}{1+m} \dots\dots\dots (10)$$

This equation gives limiting values of m for different multisections of θ when θ is small

i) For trisection $\psi = \frac{\theta}{3}$

$$\text{So, } \frac{\theta}{3} = \frac{\theta}{2} \times \frac{m}{1+m}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{3} = \frac{m}{2(1+m)}$$

$$\text{or } 3m = 2(1+m)$$

$$\text{or } 3m - 2m = 2$$

$$\text{or } m = 2$$

So as θ becomes smaller and smaller 2 is the limiting value of m as shown in result A.

ii) For penta section

$$\psi = \frac{\theta}{5}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{\theta}{5} = \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \frac{m}{(1+m)}$$

$$\text{or } 5m = 2m + 2$$

$$\text{or } 3m = 2$$

$$\text{or } m = \frac{2}{3} \text{ is the limiting value of m}$$

Similarity for other multisections limiting values can be derived when θ goes smaller in general for $\frac{\theta}{n}$ section $n \geq 2$

$$m = \frac{2}{n-2} \text{ is limiting value } \dots\dots\dots (11)$$

It can be verified that these limiting values provide very good approximations for multisections of angles up to 30° .

6. Chart showing limiting values of ‘m’ for angle $\theta = 90^\circ$ and when θ is small.

Multisection	$\theta = 90^\circ$	θ is small	Difference/trend
$\frac{\theta}{2}$	∞	∞	Nil
$\frac{\theta}{3}$	$\sqrt{3}$	2	$2-\sqrt{3}$ /increasing
$\frac{\theta}{4}$	1	1	0/static
$\frac{\theta}{5}$	$\tan 36^\circ$	$\frac{2}{3}$.05984/decreasing
$\frac{\theta}{6}$	$\tan 30^\circ$	$\frac{1}{2}$.07735/decreasing
$\frac{\theta}{10}$	$\tan 18^\circ$	$\frac{1}{4}$.07492/do
$\frac{\theta}{n}$	$\tan \frac{2\theta^\circ}{n}$	$\frac{2}{n-2}$	do
$\frac{\theta}{n}$ (when n is very large)	$\frac{\pi^{rad}}{n}$ (as per formula (9))	$\frac{2}{n}$ as per formula (11)	$\frac{\pi-2}{n}$ /do

SOME EXAMPLES

Ex-1 Given $\angle PAQ = \theta$
Construct an angle equal to $\frac{\theta}{4}$ at point A

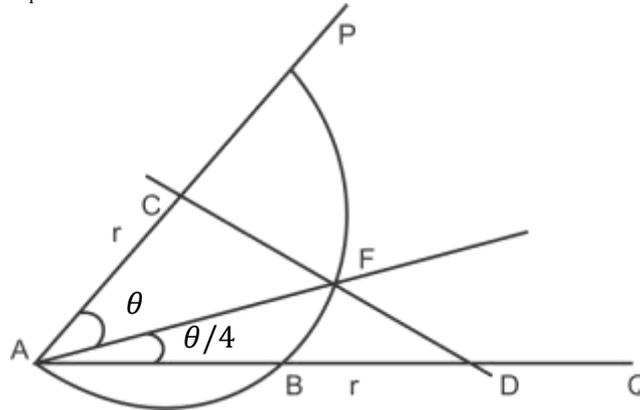


Figure-8

Construction- given $\angle PAQ = \theta$
Take any point C on AP and draw a semi circle taking c as centre and AC as radius r which cuts the line AQ at B.

Cut $BD =$ radius r and join ptsC and D by a line .Let Line CD cuts the semi circle at F. Then $\angle FAD = \frac{\theta}{4}$

Since here as per corollary-1

$m=1$ and $BD = mr = r$

nence $\angle FAD = \frac{\theta}{4}$

Ex-2 Given $\angle PAQ = 90^\circ$, trisect the $\angle PAQ$

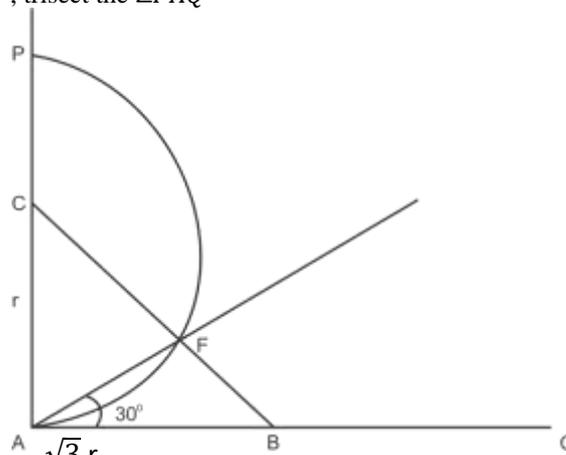


Figure-9

Construction : Given $\angle PAQ = 90^\circ$

Take C any point on AP

Draw a semi circle taking C as centre and CA as radius (r)

Draw $CB = 2r$ by compass ($2r =$ diameter of the circle)

Point B being on the line AQ

Let the line CB cuts the semi circle on F join AF. Then $\angle FAB = 90^\circ/2 = 30^\circ$

