

**CBSE Class-11 Mathematics**  
**NCERT Solutions**  
**Chapter - 10 Straight Lines**  
**Exercise 10.1**

1. Draw a quadrilateral in the Cartesian plane, whose vertices are  $(-4, 5)$ ,  $(0, 7)$ ,  $(5, -5)$  and  $(-4, -2)$ . Also, find its area.

**Ans.** Let  $A(-4, 5)$ ,  $B(0, 7)$ ,  $C(5, -5)$  and  $D(-4, -2)$  be the vertices of the quadrilateral

Join the vertices A and C to obtain the diagonal AC

Area of quadrilateral ABCD = Area of triangle ABC + Area of triangle ACD.....(i)

But we have area of a triangle with vertices  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_3, y_3)$  is

$$\frac{1}{2} |x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)|$$

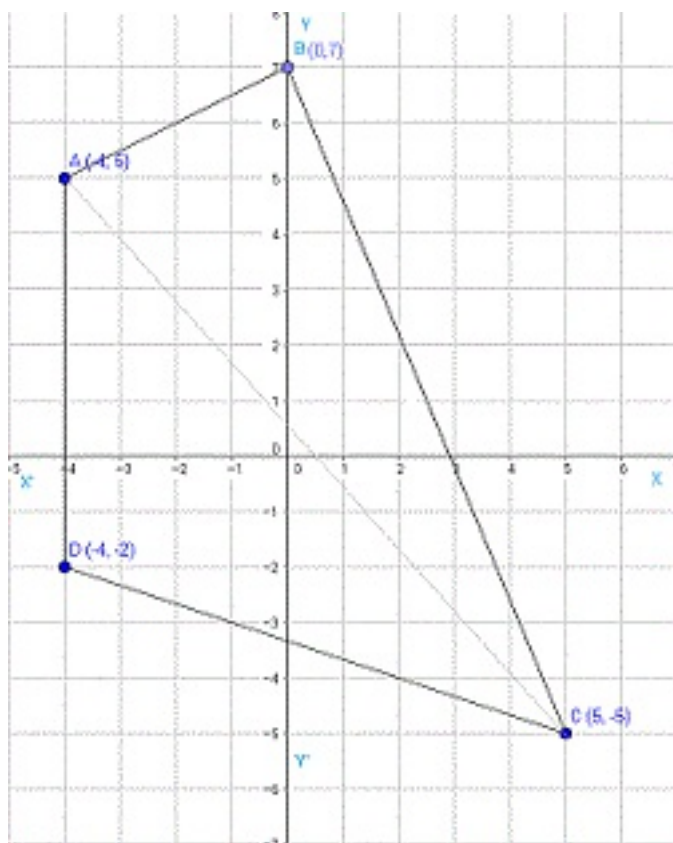
$$\therefore \text{Area of triangle ABC} = \frac{1}{2} |-4(7 + 5) + 0(-5 - 5) + 5(5 - 7)|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |-4(12) + 0 + 5(-2)| = \frac{1}{2} |-48 + 0 - 10| = \frac{58}{2} \text{ square units}$$

$$\text{Also Area of triangle ACD} = \frac{1}{2} |-4(-5 + 2) + 5(-2 - 5) + (-4)(5 + 5)|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |-4(-3) + 5(-7) + (-4)(10)| = \frac{1}{2} |12 - 35 - 40| = \frac{63}{2} \text{ square units}$$

$$\therefore \text{From equation (i) we have Area of quadrilateral ABCD} = \frac{58}{2} + \frac{63}{2} = \frac{121}{2} \text{ square units}$$



2. The base of an equilateral triangle with side  $2a$  lies along the  $y$ -axis such that the mid-point of the base is at origin. Find the vertices of the triangle.

**Ans.** Given: Length of side of equilateral triangle =  $2a$ . The base of triangle lies along  $y$ -axis and the mid-point of base is at origin so that the coordinates of vertices are  $(0, a)$  and  $(0, -a)$ .

We have for an equilateral triangle line from the vertex to the mid point of the base will be perpendicular to the base. So we can say the third vertex lies on  $x$  axis (positive or negative)

Now let the third vertex be  $(\pm x, 0)$ .

