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Chapter C1

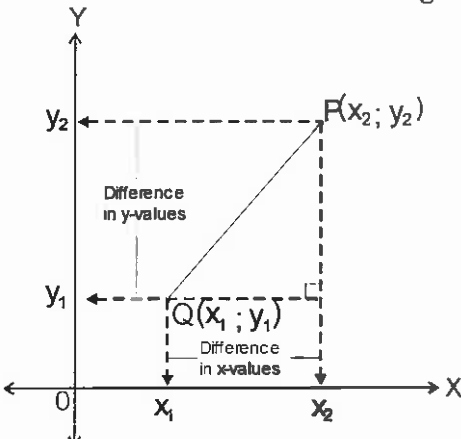
Analytical geometry

C1.1 Gradient:

C1.1.1 Calculating the gradient:

In grade 10 the following formula for the gradient of the straight line were derived:

Deduction of a formula for the gradient of a straight line:

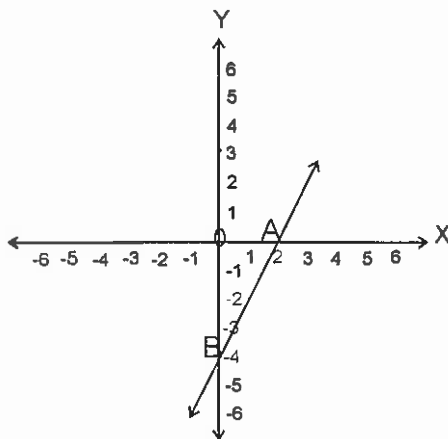


Gradient/Inclination = $\frac{\text{Difference in } y \text{ values}}{\text{Difference in } x \text{ values}}$

$m_{PQ} = \frac{\text{Difference in } y \text{ values}}{\text{Difference in } x \text{ values}}$

$m_{PQ} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

E.g.1



In the graph on the left, the straight line is through $A(2 ; 0)$ and $B(0 ; -4)$.

The difference between the y -values is:

$$-4 - 0 = -4 \text{ and}$$

The difference between the x -values is:

$$0 - 2 = -2$$

$$\therefore \text{gradient} = \frac{\text{difference between } y\text{-values}}{\text{difference between } x\text{-values}}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{-2}$$

$$m_{AB} = \underline{2}$$

E.g.2 Calculate the gradient of the line through the following points: $M(2 ; -1)$ and $N(-2 ; 3)$

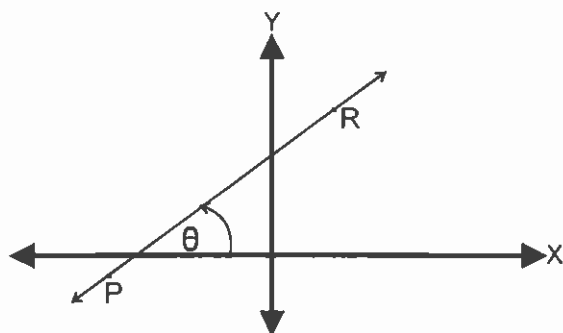
$$\begin{array}{cc} x_1 & y_1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ M(2 ; -1) & \text{and} & N(-2 ; 3) \end{array}$$

$$m_{MN} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{3 - (-1)}{-2 - (2)} = \frac{3 + 1}{-2 - 2} = \frac{4}{-4}$$

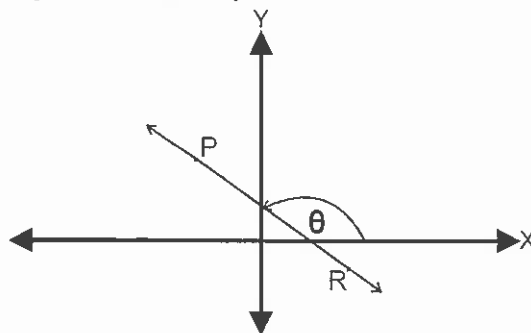
$$\therefore m_{MN} = \underline{-1}$$

C1.1.2 Application of the gradient:

- * Parallel lines have the same gradients: If $m_1 = m_2 \Leftrightarrow$ the lines are parallel.
- * The product of the gradients of perpendicular lines is equal to -1 : If $m_1 \times m_2 = -1 \Leftrightarrow$ the lines are perpendicular.
- * Three or more points are collinear if the points lie on the same straight line.
 $\therefore m_{AB} = m_{BC} \Leftrightarrow$ points A, B and C lies on the same straight line.
- * The angle of inclination is the angle between the straight line and the positive x-axis:



The angle of inclination above is θ and it is an acute angle ($0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$), if the line has a positive gradient.



The angle of inclination above is θ and it is an obtuse angle ($90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$), if the line has a negative gradient.

