

All objects considered here are in the plane  $\mathbb{E}^2$ .

1. Determine parametric equations for the line  $\ell$  in the following cases:

1.  $\ell$  contains the point  $A(1, 2)$  and is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{a}(3, -1)$ ,
2.  $\ell$  contains the origin and is parallel to  $\mathbf{b}(4, 5)$ ,
3.  $\ell$  contains the point  $M(1, 7)$  and is parallel to  $Oy$ ,
4.  $\ell$  contains the points  $M(2, 4)$  and  $N(2, -5)$ .

2. For the lines  $\ell$  in the previous exercise

1. give a Cartesian equation for  $\ell$ ,
2. describe all direction vectors for  $\ell$ .

3. Determine a Cartesian equations for the line  $\ell$  in the following cases:

1.  $\ell$  has slope  $-5$  and contains the point  $A(1, -2)$ ,
2.  $\ell$  has slope  $8$  and is at distance  $2$  from the origin,
3.  $\ell$  contains the point  $A(-2, 3)$  and has an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the  $Ox$ -axis,
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4. For the lines  $\ell$  in the previous exercise

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2. describe all normal vectors for  $\ell$ .

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2. if  $\mathbf{n}(n_1, n_2)$  is a normal vector for  $\ell$  then  $\mathbf{v}(n_2, -n_1)$  is a direction vector for  $\ell$ .

6. Consider the points  $A(1, 1)$ ,  $B(-2, 3)$  and  $C(4, 7)$ . Determine the medians of the triangle  $ABC$ .

7. Let  $M_1(1, 2)$ ,  $M_2(3, 4)$  and  $M_3(5, -1)$  be the midpoints of the sides of a triangle. Determine Cartesian equations and parametric equations for the lines containing the sides of the triangle.

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1. the length of the altitude from  $A$ ,
2. the line containing the altitude from  $A$ .

9. Determine the circumcenter of the triangle with vertices  $A(1, 2)$ ,  $B(3, -2)$ ,  $C(5, 6)$ .

10. Determine the angle between the lines  $\ell_1 : y = 2x + 1$  and  $\ell_2 : y = -x + 2$ .
11. Let  $A(1, -2)$ ,  $B(5, 4)$  and  $C(-2, 0)$  be the vertices of a triangle. Determine the equations of the angle bisectors for the angle  $\angle A$ .
12. Let  $A'$  be the orthogonal reflection of  $A(10, 10)$  in the line  $\ell : 3x + 4y - 20 = 0$ . Determine the coordinates of  $A'$ .
13. Determine Cartesian equations for the lines passing through  $A(-2, 5)$  which intersect the coordinate axes in congruent segments.

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$$1. \ell: \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} x = 1 + 3t \\ y = 2 - t \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$2. \ell: \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} x = 4\lambda \\ y = 5\lambda \end{cases} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$3. \ell \parallel Oy \Rightarrow \mathbf{j} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a direction vector for } \ell \Rightarrow \ell: \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow \ell: \begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = 7 + \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$4. \ell \not\parallel MN, M+N \Rightarrow \vec{MN}(0, -9) \text{ is a dir. vect for } \ell \Rightarrow \ell: \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow \ell: \begin{cases} x = 2 \\ y = 4 - 9\lambda \end{cases}$$

2. For the lines  $\ell$  in the previous exercise

1. give a Cartesian equation for  $\ell$ ,
2. describe all direction vectors for  $\ell$ .

$$(1.1) \ell: \frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y-2}{-1} (-t) \Leftrightarrow \ell: -x - 3y + 1 + 6 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \ell: x + 3y - 7 = 0$$

$a(3, -1)$  is a dir. vect for  $\ell \Rightarrow$  all dir. vectors for  $\ell$  are

$$\{ta: t \in \mathbb{R}, t \neq 0\} = \{(3t, -t): t \neq 0\}$$

$$(1.2) \ell: \frac{x}{4} = \frac{y}{5} (\forall \lambda) \Leftrightarrow \ell: 5x - 4y = 0, \text{ dir. vectors for } \ell = \{(4d, 5d): d \in \mathbb{R}, d \neq 0\}$$

$$(1.3) \ell: x = 1 \quad \text{dir. vect for } \ell = \{\beta \cdot \mathbf{j}: \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \beta \neq 0\} = \{(0, \beta): \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \beta \neq 0\}$$

$$(1.4) \ell: x = 2 \quad \text{dir. vect. } \{(0, \gamma): \gamma \in \mathbb{R}, \gamma \neq 0\}$$

