

**CBSE Class-11 Mathematics**  
**NCERT Solutions**  
**Chapter - 10 Straight Lines**  
**Exercise 10.3**

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**1. Reduce the following equations into slope-intercept form and find their slopes and the y- intercepts.**

**(i)**  $x + 7y = 0$

**(ii)**  $6x + 3y - 5 = 0$

**(iii)**  $y = 0$

**Ans. (i)** Given:  $x + 7y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 7y = -x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{-1}{7}x + 0 \text{ .....(i)}$$

Comparing with  $y = mx + c$ , we have  $m = \frac{-1}{7}$  and  $c = 0$

**(ii)** Given:  $6x + 3y - 5 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 3y = -6x + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -2x + \frac{5}{3} \text{ .....(i)}$$

Comparing with  $y = mx + c$ , we have  $m = -2$  and  $c = \frac{5}{3}$

**(iii)** Given:  $y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0x + 0 \text{ .....(i)}$$

Comparing with  $y = mx + c$ , we have  $m = 0$  and  $c = 0$

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**2. Reduce the following equations into intercept form and find their intercepts on the axes:**

**(i)**  $3x + 2y - 12 = 0$

**(ii)**  $4x - 3y = 6$

**(iii)**  $3y + 2 = 0$

**Ans. (i)** Given:  $3x + 2y - 12 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 2y = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x}{12} + \frac{2y}{12} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{4} + \frac{y}{6} = 1$$

Comparing with  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$ , we have  $a = 4$  and  $b = 6$

**(ii)** Given:  $4x - 3y = 6$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4x}{6} - \frac{3y}{6} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{y}{-2} = 1$$

Comparing with  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$ , we have  $a = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $b = -2$

**(iii)** Given:  $3y + 2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 3y = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3y}{-2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{\frac{-2}{3}} = 1$$

Comparing with  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$ , we have  $b = \frac{-2}{3}$  and no intercept with x-axis.

**3. Reduce the following equations into normal form. Find their perpendicular distances from the origin and angle between perpendicular and the positive  $x$ -axis:**

(i)  $x - \sqrt{3}y + 8 = 0$

(ii)  $y - 2 = 0$

(iii)  $x - y = 4$

**Ans. (i)** Given:  $x - \sqrt{3}y + 8 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -x + \sqrt{3}y = 8$$

Dividing both sides by  $\sqrt{(-1)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = 2$ , we have

$$\frac{-x}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y = \frac{8}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y = 4$$

Putting  $\cos \alpha = \frac{-1}{2}$  and  $\sin \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = -\cos 60^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \cos(180^\circ - 60^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \cos 120^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 120^\circ = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{Equation of line in normal form is } x \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + y \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = 4$$

$$\text{Comparing with } x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = p, \text{ we have } \alpha = \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ and } p = 4$$

$$\text{(ii) Given: } y - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0x + y = 2$$

$$\text{Dividing both sides by } \sqrt{(0)^2 + (1)^2} = 1, \text{ we have } 0x + y = 2$$

$$\text{Putting } \cos \alpha = 0 \text{ and } \sin \alpha = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Equation of line in normal form is } x \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + y \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 2$$

$$\text{Comparing with } x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = p, \text{ we have } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and } p = 2$$

$$\text{(iii) Given: } x - y = 4$$

$$\text{Dividing both sides by } \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}, \text{ we have}$$

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{y}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}y = 2\sqrt{2}$$

Putting  $\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin \alpha = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \cos \left( 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$\therefore$  Equation of line in normal form is  $x \cos \frac{7\pi}{4} + y \sin \frac{7\pi}{4} = 2\sqrt{2}$

Comparing with  $x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = p$ , we have  $\alpha = \frac{7\pi}{4}$  and  $p = 2\sqrt{2}$

**4. Find the distance of the point  $(-1, 1)$  from the line  $12(x+6) = 5(y-2)$ .**

**Ans.** Given equation of the line is  $12(x+6) = 5(y-2)$

$$\Rightarrow 12x + 72 = 5y - 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x - 5y + 82 = 0$$

