# Contour Drawing of a Crowd: Overlap and Edge Continuity

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Two figures overlap: a nearer figure's arm crosses a farther figure's torso. Describe where the contour line stops and where it continues.

Answer: The nearer arm's contour continues across the farther torso. The farther torso's contour stops at the nearer arm and resumes on the other side.

Reason: The nearer edge is continuous; the farther edge is interrupted by the nearer form.

Check: Confirm the junction is a T, not an X, and that the farther contour resumes in the same direction.

Task 2

Three figures meet at a point: A in front, B behind left, C behind right. Describe the junction type and how to draw it.

Answer: Draw A's edge continuously through the point. Stop B's edge at A's edge on the left and C's edge at A's edge on the right. The junction is a Y with A's edge as the stem.

Reason: A is in front, so its edge is continuous; B and C stop at A.

Check: Check that no line crosses through A and that B and C edges stop cleanly.

Task 3

A figure's leg is hidden behind another figure. The visible leg contour ends at 30 mm from the left edge of the paper and resumes at 50 mm. What is the hidden segment length, and how should the resumed line be drawn?

Answer: The hidden segment is 20 mm. Resume the contour at 50 mm in the same direction as before, aligned with the expected position of the hidden leg.

Reason: Subtract the start from the resume point: 50 minus 30 equals 20 mm. The resumed line must continue the same direction.

Check: Measure the gap and confirm the resumed segment aligns with the hidden part's expected path.

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Task 4

You have drawn a crowd contour and find an X junction between two figures. Describe how to fix it and what to check afterward.

Answer: Decide which figure is in front, erase the back figure's line through the junction, and stop it at the front edge. Then check that the junction is a T and that the back contour resumes correctly.

Reason: An X junction is ambiguous; a T junction clearly shows depth.

Check: Confirm the front edge is continuous and the back edge stops at it without crossing.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] All junctions are T or Y, with no X junctions.
- [ ] Each figure's visible contour is continuous in direction.
- [ ] Hidden edges are marked by gaps, not by lines through front forms.
- [ ] Line weight is consistent or deliberately varied with a clear reason.
- [ ] A viewer can identify each figure and its depth order without shading.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?