Chapter 6

Coordinate geometry

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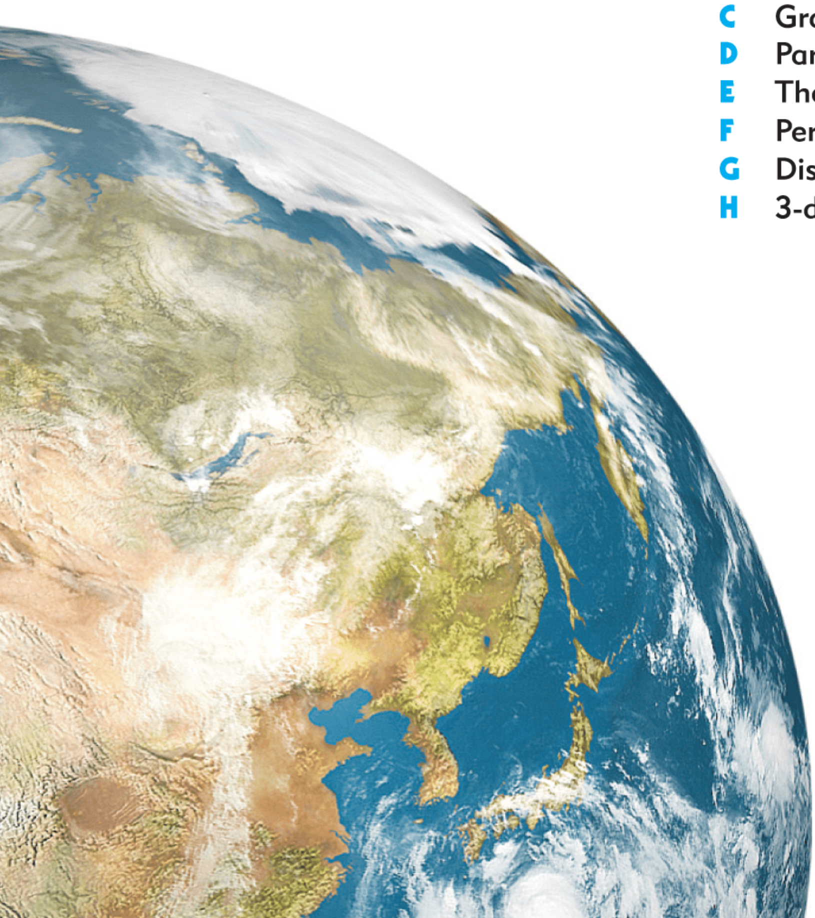
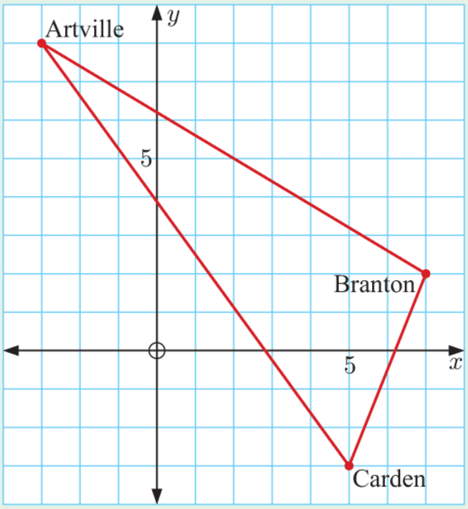


OPENING PROBLEM

The towns Artville, Branton, and Carden are joined by straight roads. On a road map Artville is at $(-3, 8)$, Branton is at $(7, 2)$, and Carden is at $(5, -3)$. The grid units are kilometres.



Things to think about:

- **a** How far is it from Artville to Branton?
- **b** What point is halfway between Branton and Carden?
- **c** Are any of the roads perpendicular to each other?
- **d** **i** Can you find the *equation* of the road connecting Artville and Carden?
  - **ii** Does the point $(2, 1)$ lie on this road?

HISTORICAL NOTE

History shows that the two Frenchmen **René Descartes** and **Pierre de Fermat** arrived at the idea of **analytical geometry** at about the same time. Descartes' work *La Geometrie* was published first, in 1637, while Fermat's *Introduction to Loci* was not published until after his death.

Today, they are considered the co-founders of this important branch of mathematics which links algebra and geometry.

René Descartes

Pierre de Fermat

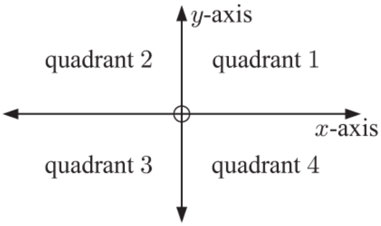
The initial approaches used by these mathematicians were quite opposite. Descartes began with a line or curve and then found the equation which described it. Fermat, to a large extent, started with an equation and investigated the shape of the curve it described.

Analytical geometry and its use of coordinates enabled **Isaac Newton** to later develop another important branch of mathematics called **calculus**. Newton humbly stated: "*If I have seen further than Descartes, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants.*"

The **number plane** consists of two perpendicular axes which intersect at the **origin**, O.

The x**-axis** is horizontal and the y**-axis** is vertical.

The axes divide the number plane into four **quadrants**.



The number plane is also known as either the **2-dimensional plane**, or the **Cartesian plane** after **René Descartes**.

The position of any point in the number plane can be specified in terms of an **ordered pair** of numbers (x, y), where:

- x is the **horizontal step** from O, and is the x-coordinate of the point
- y is the **vertical step** from O, and is the y-coordinate of the point.

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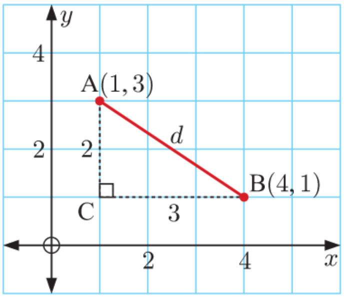
A THE DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINTS

Suppose we want to find the distance d between the points A(1, 3) and B(4, 1).

By drawing line segments [AC] and [BC] along the grid lines, we form a right angled triangle with hypotenuse [AB].

$$\therefore\ d^2 = 2^2 + 3^2 \quad \{\text{Pythagoras}\}$$
$$\therefore\ d^2 = 13$$
$$\therefore\ d = \sqrt{13} \qquad \{\text{as } d > 0\}$$



So, the distance between A and B is $\sqrt{13}$ units.

While this approach is effective, it is time-consuming because a diagram is needed.

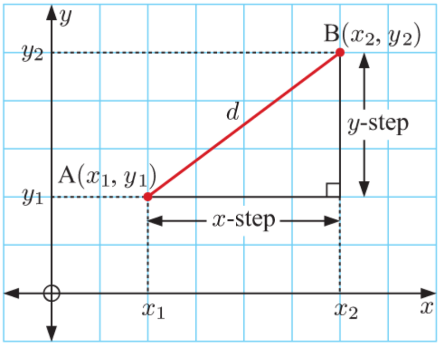
To make the process quicker, we can develop a formula.

To go from A(x_1, y_1) to B(x_2, y_2), we find the

$$x\text{-step} = x_2 - x_1$$
$$\text{and} \quad y\text{-step} = y_2 - y_1.$$

Using Pythagoras' theorem,

$$(\text{AB})^2 = (x\text{-step})^2 + (y\text{-step})^2$$
$$\therefore\ \text{AB} = \sqrt{(x\text{-step})^2 + (y\text{-step})^2}$$
$$\therefore\ d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}.$$



The distance d between two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by

$$\boldsymbol{d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}}.$$

Example 1 **Self Tutor**

Find the distance between A(−2, 1) and B(3, 4).

$$\text{A}(\underset{x_1}{\uparrow}\!\!-2,\ \underset{y_1}{\uparrow}\!1) \qquad \text{B}(\underset{x_2}{\uparrow}\!3,\ \underset{y_2}{\uparrow}\!4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{AB} &= \sqrt{(3 - -2)^2 + (4 - 1)^2}\\ &= \sqrt{5^2 + 3^2}\\ &= \sqrt{25 + 9}\\ &= \sqrt{34} \text{ units}\end{aligned}$$

The distance formula saves us having to graph the points each time we want to find a distance.

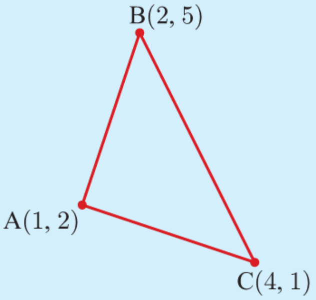
Example 2

Self Tutor

Consider the triangle formed by the points $A(1, 2)$, $B(2, 5)$, and $C(4, 1)$.

a Use the distance formula to classify the triangle as equilateral, isosceles, or scalene.

b Determine whether the triangle is right angled.



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$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \sqrt{(2-1)^2+(5-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1^2+3^2} \\ &= \sqrt{10} \text{ units} \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} AC &= \sqrt{(4-1)^2+(1-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{3^2+(-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{10} \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} BC &= \sqrt{(4-2)^2+(1-5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2+(-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{20} \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

Since $AB = AC$, the triangle is isosceles.

b The shortest sides are [AB] and [AC].

Now
$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 + AC^2 &= 10 + 10 \\ &= 20 \\ &= BC^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using the converse of Pythagoras' theorem, the triangle is right angled. The right angle is at A, opposite the longest side.

EXERCISE 6A

1 Find the distance between:

a $A(3, 1)$ and $B(5, 3)$ **b** $C(-1, 2)$ and $D(6, 2)$ **c** $O(0, 0)$ and $P(-2, 4)$

d $E(8, 0)$ and $F(2, -3)$ **e** $G(0, -2)$ and $H(0, 5)$ **f** $I(2, 0)$ and $J(0, -1)$

g $R(1, 2)$ and $S(-2, 3)$ **h** $W(1, -1)$ and $Z(\frac{1}{2}, -2)$.

2 In the map below, the grid lines are 10 km apart.

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Find the direct distance between:

a Dalgety Bay and Edinburgh **b** Coatbridge and Dalgety Bay **c** Coatbridge and Edinburgh.

