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1. A circus artist is climbing a 20 m long rope, which is tightly stretched and tied from the top of a vertical pole to the ground. Find the height of the pole, if the angle made by the rope with the ground level is 30° (see Fig. 9.11).

Answer

Let AB be the vertical pole AC be 20 m long rope tied to point C.

In right $\triangle ABC$,

$$\sin 30^\circ = AB/AC$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/2$$

$$= AB/20$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 20/2$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 10$$

The height of the pole is 10 m.

2. A tree breaks due to storm and the broken part bends so that the top of the tree touches the ground making an angle 30° with it. The distance between the foot of the tree to the point where the top touches the ground is 8 m. Find the height of the tree.

Answer

Let AC be the broken part of the tree.

\therefore Total height of the tree = AB+AC

$$\cos 30^\circ = BC/AC$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}/2 = 8/AC$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 16/\sqrt{3}$$

Also,

$$\tan 30^\circ = AB/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = AB/8$$

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$$\Rightarrow AB = 8/\sqrt{3}$$

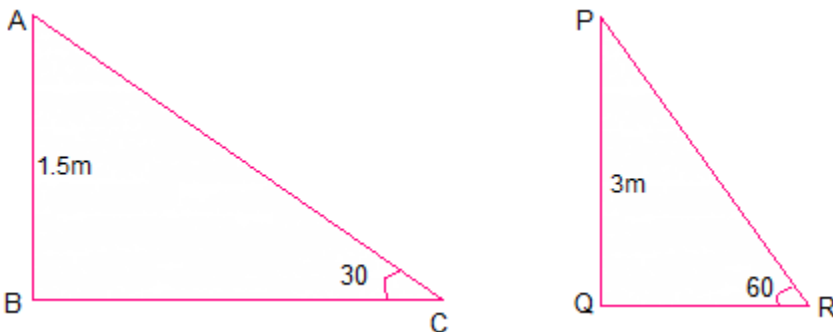
$$\text{Total height of the tree} = AB + AC = 16/\sqrt{3} + 8/\sqrt{3} = 24/\sqrt{3}$$

3. A contractor plans to install two slides for the children to play in a park. For the children below the age of 5 years, she prefers to have a slide whose top is at a height of 1.5 m, and is inclined at an angle of 30° to the ground, whereas for elder children, she wants to have a steep slide at a height of 3 m, and inclined at an angle of 60° to the ground. What should be the length of the slide in each case?

Answer

There are two slides of height 1.5 m and 3 m. (Given)

Let AB is 1.5 m and PQ be 3 m slides.



ABC is the slide inclined at 30° with length AC and PQR is the slide inclined at 60° with length PR. A/q,

In right ΔABC ,

$$\sin 30^\circ = AB/AC$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/2 = 1.5/AC$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 3m$$

also,

In right ΔPQR ,

$$\sin 60^\circ = PQ/PR$$

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$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}/2 = 3/PR$$

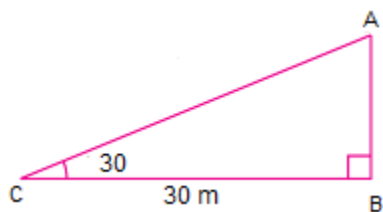
$$\Rightarrow PR = 2\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

Hence, length of the slides are 3 m and $2\sqrt{3}$ m respectively.

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4. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower from a point on the ground, which is 30 m away from the foot of the tower, is 30° . Find the height of the tower.

Answer



Let AB be the height of the tower and C is the point elevation which is 30 m away from the foot of the tower.

A/q,

In right $\triangle ABC$,

$$\tan 30^\circ = AB/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = AB/30$$

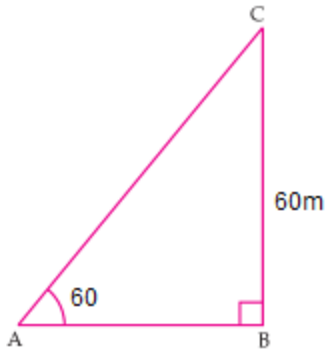
$$\Rightarrow AB = 10\sqrt{3}$$

Thus, the height of the tower is $10\sqrt{3}$ m.

