

EXERCISE 10.2

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In Exercises 1 to 8, find the equation of the line which satisfies the given conditions.

1. Write the equations for the x-and y-axes.

Solution:

The y-coordinate of every point on the x-axis is 0.

∴ The equation of the x-axis is $y = 0$.

The x-coordinate of every point on the y-axis is 0.

∴ The equation of the y-axis is $x = 0$.

2. Passing through the point $(-4, 3)$ with slope $1/2$

Solution:

Given:

Point $(-4, 3)$ and slope, $m = 1/2$

We know that the point (x, y) lies on the line with slope m through the fixed point (x_0, y_0) only if its coordinates satisfy the equation $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$

$$\text{So, } y - 3 = 1/2(x - (-4))$$

$$y - 3 = 1/2(x + 4)$$

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

$$2y - 6 = x + 4$$

$$x + 4 - (2y - 6) = 0$$

$$x + 4 - 2y + 6 = 0$$

$$x - 2y + 10 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $x - 2y + 10 = 0$

3. Passing through $(0, 0)$ with slope m .

Solution:

Given:

Point $(0, 0)$ and slope, $m = m$

We know that the point (x, y) lies on the line with slope m through the fixed point (x_0, y_0) only if its coordinates satisfy the equation $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$

$$\text{So, } y - 0 = m(x - 0)$$

$$y = mx$$

$$y - mx = 0$$

\therefore The equation of the line is $y - mx = 0$

4. Passing through $(2, 2\sqrt{3})$ and inclined with the x-axis at an angle of 75° .

Solution:

Given: point $(2, 2\sqrt{3})$ and $\theta = 75^\circ$

Equation of line: $(y - y_1) = m(x - x_1)$

where, $m =$ slope of line $= \tan \theta$ and (x_1, y_1) are the points through which line passes

$$\therefore m = \tan 75^\circ$$

$$75^\circ = 45^\circ + 30^\circ$$

Applying the formula:

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \cdot \tan B}$$

$$\tan(45^\circ + 30^\circ) = \frac{\tan 45^\circ + \tan 30^\circ}{1 - \tan 45^\circ \cdot \tan 30^\circ} = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$\tan 75^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$$

Let us rationalizing we get,

$$\tan 75^\circ = \frac{3 + 1 + 2\sqrt{3}}{3 - 1} = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

We know that the point (x, y) lies on the line with slope m through the fixed point (x_1, y_1) , only if its coordinates satisfy the equation $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$\text{Then, } y - 2\sqrt{3} = (2 + \sqrt{3})(x - 2)$$

$$y - 2\sqrt{3} = 2x - 4 + \sqrt{3}x - 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$y = 2x - 4 + \sqrt{3}x$$

$$(2 + \sqrt{3})x - y - 4 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $(2 + \sqrt{3})x - y - 4 = 0$

5. Intersecting the x-axis at a distance of 3 units to the left of origin with slope -2 .

Solution:

Given:

$$\text{Slope, } m = -2$$

We know that if a line L with slope m makes x-intercept d, then the equation of L is

$$y = m(x - d).$$

If the distance is 3 units to the left of the origin, then $d = -3$

$$\text{So, } y = (-2)(x - (-3))$$

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

$$y = -2x - 6$$

$$2x + y + 6 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $2x + y + 6 = 0$

6. Intersecting the y-axis at a distance of 2 units above the origin and making an angle of 30° with the positive direction of the x-axis.

Solution:

$$\text{Given: } \theta = 30^\circ$$

We know that slope, $m = \tan \theta$

$$m = \tan 30^\circ = (1/\sqrt{3})$$

We know that the point (x, y) on the line with slope m and y-intercept c lies on the line only if $y = mx + c$

If the distance is 2 units above the origin, $c = +2$

$$\text{So, } y = (1/\sqrt{3})x + 2$$

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

$$\sqrt{3}y = x + 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$x - \sqrt{3}y + 2\sqrt{3} = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $x - \sqrt{3}y + 2\sqrt{3} = 0$

7. Passing through the points (-1, 1) and (2, -4).

Solution:

Given:

Points (-1, 1) and (2, -4)

We know that the equation of the line passing through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by

$$y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}(x - x_1)$$
$$y - 1 = \frac{-4 - 1}{2 - (-1)}(x - (-1))$$

$$y - 1 = -5/3(x + 1)$$

$$3(y - 1) = (-5)(x + 1)$$

$$3y - 3 = -5x - 5$$

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

$$5x + 3y + 2 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $5x + 3y + 2 = 0$

8. Perpendicular distance from the origin is 5 units, and the angle made by the perpendicular with the positive x-axis is 30° .