We have the distance of a given point  $(x_1, y_1)$  from a given line  $Ax + By + C = 0$  is

$$d = \left| \frac{Ax_1 + By_1 + C}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \right|$$

$\therefore$  Perpendicular distance of the point  $(-1, 1)$  from the line  $12x - 5y + 82 = 0$  is

$$\left| \frac{12(-1) - 5(1) + 82}{\sqrt{(12)^2 + (-5)^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{-12 - 5 + 82}{\sqrt{144 + 25}} \right| = \left| \frac{65}{13} \right| = 5 \text{ units}$$

**5. Find the points on the  $x$ -axis, whose distances from the line  $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{4} = 1$  are 4 units.**

**Ans.** Let the coordinates of the point on  $x$ -axis be  $(\alpha, 0)$ .

Given line is  $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{4} = 1 \Rightarrow 4x + 3y - 12 = 0$

We have the distance of a given point  $(x_1, y_1)$  from a given line  $Ax + By + C = 0$  is

$$d = \left| \frac{Ax_1 + By_1 + C}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \right|$$

Therefore perpendicular distance of the point  $(\alpha, 0)$  from the line  $4x + 3y - 12 = 0$  is

$$\left| \frac{4(\alpha) + 3(0) - 12}{\sqrt{(4)^2 + (3)^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{4\alpha - 12}{\sqrt{16 + 9}} \right| = \left| \frac{4\alpha - 12}{5} \right|$$

According to question,  $\left| \frac{4\alpha - 12}{5} \right| = 4$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4\alpha - 12}{5} = \pm 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4\alpha - 12}{5} = 4 \text{ or } \frac{4\alpha - 12}{5} = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\alpha - 12 = 20 \text{ or } 4\alpha - 12 = -20$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\alpha = 32 \text{ or } 4\alpha = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 8 \text{ or } \alpha = -2$$

Therefore, the points on  $x$ -axis are  $(8, 0)$  and  $(-2, 0)$ .

## 6. Find the distance between parallel lines:

(i)  $15x + 8y - 34 = 0$  and  $15x + 8y + 31 = 0$

(ii)  $l(x + y) + p = 0$  and  $l(x + y) - r = 0$

**Ans. (i)** Given: Two equations  $15x + 8y - 34 = 0$  and  $15x + 8y + 31 = 0$

Here,  $a = 15$ ,  $b = 8$ ,  $c_1 = -34$  and  $c_2 = 31$

$$\text{Distance between two parallel lines } (d) = \frac{|c_1 - c_2|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{|-34 - 31|}{\sqrt{(15)^2 + (8)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|-65|}{\sqrt{225 + 64}} = \frac{65}{\sqrt{289}} = \frac{65}{17} \text{ units}$$

**(ii)** Given: Two equations  $lx + ly + p = 0$  and  $lx + ly - r = 0$

Here,  $a = l$ ,  $b = l$ ,  $c_1 = p$  and  $c_2 = -r$

$$\text{Distance between two parallel lines } (d) = \frac{|c_1 - c_2|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{|p + r|}{\sqrt{(l)^2 + (l)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|p + r|}{\sqrt{2l^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \frac{p + r}{l} \right| \text{ units}$$

**7. Find equation of the line parallel to the line  $3x - 4y + 2 = 0$  and passing through the point  $(-2, 3)$ .**

**Ans.** We have equation of any line parallel to  $Ax + By + C = 0$  is of the form  $Ax + By + K = 0$ ,  $K$  is a constant

∴ Equation of a line which is parallel to the line  $3x - 4y + 2 = 0$  is  $3x - 4y + k = 0$ .

Since the line passes through the point  $(-2, 3)$ .

$$\text{we have } 3 \times (-2) - 4 \times 3 + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 - 12 + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 18$$

Therefore, the equation of required line is  $3x - 4y + 18 = 0$ .

