

ENGINEERING DRAWING

B. TECH (FIRST YEAR)

SCALE

Definition

A scale is defined as the ratio of the linear dimensions of the object as represented in a drawing to the actual dimensions of the same.

Necessity

- Drawings drawn with the same size as the objects are called full sized drawing.
- It is not convenient, always, to draw drawings of the object to its actual size. e.g. Buildings, Heavy machines, Bridges, Watches, Electronic devices etc.
- Hence scales are used to prepare drawing at
 - Full size
 - Reduced size
 - Enlarged size

BIS Recommended Scales

Reducing scales 1:Y (Y>1)	1:2 1:20 1:200 1:2000	1:5 1:50 1:500 1:5000	1:10 1:100 1:1000 1:10000
Enlarging scales X:1 (X>1)	50:1 5:1	20:1 2:1	10:1
Full size scales			1:1

Intermediate scales can be used in exceptional cases where recommended scales can not be applied for functional reasons.

Types of Scale

- *Engineers Scale :*

The relation between the dimension on the drawing and the actual dimension of the object is mentioned numerically (like 10 mm = 15 m).

- *Graphical Scale:*

Scale is drawn on the drawing itself. This takes care of the shrinkage of the engineer's scale when the drawing becomes old.

Types of Graphical Scale

- **Plain Scale**
- **Diagonal Scale**
- **Vernier Scale**
- **Comparative scale**

Representative fraction (R.F.)

$$\text{R.F.} = \frac{\text{Length of an object on the drawing}}{\text{Actual Length of the object}}$$

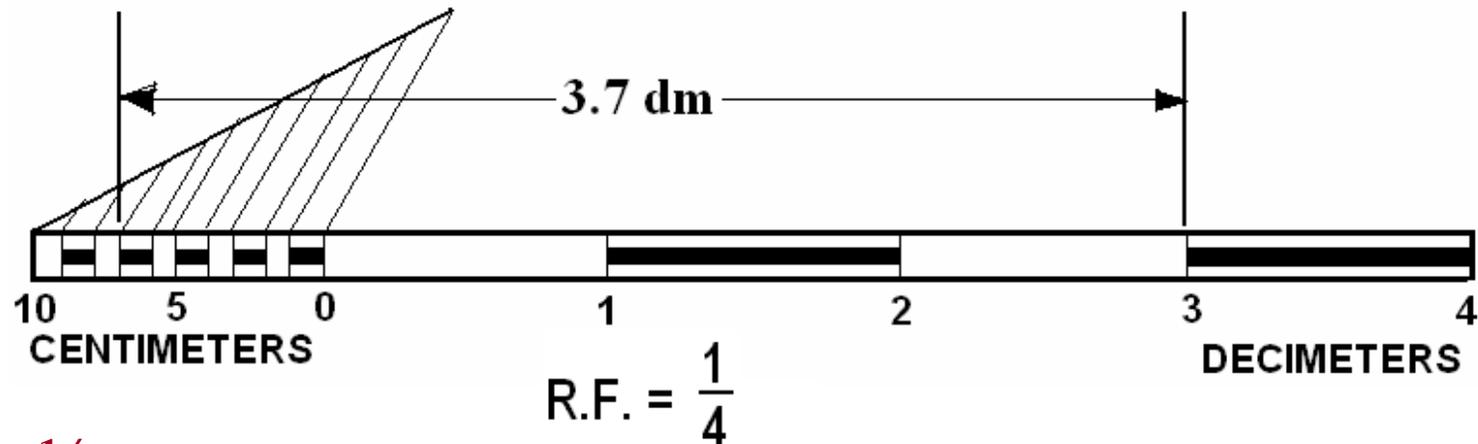
When a 1 cm long line in a drawing represents 1 meter length of the object,

$$R.F = \frac{1\text{ cm}}{1\text{ m}} = \frac{1\text{ cm}}{1 \times 100\text{ cm}} = \frac{1}{100}$$

