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1. Reduce the following equations into slope - intercept form and find their slopes and the y - intercepts.

(i) $x + 7y = 0$

(ii) $6x + 3y - 5 = 0$

(iii) $y = 0$

Solution:

(i) $x + 7y = 0$

Given:

The equation is $x + 7y = 0$

Slope – intercept form is represented in the form ' $y = mx + c$ ', where m is the slope and c is the y intercept

So, the above equation can be expressed as

$$y = -1/7x + 0$$

∴ The above equation is of the form $y = mx + c$, where $m = -1/7$ and $c = 0$.

(ii) $6x + 3y - 5 = 0$

Given:

The equation is $6x + 3y - 5 = 0$

Slope – intercept form is represented in the form ' $y = mx + c$ ', where m is the slope and c is the y intercept

So, the above equation can be expressed as

$$3y = -6x + 5$$

$$y = -6/3x + 5/3$$

$$= -2x + 5/3$$

∴ The above equation is of the form $y = mx + c$, where $m = -2$ and $c = 5/3$.

(iii) $y = 0$

Given:

The equation is $y = 0$

Slope – intercept form is given by ' $y = mx + c$ ', where m is the slope and c is the y intercept

$$y = 0 \times x + 0$$

∴ The above equation is of the form $y = mx + c$, where $m = 0$ and $c = 0$.

2. Reduce the following equations into intercept form and find their intercepts on the axes.

(i) $3x + 2y - 12 = 0$

(ii) $4x - 3y = 6$

(iii) $3y + 2 = 0$

Solution:

(i) $3x + 2y - 12 = 0$

Given:

The equation is $3x + 2y - 12 = 0$

Equation of line in intercept form is given by $x/a + y/b = 1$, where 'a' and 'b' are intercepts on x axis and y – axis respectively.

So, $3x + 2y = 12$

now let us divide both sides by 12, we get

$$3x/12 + 2y/12 = 12/12$$

$$x/4 + y/6 = 1$$

∴ The above equation is of the form $x/a + y/b = 1$, where $a = 4$, $b = 6$

Intercept on x – axis is 4

Intercept on y – axis is 6

(ii) $4x - 3y = 6$

Given:

The equation is $4x - 3y = 6$

Equation of line in intercept form is given by $x/a + y/b = 1$, where 'a' and 'b' are intercepts on x axis and y – axis respectively.

So, $4x - 3y = 6$

Now let us divide both sides by 6, we get

$$4x/6 - 3y/6 = 6/6$$

$$2x/3 - y/2 = 1$$

$$x/(3/2) + y/(-2) = 1$$

∴ The above equation is of the form $x/a + y/b = 1$, where $a = 3/2$, $b = -2$

Intercept on x – axis is $3/2$

Intercept on y – axis is -2

(iii) $3y + 2 = 0$

Given:

The equation is $3y + 2 = 0$

Equation of line in intercept form is given by $x/a + y/b = 1$, where 'a' and 'b' are intercepts on x axis and y – axis respectively.

So, $3y = -2$

Now, let us divide both sides by -2, we get

$$3y/-2 = -2/-2$$

$$3y/-2 = 1$$

$$y/(-2/3) = 1$$

∴ The above equation is of the form $x/a + y/b = 1$, where $a = 0$, $b = -2/3$

Intercept on x – axis is 0

Intercept on y – axis is $-2/3$

3. Reduce the following equations into normal form. Find their perpendicular distances from the origin and angle between perpendicular and the positive x-axis.

(i) $x - \sqrt{3}y + 8 = 0$

(ii) $y - 2 = 0$

(iii) $x - y = 4$

Solution:

(i) $x - \sqrt{3}y + 8 = 0$

Given:

The equation is $x - \sqrt{3}y + 8 = 0$

Equation of line in normal form is given by $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = p$ where 'θ' is the angle between perpendicular and positive x axis and 'p' is perpendicular distance from origin.

So now, $x - \sqrt{3}y + 8 = 0$

$$x - \sqrt{3}y = -8$$

Divide both the sides by $\sqrt{(1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2)} = \sqrt{(1 + 3)} = \sqrt{4} = 2$

$$x/2 - \sqrt{3}y/2 = -8/2$$

$$(-1/2)x + \sqrt{3}/2y = 4$$

This is in the form of: $x \cos 120^\circ + y \sin 120^\circ = 4$

∴ The above equation is of the form $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = p$, where $\theta = 120^\circ$ and $p = 4$.

