

Straightedge and Compass Constructions

A collapsible compass can construct a circle with a given center, passing through a given point. A rigid compass can also construct a circle with a given center and a given radius. A straightedge can construct a line through two points.

Using a rigid compass and a straightedge, construct the following objects and prove that your construction is valid:

1. Given a segment \overline{AB} and point D , construct an equilateral triangle $\triangle DEF$ with sides congruent to \overline{AB} .
2. Given $\triangle ABC$ and point D on line l , construct $\triangle DEF$ so that E lies on l and $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$.
3. Given $\angle ABC$ and ray \overrightarrow{PQ} , construct point R so that $\angle RPQ \cong \angle ABC$.
4. Given segment \overline{AB} , construct the midpoint M of the segment.
5. Given $\angle ABC$, construct the angle bisector of $\angle ABC$.
6. Given a line l and a point P on l , construct a line through P , perpendicular to l .
7. Given a line l and a point P not on l , construct a line through P , perpendicular to l .
8. Given segment \overline{AB} , construct a rhombus with side length AB .

Challenge: Using a collapsible compass and straightedge, given \overline{AB} and point D , construct segment \overline{DE} so that $\overline{DE} \cong \overline{AB}$.