GEOMETRIC CONSTRUCTION

OVERVIEW

All work done in the drafting room involves the principles of geometric construction. Every person engaged in technical work must be familiar with solutions to common problems in this area.

Geometric construction involves accurate construction of circles, arcs, triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, and octagons. It requires an understanding of the meanings of the following relationships: parallel, perpendicular, intersecting, bisecting, inscribed, circumscribed, and tangent.

Accuracy is important in drawing geometric shapes. Any carelessness in laying out a problem could result in costly errors in the final solution. Make sure you have a sharp 2H or 4H lead in your lead holder and compass lead. All construction lines must be made sharp and very light. Check all dimensions three times for accuracy.

BASIC GEOMETRIC TERMS

POINT represents a location in space or on a drawing.

LINE shortest connection between two known points. The

included angle is 180 degrees.

ANGLES are formed by two intersecting lines. Examples include:

Right, Acute, Obtuse, Complementary, and

Supplementary.

BISECT to divide a line or angle into 2 equal parts.

PARALLEL two or more lines in the same plane which will never

intersect.

PERPENDICULAR two intersecting lines forming a 90 degree angle.

Other common names used to describe this condition

are: right-angle, perp, square, or 90 degrees.

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TRIANGLES figures bounded by three straight sides. The

sum of the interior angles is always 180 degrees.

Examples include: Equilateral, Isosceles, Scalene, and

Right.

QUADRILATERALS figures bounded by four straight sides. The

sum of the interior angles is always 360 degrees. Examples include: Square, Parallelogram, Rectangle, Rhombus, Rhomboid, Trapezoid, and Trapezium.

POLYGONS any plane figure bounded by straight sides.

Regular polygons have equal sides and angles.

Examples include: Triangle, Square, Pentagon, Hexagon,

Heptagon, and Octagon.

INSCRIBED any plane figure constructed within a circle.

Intersection points touch the base circle.

CIRCUMSCRIBED any plane figure constructed on the circumference

of a circle. All straight lines are tangent to the

base circle.

CIRCLE a closed curve all points of which are the same

distance from the center. Always dimensioned as a

diameter. Circles have 360 degrees.

ARC an open curve all points of which are the same

distance from the center. Always dimensioned

as a radius.

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DUTY

Basic Procedure

TASK

Geometric Construction

EXPECTED STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Upon passing the geometric terms test with a score of 100%, completion of the student work sheets, and given necessary drawing instruments, the students will be able to complete the exit test on geometric construction with a passing score of 85%.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 1) Read overview.
- 3) 100% Test of Geometric Terms.
- 4) Take notes during lectures.
- 5) Complete worksheet HOSO.
- 6) Complete worksheet CIRCLES.
- 7) Complete problems 1-6.
- 8) Complete problems 7-12.
- 9) Complete problems 13-18.
- 10) Complete worksheet Tangent Arcs.
- 11) Measure Angles.
- 12) Exit Test.











