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Class: S3-0

## **ENDURING UNDERSTANDING**

Students understand that

- the ratios of sides of similar right angled triangles determine the midpoints and gradients of lines in Cartesian space.
- the equation of a straight line provides an algebraic structure to relate two variables in a connected equation to describe geometrical features of a straight line and solve geometric problems.
- the area of a rectilinear figure is determined by the determinant of a matrix using coordinates.

## **ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

- How can we find midpoints in Cartesian space?
- How can we measure slope in Cartesian space using similarity?
- Why do parallel lines have the same gradients?
- What is the relationship between gradients of perpendicular lines?
- How does the equation of a straight line relate the variables?
- How can we use the equation of a straight line to solve problems?
- How can we find the area of a rectilinear figure using coordinates in a Cartesian space?

## **BIG IDEAS**

- **Diagrams:** Diagrams are succinct, visual representations of real-world or mathematical objects that serve to communicate properties of the objects and facilitate problem solving. For example, graphs in coordinate geometry are used to represent the relationships between two sets of values.
- **Measures:** Numbers are used to measure or quantify a property of various real-world or mathematical objects, so that they can be analysed, compared and ordered.

## **KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS**

At the end of the topic, students will be able to

- Relate gradient to the angle of inclination
- Find the equation of a line that is parallel to a given line
- Find how the gradients of two perpendicular lines are related
- Find the equation of a line that is perpendicular to a given line
- Solve problems involving the midpoint of a line segment
- Use the formula for area of a triangle and a quadrilateral

## **COMMON SYMBOLS/LANGUAGE USED**

- Mid-point, collinear, vertex, bisector, perpendicular bisector

## RESOURCES

- New Syllabus Mathematics 3 Textbook (Shinglee Publishers) Chapter 4 (pg 101 to 122)
- Thong, H.S., Khor, N. H., Yan, K. C. (2015). "Additional Mathematics 360". Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Education.
- Additional Mathematics 360 Textbook (Marshall Cavendish Education) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed - Chapter 7 (pg 156 to 191)
- BBC Bitesize <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/maths/geometry/linesegmentsrev2.shtml>

## TEACHING TO THE BIG IDEA

Lesson sequence in the unit								
Student Learning Outcomes	Dimensions (Please tick the appropriate boxes)							
	FUNCTIONS	INVARIANCE	NOTATIONS	DIAGRAMS	MEASURES	EQUIVALENCE	PROPORTIONALITY	MODELS
	F	I	N	D	M	E	P	M
Length of a Line Segment								
Midpoint of a Line Segment								
Parallel Lines and Perpendicular Lines								
Bisectors and Perpendicular Bisectors								
Areas of Triangles and Quadrilaterals								

## UNIT CHECKLIST

Section 4.1 Parallel Lines & Perpendicular Lines		
Cognitive Level	Know, Understand, Demonstrate	Checklist
Level 0: Memorisation	State the formula for the gradient given two coordinates	
	State that the gradients of two parallel lines are equal	
	State that the gradients of lines between collinear points are equal to each other	
	Find how the gradients of two perpendicular lines are related	
Level 1: Procedural tasks without connections	Calculate the gradient of a line given two coordinates	
	Deduce the relationship between the gradients of two parallel lines	
	Deduce the relationship between the gradients of two perpendicular lines	
	Find the equation of a line that is parallel to a given line	
	Find the equation of a line that is perpendicular to a given line	
Level 2: Procedural tasks with connections	Interpret and find the equation of a linear graph that is parallel to a given line	
	Interpret and find the equation of a linear graph that is perpendicular to a given line	
Level 3: Problem Solving	Solve geometric problems involving the use of coordinates	
	Relate gradient to the angle of inclination	

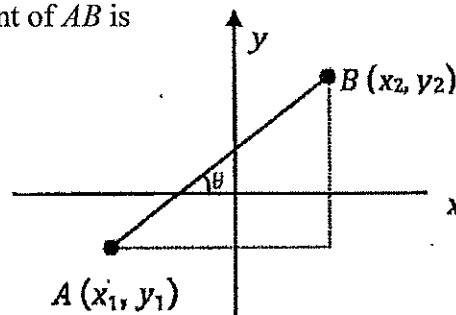
Section 4.2 Midpoint of a Line Segment		
Cognitive Level	Know, Understand, Demonstrate	Checklist
Level 0: Memorisation	State the formula for the midpoint of a line segment	
Level 2: Procedural tasks with connections	Use the midpoint of a line segment to find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of the line segment	
Level 3: Problem Solving	Solve problems involving midpoint of a line segment	

Section 4.3 Areas of Triangles and Quadrilaterals		
Cognitive Level	Know, Understand, Demonstrate	Checklist
Level 0: Memorisation	Use the formula for the area of a triangle	
	Use the formula for the area of a quadrilateral	

## Section 4.1 – Parallel Lines and Perpendicular Lines

For any two given points  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$ , the gradient of  $AB$  is

$$m_{AB} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \text{ or } \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2}$$



Gradient is a measure of the steepness of a line. Is angle of inclination a measure of steepness too? Why?