Solution:

Given: $p = 5$ and $\omega = 30^\circ$

We know that the equation of the line having normal distance p from the origin and angle ω , which the normal makes with the positive direction of the x-axis, is given by $x \cos \omega + y \sin \omega = p$.

Substituting the values in the equation, we get

$$x \cos 30^\circ + y \sin 30^\circ = 5$$

$$x(\sqrt{3}/2) + y(1/2) = 5$$

$$\sqrt{3}x + y = 5(2) = 10$$

$$\sqrt{3}x + y - 10 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $\sqrt{3}x + y - 10 = 0$

9. The vertices of ΔPQR are P (2, 1), Q (-2, 3) and R (4, 5). Find the equation of the median through the vertex R.

Solution:

Given:

Vertices of ΔPQR , i.e., P (2, 1), Q (-2, 3) and R (4, 5)

Let RL be the median of vertex R.

So, L is a midpoint of PQ.

We know that the midpoint formula is given by

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore L = \left(\frac{2 + (-2)}{2}, \frac{1 + 3}{2} \right) = (0, 2)$$

We know that the equation of the line passing through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by

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

$$\therefore y - 5 = \frac{2 - 5}{0 - 4} (x - 4)$$

$$y - 5 = -3/4 (x - 4)$$

$$(-4)(y - 5) = (-3)(x - 4)$$

$$-4y + 20 = -3x + 12$$

$$-4y + 20 + 3x - 12 = 0$$

$$3x - 4y + 8 = 0$$

\therefore The equation of median through the vertex R is $3x - 4y + 8 = 0$

10. Find the equation of the line passing through (-3, 5) and perpendicular to the line through the points (2, 5) and (-3, 6).

Solution:

Given:

Points are (2, 5) and (-3, 6).

We know that slope, $m = (y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1)$

$$= (6 - 5)/(-3 - 2)$$

$$= 1/-5 = -1/5$$

We know that two non-vertical lines are perpendicular to each other only if their slopes are negative reciprocals of each other.

$$\text{Then, } m = (-1/m)$$

$$= -1/(-1/5)$$

$$= 5$$

We know that the point (x, y) lies on the line with slope m through the fixed point (x_0, y_0) , only if its coordinates satisfy the equation $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$

$$\text{Then, } y - 5 = 5(x - (-3))$$

$$y - 5 = 5x + 15$$

$$5x + 15 - y + 5 = 0$$

$$5x - y + 20 = 0$$

\therefore The equation of the line is $5x - y + 20 = 0$

11. A line perpendicular to the line segment joining the points $(1, 0)$ and $(2, 3)$ divides it in the ratio $1: n$. Find the equation of the line.

Solution:

We know that the coordinates of a point dividing the line segment joining the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) internally in the ratio $m: n$ are

$$\left(\frac{mx_2 + nx_1}{m+n}, \frac{my_2 + ny_1}{m+n} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{1(2) + n(1)}{1+n}, \frac{1(3) + n(0)}{1+n} \right) = \left(\frac{2+n}{1+n}, \frac{3}{1+n} \right)$$

We know that slope, $m = (y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1)$

$$= (3 - 0)/(2 - 1)$$

$$= 3/1$$

$$= 3$$

We know that two non-vertical lines are perpendicular to each other only if their slopes are negative reciprocals of each other.

$$\text{Then, } m = (-1/m) = -1/3$$

We know that the point (x, y) lies on the line with slope m through the fixed point (x_0, y_0) , only if its coordinates satisfy the equation $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$

Here, the point is

$$\left(\frac{2+n}{1+n}, \frac{3}{1+n}\right)$$

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

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

$$3(1+n)y - 9 = -(1+n)x + 2+n$$

$$(1+n)x + 3(1+n)y - n - 9 - 2 = 0$$

$$(1+n)x + 3(1+n)y - n - 11 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $(1+n)x + 3(1+n)y - n - 11 = 0$

12. Find the equation of a line that cuts off equal intercepts on the coordinate axes and passes through the point $(2, 3)$.

