

Co-ordinate Geometry

Difficulty: Hard

Model Answers 1

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CIE IGCSE Maths (0980)

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Question 1

A line joins the points $A(-3, 8)$ and $B(2, -2)$.

- (a) Find the co-ordinates of the midpoint of AB .

[2]

Midpoint is calculated as

$$M = \left(\frac{x_A + x_B}{2}, \frac{y_A + y_B}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{-3 + 2}{2}, \frac{8 - 2}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 3 \right)$$

- (b) Find the equation of the line through A and B .

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$.

[3]

Gradient is found as $m = \frac{y_B - y_A}{x_B - x_A}$

$$= \frac{-2 - 8}{2 - -3}$$

$$= -\frac{10}{5}$$

$$= -2$$

Now use the straight-line equation with point A

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\rightarrow y - 8 = -2(x + 3)$$

$$\rightarrow y = -2x - 6 + 8$$

$$\rightarrow y = -2x + 2$$

- (c) Another line is parallel to AB and passes through the point $(0, 7)$.

Write down the equation of this line.

[2]

Parallel so it has the same gradient.

Again, using the straight-line equation

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\rightarrow y - 7 = -2(x - 0)$$

$$\rightarrow y = -2x + 7$$

- (d) Find the equation of the line perpendicular to AB which passes through the point $(1, 5)$.
Give your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$ where a , b and c are integers.

[4]

Perpendicular so the gradient is

$$m = -\frac{1}{-2}$$

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

Again, using the straight-line equation

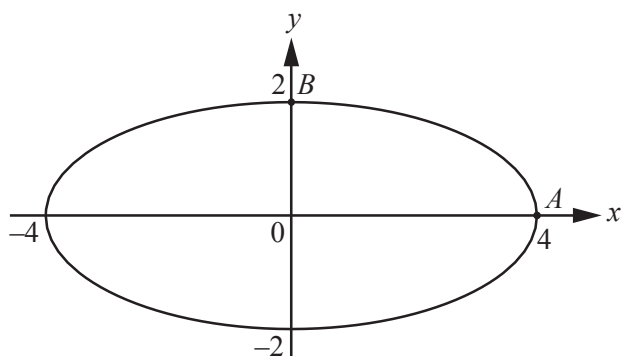
$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\rightarrow y - 5 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$$

$$\rightarrow 2y - 10 = x - 1$$

$$\rightarrow x - 2y + 9 = 0$$

Question 2



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The diagram shows a curve with equation $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$.

(a) A is the point $(4, 0)$ and B is the point $(0, 2)$.

- (i) Find the equation of the straight line that passes through A and B .
Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$.

[3]

$$m \text{ (gradient)} = \frac{-2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2}$$

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

(ii) Show that $a^2 = 16$ and $b^2 = 4$.

[2]

When $x = 0, y = 2$

$$\frac{0^2}{a^2} + \frac{2^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{2^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$4 = b^2$$

$$\mathbf{b^2 = 4}$$

When $x = 4, y = 0$

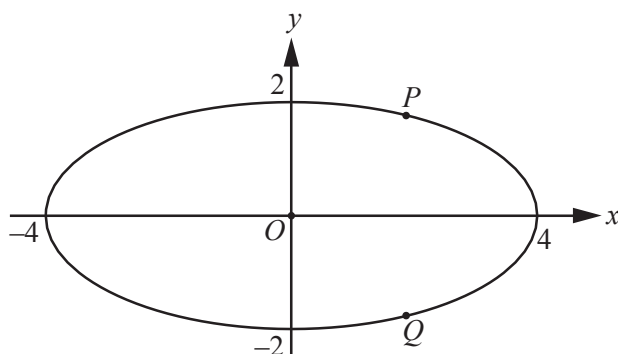
$$\frac{4^2}{a^2} + \frac{0^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{4^2}{a^2} = 1$$

$$16 = a^2$$

$$\mathbf{a^2 = 16}$$

(b)



NOT TO
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$P(2, k)$ and $Q(2, -k)$ are points on the curve $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$.

(i) Find the value of k .

[3]

$$\frac{2^2}{16} + \frac{k^2}{4} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{k^2}{4} = 1$$

$$k^2 = 3$$

$$k = \sqrt{3}$$

(ii) Calculate angle POQ .

[3]

$$\tan x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{Angle } POQ = 2x$$

$$= 81.8^\circ$$

(c) The area enclosed by a curve with equation $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ is πab .

(i) Find the area enclosed by the curve $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$.

Give your answer as a multiple of π

[1]

$$\text{Area} = \pi ab$$

$$= \pi \times 4 \times 2$$

$$= 8\pi$$

(ii) A curve, mathematically similar to the one in the diagrams, intersects the x-axis at (12, 0) and (-12, 0).

Work out the area enclosed by this curve, giving your answer as a multiple of π .