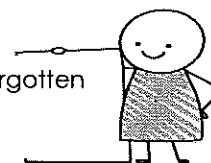


$m_{AB}$  can also be written as  $\tan \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle  $AB$  makes with the  $x$ -axis.

A horizontal line is parallel to the  $x$ -axis. Its gradient is  $0$ .

A vertical line is parallel to the  $y$ -axis. Its gradient is  $\text{undefined}$ .

Watch this video if you've forgotten what is gradient:  
<https://youtu.be/zVSq5b3PPFY>



### Example 1

Find the acute angle that the line segment joining  $P(-2, -3)$  and  $Q(4, 6)$  makes with the positive direction of the  $x$ -axis.

$$\tan \theta = \frac{6 - (-3)}{4 - (-2)} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\theta = 56.3^\circ \text{ (1.d.p.)}$$

### Example 2

$P(k^2, 3k)$ ,  $Q(k, k-2)$ ,  $R(k, k+2)$  and  $S(1, 1)$  are four points. Find the possible values of  $k$  such that  $PQ$  is parallel to  $RS$ .

$$\frac{3k - (k-2)}{k^2 - k} = \frac{(k+2) - 1}{k - 1}$$

$$\frac{2k+2}{k^2-k} = \frac{k+1}{k-1}$$

$$\frac{2(k+1)}{k(k-1)} = \frac{k+1}{k-1}$$

$$2(k+1) = k(k+1)$$

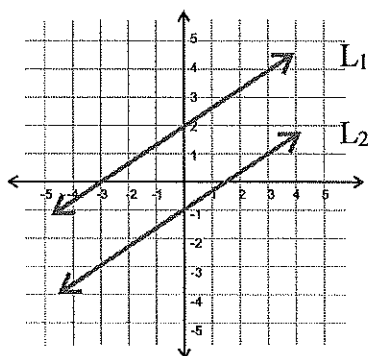
$$k(k+1) - 2(k+1) = 0$$

$$(k-2)(k+1) = 0$$

$$k = 2 \text{ or } k = -1$$

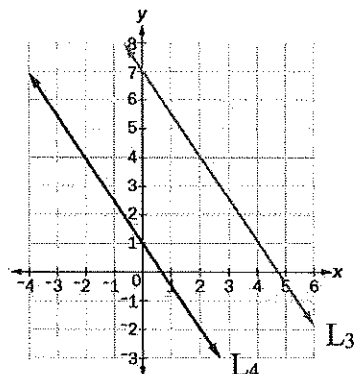
## Gradient of Parallel Lines

Compute the gradients of the lines  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $L_3$  and  $L_4$  shown in the diagrams below.



$$\text{Gradient of } L_1 = \frac{2-0}{0-(-3)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Gradient of } L_2 = \frac{0-(-1)}{1.5-0} = \frac{2}{3}$$



$$\text{Gradient of } L_3 = \frac{7-4}{0-2} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

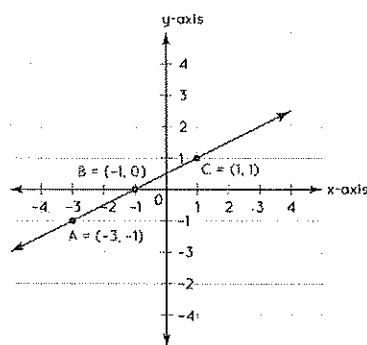
$$\text{Gradient of } L_4 = \frac{4-(-2)}{-1-2} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

What do you observe about the gradients of parallel lines?

Gradients of parallel lines are equal.  
ie.  $m_1 = m_2$

## Collinear Points

A set of points are considered to be collinear, if they all lie in the same line. For example, if we plot the following three points  $A(-3, -1)$ ,  $B(-1, 0)$ , and  $C(1, 1)$  on a cartesian plane, we find that they lie on a straight line.



Therefore, we say that the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are collinear.

To show that a set of points are collinear, choose the line segments in between the points (eg  $AB$  and  $BC$ ) and establish that they have:

- a common direction (equal gradients)
- a common point (eg  $B$ )

### Example 3

Show that the points  $P(2, k+2)$ ,  $Q(-2, k-2)$  and  $R(3, k+3)$  are collinear.

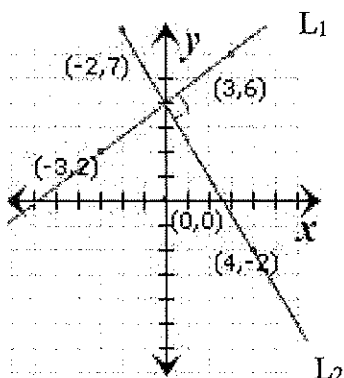
$$\text{gradient of } PQ = \frac{(k+2)-(k-2)}{2-(-2)} = 1$$

$$\text{gradient of } QR = \frac{(k+3)-(k-2)}{3-(-2)} = 1$$

$\therefore PQR$  is collinear.