Plain scale

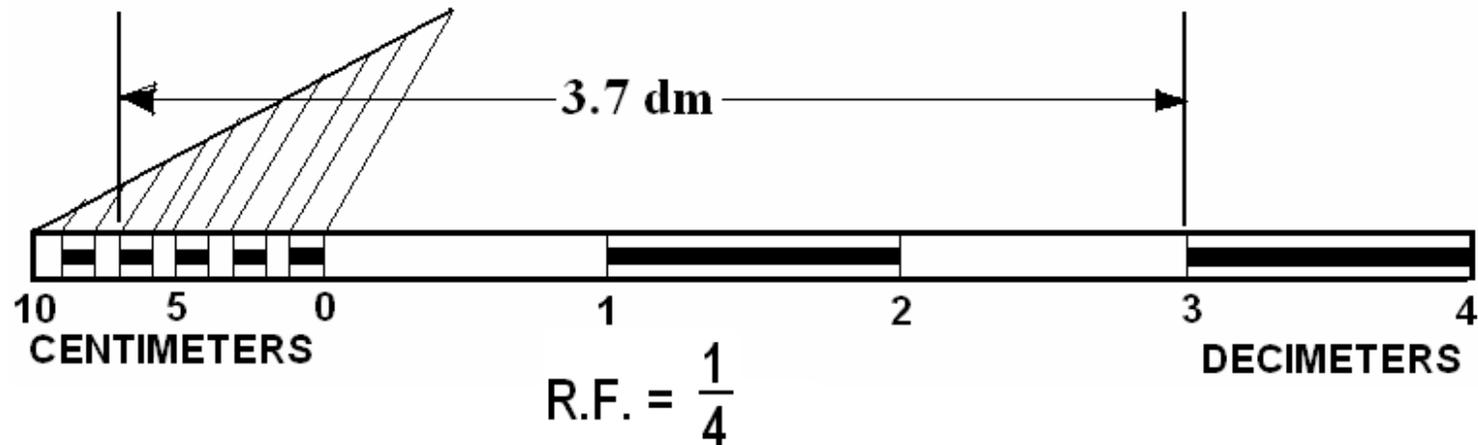
- A plain scale consists of a line divided into suitable number of equal units. The first unit is subdivided into smaller parts.
- The zero should be placed at the end of the 1st main unit.
- From the zero mark, the units should be numbered to the right and the sub-divisions to the left.
- The units and the subdivisions should be labeled clearly.
- The R.F. should be mentioned below the scale.

Construct a scale of 1:4, to show centimeters and long enough to measure up to 5 decimeters.



- **R.F. = $\frac{1}{4}$**
- **Length of the scale = R.F. \times max. length = $\frac{1}{4} \times 5 \text{ dm} = 12.5 \text{ cm}$.**
- **Draw a line 12.5 cm long and divide it into 5 equal divisions, each representing 1 dm.**
- **Mark 0 at the end of the first division and 1, 2, 3 and 4 at the end of each subsequent division to its right.**
- **Divide the first division into 10 equal sub-divisions, each representing 1 cm.**
- **Mark cm to the left of 0 as shown.**

Question: Construct a scale of 1:4, to show centimeters and long enough to measure up to 5 decimeters



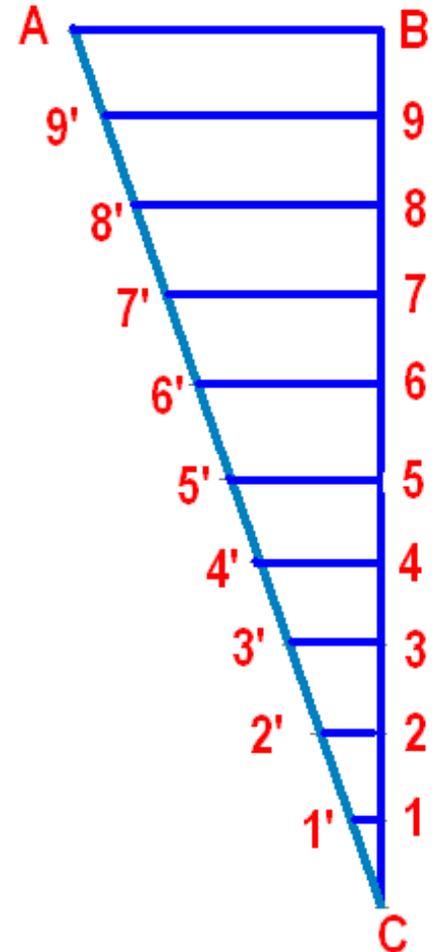
- Draw the scale as a rectangle of small width (about 3 mm) instead of only a line.
- Draw the division lines showing decimeters throughout the width of the scale.
- Draw thick and dark horizontal lines in the middle of all alternate divisions and sub-divisions.
- Below the scale, print DECIMETERS on the right hand side, CENTIMETERS on the left hand side, and R.F. in the middle.

