

# ASSIGNMENT-2

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## VECTOR ARITHMETIC(CBSE)

**Question:** If  $(3, 3)$ ,  $(6, y)$ ,  $(x, 7)$  and  $(5, 6)$  are the vertices of a parallelogram taken in order, find the values of  $x$  and  $y$ . (10, 2011)

**Solution:** Property: midpoints of diagonal coincide. Let  $\mathbf{O}$  be the midpoint of the diagonals.

$$\mathbf{O} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}}{2}$$

from here we get  $\mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} (3+x)/2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ , we also have

$$\mathbf{O} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}}{2}$$

this gives us  $\mathbf{O} = \begin{pmatrix} 5.5 \\ (y+6)/2 \end{pmatrix}$

On comparing the above two values of  $\mathbf{O}$ , we get the values of  $x$  and  $y$  as:  
 $x = 8, y = 4$