5. A kite is flying at a height of 60 m above the ground. The string attached to the kite is temporarily tied to a point on the ground. The inclination of the string with the ground is 60° . Find the length of the string, assuming that there is no slack in the string.

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Let BC be the height of the kite from the ground,

AC be the inclined length of the string from the ground and A is the point where string of the kite is tied.

A/q,

In right $\triangle ABC$,

$$\sin 60^\circ = BC/AC$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}/2 = 60/AC$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 40\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

Thus, the length of the string from the ground is $40\sqrt{3}$ m.

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6. A 1.5 m tall boy is standing at some distance from a 30 m tall building. The angle of elevation from his eyes to the top of the building increases from 30° to 60° as he walks towards the building. Find the distance he walked towards the building.

Answer

Let the boy initially standing at point Y with inclination 30° and then he approaches the building to

the point X with inclination 60° .

\therefore XY is the distance he walked towards the building.

also, XY = CD.

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Height of the building = $AZ = 30$ m

$AB = AZ - BZ = (30 - 1.5) = 28.5$ m

A/q,

In right $\triangle ABD$,

$\tan 30^\circ = AB/BD$

$\Rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = 28.5/BD$

$\Rightarrow BD = 28.5\sqrt{3}$ m

also,

In right $\triangle ABC$,

$\tan 60^\circ = AB/BC$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = 28.5/BC$

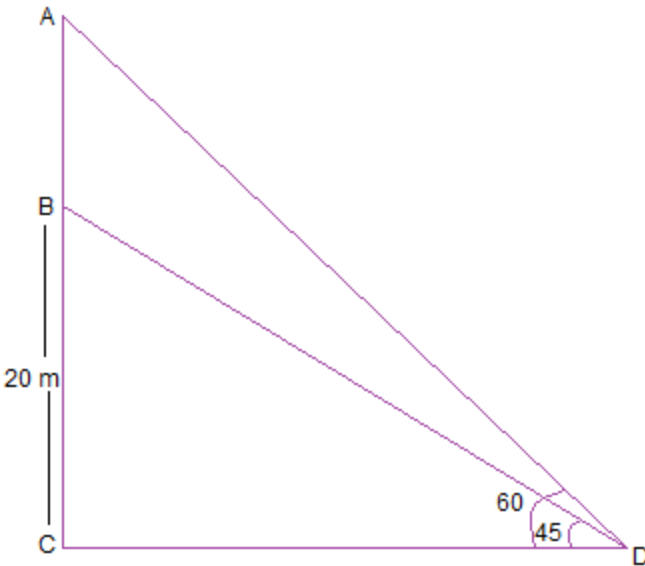
$\Rightarrow BC = 28.5/\sqrt{3} = 28.5\sqrt{3}/3$ m

$\therefore XY = CD = BD - BC = (28.5\sqrt{3} - 28.5\sqrt{3}/3) = 28.5\sqrt{3}(1 - 1/3) = 28.5\sqrt{3} \times 2/3 = 57/\sqrt{3}$ m. Thus, the distance boy walked towards the building is $57/\sqrt{3}$ m.

7. From a point on the ground, the angles of elevation of the bottom and the top of a transmission tower fixed at the top of a 20 m high building are 45° and 60° respectively. Find the height of the tower.

Answer

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Let BC be the 20 m high building.

D is the point on the ground from where the elevation is taken.