Solution:

Given: the line cuts off equal intercepts on the coordinate axes, i.e., $a = b$

We know that equation of the line intercepts a and b on the x - and the y -axis, respectively, which is

$$x/a + y/b = 1$$

$$\text{So, } x/a + y/a = 1$$

$$x + y = a \dots (1)$$

Given: point $(2, 3)$

$$2 + 3 = a$$

$$a = 5$$

Substitute value of 'a' in (1), we get

$$x + y = 5$$

$$x + y - 5 = 0$$

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

13. Find the equation of the line passing through the point $(2, 2)$ and cutting off intercepts on the axes whose sum is 9.

Solution:

We know that equation of the line-making intercepts a and b on the x -and the y -axis, respectively, is $x/a + y/b = 1 \dots$
(1)

Given: sum of intercepts = 9

$$a + b = 9$$

$$b = 9 - a$$

Now, substitute the value of b in the above equation, and we get

$$x/a + y/(9 - a) = 1$$

Given: the line passes through point $(2, 2)$

$$\text{So, } 2/a + 2/(9 - a) = 1$$

$$[2(9 - a) + 2a] / a(9 - a) = 1 \quad [18 - 2a + 2a] / a(9 - a) = 1$$
$$18/a(9 - a) = 1$$

$$18 = a(9 - a)$$

$$18 = 9a - a^2$$

$$a^2 - 9a + 18 = 0$$

Upon factorising, we get

$$a^2 - 3a - 6a + 18 = 0$$

$$a(a - 3) - 6(a - 3) = 0$$

$$(a - 3)(a - 6) = 0$$

$$a = 3 \text{ or } a = 6$$

Let us substitute in (1)

Case 1 ($a = 3$):

$$\text{Then } b = 9 - 3 = 6$$

$$x/3 + y/6 = 1$$

$$2x + y = 6$$

$$2x + y - 6 = 0$$

Case 2 ($a = 6$):

$$\text{Then } b = 9 - 6 = 3$$

$$x/6 + y/3 = 1$$

$$x + 2y = 6$$

$$x + 2y - 6 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $2x + y - 6 = 0$ or $x + 2y - 6 = 0$

14. Find the equation of the line through the point (0, 2), making an angle $2\pi/3$ with the positive x-axis. Also, find the equation of the line parallel to it and crossing the y-axis at a distance of 2 units below the origin.

Solution:

Given:

Point (0, 2) and $\theta = 2\pi/3$

We know that $m = \tan \theta$

$$m = \tan (2\pi/3) = -\sqrt{3}$$

We know that the point (x, y) lies on the line with slope m through the fixed point (x_0, y_0) , only if its coordinates satisfy the equation $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$

$$y - 2 = -\sqrt{3}(x - 0)$$

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

$$\sqrt{3}x + y - 2 = 0$$

Given, the equation of the line parallel to the above-obtained equation crosses the y-axis at a distance of 2 units below the origin.

So, the point = (0, -2) and $m = -\sqrt{3}$

From point slope form equation,

$$y - (-2) = -\sqrt{3}(x - 0)$$

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

$$\sqrt{3}x + y + 2 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $\sqrt{3}x + y - 2 = 0$, and the line parallel to it is $\sqrt{3}x + y + 2 = 0$

15. The perpendicular from the origin to a line meets it at the point (-2, 9). Find the equation of the line.

Solution:

Given:

Points are origin (0, 0) and (-2, 9).

We know that slope, $m = (y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1)$

$$= (9 - 0)/(-2 - 0)$$

$$= -9/2$$

We know that two non-vertical lines are perpendicular to each other only if their slopes are negative reciprocals of each other.

$$m = (-1/m) = -1/(-9/2) = 2/9$$

We know that the point (x, y) lies on the line with slope m through the fixed point (x_0, y_0) only if its coordinates satisfy the equation $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$

$$y - 9 = (2/9)(x - (-2))$$

$$9(y - 9) = 2(x + 2)$$

$$9y - 81 = 2x + 4$$

$$2x + 4 - 9y + 81 = 0$$

$$2x - 9y + 85 = 0$$

∴ The equation of the line is $2x - 9y + 85 = 0$

16. The length L (in centimetres) of a copper rod is a linear function of its Celsius temperature C . In an experiment, if $L = 124.942$ when $C = 20$ and $L = 125.134$ when $C = 110$, express L in terms of C .