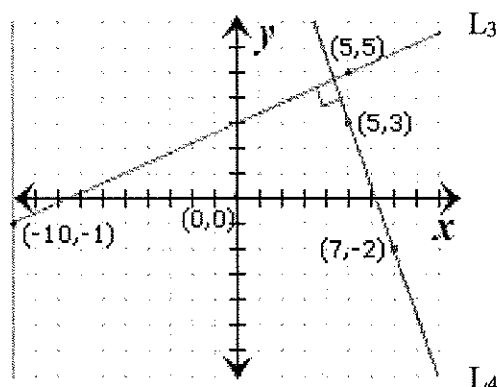
### Gradient of Perpendicular Lines

Compute the gradients of the lines  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $L_3$  and  $L_4$  shown in the diagrams below.



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Gradient of } L_1 &= \frac{6-2}{3-(-3)} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Gradient of } L_2 &= \frac{7-(-2)}{-2-4} \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Gradient of } L_3 &= \frac{5-(-1)}{5-(-10)} \\ &= \frac{2}{5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Gradient of } L_4 &= \frac{3-(-2)}{5-7} \\ &= -\frac{5}{2}\end{aligned}$$

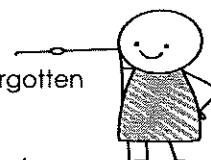
What do you observe about the gradients of perpendicular lines?

The product of gradients of perpendicular lines  $= -1$   
i.e.  $m_1 m_2 = -1$

Is the converse also true?

Yes. If the product of gradients of 2 lines is  $-1$ ,  
then the lines are perpendicular.

Watch this video if you've forgotten  
what is perpendicular lines:  
<https://youtu.be/1Xx1wT6ZSwQ>



**Example 4**

The line joining  $A(a, 3)$  and  $B(2, -3)$  is perpendicular to the line joining  $C(10, 1)$  and  $B$ . Find the value of  $a$ .

$$m_{AB} \times m_{BC} = -1$$

$$\frac{3 - (-3)}{a - 2} \times \frac{-3 - 1}{2 - 10} = -1$$

$$\frac{6}{a - 2} = -2$$

$$6 = -2a + 4$$

$$2a = -2$$

$$a = -1$$

**Example 5**

The equation of a line  $L_1$  is given by  $2y = 3x + 2$ . The line  $L_2$  passes through the points  $(1, 6)$  and  $(7, 2)$ . Show that  $L_1$  is perpendicular to  $L_2$ .

$$2y = 3x + 2$$

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

$$\text{Gradient of } L_1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gradient of } L_2 &= \frac{6 - 2}{1 - 7} \\ &= \frac{4}{-6} \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{L_1} \times m_{L_2} &= \frac{3}{2} \times \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore L_1$  is perpendicular to  $L_2$ .

**Example 6**

Prove that the points  $A(4, 2)$ ,  $B(2, 8)$  and  $C(14, 12)$  are the vertices of a right-angled triangle.

$$m_{AB} = \frac{8 - 2}{2 - 4} = -3$$

$$m_{BC} = \frac{12 - 8}{14 - 2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } m_{AB} \times m_{BC} &= -3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore A, B, C$  are vertices of a right-angled triangle with  $AB$  perpendicular to  $BC$ .

### Example 7

- Find the equation of the line through  $A(-2, 4)$  and perpendicular to the line  $3x + y - 1 = 0$ .
- Given that the two lines intersect at the point  $N$ , find the coordinates of  $N$ .
- Hence, find the shortest distance from  $A$  to the line  $3x + y - 1 = 0$ .

(i)  $3x + y - 1 = 0$

$y = -3x + 1$  — (1)

Gradient of the line  
through  $A = -\frac{1}{-3} = \frac{1}{3}$

$y = \frac{1}{3}x + c$ ,  $c$  is a constant

At  $(-2, 4)$

$4 = \frac{1}{3}(-2) + c$

$c = \frac{14}{3}$

$\therefore y = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{14}{3}$  — (2)

(ii) (1) = (2)

$-3x + 1 = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{14}{3}$

$\frac{10}{3}x = -\frac{11}{3}$

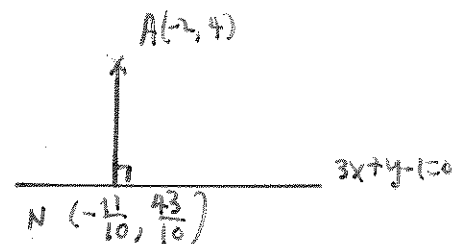
$x = -\frac{11}{10}$

when  $x = -\frac{11}{10}$ ,

$y = \frac{43}{10}$

$N = (-\frac{11}{10}, \frac{43}{10})$

(iii)



shortest distance

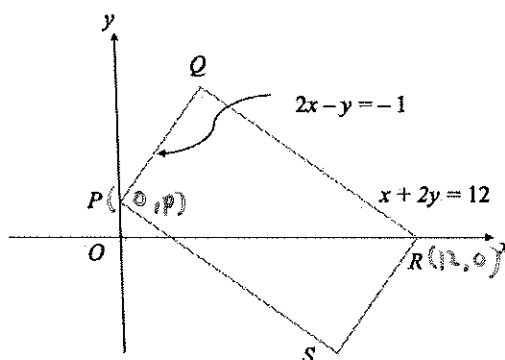
$= AN$

$= \sqrt{(-2 - (-\frac{11}{10}))^2 + (4 - \frac{43}{10})^2}$

$= \sqrt{\frac{9}{10}}$

$= 0.949$  units

### Example 8



The diagram shows a parallelogram  $PQRS$ .