**8. Find the equation of the line perpendicular to the line  $x - 7y + 5 = 0$  and having  $x$  intercept 3.**

**Ans.** We have equation of any line perpendicular to  $Ax + By + C = 0$  is of the form  $Bx - Ay + K = 0$ ,  $K$  is a constant

$\therefore$  Equation of a line which is perpendicular to the line  $x - 7y + 5 = 0$  is  $7x + y + k = 0$ .

Since the line passes through the point  $(3, 0)$ .

we have  $7 \times 3 + 0 + k = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 21 + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -21$$

Therefore, the equation of required line is  $7x + y - 21 = 0$ .

**9. Find the angles between the lines  $\sqrt{3}x + y = 1$  and  $x + \sqrt{3}y = 1$ .**

**Ans.** Given:  $\sqrt{3}x + y = 1$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\sqrt{3}x + 1$$

$$\therefore m_1 = -\sqrt{3}$$

Also  $x + \sqrt{3}y = 1$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore m_2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

An acute angle  $\theta$  between the two lines is given by  $\tan \theta = \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$



$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \tan \theta &= \left| \frac{-\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{1 + (-\sqrt{3})\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\frac{-3+1}{\sqrt{3}}}{1+1} \right| = \left| \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{1}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \tan 30^\circ \text{ and } \tan(180^\circ - 30^\circ) = \tan 150^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 30^\circ \text{ and } 150^\circ$$

**10. The line through the points  $(h, 3)$  and  $(4, 1)$  intersects the line  $7x - 9y - 19 = 0$  at right angle. Find the value of  $h$ .**

**Ans.** Slope of the line passing through the points  $(h, 3)$  and  $(4, 1) = \frac{1-3}{4-h} = \frac{-2}{4-h}$

Also slope of the line  $7x - 9y - 19 = 0$  is  $\frac{7}{9}$

We have if two lines are perpendicular to each other then products of their slopes = -1

$$\therefore \frac{-2}{4-h} \times \frac{7}{9} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-14}{36-9h} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow -14 = -36 + 9h$$

$$\Rightarrow 9h = 36 - 14$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{22}{9}$$

**11. Prove that the line through the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  and parallel to the line  $Ax + By + C = 0$  is  $A(x - x_1) + B(y - y_1) = 0$ .**

**Ans.** Equation of any line parallel to the line  $Ax + By + C = 0$  is  $Ax + By + K = 0$  .....(i)

Since line (i) passes through  $(x_1, y_1)$ , we get  $Ax_1 + By_1 + K = 0$  .....(ii)

Subtracting eq. (ii) from eq. (i), we have  $A(x - x_1) + B(y - y_1) = 0$

**12. Two lines passing through the point (2, 3) intersects each other at an angle of  $60^\circ$ . If slope of one line is 2, find equation of the other line.**

**Ans.** Given:  $m_1 = 2$  and  $\theta = 60^\circ$

An acute angle  $\theta$  between the two lines is given by  $\tan \theta = \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$

$$\Rightarrow \tan 60^\circ = \left| \frac{2 - m_2}{1 + 2m_2} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \left| \frac{2 - m_2}{1 + 2m_2} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 - m_2}{1 + 2m_2} = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

Taking  $\frac{2 - m_2}{1 + 2m_2} = \sqrt{3}$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - m_2 = \sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3}m_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sqrt{3} + 1)m_2 = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_2 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3} + 1}$$

∴ Equation of required line is  $y - 3 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3} + 1}(x - 2)$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sqrt{3} + 1)y - 6\sqrt{3} - 3 = (2 - \sqrt{3})x - 4 + 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} - 2)x + (2\sqrt{3} + 1)y = -4 + 2\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3} + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} - 2)x + (2\sqrt{3} + 1)y = 8\sqrt{3} - 1$$