Perpendicular distance of line from origin = 4

Angle between perpendicular and positive x – axis = 120°

(ii) $y - 2 = 0$

Given:

The equation is $y - 2 = 0$

Equation of line in normal form is given by $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = p$ where 'θ' is the angle between perpendicular and positive x axis and 'p' is perpendicular distance from origin.

So now, $0 \times x + 1 \times y = 2$

Divide both sides by $\sqrt{(0^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{1} = 1$

$$0(x) + 1(y) = 2$$

This is in the form of: $x \cos 90^\circ + y \sin 90^\circ = 2$

∴ The above equation is of the form $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = p$, where $\theta = 90^\circ$ and $p = 2$.

Perpendicular distance of line from origin = 2

Angle between perpendicular and positive x – axis = 90°

(iii) $x - y = 4$

Given:

The equation is $x - y + 4 = 0$

Equation of line in normal form is given by $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = p$ where ' θ ' is the angle between perpendicular and positive x axis and ' p ' is perpendicular distance from origin.

So now, $x - y = 4$

Divide both the sides by $\sqrt{(1^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{(1+1)} = \sqrt{2}$

$$x/\sqrt{2} - y/\sqrt{2} = 4/\sqrt{2}$$

$$1/\sqrt{2}x + (-1/\sqrt{2})y = 2\sqrt{2}$$

This is in the form: $x \cos 315^\circ + y \sin 315^\circ = 2\sqrt{2}$

\therefore The above equation is of the form $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = p$, where $\theta = 315^\circ$ and $p = 2\sqrt{2}$.

Perpendicular distance of line from origin $= 2\sqrt{2}$

Angle between perpendicular and positive x – axis $= 315^\circ$

4. Find the distance of the point $(-1, 1)$ from the line $12(x + 6) = 5(y - 2)$.

Solution:

Given:

The equation of the line is $12(x + 6) = 5(y - 2)$.

$$12x + 72 = 5y - 10$$

$$12x - 5y + 82 = 0 \dots (1)$$

Now, compare equation (1) with general equation of line $Ax + By + C = 0$, where $A = 12$, $B = -5$, and $C = 82$

Perpendicular distance (d) of a line $Ax + By + C = 0$ from a point (x_1, y_1) is given by

$$d = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

Given point $(x_1, y_1) = (-1, 1)$

\therefore Distance of point $(-1, 1)$ from the given line is

$$d = \frac{|12 \times (-1) + (-5) \times 1 + 82|}{\sqrt{12^2 + (-5)^2}} = \frac{|-12 - 5 + 82|}{\sqrt{144 + 25}} = \frac{|65|}{\sqrt{169}} = \frac{65}{13} \text{ units}$$

$$= 5 \text{ units}$$

\therefore The distance is 5 units.

5. Find the points on the x-axis, whose distances from the line $x/3 + y/4 = 1$ are 4 units.

Solution:

Given:

The equation of line is $x/3 + y/4 = 1$

$$4x + 3y = 12$$

$$4x + 3y - 12 = 0 \dots (1)$$

Now, compare equation (1) with general equation of line $Ax + By + C = 0$, where $A = 4$, $B = 3$, and $C = -12$

Let $(a, 0)$ be the point on the x-axis, whose distance from the given line is 4 units.

So, the perpendicular distance (d) of a line $Ax + By + C = 0$ from a point (x_1, y_1) is given by

$$d = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

$$4 = \frac{|4a + 3 \times 0 - 12|}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$4 = \frac{|4a - 12|}{\sqrt{16 + 9}} = \frac{|4a - 12|}{5}$$

$$|4a - 12| = 4 \times 5$$

$$\pm (4a - 12) = 20$$

$$4a - 12 = 20 \text{ or } -(4a - 12) = 20$$

$$4a = 20 + 12 \text{ or } 4a = -20 + 12$$

$$a = 32/4 \text{ or } a = -8/4$$

$$a = 8 \text{ or } a = -2$$

\therefore The required points on the x – axis are $(-2, 0)$ and $(8, 0)$

6. Find the distance between parallel lines

(i) $15x + 8y - 34 = 0$ and $15x + 8y + 31 = 0$

(ii) $l(x + y) + p = 0$ and $l(x + y) - r = 0$

Solution:

(i) $15x + 8y - 34 = 0$ and $15x + 8y + 31 = 0$

Given:

The parallel lines are $15x + 8y - 34 = 0$ and $15x + 8y + 31 = 0$.