- Given that  $P(0, p)$  is a point on the line  $2x - y = -1$ , find the value of  $p$ .
- $R$  is the point where the line  $x + 2y = 12$  meets the  $x$ -axis. Find the coordinates of  $R$ .
- Using the properties of a parallelogram, find the equation of  $PS$  and of  $RS$ .
- Find the coordinates of  $S$ .

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

$\therefore 2(0) - p = -1$

$p = 1$

(ii) When  $y = 0$ ,

$x + 2(0) = 12$

$x = 12$

coordinates of  $R = (12, 0)$

(iii)  $x + 2y = 12$

$2y = -x + 12$

$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 6$

Gradient of  $PS = -\frac{1}{2}$

Equation of  $PS$ :

$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 1$  — (1)

$2x - y = -1$

$y = 2x + 1$

Gradient of  $RS = 2$

$y = 2x + c$ ,  $c$  is a constant

$0 = 2(12) + c$

$c = -24$

$\therefore$  Equation of  $RS$ :  $y = 2x - 24$  — (2)

(1) = (2):  $-\frac{1}{2}x + 1 = 2x - 24$

$\frac{5}{2}x = 25$

$x = 10$

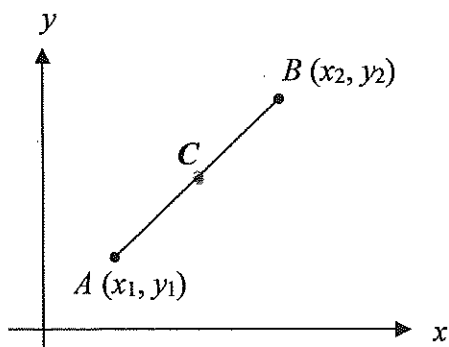
when  $x = 10$ ,  $y = -4$

coordinates of  $S = (10, -4)$



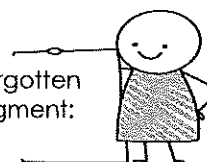
## Section 4.2 – Midpoint of a Line Segment

$A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$  are two given points in the plane that lie on the line segments as shown in the diagram below. Find the coordinates of point  $C$ , the midpoint of the line joining  $A$  and  $B$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Coordinates of midpoint } C \\ = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Watch this video if you've forgotten  
what is midpoint of a line segment:  
[https://youtu.be/MpJUxVI\\_Egw](https://youtu.be/MpJUxVI_Egw)



### Example 9

Find the coordinates of the midpoint of the points  $(-4, -3)$  and  $(5, 7)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{midpoint} &= \left( \frac{-4+5}{2}, \frac{-3+7}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2}, 2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

### Example 10

Given that  $(p, 7)$  is the midpoint of the line segment joining the points  $A(-3, 1)$  and  $B(11, q)$ . Find the values of  $p$  and  $q$ .

$$(p, 7) = \left( \frac{-3+11}{2}, \frac{1+q}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore p = \frac{-3+11}{2} = 4$$

$$\frac{1+q}{2} = 7$$

$$q = 13$$

### Example 11

Three of the vertices of a parallelogram  $ABCD$  are  $A(3, 0)$ ,  $B(7, 3)$  and  $C(1, 7)$ .

(a) Find the coordinates of the midpoint of  $AC$ .

(b) Hence, find the coordinates of the fourth vertex,  $D$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) Midpoint of } AC &= \left( \frac{3+1}{2}, \frac{0+7}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( 2, \frac{7}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b) Let coordinates of } D = (x, y)$$

$$\left( \frac{x+7}{2}, \frac{y+3}{2} \right) = \left( 2, \frac{7}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{x+7}{2} = 2$$

