

1. Find intercepts and Symmetry of $x^4 + y^2 - xy = 81$

Soln: To find x-intercept, let $y=0$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^4 = 81$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 3$$

\therefore The x-intercepts are $+3$ and -3 .

To find y-intercept, let $x=0$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \therefore y^2 = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm 9$$

Therefore, y-intercepts are $+9$ and -9 .

Thus $(-3, 0)$, $(3, 0)$, $(0, -9)$ and $(0, 9)$ are the intercepts

Symmetry check:

$\textcircled{1}$ x-axis \rightarrow Replace y by $-y$

$$x^4 + (-y)^2 - x(-y) - 81 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x^4 + y^2 + xy - 81 = 0$ not same as the given eqn, so not symmetric w.r.t x-axis.

$\textcircled{1}$ y-axis \rightarrow Replace x by $-x$

$$(-x)^4 + y^2 - (-x)y - 81 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x^4 + y^2 + xy - 81 = 0$, not same as given eqn, so not symmetric w.r.t y-axis.

① Origin: Replace x by $-x$, y by $-y$

$$(-x)^4 + (-y)^2 - (-x)(-y) - 81 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x^4 + y^2 - xy - 81 = 0$, same as the given eqⁿ, so symmetric w.r.t origin.

b. The point $(5, b)$ is on the graph of $3x + 2y = 1$.

$$\therefore 15 + 2b = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = 1 - 15 = -14$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{-14}{2} = -7 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\therefore b = -7.$$

2. Any point on y -axis is $(0, b)$, which is in the same distance from $(6, -6)$ and $(2, 2)$.

$$\therefore \sqrt{(6-0)^2 + (-6-b)^2} = \sqrt{(2-0)^2 + (2-b)^2} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\Rightarrow 36 + (6+b)^2 = 4 + (2-b)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 36 + 36 + 12b + \cancel{b^2} = 4 + 4 - 4b + \cancel{b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12b + 72 = -4b + 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 12b + 4b = 8 - 72$$

$$\Rightarrow 16b = -64$$

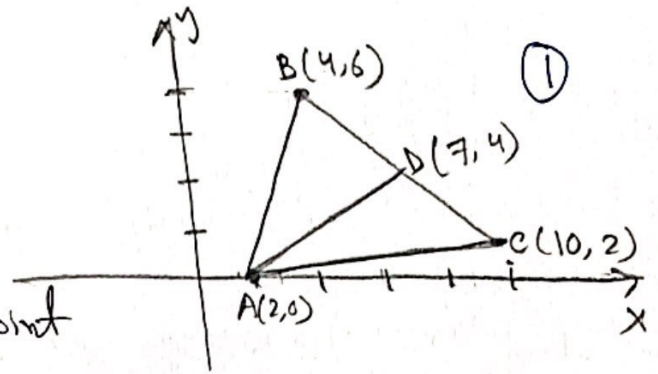
$$\therefore b = -4 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Therefore the point on y -axis is $(0, -4)$.

3. The vertices of the triangle are $A(2,0)$, $B(4,6)$ and $C(10,2)$

We have to find the length of AD .

The point D is the midpoint of the line BC .



$$\therefore D(x,y) = \left(\frac{4+10}{2}, \frac{6+2}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{14}{2}, \frac{8}{2} \right) = (7, 4) \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{The length of } AD &= \sqrt{(7-2)^2 + (4-0)^2} \dots \\ &= \sqrt{(5)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{25+16} \\ &= \sqrt{41} \quad (2). \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The length of AD is $\sqrt{41}$ units.