

Co-ordinate Geometry : Achieved Practice #3

1. Find the point mid way between $A = (-7, -5)$ and $B = (-3, 2)$.
2. Find the distance from point $R = (1, 6)$ to point $Q = (-5, 8)$.
3. Find the equation of the line that passes through both $R = (1, 6)$ to $Q = (-5, 8)$.
4. Find a line parallel to $y - 2x + 5 = 0$, which passes through point $P = (2, 3)$.
5. Find the line perpendicular to $y + 4x = 3$ which passes through $(1, 5)$.
6. What is k so that $(k, 5)$ is on the line $2x + y + 8 = 0$

Answers – Co-ordinate Geometry : Achieved Practice #3

1. Find the point mid way between A = (-7, -5) and B = (-3, 2).

$$\left(\frac{-7 + -3}{2}, \frac{-5 + 2}{2}\right)$$

$$= (-5, -1.5)$$

mid point = (average x, average y)

check with sketch

2. Find the distance from point R = (1, 6) to point Q = (-5, 8).

$$\Delta x = (1 - -5) = 6, \Delta y = (6 - 8) = -2$$

distance apart in x and y directions

$$\text{Length} = \sqrt{6^2 + (-2)^2}$$

Pythagoras. Note $(-2)^2 = 4$, not -4

$$= 6.32$$

check with sketch

3. Find the equation of the line that passes through both R = (1, 6) to Q = (-5, 8).

$$m = \frac{6 - 8}{1 - -5} = \frac{-2}{6} = \frac{-1}{3}$$

slope, $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$

$$y - 6 = \frac{-1}{3}(x - 1)$$

equations found using $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$y = \frac{-1}{3}x + 6\frac{1}{3}$$

check with "Table" in calculator

4. Find a line parallel to $y - 2x + 5 = 0$, which passes through point P = (2, 3).

$$y - 2x + 5 = 0 \text{ rearranges to give the more useful form: } y = 2x - 5$$

$$m = 2$$

parallel lines have the same slope

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

equations found using $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$y = 2x - 1$$

check with "Table" in calculator

5. Find the line perpendicular to $y + 4x = 3$ which passes through (1, 5).

$$m = -4 \text{ so } m^\perp = \frac{-1}{-4} = 0.25$$

perpendicular lines have $m^\perp = \frac{-1}{m}$

$$y - 5 = 0.25(x - 1)$$

equations found using $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$y = 0.25x + 4.75$$

check with sketch and "Table"

6. What is k so that $(k, 5)$ is on the line $2x + y + 8 = 0$

$$\text{We substitute our given values into the equation, so } 2k + 5 + 8 = 0$$

$$\text{Solving gives } k = -6.5$$