$$x = -3$$

$$\frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

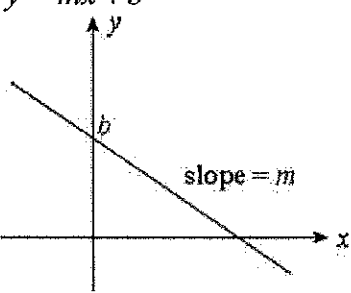
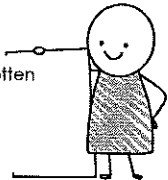
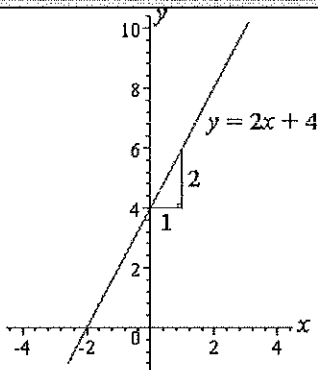
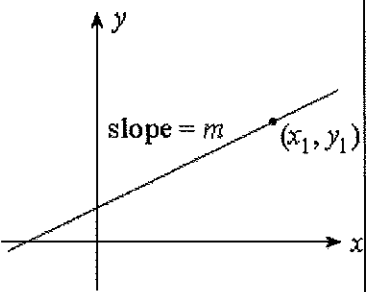
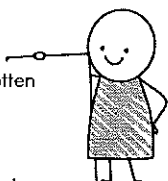
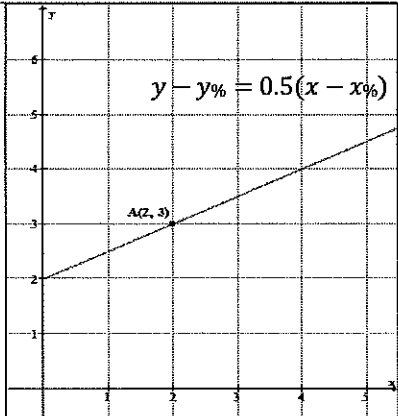
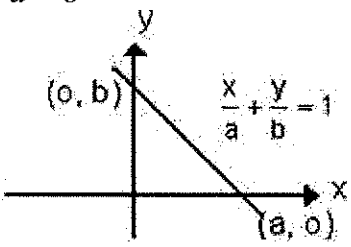
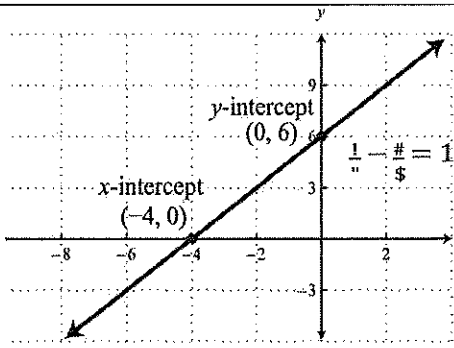
$$y = 4$$

$$\text{Coordinates of } D = (-3, 4)$$

## Section 4.3 – Bisectors and Perpendicular Bisectors

### Equations of Straight Lines (Revision)

The graph of a linear function is represented by a straight line with general form  $ax + by = c$  or  $y = mx + c$ . However, there are also different equations that can represent a straight line.

Form	Information about line	Example
<b>Slope-intercept form</b> $y = mx + b$ 	Gradient / slope = $m$ y-intercept = $b$  Watch this video if you've forgotten what is slope-intercept form: <a href="https://youtu.be/ys0Dxj-jKtk">https://youtu.be/ys0Dxj-jKtk</a> 	
<b>Slope-point form</b> $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ 	Gradient / slope = $m$ One point on the line is given.  Watch this video if you've forgotten what is slope-point form: <a href="https://youtu.be/SemcMTLjSiw">https://youtu.be/SemcMTLjSiw</a> 	
<b>Intercept-intercept form</b> $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$ 	x-intercept = $a$ y-intercept = $b$	

When a line  $AB$  divides a line segment  $CD$  into 2 equal lengths,  $AB$  is known as a bisector. The intersection point between  $CD$  and  $AB$  is also known as the midpoint of  $CD$ .

Note: the bisector of  $CD$  does not pass through point  $C$  and point  $D$ .

What are the similarities and differences of a bisector and a perpendicular bisector?

Similarity: Both pass through / intersect the line segment at its midpoint

Difference: Perpendicular bisector is perpendicular to the line segment, but a bisector may not be.

**Example 12**

Find the equation of the straight line that is parallel to  $2y - x = 7$  and bisects the line segment joining the points  $(3, 1)$  and  $(1, -5)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Midpoint} &= \left( \frac{3+1}{2}, \frac{1-5}{2} \right) \\ &= (2, -2) \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Subs } (2, -2) \text{ into } y &= \frac{1}{2}x + c \\ -2 &= \frac{1}{2}(2) + c \\ c &= -3 \\ \therefore y &= \frac{1}{2}x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2y - x &= 7 \\ 2y &= x + 7 \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{7}{2} \\ m &= \frac{1}{2} \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}x + c \end{aligned}$$

**Example 13**

Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of  $AB$  given the points  $A(1, 2)$  and  $B(3, 4)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Midpoint of } AB &= \left( \frac{1+3}{2}, \frac{2+4}{2} \right) \\ &= (2, 3) \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} \therefore y &= -x + c, \text{ } c \text{ is a constant} \\ \text{Subs } (2, 3): \\ 3 &= -2 + c \\ c &= 5 \\ \therefore \text{Equation of perpendicular bisector,} \\ y &= -x + 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{AB} &= \frac{4-2}{3-1} = 1 \\ \text{Let } L \text{ be the perpendicular bisector of } AB \\ m_{AB} m_L &= -1 \\ \therefore m_L &= -1 \end{aligned}$$



Given a line and a point, find the equation of the line that passes through the point and is perpendicular to the line

Function: Perpendicular Line

Input: Equation of line in the form  $ax + by = c$  and coordinates of point

Output: Equation of the perpendicular line passing through the point



Given two points  $A$  and  $B$ , find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of  $AB$ .