Diagonal Scale

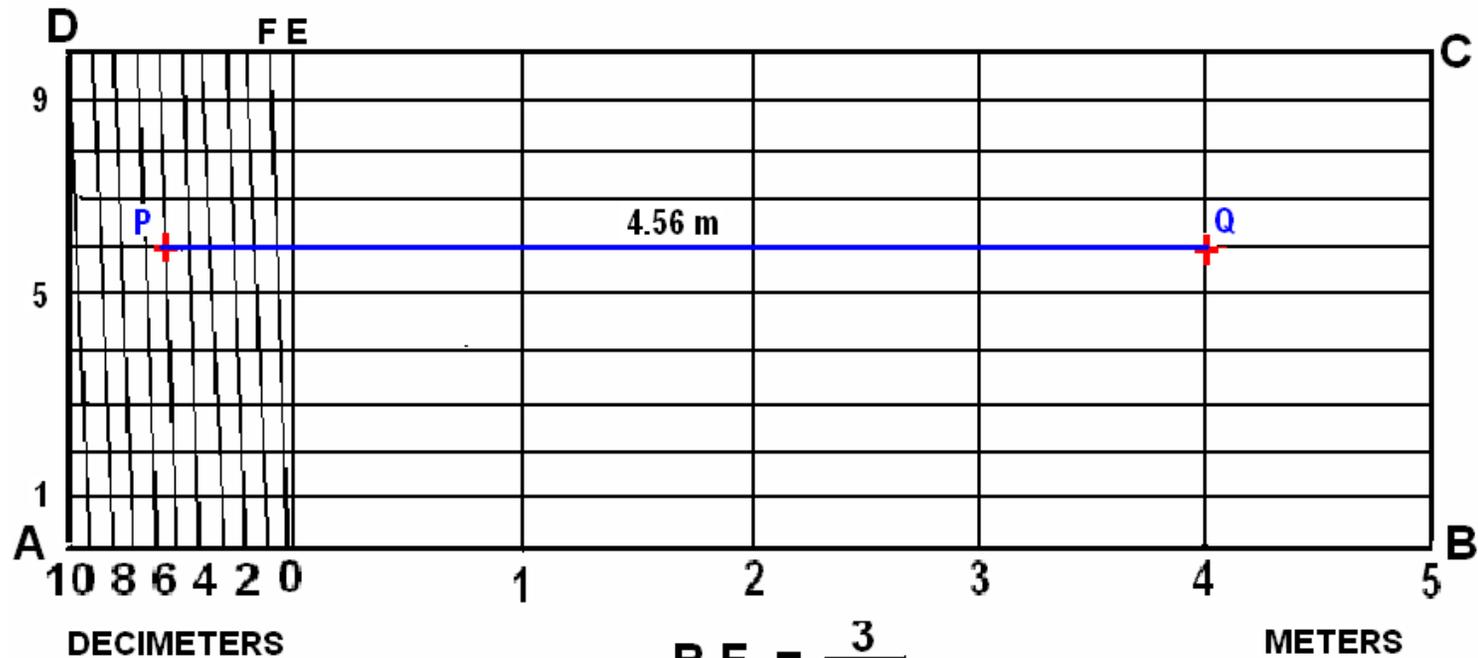
- **Through Diagonal scale, measurements can be up to second decimal (e.g. 4.35).**
- **Diagonal scales are used to measure distances in a unit and its immediate two subdivisions; e.g. *dm, cm & mm*, or *yard, foot & inch*.**
- **Diagonal scale can measure more accurately than the plain scale.**