Height of transmission tower = AB = AC - BC

A/q,

In right $\triangle BCD$,

$$\tan 45^\circ = BC/CD$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 20/CD$$

$$\Rightarrow CD = 20 \text{ m}$$

also,

In right $\triangle ACD$,

$$\tan 60^\circ = AC/CD$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = AC/20$$

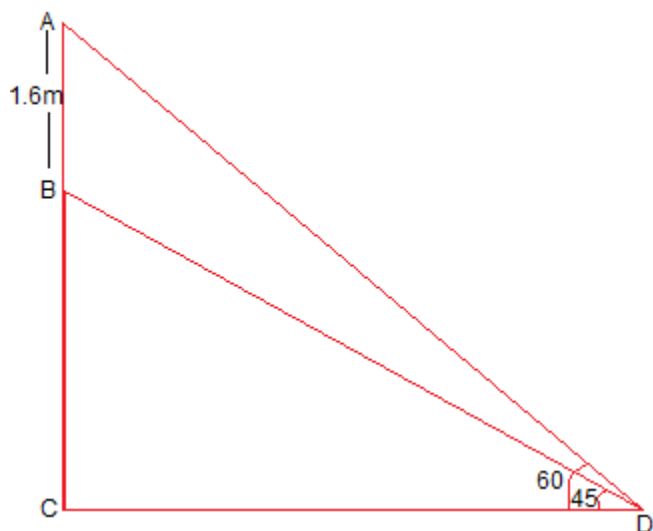
$$\Rightarrow AC = 20\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

Height of transmission tower = AB = AC - BC = $(20\sqrt{3} - 20) \text{ m} = 20(\sqrt{3} - 1) \text{ m}$.

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8. A statue, 1.6 m tall, stands on the top of a pedestal. From a point on the ground, the angle of elevation of the top of the statue is 60° and from the same point the angle of elevation of the top of the pedestal is 45° . Find the height of the pedestal.

Answer



Let AB be the height of statue.

D is the point on the ground from where the elevation is taken.

Height of pedestal = BC = AC - AB

A/q,

In right $\triangle BCD$,

$$\tan 45^\circ = BC/CD$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = BC/CD$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = CD.$$

also,

In right $\triangle ACD$,

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$$\tan 60^\circ = AC/CD$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = AB+BC/CD$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}CD = 1.6 \text{ m} + BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}BC = 1.6 \text{ m} + BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}BC - BC = 1.6 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC(\sqrt{3}-1) = 1.6 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 1.6/(\sqrt{3}-1) \text{ m}$$

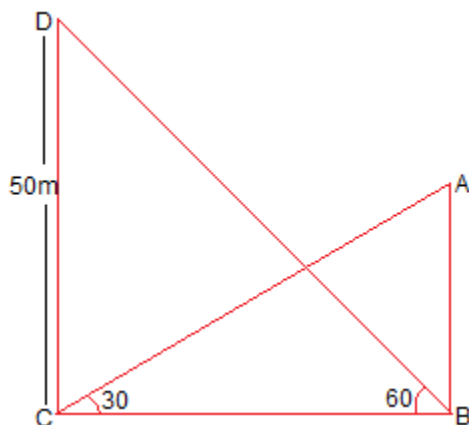
$$\Rightarrow BC = 0.8(\sqrt{3}+1) \text{ m}$$

Thus, the height of the pedestal is $0.8(\sqrt{3}+1)$ m.

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9. The angle of elevation of the top of a building from the foot of the tower is 30° and the angle of elevation of the top of the tower from the foot of the building is 60° . If the tower is 50 m high, find the height of the building.

Answer



Let CD be the height of the tower equal to 50 m (Given)

Let AB be the height of the building.

BC be the distance between the foots of the building and the tower.

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Elevation is 30° and 60° from the tower and the building respectively.