3 Use the distance formula to classify triangle ABC as either equilateral, isosceles, or scalene:

a A$(3, -1)$, B$(1, 8)$, C$(-6, 1)$
b A$(1, 0)$, B$(3, 1)$, C$(4, 5)$
c A$(-1, 0)$, B$(2, -2)$, C$(4, 1)$
d A$(\sqrt{2}, 0)$, B$(-\sqrt{2}, 0)$, C$(0, -\sqrt{5})$
e A$(\sqrt{3}, 1)$, B$(-\sqrt{3}, 1)$, C$(0, -2)$
f A(a, b), B$(-a, b)$, C$(0, 2)$

4 Determine whether the following triangles are right angled. If there is a right angle, state the vertex where it occurs.

a A$(-2, -1)$, B$(3, -1)$, C$(3, 3)$
b A$(-1, 2)$, B$(4, 1)$, C$(4, -5)$
c A$(1, -2)$, B$(3, 0)$, C$(-3, 2)$
d A$(3, -4)$, B$(-2, -5)$, C$(-1, 1)$

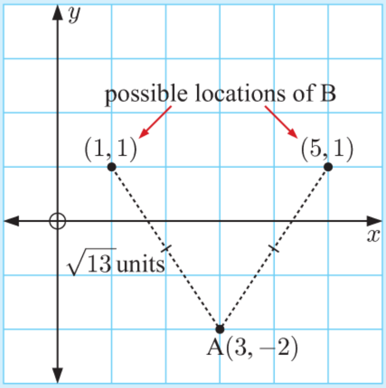
Example 3 **Self Tutor**

Find b given that A$(3, -2)$ and B$(b, 1)$ are $\sqrt{13}$ units apart.
Explain your result using a diagram.

From A to B, x-step $= b - 3$
y-step $= 1 - -2 = 3$

$$\therefore \sqrt{(b-3)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{13}$$
$$\therefore (b-3)^2 + 9 = 13 \quad \{\text{squaring both sides}\}$$
$$\therefore (b-3)^2 = 4$$
$$\therefore b - 3 = \pm 2$$
$$\therefore b = 3 \pm 2$$
$$\therefore b = 5 \text{ or } 1$$

Point B could be at two possible locations:
$(5, 1)$ or $(1, 1)$.

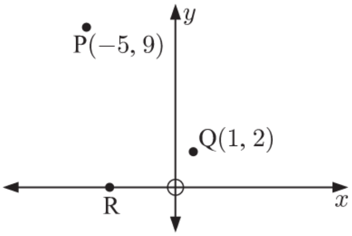


5 For each of the cases below, find a and explain the result using a diagram:

a P$(2, 3)$ and Q$(a, -1)$ are 4 units apart
b P$(-1, 1)$ and Q$(a, -2)$ are 5 units apart
c X(a, a) is $\sqrt{8}$ units from the origin
d A$(0, a)$ is equidistant from P$(3, -3)$ and Q$(-2, 2)$.

6 **a** Find the relationship between x and y if the point P(x, y) is always:
  i 3 units from O$(0, 0)$
  ii 2 units from A$(1, 3)$.
b Illustrate and describe the set $\{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$.

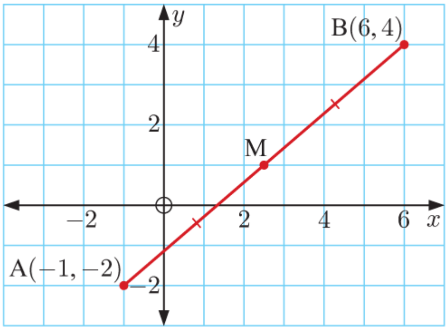
7 P is at $(-5, 9)$, Q is at $(1, 2)$, and R is on the x-axis. Given that triangle PQR is isosceles, find the possible coordinates of R.



B MIDPOINTS

The **midpoint** of line segment [AB] is the point which lies midway between points A and B.

Consider the points A$(-1, -2)$ and B$(6, 4)$. From the diagram we see that the midpoint of [AB] is M$(2\frac{1}{2}, 1)$.



The x-coordinate of M is the *average* of the x-coordinates of A and B.

$\therefore$ the x-coordinate of M $= \dfrac{-1+6}{2} = \frac{5}{2} = 2\frac{1}{2}$

The y-coordinate of M is the *average* of the y-coordinates of A and B.

$\therefore$ the y-coordinate of M $= \dfrac{-2+4}{2} = 1$

If A(x_1, y_1) and B(x_2, y_2) are two points, then the **midpoint** of [AB] has coordinates $\left(\dfrac{\boldsymbol{x_1+x_2}}{\mathbf{2}}, \dfrac{\boldsymbol{y_1+y_2}}{\mathbf{2}}\right)$.

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Example 4 Self Tutor

Find the midpoint of [AB] given A$(-1, 3)$ and B$(4, 7)$.

$\mathrm{A}(\underset{x_1}{\underset{\uparrow}{-1}},\ \underset{y_1}{\underset{\uparrow}{3}})$ $\mathrm{B}(\underset{x_2}{\underset{\uparrow}{4}},\ \underset{y_2}{\underset{\uparrow}{7}})$

The x-coordinate of the midpoint $= \dfrac{x_1+x_2}{2} = \dfrac{-1+4}{2} = \frac{3}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}$

The y-coordinate of the midpoint $= \dfrac{y_1+y_2}{2} = \dfrac{3+7}{2} = 5$

So, the midpoint is $(1\frac{1}{2}, 5)$.

EXERCISE 6B

1 Find the coordinates of the midpoint of the line segment joining:

- **a** $(8, 1)$ and $(2, 5)$
- **b** $(2, -3)$ and $(0, 1)$
- **c** $(3, 0)$ and $(0, 6)$
- **d** $(-1, 4)$ and $(1, 4)$
- **e** $(5, -3)$ and $(-1, 0)$
- **f** $(5, 9)$ and $(-3, -4)$.

Example 5 Self Tutor

M is the midpoint of [AB]. A is $(1, 3)$ and M is $(4, -2)$. Find the coordinates of B.

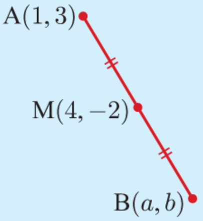
Suppose B has coordinates (a, b).

$\therefore \dfrac{a+1}{2} = 4$ and $\dfrac{b+3}{2} = -2$

$\therefore a+1 = 8$ and $b+3 = -4$

$\therefore a = 7$ and $b = -7$

$\therefore$ B is $(7, -7)$.



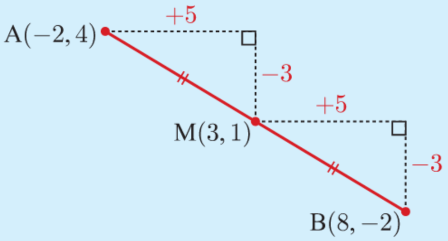
Example 6 **Self Tutor**

Suppose A is $(-2,\ 4)$ and M is $(3,\ 1)$, where M is the midpoint of [AB].
Use *equal steps* to find the coordinates of B.

x-step: $-2 \xrightarrow{+5} 3 \xrightarrow{+5} 8$

y-step: $4 \xrightarrow{-3} 1 \xrightarrow{-3} -2$

$\therefore$ B is $(8,\ -2)$.



2 M is the midpoint of [AB]. Find the coordinates of B for:

a A$(6,\ 4)$ and M$(3,\ -1)$

b A$(-5,\ 0)$ and M$(0,\ -1)$

c A$(3,\ -2)$ and M$(1\frac{1}{2},\ 2)$

d A$(-1,\ -2)$ and M$(-\frac{1}{2},\ 2\frac{1}{2})$

e A$(7,\ -3)$ and M$(0,\ 0)$

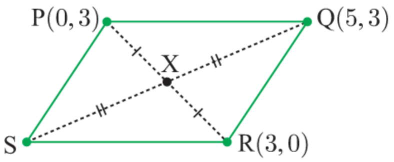
f A$(3,\ -1)$ and M$(0,\ -\frac{1}{2})$.

Check your answers using the *equal steps* method given in **Example 6**.

3 [AB] is a diameter of a circle with centre C. If A is $(3,\ -2)$ and B is $(-1,\ -4)$, find the coordinates of C.

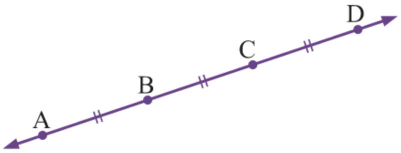
4 [PQ] is a diameter of a circle with centre $(3,\ -\frac{1}{2})$. If Q is $(-1,\ 2)$, find the coordinates of P.

5 The diagonals of parallelogram PQRS bisect each other at X. Find the coordinates of S.



6 Triangle ABC has vertices A$(-1,\ 3)$, B$(1,\ -1)$, and C$(5,\ 2)$. Find the length of the line segment from A to the midpoint of [BC].

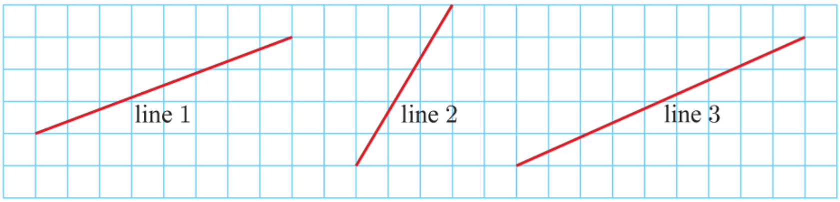
7 A, B, C, and D are four points on the same straight line. The distances between successive points are equal, as shown. If A is $(1,\ -3)$, C is $(4,\ a)$, and D is $(b,\ 5)$, find the values of a and b.



8 The midpoints of the sides of a triangle are $(5,\ 4)$, $(8,\ 5)$, and $(6,\ 0)$. Find the coordinates of the vertices of the triangle.

C GRADIENT

Consider the lines shown:



We can see that line 2 rises much faster than the other two lines, so line 2 is steepest.

However, most people would find it hard to tell which of lines 1 and 3 is steeper just by looking at them. We therefore need a more precise way to measure the steepness of a line.

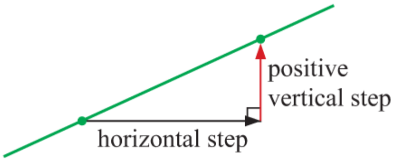
The **gradient** of a line is a measure of its steepness.