Taking  $\frac{2 - m_2}{1 + 2m_2} = -\sqrt{3}$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - m_2 = -\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{3}m_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sqrt{3} - 1)m_2 = -(2 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$\Rightarrow m_2 = \frac{-(2 + \sqrt{3})}{2\sqrt{3} - 1}$$

∴ Equation of required line is  $y - 3 = \frac{-(2 + \sqrt{3})}{2\sqrt{3} - 1}(x - 2)$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sqrt{3} - 1)y - 6\sqrt{3} + 3 = -(2 + \sqrt{3})x + 4 + 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 + \sqrt{3})x + (2\sqrt{3} - 1)y = 4 + 2\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3} - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 + \sqrt{3})x + (2\sqrt{3} - 1)y = 8\sqrt{3} + 1$$

**13. Find the equation of the right bisector of the line segment joining the points (3, 4) and (-1, 2).**

**Ans.**

Let A(3,4) and B(-1, 2) be the given points

Midpoint of the line segment joining the points A and B =  $\left(\frac{3-1}{2}, \frac{4+2}{2}\right) = (1, 3)$

Slope of the line joining points A(3, 4) and B (-1, 2) =  $\frac{2-4}{-1-3} = \frac{-2}{-4} = \frac{1}{2}$

Since the required line is perpendicular to the line AB, slope of the required line is -2

We have the equation of a line passing through  $(x_0, y_0)$  and slope m is  $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$

Since the required line passes through point (1, 3) and having slope -2.

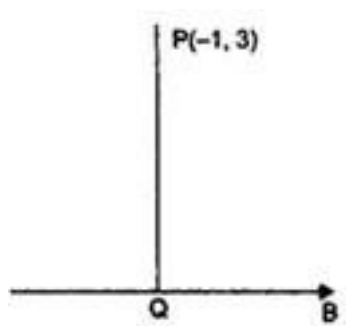
We have, equation of the required line is  $y - 3 = -2(x - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow y - 3 = -2x + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + y - 5 = 0$$

**14. Find the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular from the point (-1, 3) to the line  $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$**

**Ans.** Let Q be the foot of perpendicular drawn from P(-1, 3) on the line  $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$



$\therefore$  Equation of a line perpendicular to  $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$  is  $4x + 3y + k = 0$

Since the line passes through (-1, 3)

$$\therefore 4 \times (-1) + 3 \times 3 + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4 + 9 + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -5$$

Therefore, Q is a point of intersection of the lines  $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$  and  $4x + 3y - 5 = 0$

Solving both the equations, we have  $x = \frac{68}{25}$  and  $y = \frac{-49}{25}$

Therefore, coordinates of foot of perpendicular are  $\left(\frac{68}{25}, \frac{-49}{25}\right)$ .

**15. The perpendicular from the origin to the line  $y = mx + c$  meets it at the point  $(-1, 2)$ . Find the value of  $m$  and  $c$ .**

**Ans.** Given equation of line is  $y = mx + c$ .....(i)

Since the perpendicular from the origin meets the above line (i) at  $(-1, 2)$ , we have the line joining  $(0, 0)$  and  $(-1, 2)$  is perpendicular to the line (i)

Now slope of line joining  $(0, 0)$  and  $(-1, 2) = \frac{2-0}{-1-0} = -2$

and slope of given line =  $m$

But we have if two lines are perpendicular the product of their slopes is equal to -1.

$$\therefore (-2)m = -1 \Rightarrow m = \frac{-1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Since the point  $(-1, 2)$  lies on the line (i) we get  $2 = m(-1) + c \Rightarrow 2 = \frac{1}{2}(-1) + c$

$$\Rightarrow c = 2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence we have } m = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } c = \frac{5}{2}$$

**16. If  $p$  and  $q$  are the lengths of perpendiculars from the origin to the line  $x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta = k \cos 2\theta$  and  $x \sec \theta + y \csc \theta = k$  respectively, prove that  $p^2 + 4q^2 = k^2$ .**