It is known that area of an equilateral triangle =  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a^2$ , where  $a$  is the common length of the sides

$$\therefore \text{Area of the equilateral triangle with side } 2a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}(2a)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times 2a \times (\pm x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times (2a)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{3}a$$

Therefore the third vertex can be  $(\sqrt{3}a, 0)$  or  $(-\sqrt{3}a, 0)$

$\therefore$  The vertices of triangle are  $(0, a)$ ,  $(0, -a)$  and  $(\sqrt{3}a, 0)$  or  $(0, a)$ ,  $(0, -a)$  and  $(-\sqrt{3}a, 0)$

**3. Find the distance between  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  when (i) PQ is parallel to the  $y$ -axis (ii) PQ is parallel to the  $x$ -axis.**

**Ans.** Given:  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  are two points.

$$\therefore PQ = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

**(i)** We have equation of a line parallel to  $y$ -axis is  $X = K$ , a constant

PQ is parallel to  $y$ -axis, then  $x_2 = x_1 \Rightarrow x_2 - x_1 = 0$

$$\therefore PQ = \sqrt{(y_2 - y_1)^2} = |y_2 - y_1|$$

**(ii)** We have equation of a line parallel to  $x$ -axis is  $Y = K$ , a constant

PQ is parallel to  $x$ -axis, then  $y_2 - y_1 = 0$ .

$$\therefore PQ = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2} = |x_2 - x_1|$$

**4. Find the point on the  $x$ -axis, which is equidistant from the points (7, 6) and (3, 4).**

**Ans.** Let  $P(x, 0)$  be any point on the  $x$ -axis which is equidistant from  $Q(7, 6)$  and  $R(3, 4)$ .

We have distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is  $\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$

$$\therefore PQ = \sqrt{(x-7)^2 + (0-6)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2 - 14x + 49 + 36}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2 - 14x + 85}$$

$$\text{And PR} = \sqrt{(x-3)^2 + (0-4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 9 + 16}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 25}$$

According to question,  $PQ = PR$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 - 14x + 85} = \sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 25}$$

Squaring both sides,  $x^2 - 14x + 85 = x^2 - 6x + 25$

$$\Rightarrow -14x + 6x = 25 - 85$$

$$\Rightarrow -8x = -60 \Rightarrow x = \frac{15}{2}$$

Therefore, the required point is  $\left(\frac{15}{2}, 0\right)$ .

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**5. Find the slope of a line, which passes through the origin and the mid-point of the line segment of joining the points P (0, -4) and B (8, 0).**

**Ans.** Here, mid-point of the line segment joining P (0, -4) and Q (8, 0) is

$$\left(\frac{0+8}{2}, \frac{-4+0}{2}\right) = (4, -2) \text{ using mid point formula}$$

We have slope of a line passing through two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Therefore, Slope of the line passing through the points (0, 0) and (4, -2) =  
$$\frac{-2 - 0}{4 - 0} = \frac{-2}{4} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

Hence slope of the required line is  $\frac{-1}{2}$

**6. Without using the Pythagoras theorem, show that the points (4, 4), (3, 5) and (-1, -1) are the vertices of a right angled triangle.**

**Ans.** Let A (4, 4), B (3, 5) and C (-1, -1) be the three vertices of  $\triangle ABC$ .

We have slope of a line passing through two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\therefore \text{Slope of AB} = \frac{5 - 4}{3 - 4} = \frac{1}{-1} = -1$$

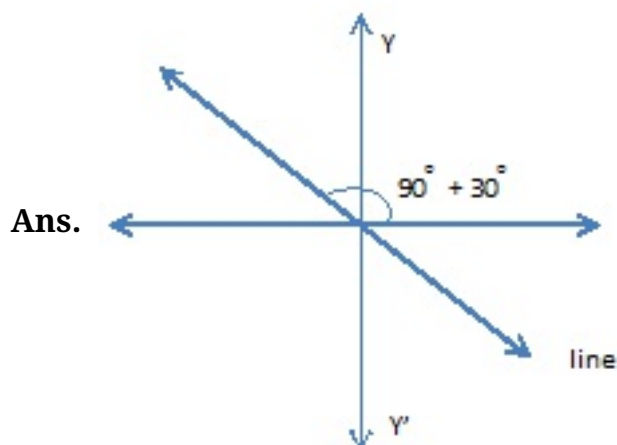
$$\text{Slope of BC} = \frac{-1 - 5}{-1 - 3} = \frac{-6}{-4} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Slope of AC} = \frac{-1 - 4}{-1 - 4} = \frac{-5}{-5} = 1$$

Now, Slope of AB  $\times$  Slope of AC =  $-1 \times 1 = -1$

This shows that AB  $\perp$  AC. Thus  $\triangle ABC$  is right angled at point A.

