



CNHS Higher HW Solutions

Week 1 [08/02/19]

Qs 1 - 12

1. Given the points A(-2, 1), B(4, 9) and C(-6, -1), use the distance formula to calculate the lengths of AB and AC.

$$AB = \sqrt{(4+2)^2 + (9-1)^2} = \sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{100} = 10$$

$$AC = \sqrt{(-2+6)^2 + (1+1)^2} = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

2. The line joining the points (-2, -3) and (6, k) has gradient $\frac{2}{3}$.

What is the value of k?

$$\frac{k+3}{6+2} = \frac{k+3}{8} = \frac{2}{3} \dots\dots\dots k+3 = \frac{16}{3} \dots\dots\dots k = \frac{16}{3} - 3 = \frac{16}{3} - \frac{9}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$$

3. Use gradients to prove that the points A(-2, -1), B(4, 3) and C(16, 11) are collinear.

$$m_{AB} = \frac{3+1}{4+2} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \qquad m_{AC} = \frac{11+1}{16+2} = \frac{12}{18} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$m_{AB} = m_{AC}$ and common point A \Rightarrow points A, B, and C are collinear.

4. (a) Find the gradient of the straight line joining the points A(-1, 0) and B(3, 8).
 (b) Hence calculate the size of the angle that the line AB makes with the positive direction of the x-axis.

$$m = \frac{8-0}{3+1} = \frac{8}{4} = 2 \qquad m = \tan \theta = 2 \dots \theta = \tan^{-1}(2) = 63.4^\circ$$

5. Line L has equation $2x + y = 8$.

- (a) What is the gradient of line L?
 (b) Find the equation of the line parallel to L which passes through the point (3, 1).

$$y = -2x + 8 \dots m = -2$$

$$y - 1 = -2(x - 3) \dots y - 1 = -2x + 6 \dots y = -2x + 7$$

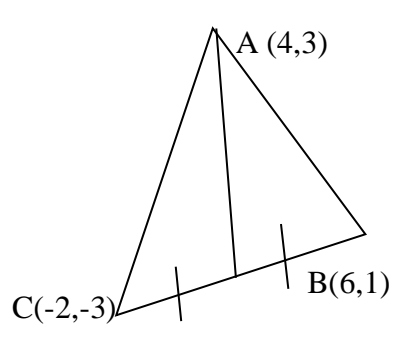
6. Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of the line AB, where A is the point (2, -1) and B is (8, 3).

$$m_{AB} = \frac{3+1}{8-2} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow m_{\text{perp}} = \frac{-3}{2} \qquad y - 1 = \frac{-3}{2}(x - 5)$$

midpt (5,1) $2y - 2 = -3(x - 5)$
 $2y - 2 = -3x + 15$

$$3x + 2y = 17 \text{ or equivalent}$$

7. (a) Sketch triangle ABC with vertices A(4, 3), B(6, 1) and C(-2, -3).
 (b) Find the equation of the median from A.



midptBC=(2,-1)
 $m_{\text{MEDIAN}} = \frac{3+1}{4-2} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$
 $y+1=2(x-2)$
 $y+1=2x-4$
 $y - 2x = -5$ or equivalent

8. Find the equation of the line which passes through the point (-1, 3) and is perpendicular to the line with equation $4x + y - 1 = 0$.

$y = -4x + 1 \dots m = -4 \Rightarrow m_{\text{PERP}} = \frac{1}{4}$ and pt (-1,3)
 $y-3 = \frac{1}{4}(x+1)$
 $4y-12=1(x+1)$
 $4y-12=x+1$
 $4y - x = 13$ or equivalent

9. Given that the points A(-1, 0), B(1, 3) and C(5, k) are collinear, find the value of k.

$m_{\text{AB}} = \frac{3-0}{1+1} = \frac{3}{2}$ $m_{\text{AC}} = \frac{k-0}{5+1} = \frac{k}{6} = \frac{3}{2} \dots k = \frac{18}{2} = 9$

10. A and B are the points (-3, -1) and (5, 5) respectively.

- (a) Find the equation of the line AB.
 (b) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of AB.

$m_{\text{AB}} = \frac{5+1}{5+3} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{3}{4}$ and pt (5,5) $\dots y-5 = \frac{3}{4}(x-5) \dots 4y-20=3(x-5) \dots 4y-20=3x-15 \dots \mathbf{4y - 3x = 5}$
 or eq.
 midpt (1,2) and $m_{\text{PERP}} = \frac{-4}{3} \dots y-2 = \frac{-4}{3}(x-1) \dots 3y-6 = -4(x-1) \dots 3y-6 = -4x+4 \dots \mathbf{3y + 4x = 10}$ or eq.

11. The line L passes through the point $(-2, -1)$ and is parallel to the line with equation $5x + 3y - 6 = 0$. Find the equation of line L in the form $ax + by + c = 0$.

$$5x+3y-6=0 \dots 3y = -5x+6 \dots y = \frac{-5}{3}x + 2 \dots m = \frac{-5}{3} \dots mL = \frac{-5}{3} \text{ AND point } (-2,-1)$$
$$y+1 = \frac{-5}{3}(x+2) \dots 3y+3 = -5(x+2) \dots 3y+3 = -5x-10 \dots \mathbf{5x+3y+13=0}$$

12. (a) Find the equation of the straight line joining the points A $(-3, 0)$ and B $(5, 4)$.
- (b) The line makes an angle of a° with the positive direction of the x -axis. Find the value of a correct to 1 decimal place.

$$m = \frac{4-0}{5-(-3)} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and pt } (-3,0) \dots y-0 = \frac{1}{2}(x+3) \dots y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}$$
$$m = \tan \theta = \frac{1}{2} \dots \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \mathbf{26.6^\circ}$$