Diagonal scale.....Concept

- **At end B of line AB, draw a perpendicular.**
- **Step-off ten equal divisions of any length along the perpendicular starting from B and ending at C.**
- **Number the division points 9,8,7,.....1.**
- **Join A with C.**
- **Through the points 1, 2, 3, etc., draw lines parallel to AB and cutting AC at 1', 2', 3', etc.**
- **Since the triangles are similar; $1'1 = 0.1 AB$, $2'2 = 0.2AB$, $9'9 = 0.9AB$.**
- **Gives divisions of a given short line AB in multiples of 1/10 its length, e.g. $0.1AB$, $0.2AB$, $0.3AB$, etc.**

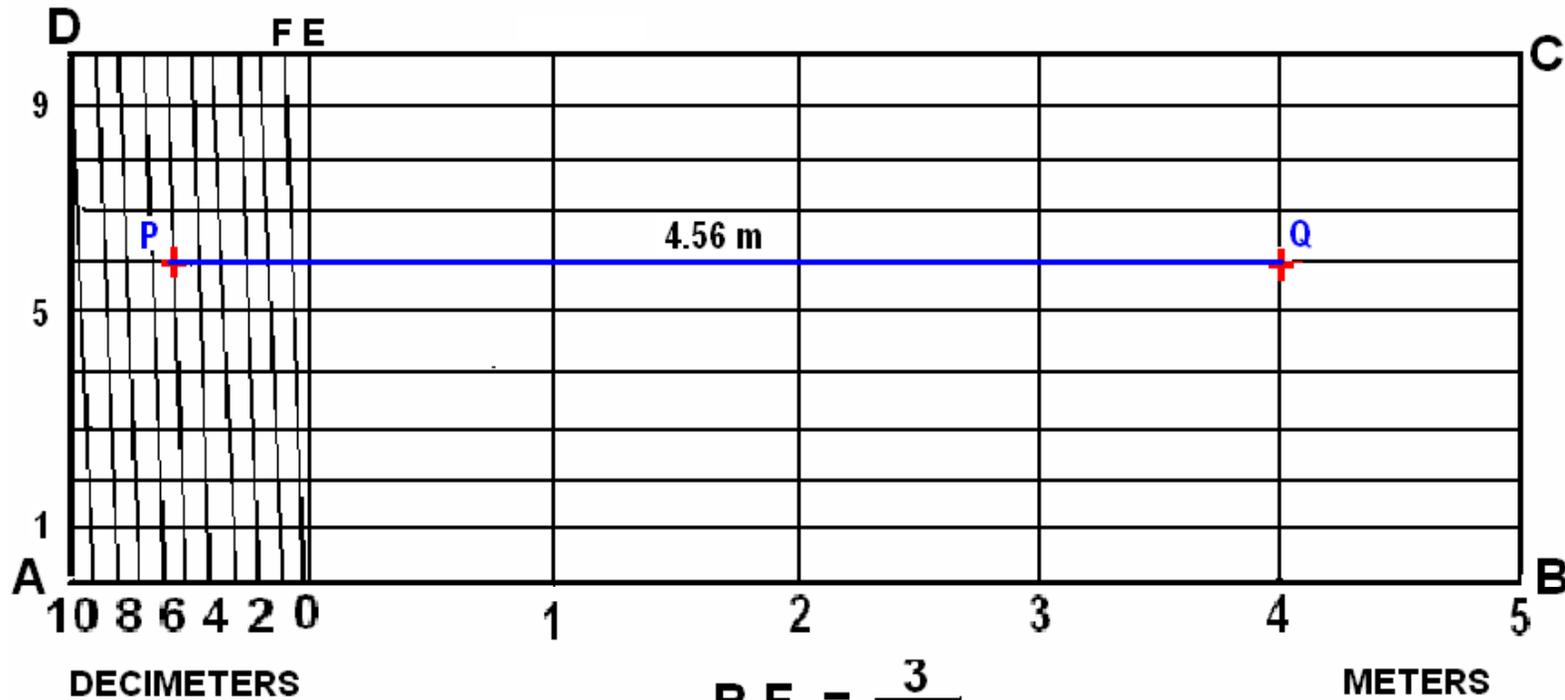


Construct a Diagonal scale of RF = 3:200 (i.e. 1:66 2/3) showing meters, decimeters and centimeters. The scale should measure up to 6 meters. Show a distance of 4.56 meters