To calculate the gradient of a line, we first choose any two distinct points on the line. We can move from one point to the other by making a positive **horizontal step** followed by a **vertical step**.

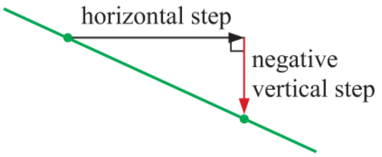
The gradient is calculated by dividing the vertical step by the horizontal step.

The **gradient** of a line $= \dfrac{\text{vertical step}}{\text{horizontal step}}$ or $\dfrac{y\text{-step}}{x\text{-step}}$.

If the line is sloping upwards, then both steps are positive, so the line has a **positive gradient**.

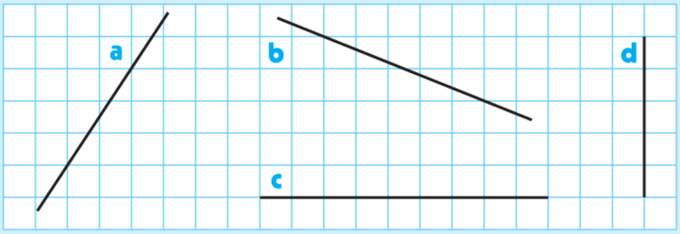


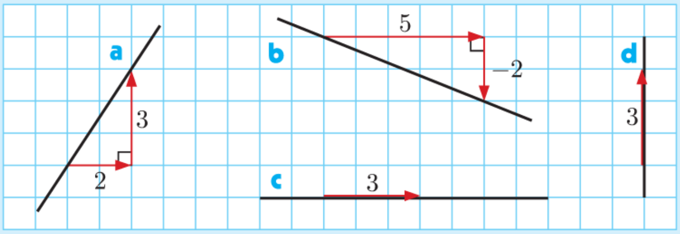
If the line is sloping downwards, the horizontal step is positive and the vertical step is negative, so the line has a **negative gradient**.



Example 7 Self Tutor

Find the gradient of each line segment:





a gradient $= \frac{3}{2}$

b gradient $= \frac{-2}{5} = -\frac{2}{5}$

c gradient $= \frac{0}{3} = 0$

d gradient $= \frac{3}{0}$ which is undefined

From the previous **Example**, we can see that:

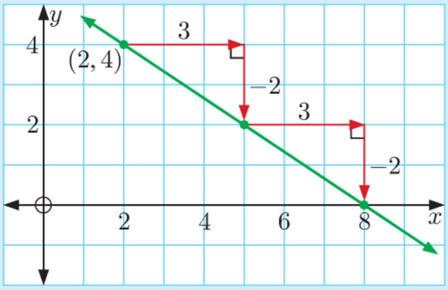
- The gradient of all **horizontal** lines is **0**, since the vertical step is 0.
- The gradient of all **vertical** lines is **undefined**, since the horizontal step is 0.

Example 8 **Self Tutor**

Draw a line with gradient $-\frac{2}{3}$, through the point $(2, 4)$.

Plot the point $(2, 4)$.

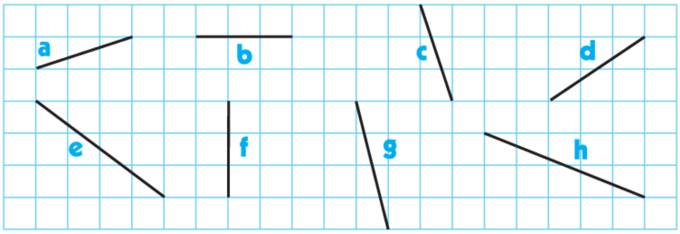
$$\text{gradient} = -\frac{2}{3} = \frac{-2}{3}\begin{array}{l}\longleftarrow y\text{-step}\\ \longleftarrow x\text{-step}\end{array}$$




Use a positive x-step.

EXERCISE 6C.1

1 Find the gradient of each line segment:



2 On grid paper, draw a line segment with gradient:

a $\frac{3}{4}$ **b** $-\frac{1}{2}$ **c** 2 **d** -3 **e** 0 **f** $-\frac{2}{5}$

3 Draw a line with gradient $\frac{1}{2}$, through the point $(3, -1)$.

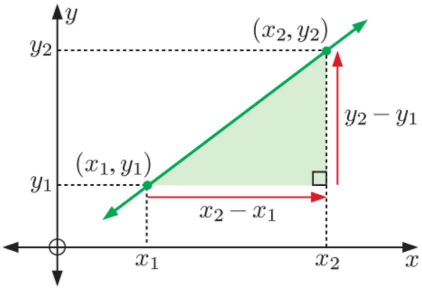
4 Draw a line with gradient $-\frac{3}{4}$, through the point $(-1, 3)$.

5 On the same set of axes, draw lines through $(2, 3)$ with gradients $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 2, and 4.

6 On the same set of axes, draw lines through $(-1, 2)$ with gradients 0, $-\frac{2}{5}$, -2, and -5.

THE GRADIENT FORMULA

The **gradient** of the line through (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is $\dfrac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$.



Example 9 **Self Tutor**

Find the gradient of the line through $(3,\ -2)$ and $(6,\ 4)$.

$$(\underset{\substack{\uparrow\\x_1}}{3},\ \underset{\substack{\uparrow\\y_1}}{-2}) \qquad (\underset{\substack{\uparrow\\x_2}}{6},\ \underset{\substack{\uparrow\\y_2}}{4})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{gradient} &= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}\\ &= \frac{4 - -2}{6 - 3}\\ &= \tfrac{6}{3}\\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

EXERCISE 6C.2

1 Use the gradient formula to find the gradient of the line through $A(-2,\ -3)$ and $B(5,\ 1)$. Plot the line segment [AB] on a set of axes to illustrate your answer.

2 Find the gradient of the line segment joining:

a $(2,\ 3)$ and $(7,\ 4)$
b $(5,\ 7)$ and $(1,\ 6)$
c $(1,\ -2)$ and $(3,\ 6)$
d $(5,\ 5)$ and $(-1,\ 5)$
e $(3,\ -1)$ and $(3,\ -4)$
f $(5,\ -1)$ and $(-2,\ -3)$
g $(-5,\ 2)$ and $(2,\ 0)$
h $(0,\ -1)$ and $(-2,\ -3)$
i $(-1,\ 7)$ and $(11,\ -9)$.

Example 10 **Self Tutor**

Find t given that the line segment joining $(5,\ -2)$ and $(9,\ t)$ has gradient $\frac{2}{3}$.

The line segment joining $(5,\ -2)$ and $(9,\ t)$ has gradient $= \dfrac{t - -2}{9 - 5} = \dfrac{t+2}{4}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore\ \frac{t+2}{4} &= \frac{2}{3}\\ \therefore\ 3(t+2) &= 8\\ \therefore\ 3t + 6 &= 8\\ \therefore\ 3t &= 2\\ \therefore\ t &= \tfrac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

3 Find t given that the line segment joining:

a $(-3,\ 5)$ and $(4,\ t)$ has gradient 2
b $(5,\ t)$ and $(10,\ 12)$ has gradient $-\frac{1}{2}$
c $(3,\ -6)$ and $(t,\ -2)$ has gradient 3
d $(t,\ 9)$ and $(4,\ 7)$ has gradient $-\frac{3}{5}$
e $(2,\ 5)$ and $(t,\ t)$ has gradient $\frac{4}{7}$
f $(t,\ 2t)$ and $(-3,\ 12)$ has gradient $-\frac{1}{4}$.

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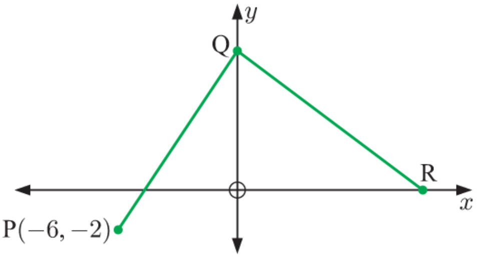
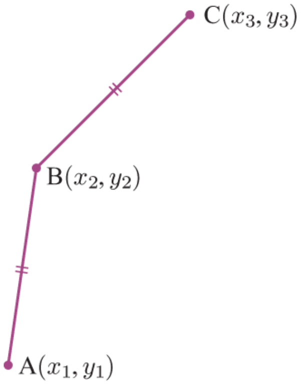


The gradient of [PQ] is $\frac{3}{2}$, and the gradient of [QR] is $-\frac{3}{4}$. Find the coordinates of R.

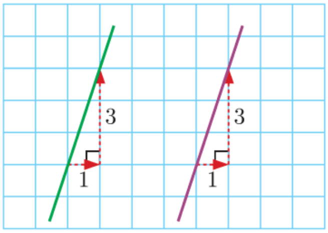


5 A(x_1, y_1), B(x_2, y_2), and C(x_3, y_3) are three points such that the gradient of [AB] is 7, the gradient of [BC] is 1, and AB = BC.

- **a** Use the gradient formula to show that $(y_2 - y_1)^2 = 49(x_2 - x_1)^2$ and $(y_3 - y_2)^2 = (x_3 - x_2)^2$.
- **b** Use **a** and the distance formula to show that $x_3 - x_2 = 5(x_2 - x_1)$.
- **c** Hence, find the gradient of [AC].

D PARALLEL AND PERPENDICULAR LINES

PARALLEL LINES



The given lines are parallel, and both of them have a gradient of 3.

- If two lines are **parallel**, then they have **equal gradient**.
- If two lines have **equal gradient**, then they are **parallel**.

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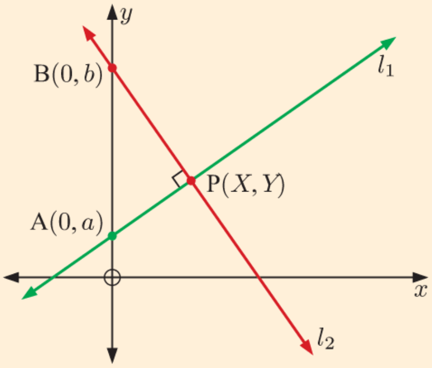
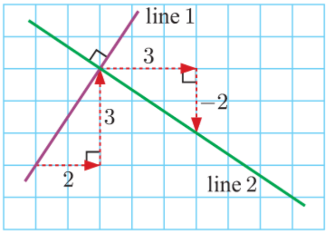


Consider two lines l_1 and l_2 which intersect at right angles at point P(X, Y).

