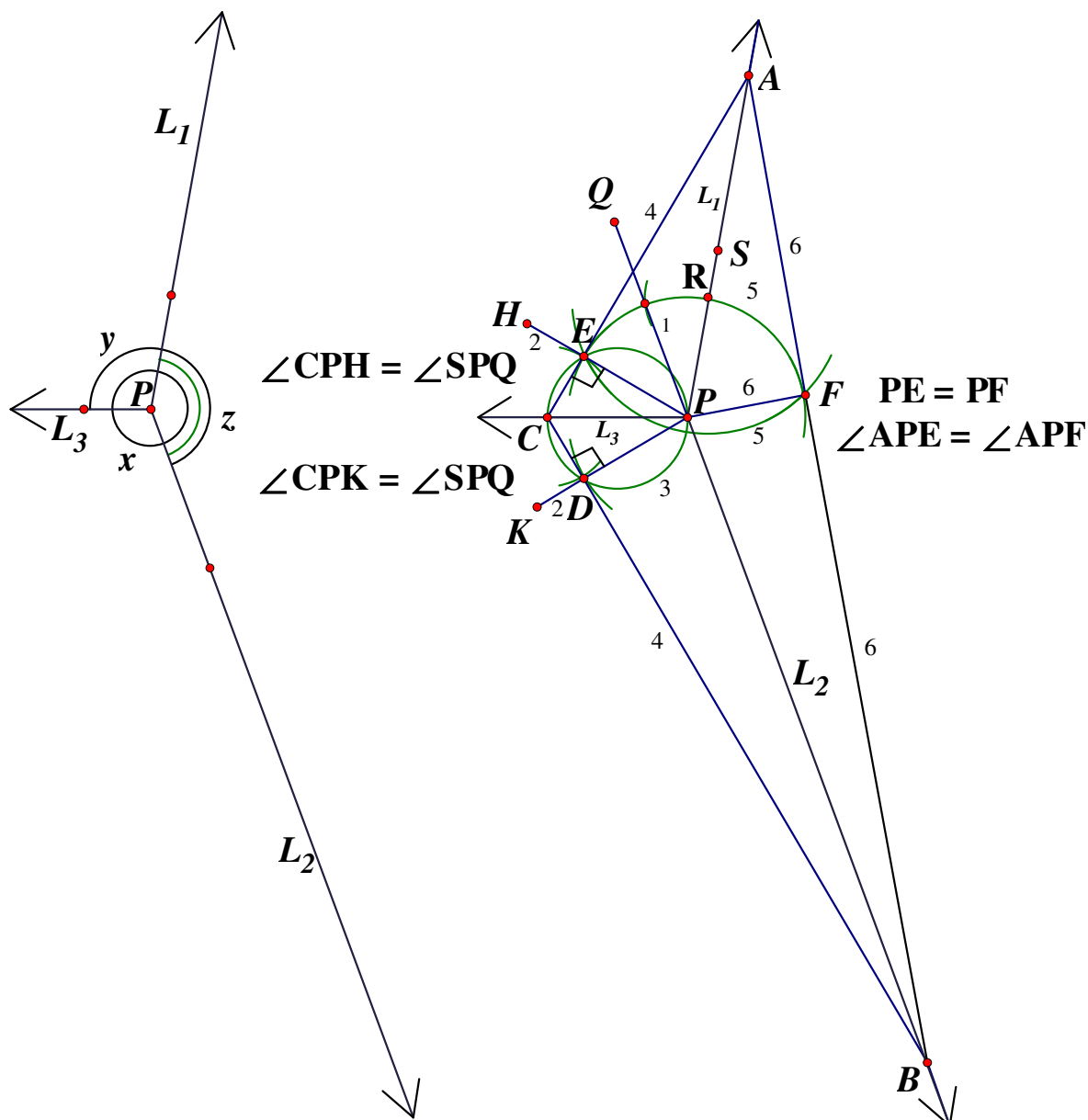


Given three angle bisectors. To construct $\triangle ABC$.

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Given a point P . 3 rays L_1, L_2, L_3 are drawn from P . The angles between L_2 and L_3, L_3 and L_1, L_1 and L_2 are x, y and z respectively, where x, y and z are obtuse angles. To construct $\triangle ABC$ on L_1, L_2 and L_3 so that L_1, L_2 and L_3 are the angle bisectors of $\triangle ABC$.



Construction steps

- (1) Extend L_2 backwards to PQ .
- (2) Let S and C be any points on L_1 and L_3 respectively.
Copy $\angle SPQ$ on PC so that $\angle CPH = \angle SPQ, \angle CPK = \angle SPQ$.
- (3) Draw a circle with CP as diameter, cutting PH at E and PK at D respectively.
- (4) Join CE and produce it to cut L_1 at A . Join CD and produce it to cut L_2 at B .
- (5) Use P as centre, PE as radius to draw an arc, cutting L_1 at R .
Use R as centre, RE as radius to draw another arc. The two arcs intersect again at F .
- (6) Join PF, AF and FB .

Then $\triangle ABC$ is the required triangle.

Proof: $x + y + z = 360^\circ \dots\dots (1)$

$$\angle APQ = 180^\circ - z$$

$$\angle CPH = \angle CPK = 180^\circ - z$$

$$\angle CEP = \angle CDP = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle PCE = \angle PCD = 90^\circ - (180^\circ - z) = z - 90^\circ$$

$\therefore CP$ is the angle bisector of $\angle ACB$.

$$\triangle PCE \cong \triangle PCD$$

By steps (5) and (6), $\angle APE = \angle APF$

$$= y - \angle CPE$$

$$= y - (180^\circ - z)$$

$$= y + z - 180^\circ$$

$$= 360^\circ - x - 180^\circ$$

$$= 180^\circ - x$$

$$PE = PF$$

$$PA = PA$$

$$\therefore \triangle APF \cong \triangle APE$$

$$\angle FAP = \angle EAP$$

$\therefore AP$ is the angle bisector of $\angle BAC$.

$$\angle BPD = x - \angle CPD = x - (180^\circ - z) = x + z - 180^\circ$$

$$= 360^\circ - y - 180^\circ = 180^\circ - y$$

$$\angle BPF = z - \angle APF = z - (180^\circ - x) = x + z - 180^\circ$$

$$= 360^\circ - y - 180^\circ = 180^\circ - y$$

$$\therefore \angle BPD = \angle BPF$$

$$PD = PE = PF$$

$$BP = BP$$

$$\triangle BPD \cong \triangle BPF$$

$$\angle BFP = \angle BDP = 90^\circ$$

$\therefore A, F, B$ are collinear

$$\angle FBP = \angle DBP$$

$\therefore BP$ is the angle bisector of $\angle ABC$.

The proof is completed.

(\angle s at a point)

(adj. \angle s on st. line L_2)

(by construction)

(\angle in semi-circle)

(\angle sum of Δ)

(A.A.S.)

(by (1))

(by step (5))

(common side)

(S.A.S.)

(corr. \angle s \cong Δ s)

(corr. sides \cong Δ s and step 5)

(common side)

(S.A.S.)

(corr. \angle s \cong Δ s)

($\angle AFP + \angle BFP = 180^\circ$)

(corr. \angle s \cong Δ s)