**Ans.** We have the length of the perpendicular from of a given point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to a given line

$$Ax+By+C=0 \text{ is } d = \left| \frac{Ax_1+By_1+C}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}} \right|$$

Length of perpendicular from origin to line  $x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta - k \cos 2\theta = 0$  is

$$p = \left| \frac{0 \times \cos \theta - 0 \times \sin \theta - k \cos 2\theta}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-k \cos 2\theta}{1} \right| = k \cos 2\theta$$

And Length of perpendicular from origin to line  $x \sec \theta + y \csc \theta - k = 0$  is

$$q = \left| \frac{0 \times \sec \theta - 0 \times \csc \theta - k}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta + \csc^2 \theta}} \right| = \left| \frac{-k}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta}\right)}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-k}{\sqrt{\frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta}}} \right| = \left| \frac{-k}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta}\right)}} \right| \quad \text{since } \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$= |-k \sin \theta \cos \theta| = \frac{k}{2} \sin 2\theta \quad [\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta]$$

$$\text{Now, } p^2 + 4q^2 = (k \cos 2\theta)^2 + 4 \left( \frac{k}{2} \sin 2\theta \right)^2$$

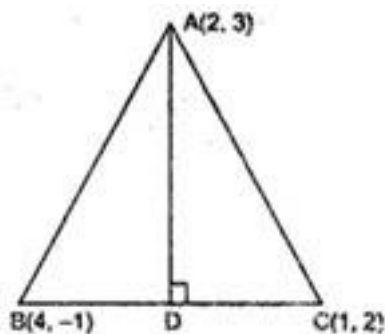
$$= k^2 \cos^2 2\theta + \frac{4}{4} k^2 \sin^2 2\theta \quad \text{since } \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$= k^2 (\cos^2 2\theta + \sin^2 2\theta) = k^2$$

Therefore  $p^2 + 4q^2 = k^2$ .

17. In the triangle ABC with vertices A (2, 3), B (4, -1) and C (1, 2), find the equation and length of altitude from the vertex A.

Ans. Slope of BC =  $\frac{2 - (-1)}{1 - 4} = \frac{2 + 1}{-3} = \frac{3}{-3} = -1$



Since  $AD \perp BC$ , therefore slope of  $AD = 1$

We have the equation of a line passing through  $(x_0, y_0)$  and slope  $m$  is  $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$

$\therefore$  Equation of altitude AD is

$$y - 3 = 1(x - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x - y + 1 = 0$$

And Equation of BC is

$$y + 1 = -1(x - 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y - 3 = 0$$

We have the length of the perpendicular from of a given point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to a given line

$$Ax + By + C = 0 \text{ is } d = \left| \frac{Ax_1 + By_1 + C}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \right|$$

$$\therefore \text{Length of AD} = \text{Perpendicular distance from } (2, 3) \text{ to the line BC} = \left| \frac{2 + 3 - 3}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \right| = \sqrt{2} \text{ units}$$

∴ Equation of the altitude from A is  $x - y + 1 = 0$  and its length =  $\sqrt{2}$  units

**18. If  $p$  is the length of perpendicular from the origin to the line whose intercepts on the axes are  $a$  and  $b$ , then show that  $\frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}$ .**

**Ans.** Given: Line  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow bx + ay = ab$$

$$\Rightarrow bx + ay - ab = 0$$

Now,  $p$  is the length of perpendicular from origin to  $bx + ay - ab = 0$ .

We have the length of the perpendicular from a given point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to a given line

$$Ax + By + C = 0 \text{ is } d = \left| \frac{Ax_1 + By_1 + C}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \right|$$

$$\therefore p = \left| \frac{b \times 0 + a \times 0 - ab}{\sqrt{b^2 + a^2}} \right| = \frac{ab}{\sqrt{b^2 + a^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 = \frac{a^2 b^2}{b^2 + a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{b^2 + a^2}{a^2 b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{b^2}{a^2 b^2} + \frac{a^2}{a^2 b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}$$