Solution:

Let us assume 'L' along X-axis and 'C' along Y-axis; we have two points $(124.942, 20)$ and $(125.134, 110)$ in XY-plane.

We know that the equation of the line passing through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by

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

$$C - 20 = \frac{110 - 20}{125.134 - 124.942}(L - 124.942)$$

$$C - 20 = \frac{90}{0.192}(L - 124.942)$$

$$0.192(C - 20) = 90(L - 124.942)$$

$$L = \frac{0.192}{90}(C - 20) + 124.942$$

∴ The required relation is $L = \frac{0.192}{90}(C - 20) + 124.942$

17. The owner of a milk store finds that he can sell 980 litres of milk each week at Rs. 14/litre and 1220 litres of milk each week at Rs. 16/litre. Assuming a linear relationship between the selling price and demand, how many litres could he sell weekly at Rs. 17/litre?

Solution:

Assuming the relationship between the selling price and demand is linear.

Let us assume the selling price per litre along X-axis and demand along Y-axis, we have two points (14, 980) and (16, 1220) in XY-plane.

We know that the equation of the line passing through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by

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

$$y - 980 = \frac{1220 - 980}{16 - 14} (x - 14)$$

$$y - 980 = \frac{240}{2} (x - 14)$$

$$y - 980 = 120 (x - 14)$$

$$y = 120 (x - 14) + 980$$

When $x = \text{Rs } 17/\text{litre}$,

$$y = 120 (17 - 14) + 980$$

$$y = 120(3) + 980$$

$$y = 360 + 980 = 1340$$

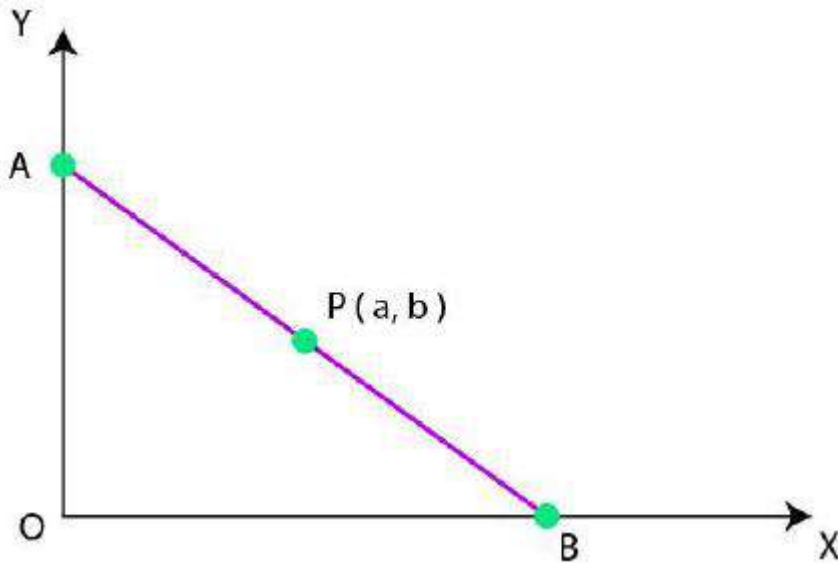
\therefore The owner can sell 1340 litres weekly at Rs. 17/litre.

18. P (a, b) is the mid-point of a line segment between axes. Show that the equation of the line is $x/a + y/b = 2$

Solution:

Let AB be a line segment whose midpoint is P (a, b).

Let the coordinates of A and B be (0, y) and (x, 0), respectively.