**7. Find the slope of the line, which makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the positive direction of y - axis measured anticlockwise.**



If the line makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the positive direction of  $y$ -axis then the line will make an angle of  $(90^\circ + 30^\circ) = 120^\circ$  with the positive direction of  $x$ -axis.

$$\therefore \text{Slope of the line} = \tan 120^\circ = \tan (90^\circ + 30^\circ) = -\cot 30^\circ = -\sqrt{3}$$

**8. Find the value of  $x$  for which the points  $(x, -1)$ ,  $(2, 1)$  and  $(4, 5)$  are collinear.**

**Ans.** Let  $A(x, -1)$ ,  $B(2, 1)$  and  $C(4, 5)$  be three collinear points.

$$\therefore \text{Slope of AB} = \frac{1 - (-1)}{2 - x} = \frac{1 + 1}{2 - x} = \frac{2}{2 - x}$$

$$\text{Slope of BC} = \frac{5 - 1}{4 - 2} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

According to question, Slope of AB = Slope of BC

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{2 - x} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 4 - 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

**9. Without using distance formula, show that the points  $(-2, -1)$ ,  $(4, 0)$ ,  $(3, 3)$  and  $(-3, 2)$  are the vertices of a parallelogram.**

**Ans.** Let A  $(-2, -1)$ , B  $(4, 0)$ , C  $(3, 3)$  and D  $(-3, 2)$  be vertices of a quadrilateral ABCD.

To prove a quadrilateral is a parallelogram it is enough to show that both pairs of opposite sides are parallel

We have slope of a line passing through two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by  

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\therefore \text{Slope of AB} = \frac{0 - (-1)}{4 - (-2)} = \frac{1}{6} \quad \text{Slope of BC} = \frac{3 - 0}{3 - 4} = \frac{3}{-1} = -3$$

$$\text{Slope of DC} = \frac{3 - 2}{3 - (-3)} = \frac{1}{6} \quad \text{Slope of AD} = \frac{2 - (-1)}{-3 - (-2)} = \frac{3}{-1} = -3$$

Here Slope of AB = Slope of DC

$$\Rightarrow AB \parallel DC$$

And Slope of BC = Slope of AD

$$\Rightarrow BC \parallel AD$$

Therefore, ABCD is a parallelogram.

**10. Find the angle between the  $x$  - axis and the line joining the points  $(3, -1)$  and  $(4, -2)$**

**Ans.** Let A  $(3, -1)$  and B  $(4, -2)$  be two points. Let  $\theta$  be the angle which AB makes with positive direction of  $x$  - axis.

$$\therefore \text{Slope of AB} = \tan \theta \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

We have slope of a line passing through two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by  

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\therefore \text{Slope of AB} = \frac{-2 - (-1)}{4 - 3} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1 \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii) we get  $\tan \theta = -1$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = -\tan 45^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \tan (180^\circ - 45^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \tan 135^\circ$$

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**11. The slope of a line is double of the slope of the another line. If tangent of the angle between them is  $1/3$  find the slopes of the lines.**

**Ans.** Given:  $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{3}$ . Let the slopes of two lines be  $m$  and  $2m$ .

We know that if  $\theta$  is the acute angle between two lines with slopes  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively

$$\text{then } \tan \theta = \left| \frac{m_2 - m_1}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{m - 2m}{1 + m \times 2m} \right| = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{-m}{1 + 2m^2} \right| = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-m}{1 + 2m^2} = \pm \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Taking } \frac{-m}{1 + 2m^2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3m = 1 + 2m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m^2 + 3m + 1 = 0$$



$$\Rightarrow (m+1)(2m+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = -1 \text{ and } m = -\frac{1}{2}$$

When  $m = -1$  the slopes of the lines are -1 and -2

when  $m = -\frac{1}{2}$  the slopes of the lines are  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and -1

$$\text{Taking } \frac{-m}{1+2m^2} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3m = -1 - 2m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m^2 - 3m + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m-1)(2m-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1 \text{ and } m = \frac{1}{2}$$