If l_1 and l_2 are not horizontal or vertical, then both lines will cut the y-axis. We suppose line l_1 cuts the y-axis at A$(0, a)$, and line l_2 cuts the y-axis at B$(0, b)$.

What to do:

1. Explain why $(\text{AP})^2 + (\text{BP})^2 = (\text{AB})^2$.
2. Hence show that $X^2 + (Y-a)^2 + X^2 + (Y-b)^2 = (b-a)^2$.
3. By expanding the brackets and simplifying, show that $Y^2 - (a+b)Y + ab = -X^2$.
4. Hence show that $\dfrac{Y-a}{X} \times \dfrac{Y-b}{X} = -1$.
5. Explain the significance of the result in **4**.



Line 1 and line 2 are perpendicular.

Line 1 has gradient $\frac{3}{2}$.

Line 2 has gradient $\frac{-2}{3} = -\frac{2}{3}$.

We see that the gradients are *negative reciprocals* of each other, and their product is $\frac{3}{2} \times -\frac{2}{3} = -1$.

For lines which are not horizontal or vertical:

- if the lines are **perpendicular**, then their gradients are **negative reciprocals**
- if the gradients are **negative reciprocals**, then the lines are **perpendicular**.

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Example 11

Self Tutor

Find the gradient of all lines perpendicular to a line with a gradient of:

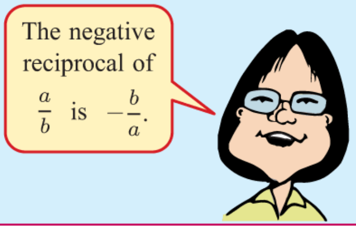
a $\frac{2}{7}$ **b** -5

a The negative reciprocal of $\frac{2}{7}$ is $-\frac{7}{2}$.

$\therefore$ the gradient of any perpendicular line is $-\frac{7}{2}$.

b The negative reciprocal of $-5 = \frac{-5}{1}$ is $\frac{1}{5}$.

$\therefore$ the gradient of any perpendicular line is $\frac{1}{5}$.



EXERCISE 6D.1

1 Find the gradient of all lines perpendicular to a line with a gradient of:

a $\frac{1}{2}$ **b** $\frac{2}{5}$ **c** 3 **d** 7

e $-\frac{2}{5}$ **f** $-\frac{7}{2}$ **g** $-1\frac{1}{3}$ **h** -1

2 The gradients of two lines are listed below. Which of the line pairs are perpendicular?

a $\frac{1}{3}, 3$ **b** $5, -5$ **c** $\frac{3}{7}, -2\frac{1}{3}$ **d** $4, -\frac{1}{4}$

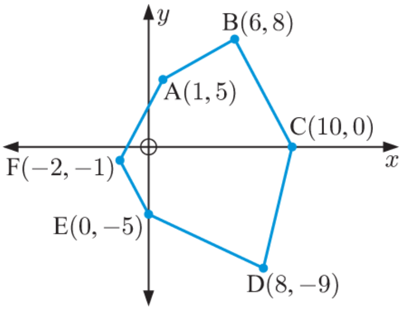
e $6, -\frac{5}{6}$ **f** $\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{3}{2}$ **g** $\frac{p}{q}, \frac{q}{p}$ **h** $\frac{a}{b}, -\frac{b}{a}$

3 Consider the hexagon alongside.

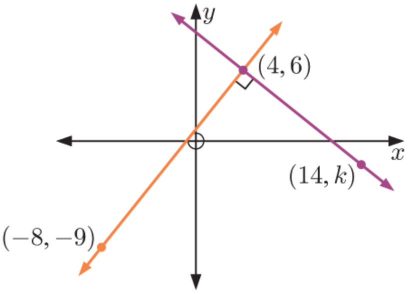
a Calculate the gradient of each side of the hexagon.

b Which sides are:

i parallel   **ii** perpendicular?



4 Find the value of k:



5 Consider the points $A(1, 4)$, $B(-1, 0)$, $C(6, 3)$, and $D(t, -1)$. Find t if:

- **a** [AB] is parallel to [CD]
- **b** [AC] is parallel to [DB]
- **c** [AB] is perpendicular to [CD]
- **d** [AD] is perpendicular to [BC].

6 Consider the points $P(1, 5)$, $Q(5, 7)$, and $R(3, 1)$.

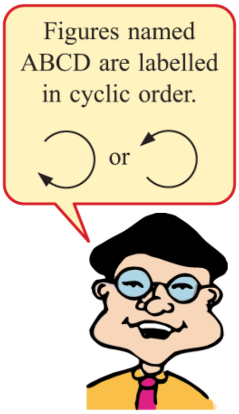
- **a** Show that triangle PQR is isosceles.
- **b** Find the midpoint M of [QR].
- **c** Use gradients to verify that [PM] is perpendicular to [QR].
- **d** Draw a sketch to illustrate what you have found.

7 For the points $A(-1, 1)$, $B(1, 5)$, and $C(5, 1)$, M is the midpoint of [AB], and N is the midpoint of [BC].

- **a** Show that [MN] is parallel to [AC].
- **b** Show that [MN] is half the length of [AC].

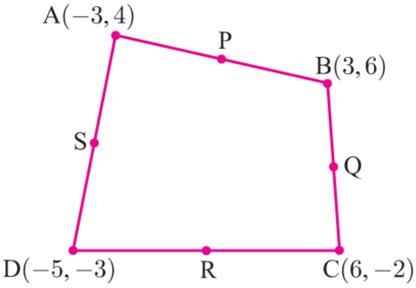
8 Consider the points $A(1, 3)$, $B(6, 3)$, $C(3, -1)$, and $D(-2, -1)$.

- **a** Use the distance formula to show that ABCD is a rhombus.
- **b** Find the midpoints of [AC] and [BD].
- **c** Show that [AC] and [BD] are perpendicular.
- **d** Draw a sketch to illustrate your findings.


Figures named ABCD are labelled in cyclic order.

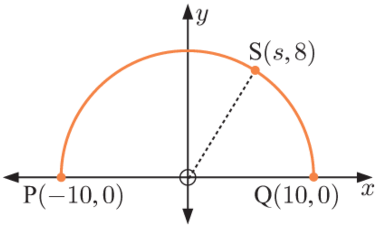
9 The sketch of quadrilateral ABCD is not drawn to scale. P, Q, R, and S are the midpoints of [AB], [BC], [CD], and [DA] respectively.

- **a** Find the coordinates of:
  - **i** P
  - **ii** Q
  - **iii** R
  - **iv** S.
- **b** Find the gradient of:
  - **i** [PQ]
  - **ii** [QR]
  - **iii** [RS]
  - **iv** [SP].
- **c** What can be deduced about quadrilateral PQRS?



10 $S(s, 8)$ lies on a semi-circle as shown.

- **a** Find s.
- **b** Find the gradient of:
  - **i** [PS]
  - **ii** [SQ].
- **c** Hence show that angle PSQ is a right angle.

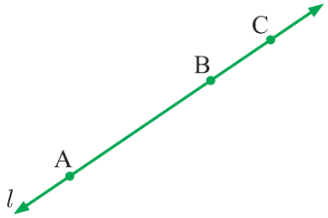


COLLINEAR POINTS

Three or more points are **collinear** if they lie on the same straight line.

Consider the three collinear points A, B, and C, which all lie on the line l.

gradient of [AB] = gradient of [BC] = gradient of l



Three points A, B, and C are **collinear** if gradient of [AB] = gradient of [BC].

Example 12 **Self Tutor**

Show that the points $A(1, -1)$, $B(6, 9)$, and $C(3, 3)$ are collinear.

Gradient of [AB] $= \frac{9 - -1}{6 - 1} = \frac{10}{5} = 2$. Gradient of [BC] $= \frac{3 - 9}{3 - 6} = \frac{-6}{-3} = 2$.

$\therefore$ [AB] is parallel to [BC], and point B is common to both line segments.

$\therefore$ A, B, and C are collinear.

EXERCISE 6D.2

1 Determine whether the following sets of points are collinear:

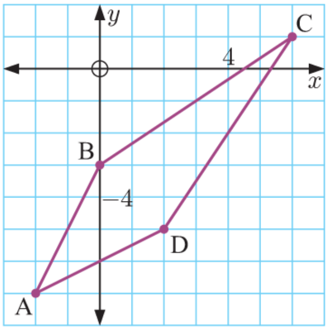
- **a** $A(1, 2)$, $B(4, 6)$, and $C(-4, -4)$
- **b** $P(-6, -6)$, $Q(-1, 0)$, and $R(4, 6)$
- **c** $R(5, 2)$, $S(-6, 5)$, and $T(0, -4)$
- **d** $A(0, -2)$, $B(-1, -5)$, and $C(3, 7)$.

2 Find c given that these three points are collinear:

- **a** $A(-4, -2)$, $B(0, 2)$, and $C(c, 5)$
- **b** $P(3, -2)$, $Q(4, c)$, and $R(-1, 10)$.

3 The points $A(-2, -7)$, $B(0, -3)$, $C(6, 1)$, and $D(2, -5)$ form a kite.

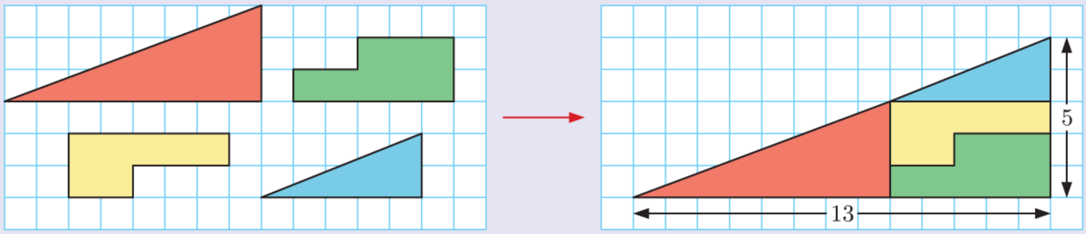
- **a** Find the midpoint M of [BD].
- **b** Show that A, M, and C are collinear.
- **c** Show that [AC] is perpendicular to [BD].