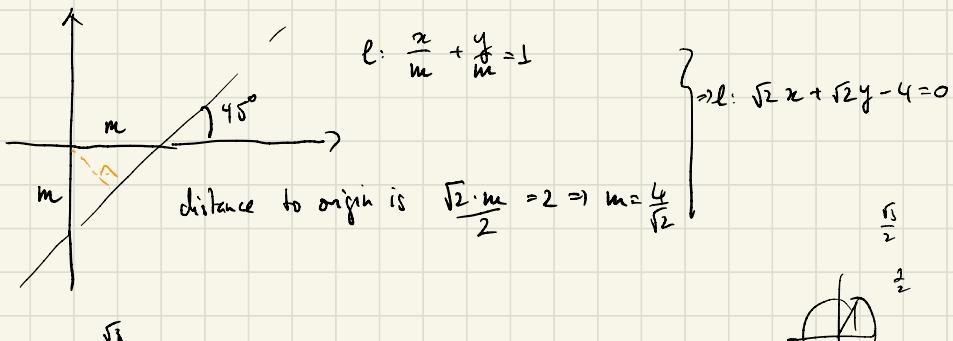
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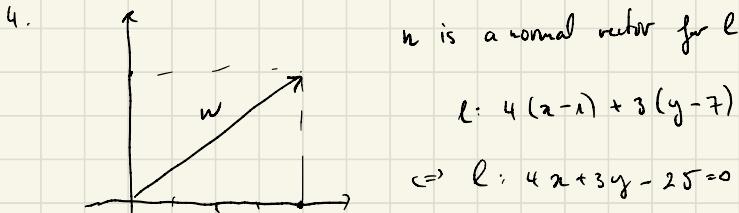
1.  $\ell: y = -5x + m \ni A(1, -2) \Rightarrow -2 = -5 + m \Rightarrow m = 3$

$$\Rightarrow \ell: y = -5x + 3 \Leftrightarrow \ell: 5x + y - 3 = 0$$

2.



3.  $\ell: y - 3 = \tan 60^\circ (x + 2) \Leftrightarrow \ell: \sqrt{3}x - y + 2\sqrt{3} - 3 = 0$



4. For the lines  $\ell$  in the previous exercise

1. give parametric equations for  $\ell$ ,
2. describe all normal vectors for  $\ell$ .

$$(3.1) \ell: \begin{cases} y = -5x + 3 \\ x = x \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \ell: \begin{cases} x \\ y \end{cases} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$n(5, 1)$  is a normal vect. all others are d-h LER  $d \neq 0$

$$(3.2) \ell: \begin{cases} x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - y \\ y = y \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \ell: \begin{cases} x \\ y \end{cases} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$n(1, 1)$  is a normal vect  
 $\Rightarrow$  all other normal vects are  $(\beta, \beta)$   $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(3.3) \quad \ell: \begin{cases} x = x \\ y = \sqrt{3}x + 2\sqrt{3} - 3 \end{cases} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \ell: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2\sqrt{3}-3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$t \neq 0$

$n(\sqrt{3}, 1)$  is a normal vect for  $\ell \Rightarrow$  all other normal vects for  $\ell$  are  $(\sqrt{3}t, t) \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(3.4) \quad \ell: \begin{cases} x = \frac{25}{4} - \frac{3}{4}y \\ y = y \end{cases} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \ell: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{25}{4} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{4} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (4, s) \text{ is a normal vector for } \ell$$

5. Consider a line  $\ell$ . Show that

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2. if  $\mathbf{n}(n_1, n_2)$  is a normal vector for  $\ell$  then  $\mathbf{v}(n_2, -n_1)$  is a direction vector for  $\ell$ .

If  $\mathbf{v}$  is a dir. vect. for  $\ell$  then  $\mathbf{n}$  is a normal vector for  $\ell$  if and only if  
 $\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{n} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$  which is true in our case since

$$\mathbf{v}(v_1, v_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}(v_2, -v_1) = v_1 v_2 - v_2 v_1 = 0$$

If  $\mathbf{n}$  is a normal vector for  $\ell$  then  $\mathbf{v}$  is a direction vector for  $\ell$  iff  
 $\mathbf{n} \perp \mathbf{v} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$  again true if  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}(n_2, -n_1)$

6. Consider the points  $A(1, 2)$ ,  $B(-2, 3)$  and  $C(4, 7)$ . Determine the medians of the triangle  $ABC$ .  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  give equations

Method I calculate midpoints of sides, then write equations for each median

$$\text{Method II calculate centroid } G, \quad G = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}}{3} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}}{3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{The medians are } AG, BG, CG \quad AG: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$BG: \frac{x+2}{1+2} = \frac{y-3}{4-3}$$

$$CG: \dots$$

7. Let  $M_1(1, 2)$ ,  $M_2(3, 4)$  and  $M_3(5, -1)$  be the midpoints of the sides of a triangle. Determine Cartesian equations and parametric equations for the lines containing the sides of the triangle.