- Length of the scale = $(\frac{3}{200}) \times 6 \text{ m} = 9 \text{ cm}$
- Draw a line AB = 9 cm . Divide it in to 6 equal parts.
- Divide the first part A0 into 10 equal divisions.
- At A draw a perpendicular and step-off along it 10 equal divisions, ending at D.

Diagonal Scale



- Complete the rectangle ABCD.
- Draw perpendiculars at meter-divisions i.e. 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Draw horizontal lines through the division points on AD. Join D with the end of the first division along A0 (i.e. 9).
- Through the remaining points i.e. 8, 7, 6, ... draw lines // to D9.
- $PQ = 4.56$ meters

Vernier Scales

- **Similar to Diagonal scale, Vernier scale is used for measuring up to second decimal.**
- **A Vernier scale consists of (i) a primary scale and (ii) a vernier.**
- **The primary scale is a plain scale fully divided in to minor divisions.**
- **The graduations on the vernier are derived from those on the primary scale.**
Least count (LC) is the minimum distance that can be measured.

Forward Vernier Scale :

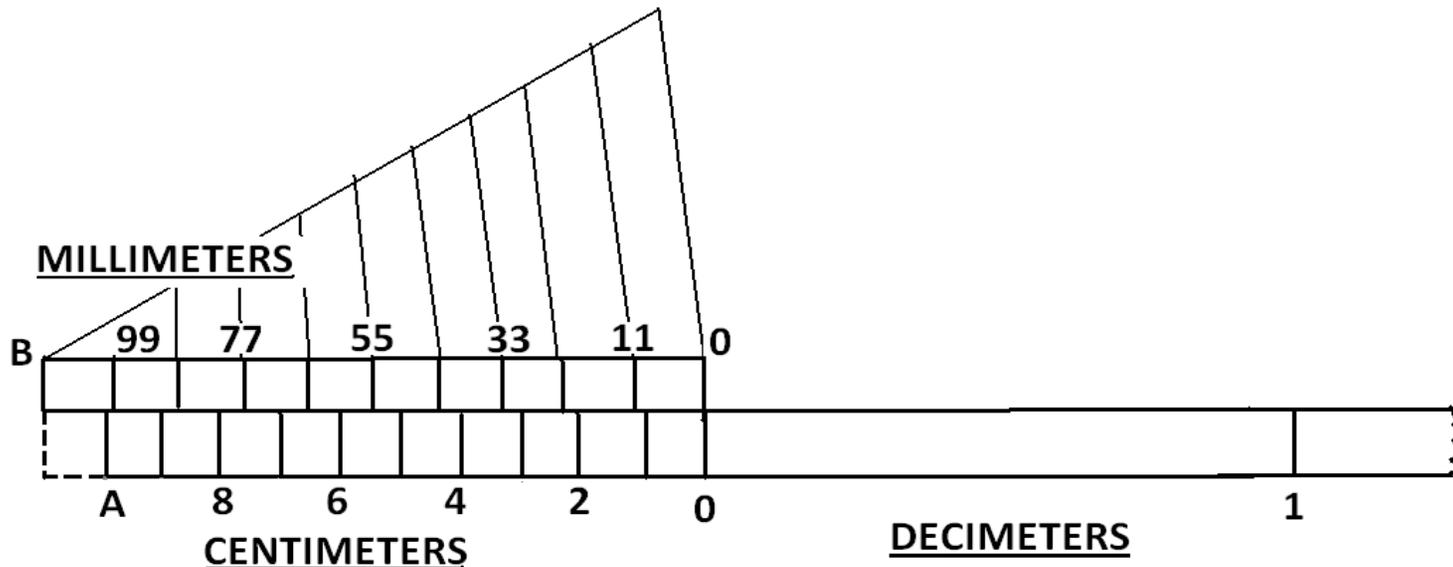
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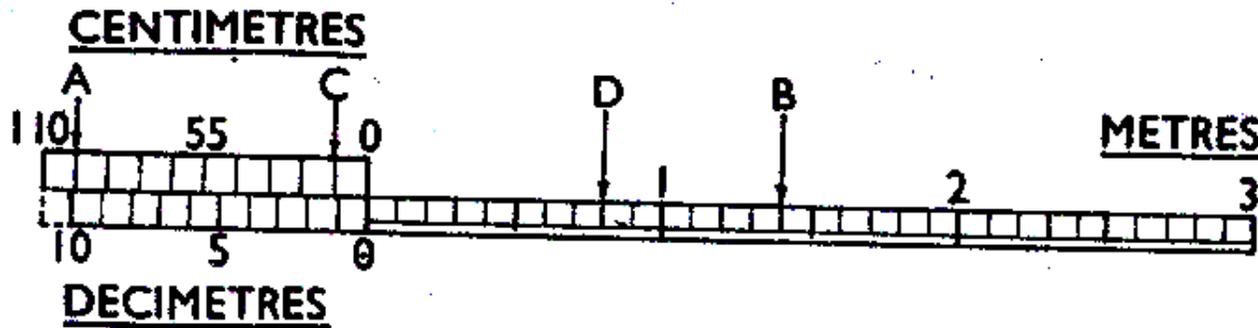
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Vernier scale.... Concept

