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Question

Find the slope of lines

- ① Passing through the points $(3, -2)$ and $(-1, 4)$
- ② Passing through the points $(3, -2)$ and $(7, -2)$
- ③ Passing through the points $(3, -2)$ and $(3, 4)$
- ④ Making inclination of 60° with the positive direction of x -axis

Finding slopes using the direction vector formula

The direction vector of AB is defined as

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \kappa \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix},$$

where m is the slope of AB . We also write

$$\mathbf{m} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, the slope m can be obtained directly from the direction vector components:

$$m = \frac{\text{vertical component of } (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})}{\text{horizontal component of } (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})}.$$

Theoretical Solution

Through points $(3, -2)$ and $(-1, 4)$:

Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The direction vector is

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - 3 \\ 4 - (-2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Comparing with $\kappa \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix}$,

$$m = \frac{6}{-4} = -\frac{3}{2}.$$

Theoretical Solution

Through points $(3, -2)$ and $(7, -2)$:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 - 3 \\ -2 - (-2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

so

$$m = \frac{0}{4} = 0.$$

Theoretical Solution

Through points $(3, -2)$ and $(3, 4)$:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - 3 \\ 4 - (-2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix},$$

here the horizontal component is zero, so

$$m = \frac{6}{0},$$

which is undefined (vertical line).

Inclination of 60° with the positive x -axis:

A direction vector making an angle θ with the x -axis is

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} = \kappa \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \tan \theta \end{pmatrix},$$

so

$$m = \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}.$$

C code

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    double Ax, Ay, Bx, By, dx, dy, slope;
    printf("Enter coordinates of point A (x y): ");
    scanf("%lf %lf", &Ax, &Ay);
    printf("Enter coordinates of point B (x y): ");
    scanf("%lf %lf", &Bx, &By);
    dx = Bx - Ax; // horizontal component
    dy = By - Ay; // vertical component
    if (dx == 0) {
        printf("The line AB is vertical. The slope is undefined (infinite).\n");
    } else {
        slope = dy / dx;
        printf("Direction vector of AB: (%.2f, %.2f)\n", dx, dy);
        printf("Slope of AB: %.2f\n", slope);
    }
    return 0;
}
```


Python Plotting Code - Part 1

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Points
A = (3, -2)
B1 = (-1, 4)
B2 = (7, -2)
B3 = (3, 4)

# 1) Line through (3,-2) & (-1,4)
x1 = np.linspace(-2, 5, 100)
m1 = (4 - (-2)) / (-1 - 3) # slope = -1.5
y1 = m1 * (x1 - 3) + (-2)

# 2) Horizontal line through (3,-2) & (7,-2)
x2 = np.linspace(-2, 8, 100)
y2 = np.full_like(x2, -2)
```

Python Plotting Code - Part 2

```
# 3) Vertical line through (3,-2) & (3,4)
x3 = np.full(100, 3)
y3 = np.linspace(-3, 5, 100)

# 4) Line with inclination 60' (slope = tan(60') 1.732) through
    origin
x4 = np.linspace(-2, 4, 100)
m4 = np.tan(np.radians(60))
y4 = m4 * x4

# Plot all lines
plt.plot(x1, y1, 'orange', label="Through (3,-2) & (-1,4); slope
    = -1.50")
plt.plot(x2, y2, 'blue', label="Through (3,-2) & (7,-2); slope =
    0")
plt.plot(x3, y3, 'green', label="Through (3,-2) & (3,4); vertical
    (undefined slope)")
plt.plot(x4, y4, 'gold', label="Inclination 60'; slope = 1.732")
```

Python Plotting Code - Part 3

Points

```
plt.scatter([3, -1, 7, 3, 0], [-2, 4, -2, 4, 0], color='black',  
            zorder=5)  
plt.text(3, -2.4, "(3,-2)")  
plt.text(-1.5, 4, "(-1,4)")  
plt.text(7, -2.4, "(7,-2)")  
plt.text(3.1, 4, "(3,4)")  
plt.text(0.1, 0.2, "(0,0)")
```

Labels and grid

```
plt.title("Lines and Slopes from the Problem")  
plt.xlabel("x")  
plt.ylabel("y")  
plt.axhline(0, color='black', linewidth=0.8)  
plt.axvline(0, color='black', linewidth=0.8)  
plt.grid(True)  
plt.legend()  
plt.show()
```

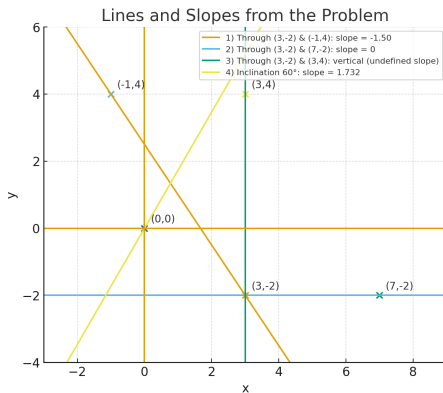


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