**Method I**

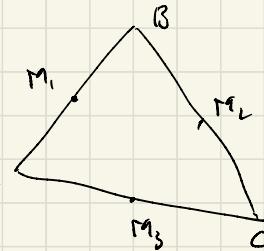
$$AB \ni M_1, AB \parallel M_2 M_3$$

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$\vec{M_2 M_3} (2, -5)$  is a direction vector for  $AB$

$$\Rightarrow AB: \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad AB: \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{-5}$$

similar for  $BC$  and  $CD$



**Method II**  $A(x_A, y_A)$ ,  $B(x_B, y_B)$ ,  $C(x_C, y_C)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 = \frac{x_A + x_B}{2} \\ 2 = \frac{y_A + y_B}{2} \\ 3 = \frac{x_A + x_C}{2} \\ 4 = \frac{y_A + y_C}{2} \\ 5 = \frac{x_C + x_B}{2} \\ -1 = \frac{y_C + y_B}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

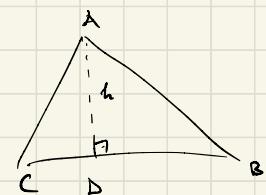
solving this system one obtains the coordinates

of the vertices of the triangle  $ABC$

so, one can write down the equations required

8. Let  $A(1, 3)$ ,  $B(-4, 3)$  and  $C(2, 9)$  be the vertices of a triangle. Determine

1. the length of the altitude from  $A$ ,
2. the line containing the altitude from  $A$ .



1)  $h = \text{length of the altitude}$

$$\text{area}_{\Delta ABC} = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\|\vec{AC} \times \vec{AB}\|}_{\text{area of parallelogram spanned by } \vec{AC}, \vec{AB}} = \frac{1}{2} h \cdot \|\vec{CB}\|$$

area of parallelogram spanned by  $\vec{AC}, \vec{AB}$

$$\|\vec{AC} \times \vec{AB}\| = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -4 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 9 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = |3 - 36 + 6 - 6 + 12 - 9| = 30 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\vec{CB}\| = \sqrt{6^2 + 6^2} = 6\sqrt{2}$$

since  $A, B, C \in \text{Oxy}$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{30}{6\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

2)  $\ell \perp CB \Rightarrow \vec{CB}$  is a normal vector ,  $\vec{CB}(-6, 6) \Rightarrow n(-1, 1)$  is a normal vector  
 $\ell \ni A \Rightarrow \ell: -(x-1) + (y-3) = 0$

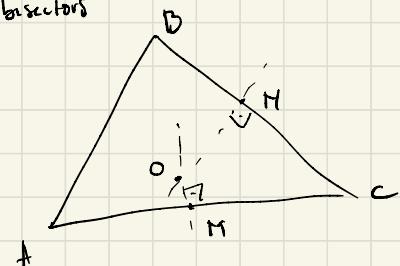
Rem. one can intersect  $\ell$  with  $BC$  to obtain  $D$  then  $\ell = |AD|$

9. Determine the circumcenter of the triangle with vertices  $A(1, 2)$ ,  $B(3, -2)$ ,  $C(5, 6)$ .

$O = \text{intersection of perpendicular bisectors}$

$O = M_0 \cap N_0$  where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AC$   
 $N \perp BC$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, N = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$M_0 \perp AC \Rightarrow \vec{AC}(4, 4)$  is a normal vector for  $M_0$ , and so is  $(1, 1)$

$N_0 \perp BC \Rightarrow \vec{BC}(2, 8) \perp N_0$ , and so is  $(1, 4)$

$$\Rightarrow M_0: (x-3) + (y-4) = 0 \Leftrightarrow M_0: x + y - 7 = 0$$

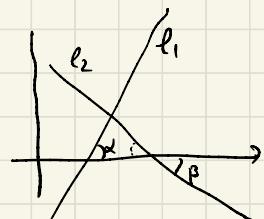
$$N_0: (x-4) + 4(y-2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow N_0: x + 4y - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M_0 \cap N_0: \begin{cases} x + y - 7 = 0 \\ x + 4y - 12 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} 3y - 5 &= 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{5}{3} \Rightarrow x = 7 - \frac{5}{3} = \frac{16}{3} \Rightarrow O\left(\frac{16}{3}, \frac{5}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

10. Determine the angle between the lines  $\ell_1: y = 2x + 1$  and  $\ell_2: y = -x + 2$ .

method I  $\tan \alpha = 2$ ,  $\tan \beta = -1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{one angle is } \alpha + \beta \Rightarrow \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta} = \frac{2-1}{1+2} = \frac{1}{3} \approx 18.47^\circ$$



method II  $n_1(2, -1)$  normal vector for  $\ell_1$ ?  $n_2(1, 1) \perp$  normal vector for  $\ell_2$ ?  $\cos \alpha(n_1, n_2) = \frac{2-1}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \approx 71.57^\circ$