By using the formula,

The distance (d) between parallel lines $Ax + By + C_1 = 0$ and $Ax + By + C_2 = 0$ is given by

$$d = \frac{|C_1 - C_2|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

Where, $A = 15$, $B = 8$, $C_1 = -34$, $C_2 = 31$

Distance between parallel lines is

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \frac{|-34 - 31|}{\sqrt{15^2 + 8^2}} \\ &= \frac{|-65|}{\sqrt{225 + 64}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 65/\sqrt{289}$$

$$= 65/17$$

∴ The distance between parallel lines is 65/17

(ii) $l(x + y) + p = 0$ and $l(x + y) - r = 0$

Given:

The parallel lines are $l(x + y) + p = 0$ and $l(x + y) - r = 0$.

$$lx + ly + p = 0 \text{ and } lx + ly - r = 0$$

by using the formula,

The distance (d) between parallel lines $Ax + By + C_1 = 0$ and $Ax + By + C_2 = 0$ is given by

$$d = \frac{|C_1 - C_2|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

Where, $A = l$, $B = l$, $C_1 = p$, $C_2 = -r$

Distance between parallel lines is

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \frac{|p - (-r)|}{\sqrt{l^2 + l^2}} \\ &= \frac{|p + r|}{\sqrt{2}l} \\ &= \frac{|p+r|}{l\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

∴ The distance between parallel lines is $|p+q|/l\sqrt{2}$

7. Find equation of the line parallel to the line $3x - 4y + 2 = 0$ and passing through the point $(-2, 3)$.

Solution:

Given:

$$\text{The line is } 3x - 4y + 2 = 0$$

$$\text{So, } y = 3x/4 + 2/4$$

$$= 3x/4 + 1/2$$

Which is of the form $y = mx + c$, where m is the slope of the given line.

The slope of the given line is $3/4$

We know that parallel line have same slope.

$$\therefore \text{Slope of other line} = m = 3/4$$

Equation of line having slope m and passing through (x_1, y_1) is given by

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

∴ Equation of line having slope $3/4$ and passing through $(-2, 3)$ is

$$y - 3 = 3/4(x - (-2))$$

$$4y - 3 \times 4 = 3x + 3 \times 2$$

$$3x - 4y = 18$$

∴ The equation is $3x - 4y = 18$

8. Find equation of the line perpendicular to the line $x - 7y + 5 = 0$ and having x intercept 3.

Solution:

Given:

The equation of line is $x - 7y + 5 = 0$

So, $y = 1/7x + 5/7$ [which is of the form $y = mx + c$, where m is the slope of the given line.]

Slope of the given line is $1/7$

Slope of the line perpendicular to the line having slope m is $-1/m$

Slope of the line perpendicular to the line having a slope of $1/7$ is $-1/(1/7) = -7$

So, the equation of line with slope -7 and x intercept 3 is given by $y = m(x - d)$

$$y = -7(x - 3)$$

$$y = -7x + 21$$

$$7x + y = 21$$

∴ The equation is $7x + y = 21$

9. Find angles between the lines $\sqrt{3}x + y = 1$ and $x + \sqrt{3}y = 1$.

Solution:

Given:

The lines are $\sqrt{3}x + y = 1$ and $x + \sqrt{3}y = 1$

So, $y = -\sqrt{3}x + 1$... (1) and

$y = -1/\sqrt{3}x + 1/\sqrt{3}$ (2)

Slope of line (1) is $m_1 = -\sqrt{3}$, while the slope of line (2) is $m_2 = -1/\sqrt{3}$

Let θ be the angle between two lines

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{-\sqrt{3} - \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}{1 + (-\sqrt{3})\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{-3 + 1}{\sqrt{3}}}{1 + 1} \right| = \left| \frac{-2}{2 \times \sqrt{3}} \right| \\ &= 1/\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = 30^\circ$$

∴ The angle between the given lines is either 30° or $180^\circ - 30^\circ = 150^\circ$

10. The line through the points $(h, 3)$ and $(4, 1)$ intersects the line $7x - 9y - 19 = 0$. At

right angle. Find the value of h.