Function: Equation of Perpendicular Bisector

Input: Coordinates of the two points  $A$  and  $B$

Output: Equation of the perpendicular bisector of  $AB$

**A Math Assignment 4A**

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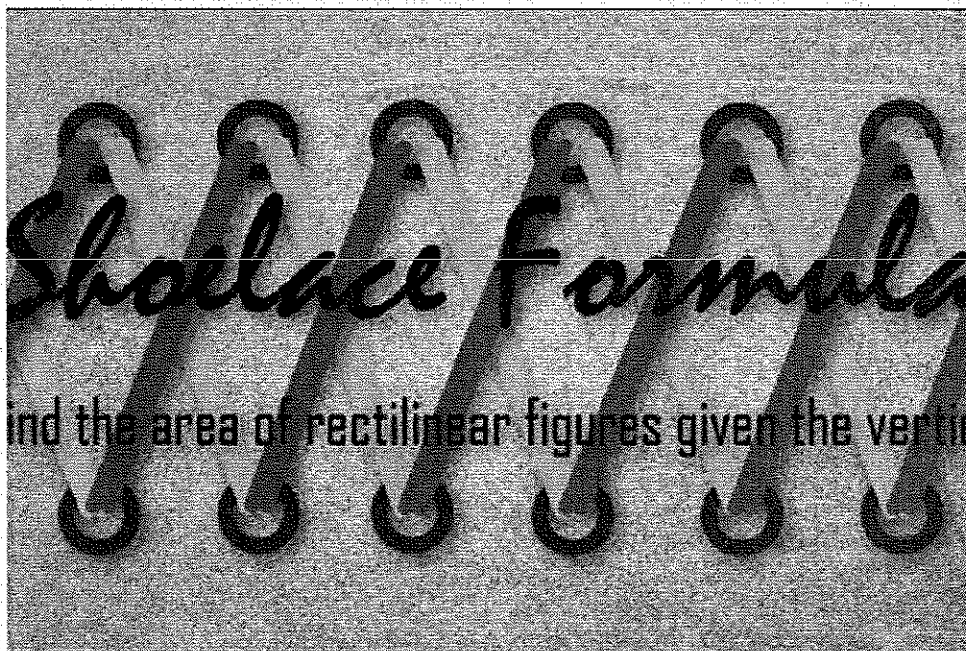
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## Section 7.4 - Areas of Triangles and Quadrilaterals

**Pre-lesson assignment:** Visit SLS and attempt the lesson titled ‘Shoe-lace’ formula.



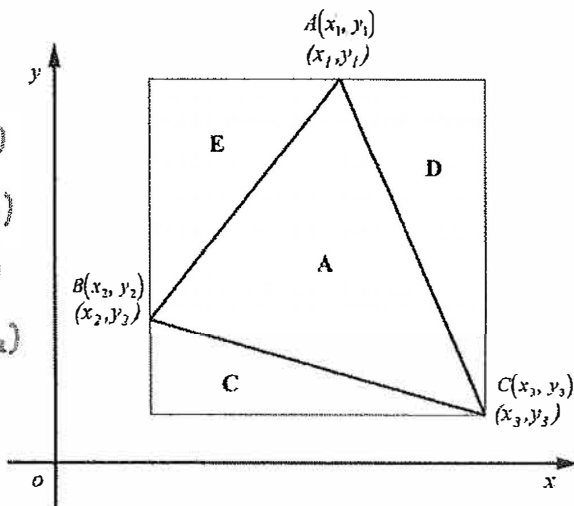
In this lesson, we will learn about how to find area of rectilinear figures given the coordinates of their vertices.

**\*the lesson will be assigned to you by your Mathematics teacher.**

The diagram shows a triangle  $ABC$  with vertices  $A(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $B(x_2, y_2)$  and  $C(x_3, y_3)$ .

Find the area of the triangle in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \triangle ABC &= \text{Area of } \square - \text{Area of } E - \text{Area of } D - \text{Area of } C \\ \text{Area of } \square &= (x_3 - x_1)(y_1 - y_2) = (x_3 y_1 + x_2 y_2) - (x_3 y_2 + x_2 y_1) \\ \text{Area of } E &= \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - x_2)(y_1 - y_2) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2) - \frac{1}{2}(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) \\ \text{Area of } D &= \frac{1}{2}(x_3 - x_1)(y_1 - y_2) = \frac{1}{2}(x_3 y_1 + x_2 y_2) - \frac{1}{2}(x_1 y_1 + x_3 y_2) \\ \text{Area of } C &= \frac{1}{2}(x_3 - x_2)(y_2 - y_3) = \frac{1}{2}(x_3 y_2 + x_2 y_3) - \frac{1}{2}(x_3 y_3 + x_2 y_2) \\ \therefore \text{Area of } \triangle ABC &= \frac{1}{2} | (x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2) - (x_1 y_3 - x_3 y_1) + (x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1) | \\ &= \frac{1}{2} | x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_3 + x_3 y_1 - x_2 y_1 - x_3 y_2 - x_1 y_3 | \end{aligned}$$



Hence, rearranging the terms, the area of a triangle, with vertices  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_3, y_3)$  can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of Triangle } ABC &= \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{array} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} | (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_3 + x_3 y_1) - (x_2 y_1 + x_3 y_2 + x_1 y_3) | \end{aligned}$$

This formula is known as the **shoelace formula** or shoelace algorithm.

