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IGCSE Maths

Coordinate Geometry

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1. A is the point (3, 5) and B is the point (1, -7)
Find the equation of the line perpendicular to AB that passes through the point A. Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$. [M-20/22/Q17] --- [4]

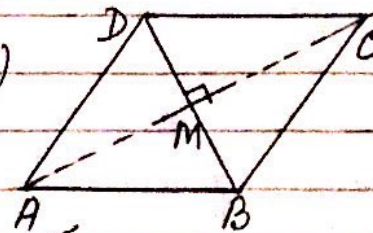
Solution: Gradient of line AB = $\frac{-7-5}{1-3} = \frac{-12}{-2} = 6$ [Gradient $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$]
 \therefore Gradient line perp. to AB = $-\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{1}{6}$ [\therefore Grad. of perp. line = $-\frac{1}{m}$]
 \therefore Equation of line through A(3, 5), and gradient $-\frac{1}{6}$, [$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$]
 $y - 5 = -\frac{1}{6}(x - 3)$
 $6y - 30 = -x + 3$
 $\Rightarrow 6y = -x + 33 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{6}x + \frac{11}{2} \checkmark$

2. A rhombus ABCD has a diagonal AC where A is the point (-3, 10) and C is the point (4, -4).
 (i) Calculate the length AC. --- [3]
 (ii) Show that the equation of line AC is $y = -2x + 4$ --- [2]
 (iii) Find the equation of the line BD. [S-20/41/Q10(a)] -- [4]

Solution (i) A(-3, 10), C(4, -4) [$\therefore A = (x_1, y_1), B(x_2, y_2)$]
 $AC = \sqrt{(-4-10)^2 + (4+3)^2}$ [$AB = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$]
 $= \sqrt{(-14)^2 + 7^2} = \sqrt{245} = 15.65 \checkmark$

(ii) Gradient of AC = $\frac{-4-10}{4+3} = \frac{-14}{7} = -2$
 \therefore Equation of line through A(-3, 10); $y - 10 = -2(x + 3)$
 $\Rightarrow y - 10 = -2x - 6$
 $\Rightarrow y = -2x + 4 \checkmark$

(iii) Diagonal BD and AC of a rhombus bisect each other at right angle. $M(\frac{-3+4}{2}, \frac{10-4}{2})$
 Gradient of BD = $-\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}$ | $M(\frac{1}{2}, 3)$
 \therefore Equation BD, passing through $M(\frac{1}{2}, 3)$, and gradient $\frac{1}{2}$ is $y - 3 = \frac{1}{2}(x - \frac{1}{2}) \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{11}{4} \checkmark$

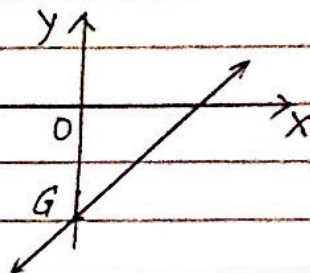


3. The line $y = 3x - 2$ crosses the y -axis at G .
Write down the coordinates of G . [S-20/42/Q10(C)] --- [1]

Solution: line $y = 3x - 2$, crosses y axis at

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

$$\therefore G(0, -2) \checkmark$$



- 4.(a) The equation of line L is $3x - 8y + 20 = 0$

(i) Find the gradient of L . --- [2]

(ii) Find the coordinates of the point where line L cuts the y -axis. --- [1]

- (b) The coordinates of P are $(-3, 8)$ and coordinates of Q are $(9, -2)$.

(i) Calculate the length PQ . --- [3]

(ii) Find the equation of line parallel to PQ that passes through the point $(6, -1)$. --- [3]

(iii) Find the perpendicular bisector of PQ . [S-20/43/Q9] --- [4]

Solution (a)(i) line L : $3x - 8y = 20 \Rightarrow -8y = -3x + 20$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{+3}{-8}x + \frac{20}{-8} \Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{8}x + \frac{5}{2} \text{ --- (1)}$$

\therefore Gradient of line $L = 3/8$ from (1) [$y = mx + c$]

(ii) Line L cuts y -axis for $x = 0$ in (1) $\Rightarrow y = 0 + 5/2 = 2.5$

\therefore Point $(0, 2.5) \checkmark$

(b)(i) $P(-3, 8), Q(9, -2) \Rightarrow PQ = \sqrt{(9+3)^2 + (-2-8)^2} = \sqrt{144 + 100} = \sqrt{244} = 15.62 \checkmark$

(ii) Gradient of line parallel to line = grad of $PQ = \frac{-2-8}{9+3} = \frac{-10}{12} = -\frac{5}{6}$

\therefore Eqn of line through $(6, -1)$, $m = -\frac{5}{6}$ --- (2)

$$y + 1 = -\frac{5}{6}(x - 6) \Rightarrow y = -\frac{5}{6}x + 4 \checkmark$$

(iii) Mid point of $PQ = M\left(\frac{-3+9}{2}, \frac{8-2}{2}\right) \equiv M(3, 3)$

Gradient of line perp to $PQ = -\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{1}{-\frac{5}{6}} = \frac{6}{5}$ (from (2) $m = -\frac{5}{6}$)

\therefore The eqn of perp. bisector PQ , $y - 3 = \frac{6}{5}(x - 3)$

Passes through $M(3, 3)$ and grad. $\frac{6}{5}$ } \Rightarrow or $y = \frac{6}{5}x - \frac{18}{5} + 3 \Rightarrow y = \frac{6}{5}x - \frac{3}{5} \checkmark$

5. A line joins A(1,3) to B(5,8)

(i) Find the mid point of AB. ---[2]

(ii) Find the equation of AB. ---[3]

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$. W-19/42 Q3(a)

Solution: Given A(1,3), B(5,8)

(i) Mid point of AB $\left(\frac{1+5}{2}, \frac{3+8}{2}\right) = (3, 5.5)$ { Given $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$
Mid point $\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right)$

(ii) Gradient of line AB $= \frac{8-3}{5-1} = \frac{5}{4}$

\therefore Equation of line AB, passing through A(1,3) is,

$$y - 3 = \frac{5}{4}(x - 1) \Rightarrow y - 3 = \frac{5}{4}x - \frac{5}{4} \Rightarrow y = \frac{5}{4}x + \frac{7}{4} \checkmark$$

6. The curve $y = x^2 - 2x + 1$ is drawn on a grid,

A line is drawn on the same grid.

The points of intersection of the line and the curve are used to solve the equation $x^2 - 7x + 5 = 0$

Find the equation of the line in the form $y = mx + c$. ---[1]

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Solution: Curve: $y = x^2 - 2x + 1$ — (1)

and line: $y = mx + c$ — (2)

To find the points of intersection of (1) & (2)

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = mx + c$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - mx + 1 - c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (m+2)x + (1-c) = 0 \text{ — (3)}$$

But given the points of intersection of (1) and (2) are given by

$$x^2 - 7x + 5 = 0 \text{ — (4)}$$

Comparing the coefficients of x and the constant term of (3) & (4)

$$-(m+2) = -7 \Rightarrow m = 5 \checkmark$$

$$\text{and } 1 - c = 5 \Rightarrow c = -4$$

\therefore from (2) the equation of line: $y = 5x - 4$ \checkmark