A/q,

In right $\triangle BCD$,

$$\tan 60^\circ = CD/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = 50/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 50/\sqrt{3}$$

also,

In right $\triangle ABC$,

$$\tan 30^\circ = AB/BC$$

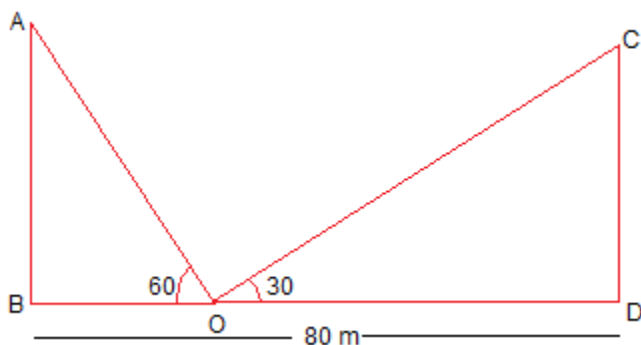
$$\Rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = AB/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 50/3$$

Thus, the height of the building is $50/3$.

10. Two poles of equal heights are standing opposite each other on either side of the road, which is 80 m wide. From a point between them on the road, the angles of elevation of the top of the poles are 60° and 30° , respectively. Find the height of the poles and the distances of the point from the poles.

Answer



Let AB and CD be the poles of equal height.

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O is the point between them from where the height of elevation taken.

BD is the distance between the poles.

A/q,

$$AB = CD,$$

$$OB + OD = 80 \text{ m}$$

Now,

In right $\triangle CDO$,

$$\tan 30^\circ = CD/OD$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = CD/OD$$

$$\Rightarrow CD = OD/\sqrt{3} \dots (i)$$

also,

In right $\triangle ABO$,

$$\tan 60^\circ = AB/OB$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = AB/(80-OD)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = \sqrt{3}(80-OD)$$

$$AB = CD \text{ (Given)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}(80-OD) = OD/\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(80-OD) = OD$$

$$\Rightarrow 240 - 3 OD = OD$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 OD = 240$$

$$\Rightarrow OD = 60$$

Putting the value of OD in equation (i)

$$CD = OD/\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow CD = 60/\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow CD = 20\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

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also, $OB + OD = 80 \text{ m} \Rightarrow OB = (80-60) \text{ m} = 20 \text{ m}$

Thus, the height of the poles are $20\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$ and distance from the point of elevation are 20 m and 60 m respectively.

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11. A TV tower stands vertically on a bank of a canal. From a point on the other bank directly opposite the tower, the angle of elevation of the top of the tower is 60° . From another point 20 m away from this point on the line joining this point to the foot of the tower, the angle of elevation of the top of the tower is 30° (see Fig. 9.12). Find the height of the tower and the width of the canal.

Answer

Here, AB is the height of the tower.

$CD = 20 \text{ m}$ (given)

$A/q,$

In right $\triangle ABD,$

$\tan 30^\circ = AB/BD$

$\Rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = AB/(20+BC)$

$\Rightarrow AB = (20+BC)/\sqrt{3} \dots (i)$

also,

In right $\triangle ABC,$

$\tan 60^\circ = AB/BC$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = AB/BC$

$\Rightarrow AB = \sqrt{3} BC \dots (ii)$

From eqn (i) and (ii)

$AB = \sqrt{3} BC = (20+BC)/\sqrt{3}$

$\Rightarrow 3 BC = 20 + BC$

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$$\Rightarrow 2 BC = 20 \Rightarrow BC = 10 \text{ m}$$

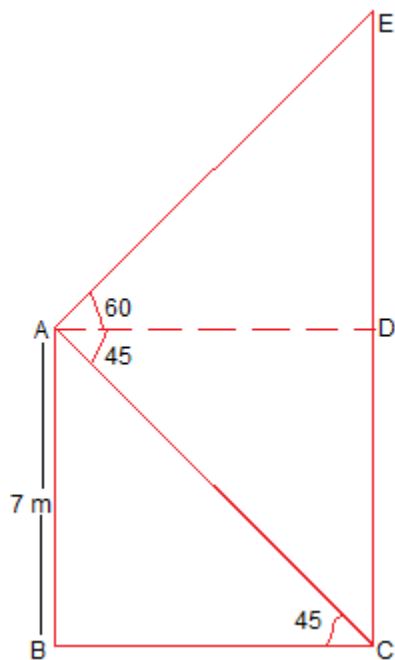
Putting the value of BC in eqn (ii)

$$AB = 10\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

Thus, the height of the tower $10\sqrt{3}$ m and the width of the canal is 10 m.