What are some conditions you need to take note of when applying the shoelace formula?

- ① Fill in the coordinates in anti-clockwise direction.
- ② start and end with the same pair of coordinates.

The same formula can be applied to any convex polygon. In general, if the vertices of an  $n$ -sided polygon taken in the **anticlockwise** direction are  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ , ...,  $(x_n, y_n)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of polygon} &= \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & \dots & x_n & x_1 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & \dots & y_n & y_1 \end{array} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} | (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_3 + \dots + x_{n-1} y_n + x_n y_1) - (x_2 y_1 + x_3 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_{n-1} + x_1 y_n) | \end{aligned}$$

A simple sketch often helps in understanding the problem visually. The diagram helps us to see the order of vertices in the anticlockwise direction.



**Example 14**

Find the area of triangle  $ABC$  with vertices  $A(-3, 5)$ ,  $B(1, -4)$  and  $C(4, 2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area of triangle } ABC &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 & 4 & -3 \\ 5 & -4 & 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} |12 + 2 + 20 - 5 + 16 + 6| \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} |51| \\
 &= \frac{51}{2} \text{ units}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 15**

$P$  is the point  $(2, 3)$  and  $Q$  is the point  $(9, 5)$ .

(a) Find the equation of the line joining  $PQ$ .

(b) Find the coordinates of the point where the line  $PQ$  intersects the  $x$ -axis.

(c) The line  $y = 5$  is the line of symmetry of  $PQR$ . Find the coordinates of  $R$ .

(d) Calculate the area of  $PQR$ .

(e) Calculate the length of  $PQ$  and hence calculate the perpendicular distance from  $R$  to the line  $PQ$ .

$$(a) m_{PQ} = \frac{5-3}{9-2} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{7}x + c, \text{ (c is a constant)}$$

$$\text{subs } (2, 3):$$

$$3 = \frac{2}{7}(2) + c$$

$$c = \frac{17}{7}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{2}{7}x + \frac{17}{7}$$

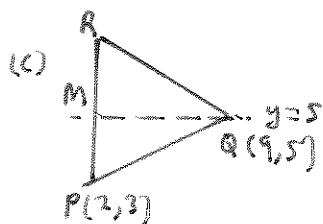
$$(b) \text{ When } y = 0,$$

$$0 = \frac{2}{7}x + \frac{17}{7}$$

$$x = -\frac{17}{2}$$

The intersection is at

$$\left(-\frac{17}{2}, 0\right)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= (2, 5-3+5) \\
 &= (2, 7)
 \end{aligned}$$

or  $M$  is the midpoint of  $PR$ .

$$(2, 5) = \left(\frac{2+x}{2}, \frac{3+y}{2}\right)$$

$$x = 2, y = 7$$

$$\therefore R = (2, 7)$$

(d) Area of

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta PQR &= \frac{1}{2}(7-3)(9-2) \\
 &= 14 \text{ units}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

OR

Area of  $\Delta PQR$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 9 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |10 + 63 + 6 - 27 - 10 - 14|$$

$$= 14 \text{ units}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (e) PA &= \sqrt{(9-2)^2 + (5-3)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{53} \text{ units}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let perpendicular distance be  $h$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} \times h \times \sqrt{53} = 14$$

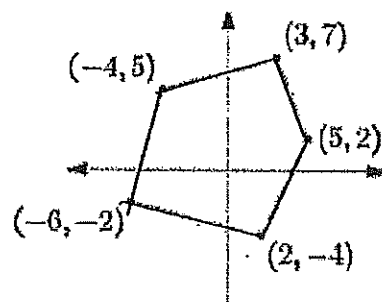
$$h = \frac{2(14)}{\sqrt{53}}$$

$$= 3.85 \text{ units}^2 \text{ (3 sf)}$$

**Example 16**

Find the area of the figure shown below.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -4 & -6 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 7 & 5 & -2 & -4 & 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left| (15 + 8 + 24 + 4 + 35) - (-28 - 30 - 4 - 20 + 6) \right| \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} |162| \\
 &= 81 \text{ units}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 17**

The coordinates of the points  $O$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 5)$ ,  $(3, 4)$  and  $(2, -3)$  respectively. Find

- $AB^2$ ,
- the gradient of  $BC$ ,
- the equation of the line passing through  $O$  and parallel to  $AC$ .

$$(a) AB^2 = (3-1)^2 + (4-5)^2$$

$$\therefore AB^2 = 5$$

$$(b) m_{BC} = \frac{-3-4}{2-3}$$

$$= 7$$

$$(c) m_{AC} = \frac{-3-5}{2-1}$$

$$= -8$$

Subs  $(0, 0)$  into  $y = -8x + c$

$$\therefore c = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Equation: } y = -8x$$

**Example 18**

The diagram shows a triangle with vertices at  $A(6, 9)$ ,  $B(-2, 3)$  and  $C(4, -5)$ .  $M$  and  $P$  are the midpoints of  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively. The line through  $M$  and  $P$  meets the  $x$ -axis at the point  $Q$ .