Solution:

Let the slope of the line passing through (h, 3) and (4, 1) be m_1

$$\text{Then, } m_1 = (1-3)/(4-h) = -2/(4-h)$$

Let the slope of line $7x - 9y - 19 = 0$ be m_2

$$7x - 9y - 19 = 0$$

$$\text{So, } y = 7/9x - 19/9$$

$$m_2 = 7/9$$

Since, the given lines are perpendicular

$$m_1 \times m_2 = -1$$

$$-2/(4-h) \times 7/9 = -1$$

$$-14/(36-9h) = -1$$

$$-14 = -1 \times (36 - 9h)$$

$$36 - 9h = 14$$

$$9h = 36 - 14$$

$$h = 22/9$$

\therefore The value of h is 22/9

11. Prove that the line through the point (x_1, y_1) and parallel to the line $Ax + By + C = 0$ is $A(x - x_1) + B(y - y_1) = 0$.

Solution:

Let the slope of line $Ax + By + C = 0$ be m

$$Ax + By + C = 0$$

$$\text{So, } y = -A/Bx - C/B$$

$$m = -A/B$$

By using the formula,

Equation of the line passing through point (x_1, y_1) and having slope $m = -A/B$ is

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

$$= -A/B(x - x_1)$$

$$B(y - y_1) = -A(x - x_1)$$

$$\therefore A(x - x_1) + B(y - y_1) = 0$$

So, the line through point (x_1, y_1) and parallel to the line $Ax + By + C = 0$ is $A(x - x_1) +$

$$B(y - y_1) = 0$$

Hence proved.

12. Two lines passing through the point (2, 3) intersects each other at an angle of 60° . If slope of one line is 2, find equation of the other line.

Solution:

Given: $m_1 = 2$

Let the slope of the first line be m_1

And let the slope of the other line be m_2 .

Angle between the two lines is 60° .

So,

$$\tan \theta = \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

$$\tan 60^\circ = \left| \frac{2 - m_2}{1 + 2m_2} \right|$$

$$\sqrt{3} = \pm \left(\frac{2 - m_2}{1 + 2m_2} \right)$$

i.e.,

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{2 - m_2}{1 + 2m_2} \text{ or } \sqrt{3} = - \left(\frac{2 - m_2}{1 + 2m_2} \right)$$

$$\sqrt{3}(1 + 2m_2) = 2 - m_2 \text{ or } \sqrt{3}(1 + 2m_2) = -(2 - m_2)$$

$$\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3}m_2 + m_2 = 2 \text{ or } \sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3}m_2 - m_2 = -2$$

$$m_2(2\sqrt{3} + 1) = 2 - \sqrt{3} \text{ or } m_2(2\sqrt{3} - 1) = -(2 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$m_2 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{(2\sqrt{3} + 1)} \text{ or } m_2 = \frac{-(2 + \sqrt{3})}{(2\sqrt{3} - 1)}$$

So now let us consider

Case 1: When

$$m_2 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{(2\sqrt{3} + 1)}$$

The equation of the line passing through point (2, 3) and having a slope m_2 is

$$y - 3 = \left(\frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3} + 1} \right) (x - 2)$$

$$(2\sqrt{3} + 1)y - 3(2\sqrt{3} + 1) = (2 - \sqrt{3})x - 2(2 - \sqrt{3})$$

$$(\sqrt{3} - 2)x + (2\sqrt{3} + 1)y = -4 + 2\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3} + 3$$

$$(\sqrt{3} - 2)x + (2\sqrt{3} + 1)y = 8\sqrt{3} - 1$$

$$\therefore \text{Equation of the other line is } (\sqrt{3} - 2)x + (2\sqrt{3} + 1)y = 8\sqrt{3} - 1$$

Case 2: When

$$m_2 = \frac{-(2 + \sqrt{3})}{(2\sqrt{3} - 1)}$$

The equation of the line passing through point (2, 3) and having a slope m_2 is

$$y - 3 = \frac{-(2 + \sqrt{3})}{(2\sqrt{3} - 1)}(x - 2)$$

$$(2\sqrt{3} - 1)y - 3(2\sqrt{3} - 1) = -(2 + \sqrt{3})x + 2(2 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$(2\sqrt{3} - 1)y + (2 + \sqrt{3})x = 4 + 2\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3} - 3$$

$$(2\sqrt{3} - 1)y + (2 + \sqrt{3})x = 8\sqrt{3} + 1$$

$$\therefore \text{Equation of the other line is } (2\sqrt{3} - 1)y + (2 + \sqrt{3})x = 8\sqrt{3} + 1$$

13. Find the equation of the right bisector of the line segment joining the points (3, 4) and (-1, 2).

Solution:

Given:

The right bisector of a line segment bisects the line segment at 90° .