12. From the top of a 7 m high building, the angle of elevation of the top of a cable tower is 60° and the angle of depression of its foot is 45° . Determine the height of the tower.

Answer



Let AB be the building of height 7 m and EC be the height of tower.

A is the point from where elevation of tower is 60° and the angle of depression of its foot is 45°

$$EC = DE + CD$$

$$\text{also, } CD = AB = 7 \text{ m.}$$

$$\text{and } BC = AD$$

A/q,

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In right $\triangle ABC$,

$$\tan 45^\circ = AB/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 7/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 7 \text{ m} = AD$$

also,

In right $\triangle ADE$,

$$\tan 60^\circ = DE/AD$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = DE/7$$

$$\Rightarrow DE = 7\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

Height of the tower = $EC = DE + CD$

$$= (7\sqrt{3} + 7) \text{ m} = 7(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ m}.$$

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13. As observed from the top of a 75 m high lighthouse from the sea-level, the angles of depression of two ships are 30° and 45° . If one ship is exactly behind the other on the same side of the lighthouse, find the distance between the two ships.

Answer

Let AB be the lighthouse of height 75 m.

Let C and D be the positions of the ships.

30° and 45° are the angles of depression from the lighthouse.

A/q,

In right $\triangle ABC$,

$$\tan 45^\circ = AB/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 75/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 75 \text{ m}$$

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also,

In right $\triangle ABD$,

$$\tan 30^\circ = AB/BD$$

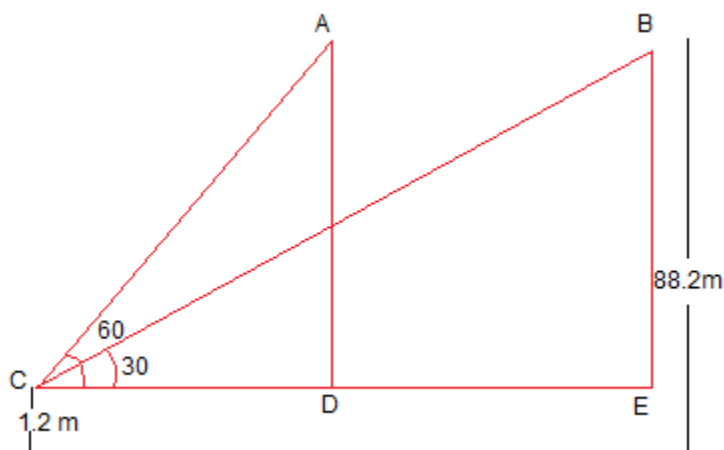
$$\Rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = 75/BD$$

$$\Rightarrow BD = 75\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

The distance between the two ships = $CD = BD - BC = (75\sqrt{3} - 75) \text{ m} = 75(\sqrt{3}-1) \text{ m}$.

14. A 1.2 m tall girl spots a balloon moving with the wind in a horizontal line at a height of 88.2 m from the ground. The height of 88.2 m from the ground. The angle of elevation of the balloon from the eyes of the girl at any instant is 60° . After some time, the angle of elevation reduces to 30° (see Fig. 9.13). Find the distance travelled by the balloon during the interval.

Answer



Let the initial position of the balloon be A and final position be B.