- Length $A0$ represents 10 cm and is divided into 10 equal parts each representing 1 cm.
- $B0 = 11$ (i.e. $10+1$) such equal parts = 11 cm.
- Divide $B0$ into 10 equal divisions. Each division of $B0$ will be equal to $11/10 = 1.1$ cm or 11 mm.
- Difference between 1 part of $A0$ and one part of $B0 = 1.1$ cm - 1.0 cm = 0.1 cm or 1 mm.

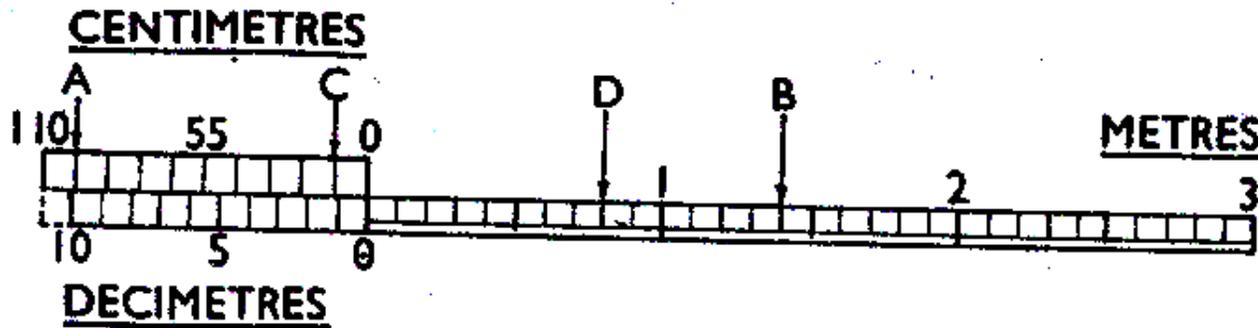


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- Draw a 16 cm long line and divide it into 4 equal parts. Each part is 1 meter. Divide each of these parts into 10 equal parts to show decimeter (10 cm).
- Take 11 parts of dm length and divide it into 10 equal parts. Each of these parts will show a length of 1.1 dm or 11 cm.
- To measure 2.39 m, place one leg of the divider at A on 99 cm mark and other leg at B on 1.4 mark. ($0.99 + 1.4 = 2.39$).
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