11. Let  $A(1, -2)$ ,  $B(5, 4)$  and  $C(-2, 0)$  be the vertices of a triangle. Determine the equations of the angle bisectors for the angle  $\angle A$ .

a direction vector for the angle bisector is  
 $\overset{\text{interior}}{\text{AB}}$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{AB}}{\|\vec{AB}\|} + \frac{\vec{AC}}{\|\vec{AC}\|} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4+9}} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{9+4}} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{AB}(4, 6), \vec{AC}(-3, -2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is also a direction vector for } AD$$

$$\Rightarrow AD: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or } AD: \frac{x-1}{-1} = \frac{y+2}{1} \Leftrightarrow AD: x+y+1=0$$

this line

the exterior angle bisector is orthogonal to  $AD$  so  $\vec{v}$  is a normal vector for

$$\Rightarrow l: -(x-1) + 1(y+2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow l: -x + y + 3 = 0$$

12. Let  $A'$  be the orthogonal reflection of  $A(10, 10)$  in the line  $l: 3x + 4y - 20 = 0$ . Determine the coordinates of  $A'$ .

method I

$(3, 4)$  is a normal vector for  $l$

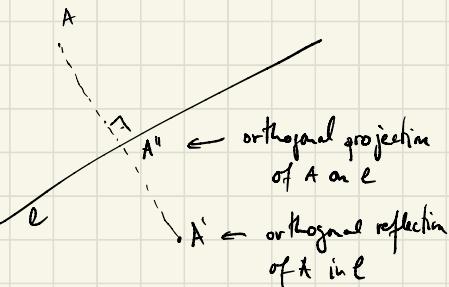
$\Rightarrow (3, 4)$  is a direction vector for  $AA'$

$\Rightarrow (-4, 3)$  is a normal vector for  $AA'$

$$\Rightarrow AA': -4(x-10) + 3(y-10) = 0 \Leftrightarrow AA': -4x + 3y + 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A'': \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -4x + 3y + 10 = 0 \\ 3x + 4y - 20 = 0 \\ -x + 7y - 10 = 0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 21y - 30 + 4y - 20 = 0 \\ 25y = 50 \\ y = 2 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$\text{So } A'' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{AA''} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{AA'} = \begin{pmatrix} -16 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A' = A + \vec{AA'} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$



method II

$$d(A, l) = d(A', l) \quad A' = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{50}{\sqrt{9+16}} = \frac{|3x+4y-20|}{\sqrt{9+16}} \Leftrightarrow |3x+4y-20| = 50$$

$$l_A: 3x+4y=70$$

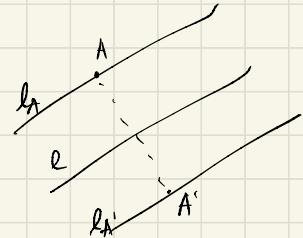
$$-3x-4y+20=50$$

$$l_{A'}: 3x+4y=-30$$

$$\text{as above } AA': -4x+3y+10=0$$

$$\Rightarrow A': \begin{cases} -4x+3y+10=0 \\ 3x+4y=-30 \end{cases}$$

solving we obtain the coordinates of  $A'$



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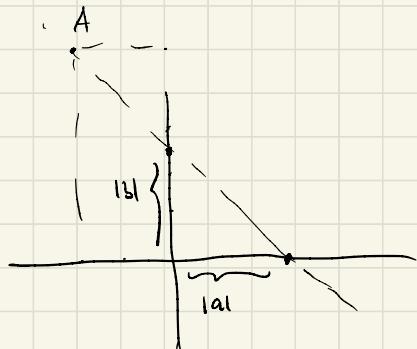
Consider  $l$  with the eq.

$$l: \frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow l \cap Ox = (a, 0) \quad l \cap Oy = (0, b)$$

$\Rightarrow$  the segments are of length  $|a|$  and  $|b|$

$$\text{congruent segment} \Rightarrow |a|=|b| \quad \text{so} \quad a=\pm b$$



$$\text{I} \quad a=b \quad \text{then} \quad l: \frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{a} = 1$$

$$l \ni A \Rightarrow \frac{-2}{a} + \frac{5}{a} = 1 \Leftrightarrow a=3 \quad \text{so} \quad l: \frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{3} = 1$$

$$x+y=3$$

$$\text{II} \quad a=-b \quad \text{then} \quad l: \frac{x}{a} - \frac{y}{a} = 1$$

$$l \ni A \Rightarrow \frac{-2}{a} - \frac{5}{a} = 1 \Leftrightarrow a=-7 \quad \text{so} \quad l: \frac{x}{-7} - \frac{y}{-7} = 1$$

$$x-y=-7$$