Height of balloon above the girl height = $88.2 \text{ m} - 1.2 \text{ m} = 87 \text{ m}$

Distance travelled by the balloon =

$$DE = CE - CD$$

A/q,

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In right $\triangle BEC$,

$$\tan 30^\circ = BE/CE$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = 87/CE$$

$$\Rightarrow CE = 87\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

also,

In right $\triangle ADC$,

$$\tan 60^\circ = AD/CD$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = 87/CD$$

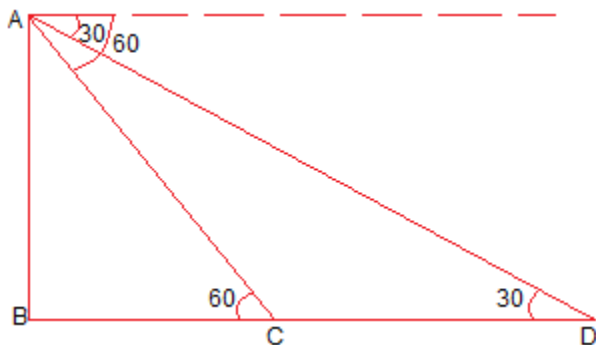
$$\Rightarrow CD = 87/\sqrt{3} \text{ m} = 29\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Distance travelled by the balloon} = DE = CE - CD = (87\sqrt{3} - 29\sqrt{3}) \text{ m} = 29\sqrt{3}(3 - 1) \text{ m} = 58\sqrt{3} \text{ m}.$$

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15. A straight highway leads to the foot of a tower. A man standing at the top of the tower observes a car at an angle of depression of 30° , which is approaching the foot of the tower with a uniform speed. Six seconds later, the angle of depression of the car is found to be 60° . Find the time taken by the car to reach the foot of the tower from this point.

Answer



Let AB be the tower.

D is the initial and C is the final position of the car respectively.

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Angles of depression are measured from A.

BC is the distance from the foot of the tower to the car.

A/q,

In right $\triangle ABC$,

$$\tan 60^\circ = AB/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = AB/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = AB/\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

also,

In right $\triangle ABD$,

$$\tan 30^\circ = AB/BD$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = AB/(BC + CD)$$

$$\Rightarrow AB\sqrt{3} = BC + CD$$

$$\Rightarrow AB\sqrt{3} = AB/\sqrt{3} + CD$$

$$\Rightarrow CD = AB\sqrt{3} - AB/\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow CD = AB(\sqrt{3} - 1/\sqrt{3})$$

$$\Rightarrow CD = 2AB/\sqrt{3}$$

Here, distance of BC is half of CD. Thus, the time taken is also half.

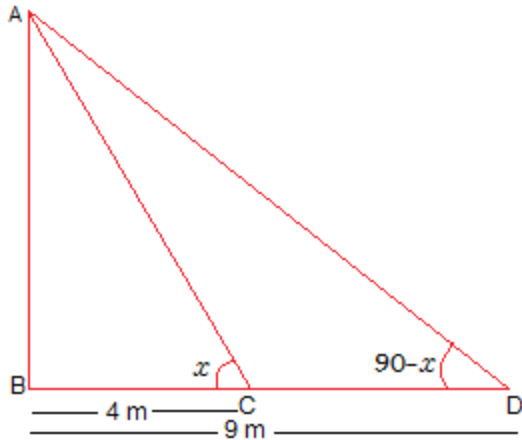
Time taken by car to travel distance CD = 6 sec.

Time taken by car to travel BC = $6/2 = 3$ sec.

16. The angles of elevation of the top of a tower from two points at a distance of 4 m and 9 m from the base of the tower and in the same straight line with it are complementary. Prove that the height of the tower is 6 m.

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Let AB be the tower.

C and D be the two points with distance 4 m and 9 m from the base respectively.

A/q,

In right $\triangle ABC$,

$$\tan x = AB/BC$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = AB/4$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 4 \tan x \dots (i)$$

also,

In right $\triangle ABD$,

$$\tan (90^\circ - x) = AB/BD$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot x = AB/9$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 9 \cot x \dots (ii)$$

Multiplying eqn (i) and (ii)

$$AB^2 = 9 \cot x \times 4 \tan x$$

$$\Rightarrow AB^2 = 36$$

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$$\Rightarrow AB = \pm 6$$

Height cannot be negative. Therefore, the height of the tower is 6 m. Hence, Proved.

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