To calculate the angle of inclination: $\tan \theta = m_{PR}$

E.g.3 Consider: $P(-3 ; -2)$, $Q(5 ; 4)$ and $R(1 ; -4)$

- (a) Determine whether the points are collinear.
- (b) Prove that $QR \perp PR$.
- (c) Calculate the angle of inclination (correct to 2 decimals) of line PQ .

$$(a) \quad m_{PQ} = \frac{y_Q - y_P}{x_Q - x_P} = \frac{4 - (-2)}{5 - (-3)} = \frac{4 + 2}{5 + 3} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$m_{QR} = \frac{y_R - y_Q}{x_R - x_Q} = \frac{-4 - 4}{1 - 5} = \frac{-8}{-4} = 2$$

$\therefore P, Q$ and R is not collinear, because $m_{PQ} \neq m_{QR}$

(b) We calculated in (a) that $m_{QR} = 2$

$$m_{PR} = \frac{y_R - y_P}{x_R - x_P} = \frac{-4 - (-2)}{1 - (-3)} = \frac{-4 + 2}{1 + 3} = \frac{-2}{4} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\therefore m_{QR} \times m_{PR} = \frac{2}{1} \times \frac{-1}{2} = -1$$

$\therefore QR \perp PR$

(c) We calculated in (a) that $m_{PQ} = \frac{3}{4}$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \underline{36,87^\circ}$$

C1.2 Distance between two points:

Derivation of a formula for the distance between any two coordinates:

The coordinates of C will be $(x_2 ; y_1)$ because A and C have the same x -coordinates and B and C have the same y -coordinates. The length of BC is the difference between the two x -coordinates of B and C and the length of AC is the difference between the y -coordinates of A and C.

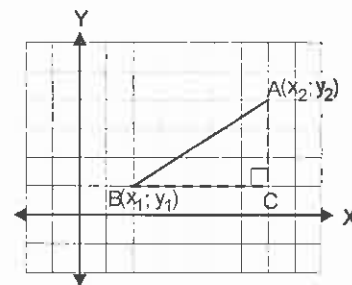
$\therefore BC = x_2 - x_1$ and $AC = y_2 - y_1$ [Remember: $BC = CB!$]

$\therefore AB^2 = BC^2 + AC^2$ [Pythagoras]

$$AB^2 = (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2$$

$$\sqrt{AB^2} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$d(AB) = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$



E.g.4 Calculate the distance between $S(7 ; -5)$ and $T(4 ; -2)$. If necessary, write your answer as a simple surd.

$$\begin{array}{cc} x_1 & y_1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ S(7 & ; & -5) & \text{ and } T(4 & ; & -2) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore d(ST) &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\ d(ST) &= \sqrt{[(4) - (7)]^2 + [(-2) - (-5)]^2} \\ d(ST) &= \sqrt{(4 - 7)^2 + (-2 + 5)^2} \\ d(ST) &= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (3)^2} \\ d(ST) &= \sqrt{9 + 9} \\ d(ST) &= \sqrt{18} \\ d(ST) &= \sqrt{9 \times 2} \\ d(ST) &= 3\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2:

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(1) Calculate the distance between P and Q in each of the following. If necessary, round off, correct to two decimals:

(a) $P(2 ; 5)$ and $Q(7 ; 4)$

(b) $P(-2 ; -1)$ and $Q(0 ; 5)$

(c) $P(-3 ; 1)$ and $Q(-3 ; 13)$

(d) $P(2,3 : 3,1)$ and $Q(5,3 : 1,1)$

(e) $P(2m : m)$ and $Q(7m : -4m)$

(2) Calculate $d(AB)$ in each of the following. If necessary, write your answer as a simple surd.

(a) $A(1 : \sqrt{8})$ and $B(-7 : 0)$ (b) $A(-10 : 9)$ and $B(-2 : 15)$ (c) $A(4 : 1)$ and $B(-4 : 9)$

(3) Calculate the value(s) of p if $d(LM) = 5$ with $L(-2 : p)$ and $M(-5 : 3)$.

(4) $A(2 ; -2)$, $B(3 ; 4)$ and $C(-3 ; 5)$ is the vertices of triangle ABC.

(a) Calculate the perimeter of triangle ABC, correct to 1 decimal.

(b) Prove that $\hat{B} = 90^\circ$.

(5) $P(-2 ; 0)$, $Q(-1 ; -3)$, $R(2 ; 0)$ and $S(1 ; 3)$ is the vertices of a parallelogram. Draw a diagram!

(a) Determine whether PQRS is a rhombus or not.

