## MAKE GEOMETRIC CONSTRUCTIONS



1. To *copy a segment*, follow the steps given:

Given:  $\overline{AB}$  A B

Construct:  $\overline{PQ}$  congruent to  $\overline{AB}$ 

Procedure:

- 1. Use a straightedge to draw a line, *l*.
- 2. Choose a point on line *l* and label it point *P*.
- 3. Place the compass point on point *A*.
- 4. Adjust the compass width to the length of  $\overline{AB}$ .
- 5. Without changing the compass, place the compass point on point P and draw an arc intersecting line l. Label the point of intersection as point Q.
- 6.  $\overline{PQ} \cong \overline{AB}$ .



2. To *copy an angle*, follow the steps given:



Given: ∠ABC

Construct:  $\angle QRY$  congruent to  $\angle ABC$ 

- 1. Draw a point *R* that will be the vertex of the new angle.
- 2. From point *R*, use a straightedge to draw  $\overrightarrow{RY}$ , which will become one side of the new angle.

- 3. Place the compass point on vertex *B* and draw an arc through point *A*.
- 4. Without changing the compass, place the compass point on point *R*, draw an arc intersecting  $\overrightarrow{RY}$ , and label the point of intersection point *S*.
- 5. Place the compass point on point A and adjust its width to where the arc intersects  $\overrightarrow{BC}$ .
- 6. Without changing the compass width, place the compass point on point *S* and draw another arc across the first arc. Label the point where both arcs intersect as point *Q*.
- 7. Use a straightedge to draw  $\overrightarrow{RQ}$ .
- 8.  $\angle QRY \cong \angle ABC$



3. To *bisect an angle*, follow the steps given:



Construct:  $\overrightarrow{BY}$ , the bisector of  $\angle ABC$ 

- 1. Place the compass point on vertex *B*.
- 2. Open the compass and draw an arc that crosses both sides of the angle.
- 3. Set the compass width to more than half the distance from point *B* to where the arc crosses  $\overrightarrow{BA}$ . Place the compass point where the arc crosses  $\overrightarrow{BA}$  and draw an arc in the angle's interior.
- 4. Without changing the compass width, place the compass point where the arc crosses  $\overrightarrow{BC}$  and draw an arc so that it crosses the previous arc. Label the intersection point *Y*.
- 5. Using a straightedge, draw a ray from vertex *B* through point *Y*.

6.  $\angle ABY \cong \angle YBC$ , so  $\overrightarrow{BY}$  is the bisector of  $\angle ABC$ .



4. To *construct a perpendicular bisector of a line segment*, follow the steps given:

Given:  $\overline{AB}$  A B

Construct: The perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AB}$ Procedure:

- 1. Adjust the compass to a width greater than half the length of  $\overline{AB}$ .
- 2. Place the compass on point A and draw an arc passing above  $\overline{AB}$  and an arc passing below  $\overline{AB}$ .
- 3. Without changing the compass width, place the compass on point *B* and draw an arc passing above and below  $\overline{AB}$ .
- 4. Use a straightedge to draw a line through the points of intersection of these arcs.
- 5. The segment is the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{AB}$ .



*Note*: To bisect  $\overline{AB}$ , follow the same steps listed above to construct the perpendicular bisector. The point where the perpendicular bisector intersects  $\overline{AB}$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{AB}$ .

 $\bullet P$ 

5. To *construct a line perpendicular to a given line through a point not on the line*, follow the steps given:

Given: Line *l* and point *P* that is not on line  $l \longrightarrow \ell$ 

Construct: The line perpendicular to line l through point P

Procedure:

- 1. Place the compass point on point *P*.
- 2. Open the compass to a distance that is wide enough to draw two arcs across line *l*, one on each side of point *P*. Label these points *Q* and *R*.
- 3. From points *Q* and *R*, draw arcs on the opposite side of line *l* from point *P* so that the arcs intersect. Label the intersection point *S*.
- 4. Using a straightedge, draw  $\overrightarrow{PS}$ .
- 5.  $\overline{PS} \perp \overline{QR}$ .



6. To *construct a line parallel to a given line through a point not on the line*, follow the steps given:

 $\bullet P$ 

Given: Line *l* and point *P* that is not on line *l*  $\longleftarrow \ell$ Construct: The line parallel to line *l* through point *P* 

Procedure:

1. Draw a transversal line through point P crossing line l at a point. Label the point of intersection Q.



2. Open the compass to a width about half the distance from points *P* to *Q*. Place the compass point on point *Q* and draw an arc that intersects both lines. Label the intersection of the arc and  $\overline{PQ}$  as point *M* and the intersection of the arc and *l* as point *N*.



3. Without changing the compass width, place the compass point on point P and draw an arc that crosses  $\overline{PQ}$  above point P. Note that this arc must have the same orientation as the arc drawn from points M to N. Label the point R.



- 4. Set the compass width to the distance from points M to N.
- 5. Place the compass point on point *R* and draw an arc that crosses the upper arc. Label the point of intersection *S*.



6. Using a straightedge, draw a line through points *P* and *S*.
7. *PS* || *l*



7. To *construct an equilateral triangle inscribed in a circle*, follow the steps given:



Given: Circle O

Construct: Equilateral  $\triangle ABC$  inscribed in circle O

- 1. Mark a point anywhere on the circle and label it point *P*.
- 2. Open the compass to the radius of circle *O*.
- 3. Place the compass point on point *P* and draw an arc that intersects the circle at two points. Label the points *A* and *B*.
- 4. Using a straightedge, draw  $\overline{AB}$ .
- 5. Open the compass to the length of  $\overline{AB}$ .
- 6. Place the compass point on *A*. Draw an arc from point *A* that intersects the circle. Label this point *C*.
- 7. Using a straightedge, draw  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{BC}$ .
- 8. Equilateral  $\triangle ABC$  is inscribed in circle O.



8. To *construct a square inscribed in a circle*, follow the steps given:



Given: Circle O

Construct: Square ABCD inscribed in circle O

Procedure:

1. Mark a point anywhere on the circle and label it point *A*.



2. Using a straightedge, draw a diameter from point *A*. Label the other endpoint of the diameter as point *C*. This is diameter  $\overline{AC}$ .



3. Construct a perpendicular bisector to  $\overline{AC}$  through the center of circle O. Label the points where it intersects the circle as point B and point D.



4. Using a straightedge, draw  $\overline{AB}$ ,  $\overline{BC}$ ,  $\overline{CD}$ , and  $\overline{AD}$ .



- 5. Square *ABCD* is inscribed in circle *O*.
- 9. To *construct a regular hexagon inscribed in a circle*, follow the steps given:



Given: Circle O

Construct: Regular hexagon ABCDEF inscribed in circle O

- 1. Mark a point anywhere on the circle and label it point *A*.
- 2. Open the compass to the radius of circle *O*.
- 3. Place the compass point on point *A* and draw an arc across the circle. Label this point *B*.
- 4. Without changing the width of the compass, place the compass point on *B* and draw another arc across the circle. Label this point *C*.
- 5. Repeat this process from point *C* to a point *D*, from point *D* to a point *E*, and from point *E* to a point *F*.
- 6. Use a straightedge to draw  $\overline{AB}$ ,  $\overline{BC}$ ,  $\overline{CD}$ ,  $\overline{DE}$ ,  $\overline{EF}$ , and  $\overline{AF}$ .
- 7. Regular hexagon ABCDEF is inscribed in circle O.