[2]

Original ellipse has been enlarged by a scale factor of 3 to for the new

Ellipse. (Eg. (4,0) maps to (12,0)).

Linear scale factor of the enlargement is 3, and hence the area scale factor

$$\text{is } 3^2 = 9$$

$$\text{Area} = \text{area of original ellipse} \times 9$$

$$= 8\pi \times 9$$

$$= 72\pi$$

Question 3

A line joins the points $A (-2, -5)$ and $B (4, 13)$.

- (a) Calculate the length AB .

[3]

Length of a line is given by

$$\sqrt{(y_2 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - x_1)^2}$$

Here, that is

$$\sqrt{(13 + 5)^2 + (4 + 2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{324 + 36}$$

$$= \mathbf{18.97}$$

- (b) Find the equation of the line through A and B .
Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$.

[3]

The gradient of the line can be found as

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= \frac{13 + 5}{4 + 2}$$

$$= 3$$

Using the straight-line equation

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

With our gradient and the point B we get

$$y - 13 = 3(x - 4)$$

$$\rightarrow y = 3x - 12 + 13$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{y = 3x + 1}$$

- (c) Another line is parallel to AB and passes through the point $(0, -5)$.

Write down the equation of this line.

[2]

Parallel means it has the same gradient. This new line, using the same straight-line equation as before, is

$$y + 5 = 3(x - 0)$$

$$\rightarrow y = 3x - 5$$

- (d) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of AB .

[5]

Perpendicular bisector means that it has a perpendicular gradient to line AB and it cuts through the midpoint. The perpendicular gradient is

$$-1 \div 3$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}$$

The midpoint is

$$M = \left(\frac{4 + 2}{2}, \frac{13 + 5}{2} \right)$$

$$= (1, 4)$$

The perpendicular bisector then has the equation

$$y - 4 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 1)$$

$$\rightarrow 3y - 12 = -x + 1$$

$$\rightarrow x + 3y - 13 = 0$$

Question 4

A line AB joins the points $A(3, 4)$ and $B(5, 8)$.

- (a) Write down the co-ordinates of the midpoint of the line AB .

[2]

The midpoint is simply calculated by summing the coordinates of the two points (treating them as vectors) and dividing by 2.

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore the midpoint has co-ordinates **(4, 6)**

- (b) Calculate the distance AB .

[3]

First, calculate the line AB as if it was a vector ($AB = BO - OA$)

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Second, we calculate the distance AB by taking the square root of the sum of squares of components of vector AB .

$$|AB| = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{20} = 4.47$$

Hence the distance AB is **4.47**.

(c) Find the equation of the line AB .

[3]

The general equation of a line is $y=mx+c$ where m is the gradient and c is a constant.

The gradient is found as the change of y -coordinate over the change of x -coordinate

between points $(3,4)$ and $(5,8)$. Gradient: $m = \frac{8-(4)}{5-(3)} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$. Hence the gradient is 2.

We want the line to pass through point $(3,4)$, therefore the equation must be satisfied:

$$4 = 2 \times 3 + c$$

Subtract 6 from both sides to get the answer:

$$-2 = c$$

Therefore the equation of the line passing through A and B is

$$y = 2x - 2.$$

(d) A line perpendicular to AB passes through the origin and through the point $(6, r)$.

Find the value of r .

[3]

The gradient of line $y=2x-2$ is $m=2$ (it is the factor multiplying variable x).

The gradient of a perpendicular line n is found as negative reciprocal of the original gradient:

$$n = -\frac{1}{m}$$

Therefore the gradient of the new line is:

$$n = -\frac{1}{2}$$

The general equation for a line is $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + p$ where p is a constant. This constant is decided by the point through which the equation passes.

We want the new line to pass through the origin $(0,0)$, therefore $p=0$.

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

When $x=6$, $y=r$.

$$\begin{aligned} r &= -\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \\ &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

Question 5

(a) A straight line joins the points $(-1, -4)$ and $(3, 8)$.

(i) Find the midpoint of this line.

[2]

The midpoint of a line is

$$M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{-1 + 3}{2}, \frac{-4 + 8}{2} \right)$$

$$= (1, 2)$$

(ii) Find the equation of this line.

Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$.

[3]