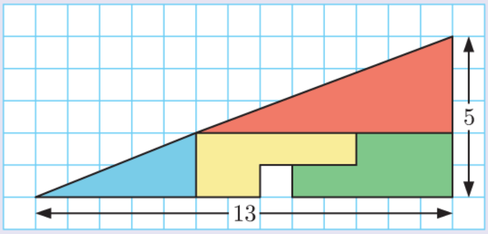
PUZZLE **THE MISSING SQUARE**

Stephanie presents the following puzzle to her friend Courtney:

"I can arrange these four shapes to form a right angled triangle which is 13 units long and 5 units high."



"I can then rearrange the shapes to form a triangle of the same size. However, there is now a missing square."



Can you explain why there is a missing square?

E THE EQUATION OF A LINE

The **equation of a line** is a rule which connects the x and y-coordinates of **all** points on the line.

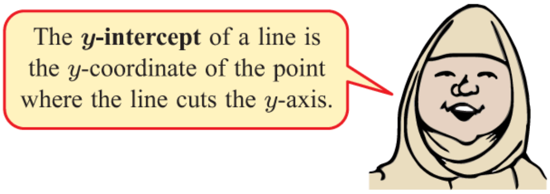
The equation of a line is commonly written in either **gradient-intercept form** or in **general form**.

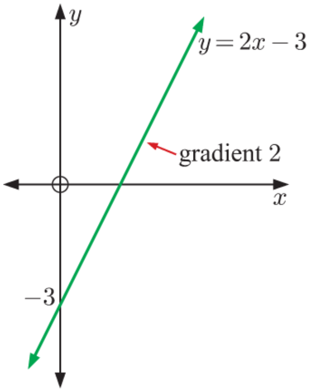
GRADIENT-INTERCEPT FORM

$y = mx + c$ is called the **gradient-intercept form** of an equation of a line.

The line with equation $y = mx + c$ has gradient m and y-intercept c.

For example, the line with equation $y = 2x - 3$ has gradient 2 and y-intercept -3.





GENERAL FORM

$Ax + By = C$ is called the **general form** of the equation of a line.

For example, the equations $2x + 3y = 5$ and $x - 6y = -7$ are in general form.

Equations in general form are usually written with a positive coefficient of x.

FINDING THE EQUATION OF A LINE

If we are given enough information about a line, we can determine its equation.

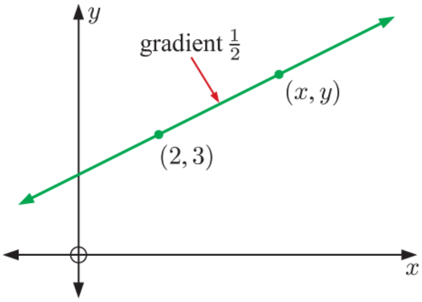
> To determine the equation of a line, we need to know either:
> - its gradient and at least one point which lies on the line, or
> - two points which lie on the line.

Suppose that a line has gradient $\frac{1}{2}$, and passes through the point $(2, 3)$.

For any point (x, y) which lies on the line, the gradient between $(2, 3)$ and (x, y) is $\dfrac{y-3}{x-2}$.

$\therefore$ the line has equation $\dfrac{y-3}{x-2} = \dfrac{1}{2}$

which can be written as $y - 3 = \frac{1}{2}(x-2)$.



We can rearrange this to find the equation of the line in either gradient-intercept form or general form:

Gradient-intercept form

$$\begin{aligned} y - 3 &= \tfrac{1}{2}(x-2) \\ \therefore\ y - 3 &= \tfrac{1}{2}x - 1 \\ \therefore\ y &= \tfrac{1}{2}x + 2 \end{aligned}$$

General form

$$\begin{aligned} y - 3 &= \tfrac{1}{2}(x-2) \\ \therefore\ 2(y-3) &= 1(x-2) \\ \therefore\ 2y - 6 &= x - 2 \\ \therefore\ x - 2y &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

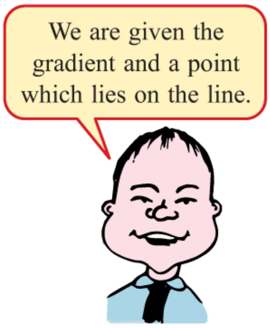
> If a straight line has gradient m and passes through (a, b), then it has equation
>
> $$\boldsymbol{\frac{y-b}{x-a} = m} \quad \text{or} \quad \boldsymbol{y - b = m(x-a)}.$$
>
> We can rearrange the equation into either **gradient-intercept form** or **general form**.

Example 13 **Self Tutor**

Find, in *gradient-intercept form*, the equation of the line with gradient 5 that passes through $(-1, 3)$.

The equation of the line is

$$\begin{aligned} y - 3 &= 5(x - -1) \\ \therefore\ y - 3 &= 5(x+1) \\ \therefore\ y - 3 &= 5x + 5 \\ \therefore\ y &= 5x + 8 \end{aligned}$$



EXERCISE 6E.1

1 Find, in *gradient-intercept form*, the equation of the line with:

- **a** gradient 2, passing through $(1, 3)$
- **b** gradient -1, passing through $(-1, 2)$
- **c** gradient $\frac{2}{3}$, passing through $(-3, 1)$
- **d** gradient $-\frac{4}{5}$, passing through $(4, -2)$
- **e** gradient $-\frac{3}{4}$, passing through $(6, -5)$.

Example 14

Self Tutor

Find, in *general form*, the equation of the line with gradient $\frac{3}{4}$ that passes through $(5,\ -2)$.

The equation of the line is $\quad y - -2 = \frac{3}{4}(x-5)$

$$\therefore\ 4(y+2) = 3(x-5)$$
$$\therefore\ 4y + 8 = 3x - 15$$
$$\therefore\ 3x - 4y = 23$$

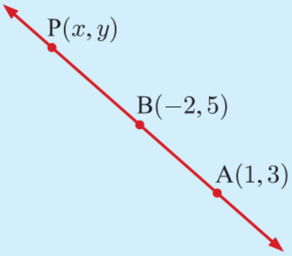
2 Find, in *general form*, the equation of the line with:

- **a** gradient 4, passing through $(3,\ 5)$
- **b** gradient $-\frac{3}{5}$, passing through $(-2,\ 1)$
- **c** gradient $\frac{1}{3}$, passing through $(1,\ 4)$
- **d** gradient $-\frac{3}{4}$, passing through $(0,\ 6)$
- **e** gradient $\frac{2}{7}$, passing through $(-5,\ -5)$.

Example 15

Self Tutor

Find, in *gradient-intercept form*, the equation of the line which passes through $A(1,\ 3)$ and $B(-2,\ 5)$.



The line has gradient $= \dfrac{5-3}{-2-1} = \dfrac{2}{-3} = -\dfrac{2}{3}$,

and passes through the point $A(1,\ 3)$.

$\therefore$ the equation of the line is

$$y - 3 = -\tfrac{2}{3}(x-1)$$
$$\therefore\ y - 3 = -\tfrac{2}{3}x + \tfrac{2}{3}$$
$$\therefore\ y = -\tfrac{2}{3}x + \tfrac{11}{3}$$

We could use *either* A or B as the point which lies on the line.

3 Find, in *gradient-intercept form*, the equation of the line which passes through:

- **a** $A(8,\ 4)$ and $B(5,\ 1)$
- **b** $A(5,\ -1)$ and $B(4,\ 0)$
- **c** $A(-2,\ 4)$ and $B(-3,\ -2)$
- **d** $P(-4,\ 6)$ and $Q(2,\ 9)$
- **e** $M(-1,\ -2)$ and $N(5,\ -4)$
- **f** $R(2,\ -4)$ and $S(7,\ -7)$.

4 Find, in *general form*, the equation of each of the following lines:

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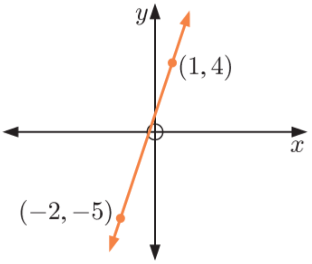

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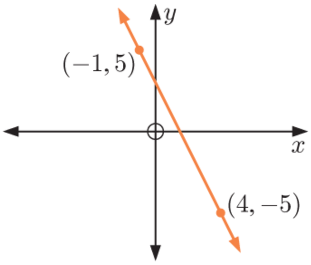

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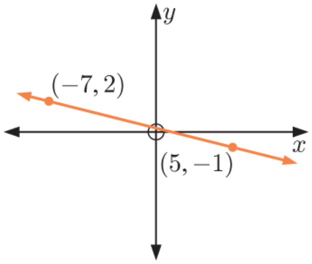

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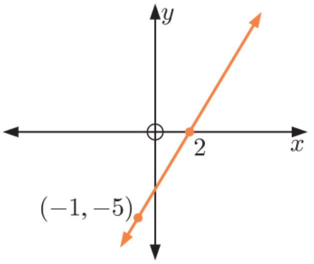

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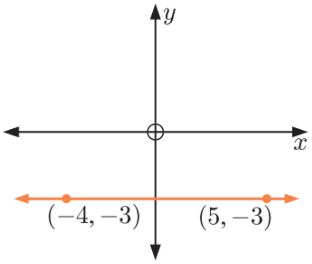

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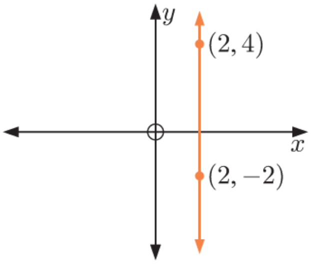


5 **a** Find, in general form, the equation of the line through A(−3, 5) and B(2, 1).

b Show that the point C(12, −7) also lies on this line.