(b) Calculate the gradient of PS:

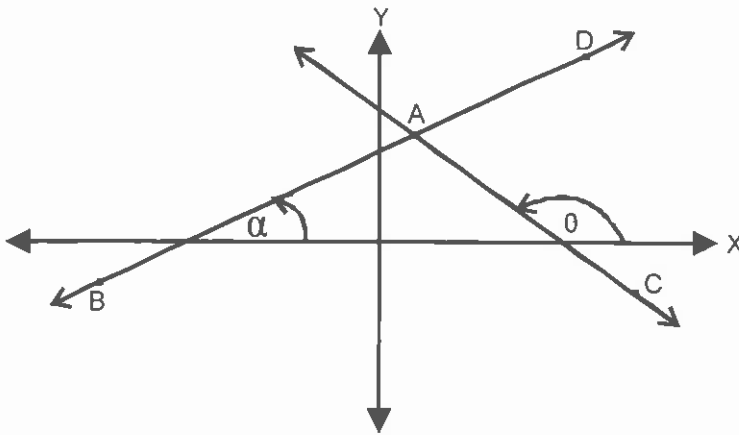
(c) Without any further calculations, determine the gradient of QR. Motivate your answer.

- (6) Determine whether $\triangle VWX$ is an isosceles or an equilateral triangle with $V(2 ; 6)$, $W(3 ; -1)$ and $X(-3 ; 1)$. Show all calculations:

- (7) $S(-2 ; 3)$, $T(1 ; 2)$ and $R(-3 ; 0)$ is three points on the outside of $A(-1 ; 1)$. Show that S , T and R are points on the circumference of the circle with A as midpoint.

- (8) Calculate the value(s) of y for which $PQ = QR$ if $P(-2 ; 5)$, $Q(1 ; 6)$ and $R(0 ; y)$.

☺ Calculate $\hat{D}AC$, correct to one decimal, with $A(2 ; 5)$, $B(-6 ; -1)$ and $C(7 ; -2)$:



C1.3 Mid-point of a line segment:

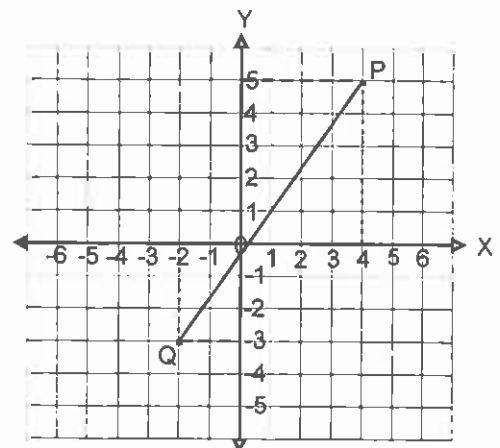
E.g.5 Calculate the mid-point of line segment PQ with $P(-4 ; 5)$ and $Q(2 ; -1)$.

The mid-point of PQ , M , will be precisely halfway between P and Q . The x -coordinate of M will be precisely in the middle of the x -coordinates of P and Q and the y -coordinates of M will be precisely in the middle of the y -coordinates of P and Q .

$$\therefore M_x = \frac{-2 + 4}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$\text{and } M_y = \frac{-3 + 5}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$\therefore \underline{M = (1 ; 1)}$$

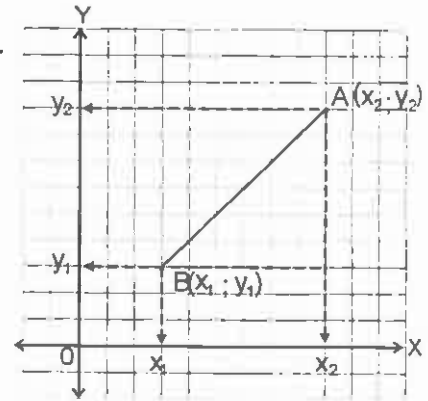


Deduction of a formula for the mid-point of any line section between two coordinates:

The mid-point M of line AB lies exactly halfway between A and B.
 \therefore M's x-coordinate lies exactly halfway between the x-coordinates of A and B and M's y-coordinate lies exactly halfway between A and B's y-coordinates.

$$\therefore x_M = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad y_M = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$$

$$\therefore M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} ; \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$



E.g.6 Calculate the mid-point between R(-3 ; 2) and T(-4 ; 8).

$x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$
 R(-3 ; 2) and T(-4 ; 8).

$$\therefore M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} ; \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{-3 + (-4)}{2} ; \frac{2 + 8}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{-3 - 4}{2} ; \frac{10}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore M = \left(\frac{-7}{2} ; 5 \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \left(-3\frac{1}{2} ; 5 \right)$$

Exercise 3:

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(1) Calculate the mid-point of each of the following line segments:

(a) A(-2 ; 4) and B(-6 ; 4)

(b) C(-2 ; 0) and D(0 ; 2)

(c) I(-2 ; -7) and J(2 ; 1)

(d) K(5 ; 1) and L(11 ; 1)