Find (i) the coordinates of  $M$  and  $P$ ,

(ii) the ratio  $MP : PQ$ .

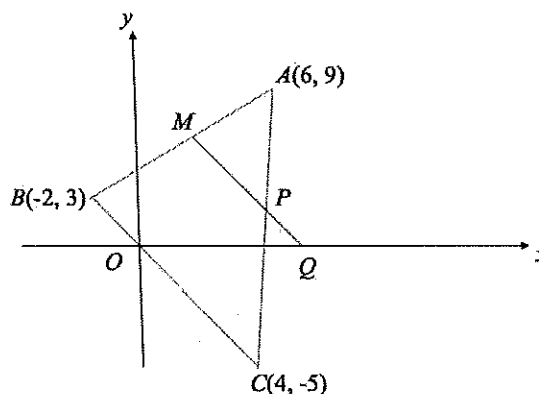
$$(i) M = \left( \frac{-2+6}{2}, \frac{3+9}{2} \right) = (2, 6)$$

$$P = \left( \frac{6+4}{2}, \frac{9-5}{2} \right) = (5, 2)$$

$$(ii) MP : PQ = (6-2) : (2-0)$$

$$= 4 : 2$$

$$= 2 : 1$$

**Example 19**

In the diagram,  $B$  is the point  $(0, 16)$  and  $C$  is the point  $(0, 6)$ .

The sloping line through  $B$  and the horizontal line that passes through  $C$  meet at the point  $A$ .

(a) Write down the equation of the line  $AC$ .

(b) Given that the gradient of the line  $AB$  is 2, find the equation of  $AB$ .

(c) Find the coordinates of  $A$ .

(d) Calculate the area of  $ABC$ .

$$(a) \text{ Equation of } AC: y=6$$

$$(b) y = 2x + k, k \text{ is a constant.}$$

$$\text{subs } (0, 16),$$

$$16 = 2(0) + k$$

$$k = 16$$

$$\therefore y = 2x + 16$$

} Is this necessary?

$$(c) \text{ When } y=6$$

$$6 = 2x + 16$$

$$x = -5$$

$$\therefore \text{ coordinates of } A = (-5, 6)$$

$$(d) \text{ Area of } ABC = \frac{1}{2} (16-6) (0-(-5))$$

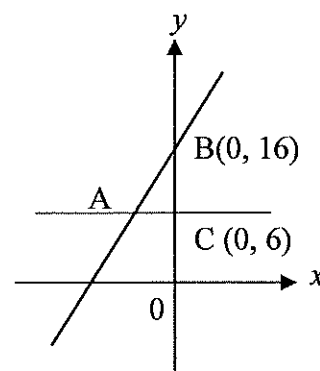
$$= 25 \text{ units}^2$$

$$\text{OR Area of } ABC = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 6 & 16 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(0+0-30) - (0-80+0)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |50|$$

$$= 25 \text{ units}^2$$





**Example 20**

The coordinates of  $W$ ,  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are  $(4, 10)$ ,  $(a+2, a)$ ,  $(11, 2)$  and  $(2, 2)$  respectively. Given that the area of  $WXYZ$  is  $21.5 \text{ units}^2$ , find the value of  $a$ .

$$\text{Area of } WXYZ = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & a+2 & 11 & 2 & 4 \\ 10 & a & 2 & 2 & 10 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left| (4a + 2a + 4 + 22 + 20) - (10a + 20 + 11a + 4 + 8) \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left| 6a + 46 - 21a - 32 \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left| -15a + 14 \right|$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \left| -15a + 14 \right| = 21.5$$

$$\left| -15a + 14 \right| = 43$$

$$-15a + 14 = 43 \quad \text{or} \quad -15a + 14 = -43$$

$$a = -\frac{29}{15} \quad \text{or} \quad a = \frac{57}{15}$$

$$= \frac{19}{5}$$



Given 3 non-collinear points (in ascending order of the  $x$ -coordinates) on the coordinate plane in the first quadrant, find the area of the triangle formed by the 3 points.

Function: Area of Triangle

Input: 3 non-collinear points in the first quadrant (given in ascending order of the  $x$ -coordinates)

Output: Area of triangle formed by the 3 points

**A Math Assignment 4B**

A Math textbook: Marshall Cavendish Additional Mathematics 360 Textbook.

Tier A: Exercise 7.4 (pg 186) Q1, 2, 8, 9

Tier B: Exercise 7.4 (pg 186) Q11, 13, 14

Tier C: Exercise 7.4 (pg 186) Q16