6 Find the equation of the line which:

a cuts the x-axis at 5 and the y-axis at −2

b cuts the x axis at −1, and passes through (−3, 4)

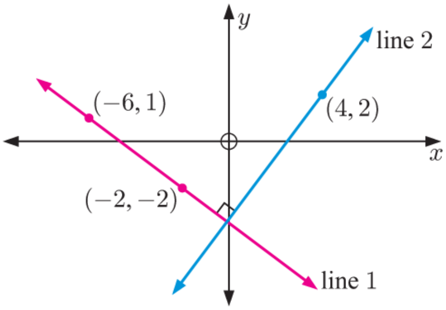
c is parallel to a line with gradient 2, and passes through the point (−1, 4)

d is perpendicular to a line with gradient $\frac{3}{4}$, and cuts the x-axis at 5

e is perpendicular to a line with gradient −2, and passes through (−2, 3).

7 **a** Find the gradient of line 1.

b Hence, find the equation of line 2.

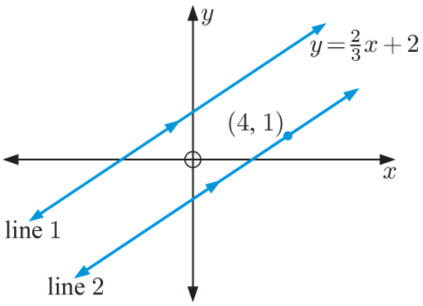


8 Find the equation of the line through (−1, 7), which is parallel to the line through (−3, −4) and (2, 3).

9 Find the equation of the line through (2, 0), which is perpendicular to the line through (−5, 3) and (4, −3).

10 **a** Find, in gradient-intercept form, the equation of line 2.

b Hence, find the y-intercept of line 2.



11 Lines l_1 and l_2 are perpendicular to each other, and intersect at (−2, 5). The equation of l_1 is $y = 3x + 11$. Find, in general form, the equation of l_2.

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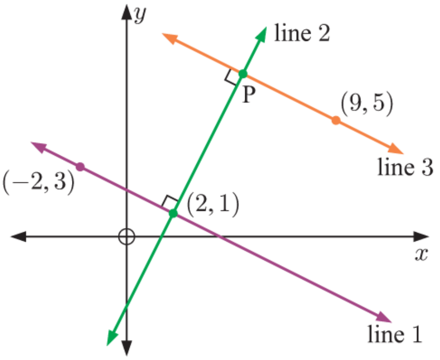

a Find, in gradient-intercept form, the equation of:
  i line 1 **ii** line 2 **iii** line 3.

b Show that the coordinates of P are (5, 7).

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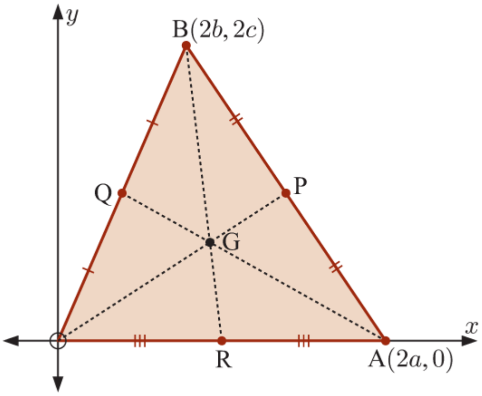


A **median** of a triangle is a line segment from a vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side.

a Show that [OP] has equation $cx - (a+b)\,y = 0$.

b Show that [AQ] has equation $cx - (b-2a)y = 2ac$.

c Prove that the third median [BR] passes through the point of intersection G of medians [OP] and [AQ].

FINDING THE GENERAL FORM OF A LINE QUICKLY

If a line has gradient $\frac{3}{4}$, its equation has the form

$$y = \tfrac{3}{4}x + c$$
$$\therefore\ 4y = 3x + 4c$$
$$\therefore\ 3x - 4y = C \quad \text{for some constant } C.$$

Similarly, if a line has gradient $-\frac{3}{4}$, its equation has the form $3x + 4y = C$.

- The equation of a line with gradient $\dfrac{A}{B}$ has the general form $Ax - By = C$.
- The equation of a line with gradient $-\dfrac{A}{B}$ has the general form $Ax + By = C$.

The constant term C is obtained by substituting the coordinates of any point which lies on the line.

Example 16 Self Tutor

Find the equation of the line:

a with gradient $\frac{3}{4}$, which passes through (5, −2)

b with gradient $-\frac{3}{4}$, which passes through (1, 7).

a The equation is $3x - 4y = 3(5) - 4(-2)$
$\therefore\ 3x - 4y = 23$

b The equation is $3x + 4y = 3(1) + 4(7)$
$\therefore\ 3x + 4y = 31$

With practice you can write down the equation very quickly.

EXERCISE 6E.2

1 Find the equation of the line:

- **a** through $(4,\ 1)$ with gradient $\frac{1}{2}$
- **b** through $(-2,\ 5)$ with gradient $\frac{2}{3}$
- **c** through $(5,\ 0)$ with gradient $\frac{3}{4}$
- **d** through $(3,\ -2)$ with gradient 3
- **e** through $(1,\ 4)$ with gradient $-\frac{1}{3}$
- **f** through $(2,\ -3)$ with gradient $-\frac{3}{4}$
- **g** through $(3,\ -2)$ with gradient -2
- **h** through $(0,\ 4)$ with gradient -3.

2 Find the gradient of the line with equation:

- **a** $2x+3y=8$
- **b** $3x-7y=11$
- **c** $6x-11y=4$
- **d** $5x+6y=-1$
- **e** $3x+6y=-1$
- **f** $15x-5y=17$

3 Explain why:

- **a** any line parallel to $3x+5y=2$ has the form $3x+5y=C$
- **b** any line perpendicular to $3x+5y=2$ has the form $5x-3y=C$.

4 Find the equation of the line which is:

- **a** parallel to the line $3x+4y=6$ and which passes through $(2,\ 1)$
- **b** perpendicular to the line $5x+2y=10$ and which passes through $(-1,\ -1)$
- **c** perpendicular to the line $x-3y+6=0$ and which passes through $(-4,\ 0)$
- **d** parallel to the line $x-3y=11$ and which passes through $(0,\ 0)$.

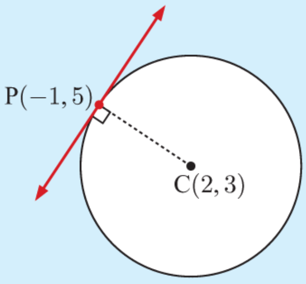
5 $2x-3y=6$ and $6x+ky=4$ are two straight lines.

- **a** Write down the gradient of each line.
- **b** Find k such that the lines are parallel.
- **c** Find k such that the lines are perpendicular.

6 Answer the **Opening Problem** on page **104**.

Example 17 **Self Tutor**

A circle has centre $(2,\ 3)$. Find the equation of the tangent to the circle with point of contact $(-1,\ 5)$.



The gradient of [CP] is $\dfrac{5-3}{(-1)-2} = \dfrac{2}{-3}$

$= -\frac{2}{3}$

$\therefore$ the gradient of the tangent at P is $\frac{3}{2}$

$\therefore$ the equation of the tangent is

$3x-2y=3(-1)-2(5)$

which is $3x-2y=-13$.

The tangent is perpendicular to the radius at the point of contact.

7 Find the equation of the tangent to the circle:

- **a** with centre $(0,\ 2)$ if the point of contact is $(-1,\ 5)$
- **b** with centre $(0,\ 0)$ if the point of contact is $(3,\ -2)$
- **c** with centre $(3,\ -1)$ if the point of contact is $(-1,\ 1)$
- **d** with centre $(2,\ -2)$ if the point of contact is $(5,\ -2)$.

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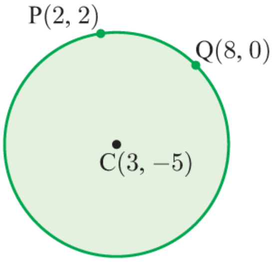
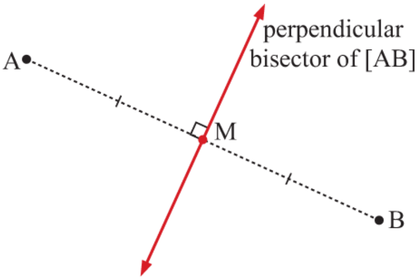


- **a** Find the equation of the tangent to the circle at:
  - **i** P
  - **ii** Q.
- **b** Show that the point $R(\frac{11}{2},\ \frac{5}{2})$ lies on both tangents.
- **c** Show that $PR = QR$.

F PERPENDICULAR BISECTORS

If A and B are two points, the **perpendicular bisector** of [AB] is the line perpendicular to [AB], passing through the midpoint of [AB].

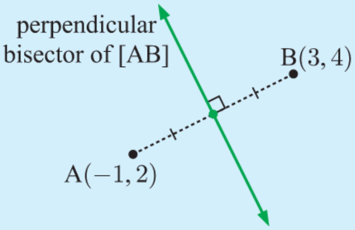
The perpendicular bisector of [AB] divides the number plane into two regions. On one side of the line are points that are closer to A than to B, and on the other side are points that are closer to B than to A.



Points on the perpendicular bisector of [AB] are **equidistant** from A and B.

Example 18 **Self Tutor**

Given $A(-1,\ 2)$ and $B(3,\ 4)$, find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of [AB].



M is $\left(\dfrac{-1+3}{2},\ \dfrac{2+4}{2}\right)$ or $(1,\ 3)$.

The gradient of [AB] is $\dfrac{4-2}{3--1} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore$ the gradient of the perpendicular bisector is $-\frac{2}{1}$

$\therefore$ the equation of the perpendicular bisector is $2x + y = 2(1) + (3)$
which is $2x + y = 5$.

EXERCISE 6F

1 Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of [AB] for:

a A$(3,\ -3)$ and B$(1,\ -1)$

b A$(1,\ 3)$ and B$(-3,\ 5)$

c A$(3,\ 1)$ and B$(-3,\ 6)$

d A$(4,\ -2)$ and B$(4,\ 4)$.

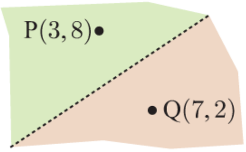
2 Suppose A is $(-1,\ -4)$ and B is $(3,\ 2)$.

a Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of [AB].

b Show that C$(-5,\ 3)$ lies on the perpendicular bisector.

c Show that C is equidistant from A and B.