We know that the midpoint is given by $\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right)$

Since P is the midpoint of (a, b),

$$\left(\frac{0+x}{2}, \frac{y+0}{2}\right) = (a, b)$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right) = (a, b)$$

$$a = x/2 \text{ and } b = y/2$$

$$x = 2a \text{ and } y = 2b$$

$$A = (0, 2b) \text{ and } B = (2a, 0)$$

We know that the equation of the line passing through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by

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

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

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

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

$$a(y - 2b) = -bx$$

$$ay - 2ab = -bx$$

$$bx + ay = 2ab$$

Divide both sides with ab , then

$$\frac{bx}{ab} + \frac{ay}{ab} = \frac{2ab}{ab}$$

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 2$$

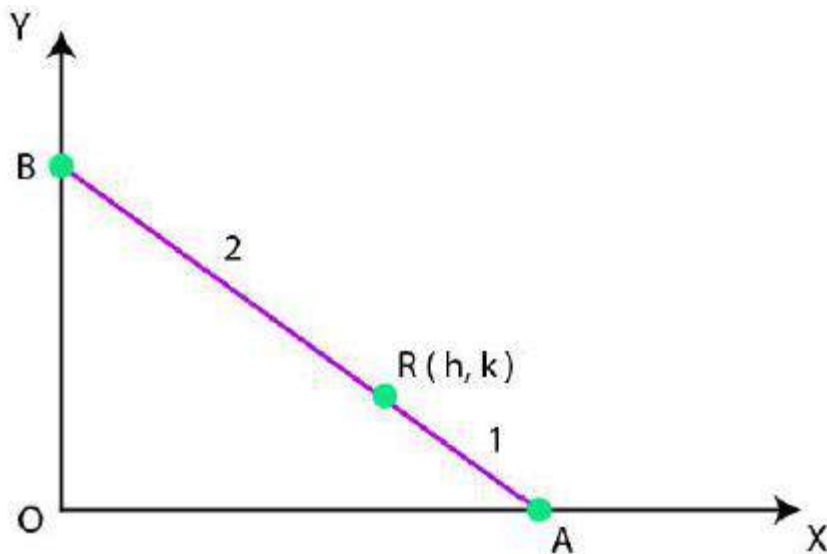
Hence, proved.

19. Point R (h, k) divides a line segment between the axes in the ratio 1: 2. Find the equation of the line.

Solution:

Let us consider AB to be the line segment, such that r (h, k) divides it in the ratio 1: 2.

So, the coordinates of A and B be (0, y) and (x, 0), respectively.



We know that the coordinates of a point dividing the line segment join the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) internally in the ratio $m: n$ is

$$\left(\frac{mx_2 + nx_1}{m+n}, \frac{my_2 + ny_1}{m+n} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{1(0) + 2(x)}{1+2}, \frac{1(y) + 2(0)}{1+2} \right) = (h, k)$$

$$\left(\frac{2x}{3}, \frac{y}{3} \right) = (h, k)$$

$$h = \frac{2x}{3} \text{ and } k = \frac{y}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{3h}{2} \text{ and } y = 3k$$

$$\therefore A = (0, 3k) \text{ and } B = \left(\frac{3h}{2}, 0 \right)$$

We know that the equation of the line passing through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by

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

$$y - 3k = \frac{0 - 3k}{\frac{3h}{2} - 0}(x - 0)$$

$$3h(y - 3k) = -6kx$$

$$3hy - 9hk = -6kx$$

$$6kx + 3hy = 9hk$$

Let us divide both sides by $9hk$, and we get,

$$2x/3h + y/3k = 1$$

∴ The equation of the line is given by $2x/3h + y/3k = 1$

20. By using the concept of the equation of a line, prove that the three points (3, 0), (−2, −2) and (8, 2) are collinear.

Solution:

According to the question,

If we have to prove that the given three points (3, 0), (−2, −2) and (8, 2) are collinear, then we have to also prove that the line passing through the points (3, 0) and (−2, −2) also passes through the point (8, 2).

By using the formula,

The equation of the line passing through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by

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

$$y - 0 = \frac{-2 - 0}{-2 - 3}(x - 3)$$

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

$$-5y = -2(x - 3)$$

$$-5y = -2x + 6$$

$$2x - 5y = 6$$

If $2x - 5y = 6$ passes through (8, 2),

$$2x - 5y = 2(8) - 5(2)$$

$$= 16 - 10$$

= 6

= RHS

The line passing through points $(3, 0)$ and $(-2, -2)$ also passes through the point $(8, 2)$.

Hence, proved. The given three points are collinear.