By Pythagoras theorem if $AC = r$; $CB = 2r$

$AB = \sqrt{3} r$ so here $m = \sqrt{3}$

By corollary 3 and formula (9) we have

if $\theta = 90^\circ$ then for $\frac{\theta}{3} \psi = 30^\circ$

$m = \tan 2\psi$

$= \tan 2.30$

$= \tan 60 = \sqrt{3}$

Hence $\angle FAB = 30^\circ$

Ex-3 Given $\angle PAQ = 20^\circ$
taking $m = 2$ trisect it and find the value of $\tan \psi$ & ψ approximately

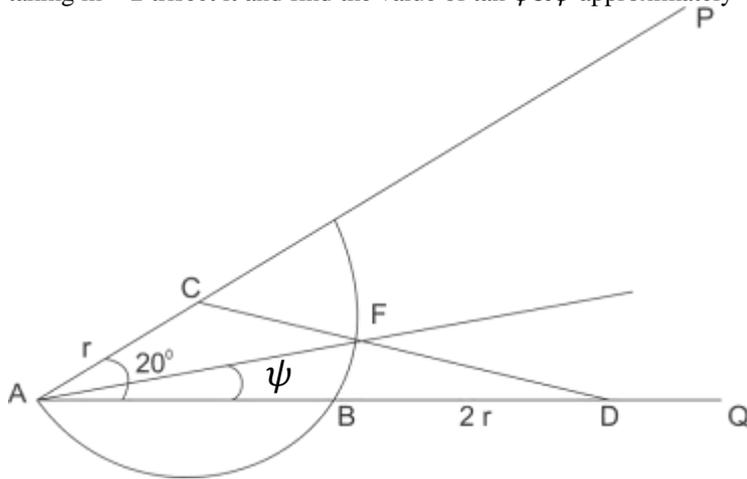


Figure-10

Given $\angle PAQ = 20^\circ$, $m = 2$ so $BD = 2r$

$\angle FAB = \psi$

Now from formula (4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \psi &= \frac{\sqrt{1+m^2+2m\cos\theta} - (1+m\cos\theta)}{m\sin\theta} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1+2^2+2\cdot 2\cos 20^\circ} - (1+2\cos 20^\circ)}{2\sin 20^\circ} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{5+4\times.93969262} - (1+2\times.93969262)}{2\times.34202014} \\ &= \frac{2.95952200 - 2.87938524}{.68404028} \\ &= .117152107 = \tan 6.68186^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \psi = 6.68186^\circ = \frac{20^\circ}{3} \text{ approximately}$$

With a difference of $(\frac{20}{3} - 6.68186)$

$$= -.015193^\circ; \text{ slightly higher than } \frac{20^\circ}{3}$$

So $m = 2$ approximately trisects 20° angle

Also for $m = 2$; θ is 30° , $\psi = 10.05^\circ$ with a slight difference than 10° i.e. approximately trisects 30° .

Note: when angle θ is $> 30^\circ$ and $< 90^\circ$

Then for trisection of angle θ following steps can be adopted.

- i) Draw $\frac{1}{4}$ of θ using corollary 1
- ii) Trisect $\frac{\theta}{4}$ to find $\frac{\theta}{12}$ taking $m=2$
- iii) Make an angle $4 \times \frac{\theta}{12}$ i.e 4 times of the angle obtained in step (ii) this will give very near approximation of $\frac{\theta}{3}$.

Ex-4 Trisect 80° angle

Step:

- i) Draw $\frac{80}{4} = 20^\circ$
- ii) Trisect 20° as in Ex-3
- iii) Make angle 4 times of (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \psi &= \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{4} \times 80 \right) \times \frac{1}{3} \right\} \times 4 \\ &= 6.68186 \times 4 \\ &= 26.727^\circ = \frac{80}{3} \text{ approximately} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Defference} &= 26.727 - 26.667 \\ &= .06^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Ex-5 Given angle $\theta = 10^\circ$

draw $\frac{\theta}{5}$

solution: since $\theta = 10^\circ$ is a small angle using the formula (11)

$$m = \frac{2}{5-2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

so by formula (5)

we have

$$\tan \psi = \frac{\sqrt{m^2+n^2+2mncos\theta} - (n+mcos\theta)}{msin\theta}$$

putting $m = 2, n = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \psi &= \frac{\sqrt{2^2+3^2+2.23cos10} - (3+2cos10)}{2sin10} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{13+12 \times cos10} - (3+2cos10)}{2sin10} \\ &= \frac{.01212044}{.34729636} \\ &= .034899416 \\ &= \tan 1.998778^0 \\ &= \tan 2^0 \text{ approximately} \end{aligned}$$

So $m = \frac{2}{3}$ gives very near approximation of pentasection of 10^0 angle $\left(\frac{10^0}{5}\right)$ and can be drawn as in prev. examples.

Note: all the construction of angle multisection given in the previous examples can be done with the help of straight edge and compass only.

Reference:

- (i) Ordinary geometry, algebra, coordinate geometry and continued fractions.
- (ii) Internet searches.