

EXERCISE 23.5

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1. Find the equation of the straight lines passing through the following pair of points:

(i) (0, 0) and (2, -2)

(ii) (a, b) and (a + c sin α, b + c cos α)

Solution:

(i) (0, 0) and (2, -2)

Given:

$$(x_1, y_1) = (0, 0), (x_2, y_2) = (2, -2)$$

The equation of the line passing through the two points (0, 0) and (2, -2) is

By using the formula,

$$y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} (x - x_1)$$

Now, substitute the values, we get

$$y - 0 = \frac{-2 - 0}{2 - 0} (x - 0)$$

$$y = -x$$

∴ The equation of line is $y = -x$

(ii) (a, b) and (a + c sin α, b + c cos α)

Given:

$$(x_1, y_1) = (a, b), (x_2, y_2) = (a + c \sin \alpha, b + c \cos \alpha)$$

So, the equation of the line passing through the two points (0, 0) and (2, -2) is

By using the formula,

$$y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} (x - x_1)$$

Now, substitute the values, we get

$$y - b = \frac{b + c \cos \alpha - b}{a + c \sin \alpha - a} (x - a)$$

$$y - b = \cot \alpha (x - a)$$

∴ The equation of line is $y - b = \cot \alpha (x - a)$

2. Find the equations to the sides of the triangles the coordinates of whose angular points are respectively:

(i) (1, 4), (2, -3) and (-1, -2)

(ii) (0, 1), (2, 0) and (-1, -2)

Solution:

(i) (1, 4), (2, -3) and (-1, -2)

Given:

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

Let us assume,

m_1 , m_2 , and m_3 be the slope of the sides AB, BC and CA, respectively.

So,

The equation of the line passing through the two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) .

Then,

$$m_1 = \frac{-3-4}{2-1},$$

$$m_2 = \frac{-2+3}{-1-2},$$

$$m_3 = \frac{4+2}{1+1}$$

$$m_1 = -7, m_2 = -1/3 \text{ and } m_3 = 3$$

So, the equation of the sides AB, BC and CA are

By using the formula,

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

$$\Rightarrow y - 4 = -7(x - 1)$$

$$y - 4 = -7x + 7$$

$$y + 7x = 11,$$

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

$$3y + 9 = -x + 2$$

$$3y + x = -7$$

$$x + 3y + 7 = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 2 = 3(x+1)$$

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

$$y - 3x = 1$$

So, we get

$$y + 7x = 11, x + 3y + 7 = 0 \text{ and } y - 3x = 1$$

\therefore The equation of sides are $y + 7x = 11$, $x + 3y + 7 = 0$ and $y - 3x = 1$

(ii) (0, 1), (2, 0) and (-1, -2)

Given:

Points A (0, 1), B (2, 0) and C (-1, -2).

Let us assume,

m_1 , m_2 , and m_3 be the slope of the sides AB, BC and CA, respectively.

So,

The equation of the line passing through the two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) .

Then,

$$m_1 = \frac{0-1}{2-0},$$

$$m_2 = \frac{-2-0}{-1-2},$$

$$m_3 = \frac{1+2}{1+0}$$

$$m_1 = -1/2, m_2 = -2/3 \text{ and } m_3 = 3$$

So, the equation of the sides AB, BC and CA are

By using the formula,

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

$$\Rightarrow y - 1 = (-1/2)(x - 0)$$

$$2y - 2 = -x$$

$$x + 2y = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 0 = (-2/3)(x - 2)$$

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

$$2x - 3y = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 2 = 3(x+1)$$

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

$$y - 3x = 1$$

So, we get

$$x + 2y = 2, 2x - 3y = 4 \text{ and } y - 3x = 1$$

\therefore The equation of sides are $x + 2y = 2$, $2x - 3y = 4$ and $y - 3x = 1$

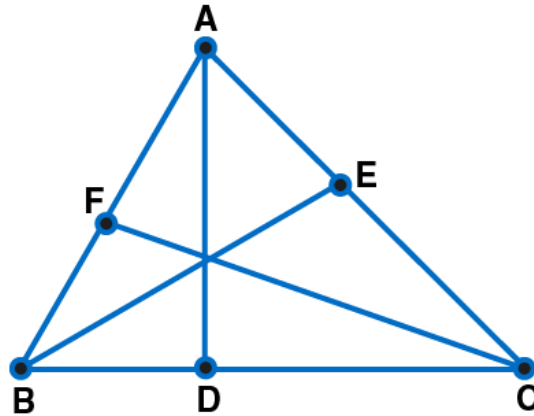
3. Find the equations of the medians of a triangle, the coordinates of whose vertices are (-1, 6), (-3,-9) and (5, -8).