End-points of the line segment AB are given as A (3, 4) and B (-1, 2).

Let mid-point of AB be (x, y)

$$x = (3+4)/2$$

$$y = (-1+2)/2$$

$$(x, y) = (7/2, 1/2)$$

Let the slope of line AB be m_1

$$m_1 = (2 - 4)/(-1 - 3)$$

$$= -2/(-4)$$

$$= 1/2$$

And let the slope of the line perpendicular to AB be m_2

$$m_2 = -1/(1/2)$$

$$= -2$$

The equation of the line passing through (1, 3) and having a slope of -2 is

$$(y - 3) = -2(x - 1)$$

$$y - 3 = -2x + 2$$

$$2x + y = 5$$

\therefore The required equation of the line is $2x + y = 5$

14. Find the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular from the point (-1, 3) to the line $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$.

Solution:

Let us consider the co-ordinates of the foot of the perpendicular from (-1, 3) to the line $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$ be (a, b)

So, let the slope of the line joining $(-1, 3)$ and (a, b) be m_1
 $m_1 = (b-3)/(a+1)$

And let the slope of the line $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$ be m_2

$$y = 3/4x - 4$$

$$m_2 = 3/4$$

Since these two lines are perpendicular, $m_1 \times m_2 = -1$

$$(b-3)/(a+1) \times (3/4) = -1$$

$$(3b-9)/(4a+4) = -1$$

$$3b - 9 = -4a - 4$$

$$4a + 3b = 5 \dots\dots(1)$$

Point (a, b) lies on the line $3x - 4y = 16$

$$3a - 4b = 16 \dots\dots(2)$$

Solving equations (1) and (2), we get

$$a = 68/25 \text{ and } b = -49/25$$

\therefore The co-ordinates of the foot of perpendicular is $(68/25, -49/25)$

15. The perpendicular from the origin to the line $y = mx + c$ meets it at the point $(-1, 2)$. Find the values of m and c .

Solution:

Given:

The perpendicular from the origin meets the given line at $(-1, 2)$.

The equation of line is $y = mx + c$

The line joining the points $(0, 0)$ and $(-1, 2)$ is perpendicular to the given line.

So, the slope of the line joining $(0, 0)$ and $(-1, 2) = 2/(-1) = -2$

Slope of the given line is m .

$$m \times (-2) = -1$$

$$m = 1/2$$

Since, point $(-1, 2)$ lies on the given line,

$$y = mx + c$$

$$2 = 1/2 \times (-1) + c$$

$$c = 2 + 1/2 = 5/2$$

\therefore The values of m and c are $1/2$ and $5/2$ respectively.

16. If p and q are the lengths of perpendiculars from the origin to the lines $x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta = k \cos 2\theta$ and $x \sec \theta + y \operatorname{cosec} \theta = k$, respectively, prove that $p^2 + 4q^2 = k^2$

Solution:

Given:

The equations of given lines are

$$x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta = k \cos 2\theta \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$x \sec \theta + y \operatorname{cosec} \theta = k \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Perpendicular distance (d) of a line $Ax + By + C = 0$ from a point (x_1, y_1) is given by

$$d = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

So now, compare equation (1) to the general equation of line i.e., $Ax + By + C = 0$, we get

$$A = \cos \theta, B = -\sin \theta, \text{ and } C = -k \cos 2\theta$$

It is given that p is the length of the perpendicular from (0, 0) to line (1).

$$p = \frac{|A \times 0 + B \times 0 + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} = \frac{|C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} = \frac{|-k \cos 2\theta|}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}} = k \cos 2\theta$$

$$p = k \cos 2\theta$$

Let us square on both sides we get,

$$p^2 = k^2 \cos^2 2\theta \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

Now, compare equation (2) to the general equation of line i.e., $Ax + By + C = 0$, we get

$$A = \sec \theta, B = \operatorname{cosec} \theta, \text{ and } C = -k$$

It is given that q is the length of the perpendicular from (0, 0) to line (2)

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \frac{|A \times 0 + B \times 0 + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \\ &= \frac{|C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \\ &= \frac{|-k|}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta}} \\ &= \frac{k}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta}} \\ &= \frac{k}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta}}} = \frac{k \cos \theta \sin \theta}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}} = k \cos \theta \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$q = k \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