When  $m=1$  the slopes of the lines are 1 and 2

when  $m = \frac{1}{2}$  the slopes of the lines are  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1

Therefore, the slopes of lines are -1 and -2 or 1 and 2 or  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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**12. A line passes through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(h, k)$ . If slope of the line is  $m$ , show that  $k - y_1 =$**

**Ans.** Let A  $(x_1, y_1)$  and B  $(h, k)$  be two points. It is given that Slope of AB =  $m$

We have slope of a line passing through two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\therefore \text{Slope of AB} = \frac{k - y_1}{h - x_1} = m \text{ (given)}$$

$$\Rightarrow k - y_1 = m(h - x_1)$$

Hence proved

**13. If three points  $(h, 0)$ ,  $(a, b)$  and  $(0, k)$  lies on a line, show that  $\frac{a}{h} + \frac{b}{k} = 1$ .**

**Ans.** Let A  $(h, 0)$ , B  $(a, b)$  and C  $(0, k)$  be three points lie on the line.

We have slope of a line passing through two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\therefore \text{Slope of AB} = \frac{b - 0}{a - h} = \frac{b}{a - h} \quad \text{Slope of BC} = \frac{k - b}{0 - a} = \frac{b - k}{a}$$

Slope of AB = Slope of BC (given)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{a - h} = \frac{b - k}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = (a - h)(b - k)$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = ab - ak - bh + hk$$

$$\Rightarrow ak + bh = hk$$

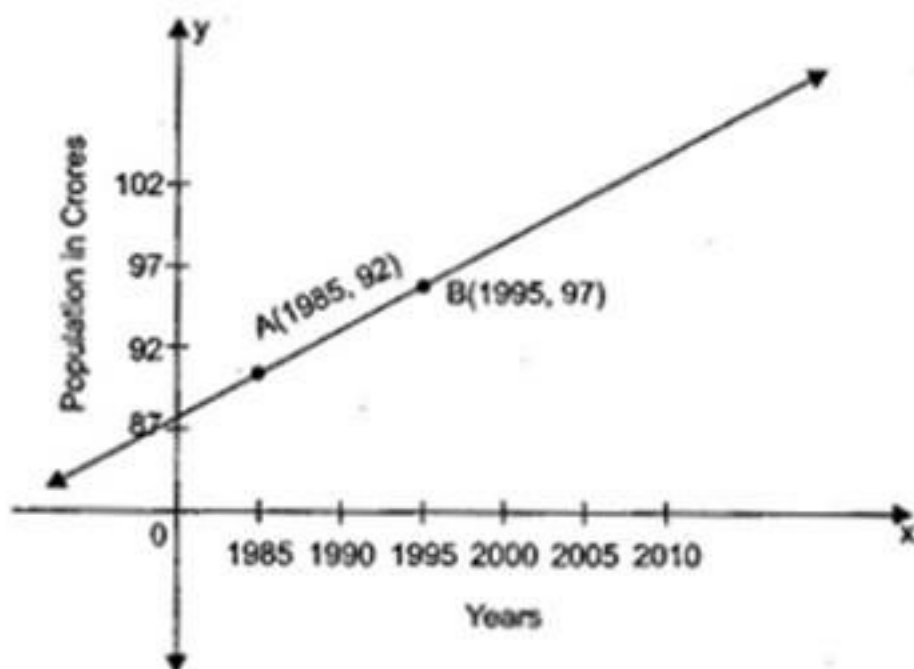
Dividing through out by  $hk$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ak}{hk} + \frac{bh}{hk} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{h} + \frac{b}{k} = 1$$

**14. Consider the following population and year graph, find the slope of the line AB and**

using it, find what will be the population in the year 2010?



**Ans.** Given: The points on the line are A (1985, 92) and B (1995, 97).

We have slope of a line passing through two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\therefore \text{Slope of AB} = \frac{97 - 92}{1995 - 1985} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Let the population in year 2010 be  $y$  crores. Then C(2010,  $y$ ) lies on the line AB.

$$\text{Slope of BC} = \frac{y - 97}{2010 - 1995} = \frac{y - 97}{15}$$

Since points A, B and C lie on the line(collinear points),we have

Slope of AB = Slope of BC

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y - 97}{15} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y - 194 = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y = 209$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{209}{2} = 104.5$$

Therefore, population in 2010 will be 104.5 crores.