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Question

Find a relation between x and y such that the point (x, y) is equidistant from the point $(3, 6)$ and $(-3, 4)$.

Theoretical Solution

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

Midpoint of AB :

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Let a general point on the perpendicular bisector be

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Theoretical Solution

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y - 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Perpendicular condition:

$$(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{M})^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y - 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (6)$$

Theoretical Solution

$$-6x - 2y + 10 = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$3x + y = 5 \quad (8)$$

\therefore The required relation is $3x + y = 5$.

Python Code

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

# Points
A = (3, 6)
B = (-3, 4)
M = ((A[0] + B[0]) / 2, (A[1] + B[1]) / 2)

# Plot line segment AB
plt.plot([A[0], B[0]], [A[1], B[1]], 'b-', label='Line segment AB')

# Plot points A, B, and M
plt.scatter(*A, color='red', label='A(3,6)')
plt.scatter(*B, color='green', label='B(-3,4)')
plt.scatter(*M, color='purple', marker='x', s=100, label='Midpoint M
(0.5)')
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# Annotate points
plt.text(A[0]+0.2, A[1], 'A(3,6)', fontsize=10)
plt.text(B[0]-1, B[1]-0.3, 'B(-3,4)', fontsize=10)
plt.text(M[0]+0.2, M[1], 'M(0,5)', fontsize=10, color='purple')

# Perpendicular bisector:  $y = 5 - 3x$ 
x_vals = np.linspace(-5, 5, 400)
y_vals = 5 - 3*x_vals
plt.plot(x_vals, y_vals, 'r--', label='Perpendicular bisector ( $y+3x=5$ )')

# Axes, grid, legend
plt.axhline(0, color='black', linewidth=0.8)
plt.axvline(0, color='black', linewidth=0.8)
plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.6)
plt.legend()
```

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plt.title("Line Segment AB with Midpoint M and Perpendicular Bisector")  
plt.xlabel("x-axis")  
plt.ylabel("y-axis")  
plt.axis('equal')  
  
plt.show()
```



```
#include <stdio.h>
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float perpendicularSlope(float x1, float y1, float x2, float y2) {  
    float slope;
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    if (x2 - x1 == 0) {
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        return 0.0;
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    }
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if (y2 - y1 == 0) {  
    return 9999999.0;  
}  
  
slope = (y2 - y1) / (x2 - x1);  
return -1.0 / slope;  
}
```

```
import ctypes
import sys
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Load the compiled shared library
lib = ctypes.CDLL("./libslope.so")

# Define the argument and return types for the C function
lib.perpendicularSlope.argtypes = [ctypes.c_float, ctypes.c_float, ctypes.c_float, ctypes.c_float]
lib.perpendicularSlope.restype = ctypes.c_float
```

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# Input points
x1, y1 = 3.0, 6.0
x2, y2 = -3.0, 4.0

# Call the C function
perp_slope = lib.perpendicularSlope(x1, y1, x2, y2)
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# Print the perpendicular slope
if perp_slope == 9999999.0:
    print("The perpendicular line is vertical (slope undefined).")
else:
    print(f"The slope of the perpendicular line is: {perp_slope:.2f}")

# Plot the original line connecting (x1, y1) and (x2, y2)
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
plt.plot([x1, x2], [y1, y2], 'b-o', label='Line Joining Points')

# Highlight the two points
plt.scatter([x1, x2], [y1, y2], color='red')
plt.text(x1, y1, f"({x1}, {y1})", fontsize=10, ha='right')
plt.text(x2, y2, f"({x2}, {y2})", fontsize=10, ha='right')
```

Python Code

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# Midpoint
mid_x = (x1 + x2) / 2.0
mid_y = (y1 + y2) / 2.0
plt.scatter(mid_x, mid_y, color='green', label='Midpoint')
plt.text(mid_x, mid_y, f"({mid_x:.1f}, {mid_y:.1f})", fontsize=10, ha='left')

# Add labels and grid
plt.xlabel("X-axis")
plt.ylabel("Y-axis")
plt.title("Line Joining Two Points")
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()
plt.axis('equal')

# Show the plot
plt.show()
```

Graph of line segment AB with midpoint M and perpendicular bisector

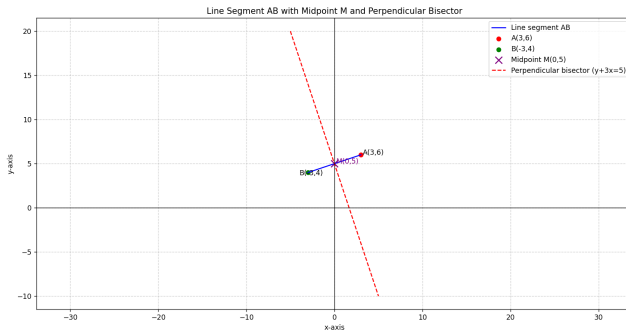


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