Multiply both sides by 2, we get

$$2q = 2k \cos \theta \sin \theta = k \times 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$2q = k \sin 2\theta$$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$4q^2 = k^2 \sin^2 2\theta \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

Now add (3) and (4) we get

$$p^2 + 4q^2 = k^2 \cos^2 2\theta + k^2 \sin^2 2\theta$$

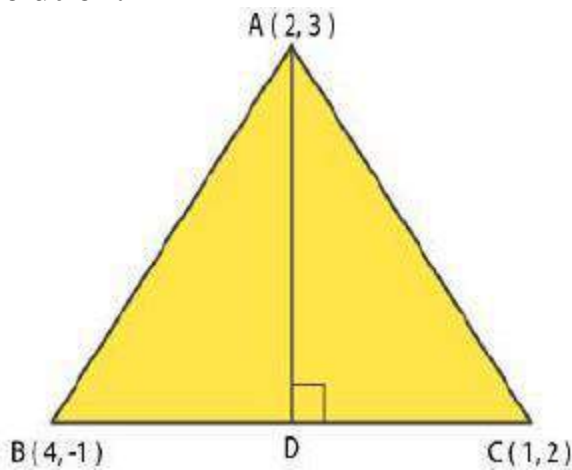
$$p^2 + 4q^2 = k^2 (\cos^2 2\theta + \sin^2 2\theta) \text{ [Since, } \cos^2 2\theta + \sin^2 2\theta = 1]$$

$$\therefore p^2 + 4q^2 = k^2$$

Hence proved.

17. In the triangle ABC with vertices A (2, 3), B (4, -1) and C (1, 2), find the equation and length of altitude from the vertex A.

Solution:



Let AD be the altitude of triangle ABC from vertex A.

So, AD is perpendicular to BC

Given:

Vertices A (2, 3), B (4, -1) and C (1, 2)

Let slope of line BC = m_1

$$m_1 = (-1 - 2)/(4 - 1)$$

$$m_1 = -1$$

Let slope of line AD be m_2

AD is perpendicular to BC

$$m_1 \times m_2 = -1$$

$$-1 \times m_2 = -1$$

$$m_2 = 1$$

The equation of the line passing through point (2, 3) and having a slope of 1 is

$$y - 3 = 1 \times (x - 2)$$

$$y - 3 = x - 2$$

$$y - x = 1$$

Equation of the altitude from vertex A = $y - x = 1$

Length of AD = Length of the perpendicular from A (2, 3) to BC

Equation of BC is

$$y + 1 = -1 \times (x - 4)$$

$$y + 1 = -x + 4$$

$$x + y - 3 = 0 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Perpendicular distance (d) of a line $Ax + By + C = 0$ from a point (x_1, y_1) is given by

$$d = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

Now compare equation (1) to the general equation of line i.e., $Ax + By + C = 0$, we get

$$\text{Length of AD} = \frac{|1 \times 2 + 1 \times 3 - 3|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{|2|}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2} \text{ units}$$

[where, $A = 1$, $B = 1$ and $C = -3$]

\therefore The equation and the length of the altitude from vertex A are $y - x = 1$ and $\sqrt{2}$ units respectively.

18. If p is the length of perpendicular from the origin to the line whose intercepts on the axes are a and b, then show that $1/p^2 = 1/a^2 + 1/b^2$

Solution:

Equation of a line whose intercepts on the axes are a and b is $x/a + y/b = 1$

$$bx + ay = ab$$

$$bx + ay - ab = 0 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Perpendicular distance (d) of a line $Ax + By + C = 0$ from a point (x_1, y_1) is given by

$$d = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

Now compare equation (1) to the general equation of line i.e., $Ax + By + C = 0$, we get

$$A = b, B = a \text{ and } C = -ab$$

If p is the length of the perpendicular from point $(x_1, y_1) = (0, 0)$ to line (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{|A \times 0 + B \times 0 - ab|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \\ &= \frac{|-ab|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Now square on both the sides we get

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 &= \frac{(-ab)^2}{a^2 + b^2} \\ \frac{1}{p^2} &= \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 b^2} \\ \frac{1}{p^2} &= \frac{a^2}{a^2 b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2 b^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 1/p^2 = 1/a^2 + 1/b^2$$

Hence proved.