Solution:

Given:

A (-1, 6), B (-3, -9) and C (5, -8) be the coordinates of the given triangle.

Let us assume: D, E, and F be midpoints of BC, CA and AB, respectively. So, the coordinates of D, E and F are



Median AD passes through A (-1, 6) and D (1, -17/2)

So, by using the formula,

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) (x - x_1)$$

$$y - 6 = \frac{-\frac{17}{2} - 6}{1 + 1} (x + 1)$$

$$4y - 24 = -29x - 29$$

$$29x + 4y + 5 = 0$$

Similarly, Median BE passes through B (-3,-9) and E (2,-1)

So, by using the formula,

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) (x - x_1)$$

$$y + 9 = \frac{-1 + 9}{2 + 3} (x + 3)$$

$$5y + 45 = 8x + 24$$

$$8x - 5y - 21 = 0$$

Similarly, Median CF passes through C (5,-8) and F(-2,-3/2)

So, by using the formula,

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) (x - x_1)$$

$$y + 8 = \frac{-\frac{3}{2} + 8}{-2 - 5} (x - 5)$$

$$-14y - 112 = 13x - 65$$

$$13x + 14y + 47 = 0$$

∴ The equation of lines are: $29x + 4y + 5 = 0$, $8x - 5y - 21 = 0$ and $13x + 14y + 47 = 0$

4. Find the equations to the diagonals of the rectangle the equations of whose sides are $x = a$, $x = a'$, $y = b$ and $y = b'$.

Solution:

Given:

The rectangle formed by the lines $x = a$, $x = a'$, $y = b$ and $y = b'$

It is clear that, the vertices of the rectangle are A (a, b), B (a', b), C (a', b') and D (a, b').

The diagonal passing through A (a, b) and C (a', b') is

By using the formula,

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) (x - x_1)$$

$$y - b = \frac{b' - b}{a' - a} (x - a)$$

$$(a' - a)y - b(a' - a) = (b' - b)x - a(b' - b)$$

$$(a' - a)y - (b' - b)x = ba' - ab'$$

Similarly, the diagonal passing through B (a', b) and D (a, b') is

By using the formula,

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) (x - x_1)$$

$$y - b = \frac{b' - b}{a - a'} (x - a')$$

$$(a' - a)y - b(a - a') = (b' - b)x - a'(b' - b)$$

$$(a' - a)y + (b' - b)x = a'b' - ab$$

\therefore The equation of diagonals are $y(a' - a) - x(b' - b) = a'b - ab'$ and

$$y(a' - a) + x(b' - b) = a'b' - ab$$

5. Find the equation of the side BC of the triangle ABC whose vertices are A (-1, -2), B (0, 1) and C (2, 0) respectively. Also, find the equation of the median through A (-1, -2).

Solution:

Given:

The vertices of triangle ABC are A (-1, -2), B(0, 1) and C(2, 0).

Let us find the equation of median through A.

So, the equation of BC is

By using the formula,

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) (x - x_1)$$

$$y - 1 = \frac{0 - 1}{2 - 0} (x - 0)$$

$$y - 1 = \frac{-1}{2} (x - 0)$$

$$x + 2y - 2 = 0$$

Let D be the midpoint of median AD,

$$\text{So, } D \left(\frac{0+2}{2}, \frac{1+0}{2} \right) = \left(1, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

The equation of the median AD is

By using the formula,

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) (x - x_1)$$

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

$$4y + 8 = 5x + 5$$

$$5x - 4y - 3 = 0$$

∴ The equation of line BC is $x + 2y - 2 = 0$

The equation of median is $5x - 4y - 3 = 0$