Gradient of a line is

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= \frac{8 - -4}{3 - -1}$$

$$= \frac{12}{4}$$

$$= 3$$

Straight-line equation is

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\rightarrow y - 8 = 3(x - 3)$$

$$\rightarrow y = 3x - 9 + 8$$

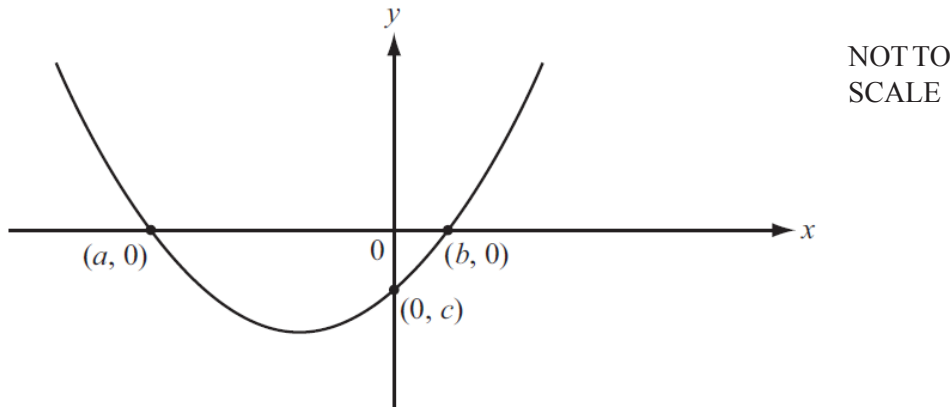
$$\rightarrow y = 3x - 1$$

(b) (i) Factorise $x^2 + 3x - 10$.

[2]

$$(x + 5)(x - 2)$$

(ii) The graph of $y = x^2 + 3x - 10$ is sketched below.



Write down the values of a , b and c .

[3]

a and b found by

$$x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (x + 5)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow a = -5, \quad b = 2$$

c is found by

$$c = 0^2 + 3(0) - 10$$

$$\rightarrow c = -10$$

(iii) Write down the equation of the line of symmetry of the graph of $y = x^2 + 3x - 10$.

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The line of symmetry will be the midpoint of a and b

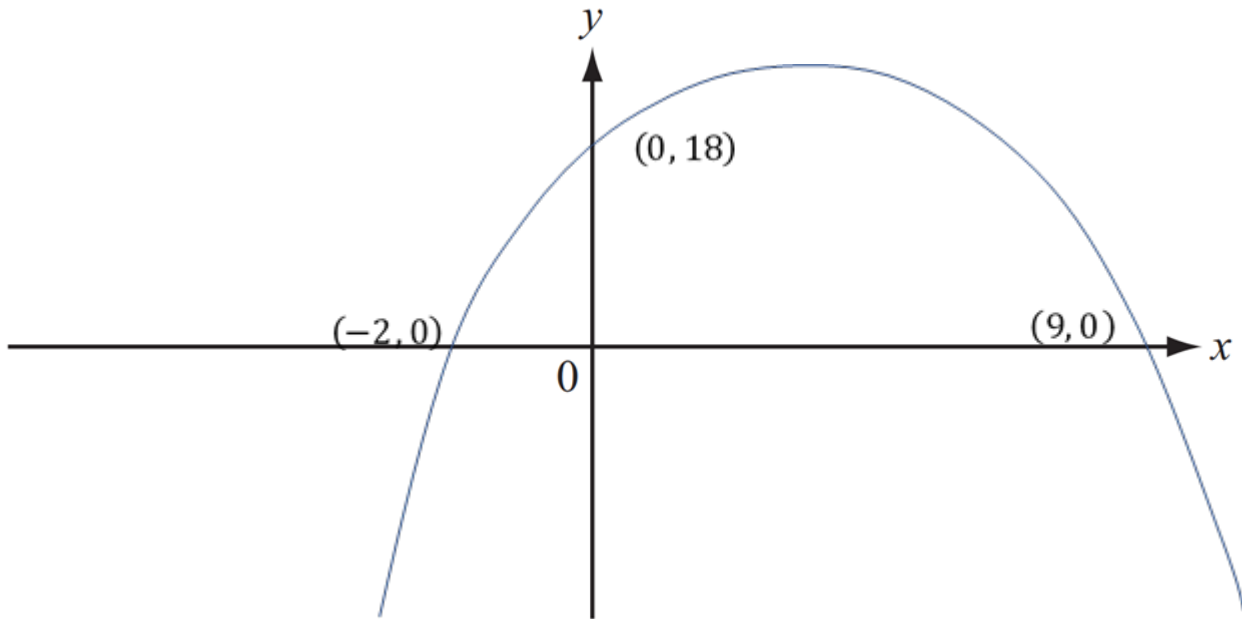
$$x = \frac{a + b}{2}$$

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

(c) Sketch the graph of $y = 18 + 7x - x^2$ on the axes below.

Indicate clearly the values where the graph crosses the x and y axes.

[4]



Factorise it to find x -axis intercepts

$$-(x^2 - 7x - 18)$$

$$= -(x - 9)(x + 2)$$

Hence intercepts at $x = 9, x = -2$.

(d) (i) $x^2 + 12x - 7 = (x + p)^2 - q$

Find the value of p and the value of q .

[3]

Complete the square on the LHS

$$(x + 6)^2 - 36 - 7$$

$$= (x + 6)^2 - 43$$

Hence

$$p = 6$$

$$q = 43$$

(ii) Write down the minimum value of y for the graph of $y = x^2 + 12x - 7$.

[1]

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