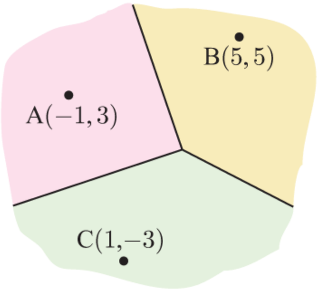
3 Two Post Offices are located at P$(3,\ 8)$ and Q$(7,\ 2)$ on a Council map. Find the equation of the line which should form the boundary between the two regions serviced by the Post Offices.



4 The **Voronoi** diagram alongside shows the location of three Post Offices and the corresponding regions of closest proximity. The Voronoi edges are the perpendicular bisectors of [AB], [BC], and [CA] respectively. Find:

a the equations of the Voronoi edges

b the coordinates of the point where the Voronoi edges meet.



5 Consider the points A$(x_1,\ y_1)$ and B$(x_2,\ y_2)$. Show that the equation of the perpendicular bisector of [AB] is $(x_2 - x_1)x + (y_2 - y_1)y = \dfrac{({x_2}^2 + {y_2}^2) - ({x_1}^2 + {y_1}^2)}{2}$.

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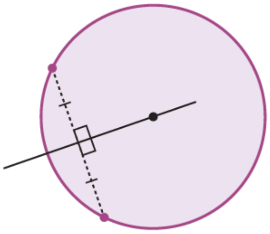


The perpendicular bisector of a chord of a circle, passes through its centre.

Find the centre of a circle passing through points P$(5,\ 7)$, Q$(7,\ 1)$, and R$(-1,\ 5)$.

Hint: Find the perpendicular bisectors of [PQ] and [QR], and solve them simultaneously.

7 Triangle ABC has the vertices shown.

a Find the coordinates of P, Q, and R, the midpoints of [AB], [BC], and [AC] respectively.

b Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of:

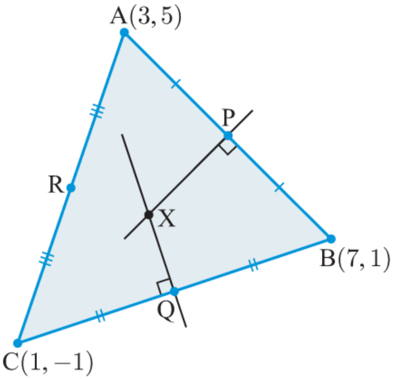
i [AB] **ii** [BC] **iii** [AC]

c Find the coordinates of X, the point of intersection of the perpendicular bisector of [AB] and the perpendicular bisector of [BC].

d Does X lie on the perpendicular bisector of [AC]?

e What does your result from **d** suggest about the perpendicular bisectors of the sides of a triangle?

f What is special about the point X in relation to the vertices of triangle ABC?



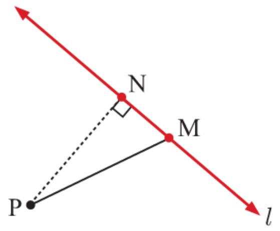
G DISTANCE FROM A POINT TO A LINE

When we talk about the distance from a point to a line, we actually mean the *shortest* distance from the point to the line.

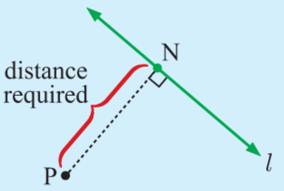
Suppose N is the foot of the perpendicular from P to the line l.

If M is any point on the line other than at N, then triangle MNP is right angled with hypotenuse [MP], and so $\text{MP} \geqslant \text{NP}$.

Hence NP is the shortest distance from P to line l.



The distance from a point P to a line l is the distance from P to N, where N is the point on l such that [NP] is perpendicular to l.



FINDING THE DISTANCE

To find the shortest distance from a point P to a line l we follow these steps:

Step 1: Find the gradient of the line l, and hence the gradient of [NP].

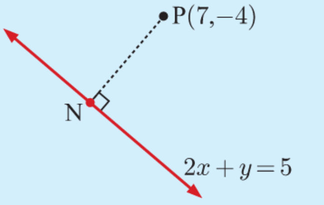
Step 2: Find the equation of the line segment [NP].

Step 3: Find the coordinates of N by solving simultaneously the equations of line l and line segment [NP].

Step 4: Find the distance NP using the distance formula.

Example 19 **Self Tutor**

Find the distance from $\text{P}(7, -4)$ to the line with equation $2x + y = 5$.



Step 1: The gradient of $2x + y = 5$ is $-\frac{2}{1}$

$\therefore$ the gradient of [NP] is $\frac{1}{2}$

Step 2: The equation of [NP] is

$$x - 2y = (7) - 2(-4)$$

which is $x - 2y = 15$

Step 3: We now solve simultaneously: $\begin{cases} 2x + y = 5 & \text{.... (1)} \\ x - 2y = 15 & \text{.... (2)} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{array}{rll} 4x + 2y &= 10 & \{(1) \times 2\} \\ x - 2y &= 15 & \{(2)\} \\ \hline \text{Adding,}\quad 5x &= 25 & \\ \therefore\quad x &= 5 & \end{array}$$

When $x = 5$, $2(5) + y = 5$

$\therefore$ $10 + y = 5$

$\therefore$ $y = -5$

$\therefore$ N is $(5, -5)$.

Step 4: $\text{NP} = \sqrt{(7-5)^2 + (-4 - -5)^2}$

$= \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2}$

$= \sqrt{5}$ units

EXERCISE 6G

1 Find the distance from:

- **a** $(7, -4)$ to $y = 3x - 5$
- **b** $(-6, 0)$ to $y = 3 - 2x$
- **c** $(8, -5)$ to $y = -2x - 4$
- **d** $(-10, 9)$ to $y = -4x + 3$
- **e** $(-2, 8)$ to $3x - y = 6$
- **f** $(1, 7)$ to $4x - 3y = 8$.

2 Find the distance between the following pairs of parallel lines:

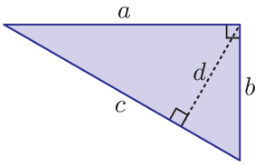
- **a** $y = 3x + 2$ and $y = 3x - 8$
- **b** $3x + 4y = 4$ and $3x + 4y = -16$

Hint: Find any point on one of the lines, then find the distance from this point to the other line.

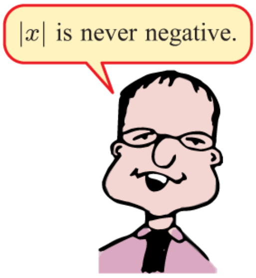
3 A straight water pipeline passes through two points with map references $(3, 2)$ and $(7, -1)$. The shortest spur pipe from the pipeline to the farm at $\text{P}(9, 7)$ is [NP].

- **a** Find the coordinates of N.
- **b** Find the length of the pipeline [NP] given that the grid reference scale is 1 unit $\equiv$ 0.5 km.

4 **a** For the diagram alongside, write *two* expressions for the area of the shaded triangle. Hence show that $d = \dfrac{ab}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$.

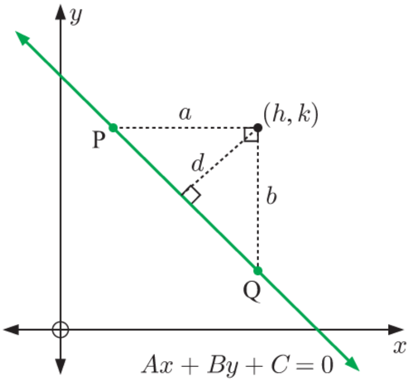


b The **modulus** of x is $|x|$. It is the *size* of x, ignoring its sign, and can be defined by $|x| = \sqrt{x^2}$.
A property of modulus is that $|xy| = |x|\,|y|$ for all real numbers x, y.



Consider the shortest distance d from a point (h, k) to the line $Ax + By + C = 0$.
Point P is the point on the line with y-coordinate k.
Point Q is the point on the line with x-coordinate h.
Show that:

- **i** the distance $a = \dfrac{|Ah + Bk + C|}{|A|}$
- **ii** the distance $b = \dfrac{|Ah + Bk + C|}{|B|}$
- **iii** the distance $d = \dfrac{|Ah + Bk + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$.



H 3-DIMENSIONAL COORDINATE GEOMETRY

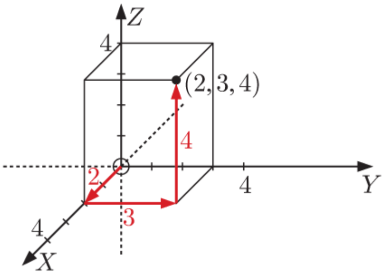
3D-POINT PLOTTER

In 3-dimensional coordinate geometry, we specify an origin O, and three mutually perpendicular axes called the X-axis, the Y-axis, and the Z-axis.

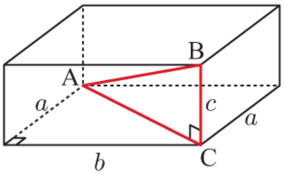
Any point in space can then be specified using an ordered triple in the form (x, y, z).

We generally suppose that the Y and Z-axes are in the plane of the page, and the X-axis is coming out of the page as shown.

The point $(2, 3, 4)$ is found by starting at the origin $O(0, 0, 0)$, moving 2 units along the X-axis, 3 units in the Y-direction, and then 4 units in the Z-direction.



We see that $(2, 3, 4)$ is located on the corner of a rectangular prism opposite O.



Now consider the rectangular prism illustrated, in which A is opposite B.

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\begin{aligned}
& & \mathrm{AC}^2 &= a^2 + b^2 && \{\text{Pythagoras}\} \\
&\text{and} & \mathrm{AB}^2 &= \mathrm{AC}^2 + c^2 && \{\text{Pythagoras}\} \\
&\therefore & \mathrm{AB}^2 &= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 && \\
&\therefore & \mathrm{AB} &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} && \{\mathrm{AB} > 0\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Suppose A is (x_1, y_1, z_1) and B is (x_2, y_2, z_2).

- The **distance** $\mathrm{AB} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$.
- The **midpoint** of [AB] is $\left(\dfrac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \dfrac{y_1 + y_2}{2}, \dfrac{z_1 + z_2}{2}\right)$.

Example 20 **Self Tutor**

Consider $A(3, -1, 2)$ and $B(-1, 2, 4)$. Find:

a the distance AB **b** the midpoint of [AB].

a
$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{AB} &= \sqrt{(-1-3)^2 + (2 - -1)^2 + (4-2)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 3^2 + 2^2} \\
&= \sqrt{16 + 9 + 4} \\
&= \sqrt{29} \text{ units}
\end{aligned}
$$

b The midpoint is $\left(\dfrac{3 + -1}{2}, \dfrac{-1+2}{2}, \dfrac{2+4}{2}\right)$,

which is $(1, \frac{1}{2}, 3)$.

EXERCISE 6H

PRINTABLE 3-D PLOTTER PAPER

1 On separate axes, plot the points:

- **a** $(4, 0, 0)$
- **b** $(0, 2, 0)$
- **c** $(0, 0, -3)$
- **d** $(1, 2, 0)$
- **e** $(2, 0, 4)$
- **f** $(0, 3, -1)$
- **g** $(2, 2, 2)$
- **h** $(2, -1, 3)$
- **i** $(4, 1, 2)$
- **j** $(-2, 2, 3)$
- **k** $(-1, 1, -1)$
- **l** $(-3, 2, -1)$

2 For these pairs of points find:

- **i** the distance AB
- **ii** the midpoint of [AB].

- **a** A$(2, 3, -4)$ and B$(0, -1, 2)$
- **b** A$(0, 0, 0)$ and B$(2, -4, 4)$
- **c** A$(1, 1, 1)$ and B$(3, 3, 3)$
- **d** A$(-1, 2, 4)$ and B$(4, -1, 3)$

3 Find the nature of triangle ABC given that:

- **a** A is $(3, -3, 6)$, B is $(6, 2, 4)$, and C is $(4, -1, 3)$
- **b** A is $(1, -2, 2)$, B is $(-8, 4, 17)$, and C is $(3, 6, 0)$.

4 Find k if the distance from P$(1, 2, 3)$ to Q$(k, 1, -1)$ is 6 units.

5 Find the relationship between x, y, and z if the point P(x, y, z):

- **a** is always 2 units from O$(0, 0, 0)$
- **b** is always 4 units from A$(1, 2, 3)$.

Comment on your answer in each case.

6 Illustrate and describe these sets:

- **a** $\{(x, y, z) \mid y = 2\}$
- **b** $\{(x, y, z) \mid x = 1,\ y = 2\}$
- **c** $\{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1,\ z = 0\}$
- **d** $\{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4\}$
- **e** $\{(x, y, z) \mid 0 \leqslant x \leqslant 2,\ 0 \leqslant y \leqslant 2,\ z = 3\}$
- **f** $\{(x, y, z) \mid 0 \leqslant x \leqslant 2,\ 0 \leqslant y \leqslant 2,\ 0 \leqslant z \leqslant 1\}$.

REVIEW SET 6A

1 Find the midpoint of the line segment joining A$(-2, 3)$ to B$(-4, 3)$.

2 Find the distance from C$(-3, -2)$ to D$(0, 5)$.

3 Find the gradient of all lines perpendicular to a line with gradient $\frac{2}{3}$.

4 K$(-3, 2)$ and L$(3, m)$ are $\sqrt{52}$ units apart. Find m.

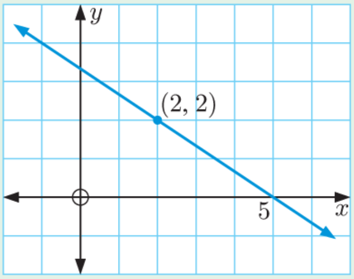
5 Find t given that the line joining $(-1, t)$ and $(5, -3)$ has gradient $\frac{4}{3}$.

6 Show that A$(1, -2)$, B$(4, 4)$, and C$(5, 6)$ are collinear.

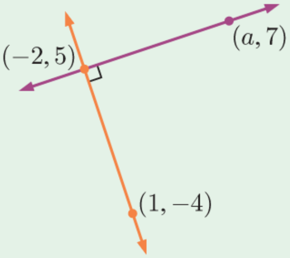
7 Find the equation of the line:

- **a** with gradient -2 and y-intercept 7
- **b** passing through $(-1, 3)$ and $(2, 1)$
- **c** parallel to a line with gradient $\frac{3}{2}$, and passing through $(5, 0)$.

8 Find the equation of the line:



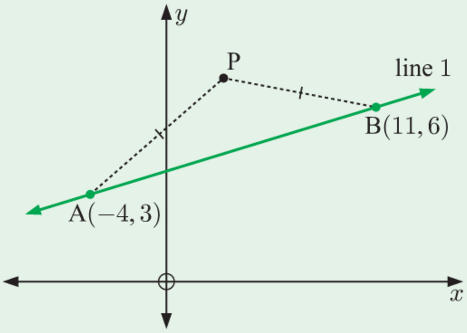
9 Find the value of a:



10 Consider the points $A(-3,\ 1)$, $B(1,\ 4)$, and $C(4,\ 0)$.

- **a** Show that triangle ABC is right angled and isosceles.
- **b** Find the midpoint X of [AC].
- **c** Use gradients to verify that [BX] is perpendicular to [AC].

11
- **a** Find, in general form, the equation of line 1.
- **b** Point P has x-coordinate 3, and is equidistant from A and B. Find the coordinates of P.
- **c** Find the equation of line 2, which is perpendicular to line 1, and passes through P.
- **d**
  - **i** Find the midpoint M of [AB].
  - **ii** Show that M lies on line 2.



12 Find the equation of the:

- **a** tangent to the circle with centre $(-1,\ 2)$ at the point $(3,\ 1)$
- **b** perpendicular bisector of [AB] for $A(2,\ 6)$ and $B(5,\ -2)$.

13 Find the shortest distance from $A(3,\ 5)$ to the line with equation $3x + 2y = 6$.

14 For $P(-1,\ 2,\ 3)$ and $Q(1,\ -2,\ -3)$, find:

- **a** the distance PQ
- **b** the midpoint of [PQ].

15 The distance between $P(1,\ 3,\ -1)$ and $Q(2,\ 1,\ k)$, is $\sqrt{30}$ units. Find k.

REVIEW SET 6B

1 Consider the points $S(7,\ -2)$ and $T(-1,\ 1)$.

- **a** Find the distance ST.
- **b** Determine the midpoint of [ST].

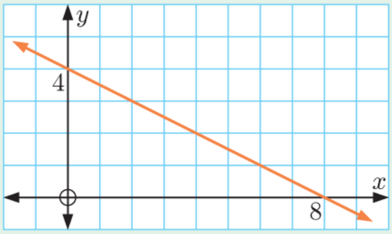
2 Find, in general form, the equation of the line passing through $P(-3,\ 2)$ and $Q(3,\ -1)$.

3
- **a** Find the gradient of all lines perpendicular to a line with gradient $-\frac{1}{2}$.
- **b** Determine whether the line $2x + y = 3$ is perpendicular to a line with gradient $-\frac{1}{2}$.

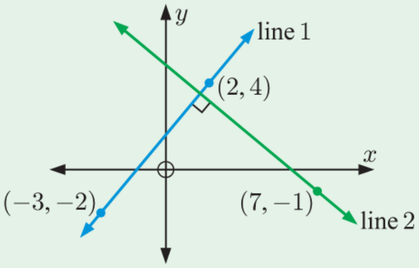
4 $X(-2,\ 3)$ and $Y(a,\ -1)$ are $\sqrt{17}$ units apart. Find the value of a.

5 Find b given that $A(-6,\ 2)$, $B(b,\ 0)$, and $C(3,\ -4)$ are collinear.

6 Determine the equation of the line:



7 Find the equation of line 2.



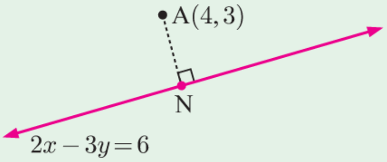
8 Find, in gradient-intercept form, the equation of the line passing through $(1, -2)$ and $(3, 4)$.

9 $A(-3,\ 2)$, $B(2,\ 3)$, $C(4,\ -1)$, and $D(-1,\ -2)$ are the vertices of quadrilateral ABCD.

- **a** **i** Find the gradient of each side of the quadrilateral.
  - **ii** What can you deduce about quadrilateral ABCD?
- **b** **i** Find the midpoints of the diagonals [AC] and [BD].
  - **ii** What property of parallelograms does this check?
- **c** **i** Find the gradients of the diagonals [AC] and [BD].
  - **ii** What does the product of these gradients tell us about quadrilateral ABCD?

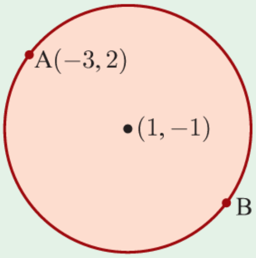
10 Find:

- **a** the coordinates of point N
- **b** the shortest distance from A to N.

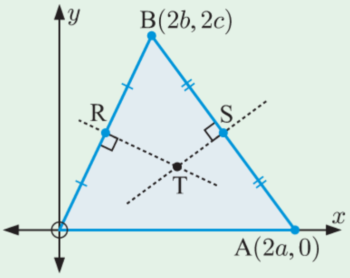


11 [AB] is a diameter of a circle with centre $(1, -1)$.
A has coordinates $(-3, 2)$.

- **a** Find the radius of the circle.
- **b** Find the equation of the tangent at A.
- **c** Find the coordinates of B.
- **d** Find the equation of the tangent at B.



12
- **a** Show that the perpendicular bisector of [OB] has equation $bx + cy = b^2 + c^2$.
- **b** Show that the perpendicular bisector of [AB] has equation $(a-b)\,x - cy = a^2 - b^2 - c^2$.
- **c** Prove that the perpendicular bisector of [OA] passes through the point of intersection of the other two perpendicular bisectors of $\triangle$OAB.



13 Find the distance between the parallel lines $2x + y = -5$ and $2x + y = 7$.

14 How far is $A(-1,\ -2,\ 5)$ from the origin O?

15 $P(x,\ y,\ z)$ is equidistant from $(-1,\ 1,\ 0)$ and $(2,\ 0,\ 0)$. Deduce that $y = 3x - 1$.