

NCERT Solutions for Class 10 Maths Unit 7

Coordinate Geometry Class 10

Unit 7 Coordinate Geometry Exercise 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 Solutions

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Q1 :

Find the distance between the following pairs of points:

(i) (2, 3), (4, 1) (ii) (-5, 7), (-1, 3) (iii) (a, b), (-a, -b)

Answer :

(i) Distance between the two points is given by

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

Therefore, distance between (2, 3) and (4, 1) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \sqrt{(2-4)^2 + (3-1)^2} = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4+4} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Distance between (-5, 7) and (-1, 3) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \sqrt{(-5-(-1))^2 + (7-3)^2} = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16+16} = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Distance between (a, b) and (-a, -b) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \sqrt{(a-(-a))^2 + (b-(-b))^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2a)^2 + (2b)^2} = \sqrt{4a^2 + 4b^2} = 2\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \end{aligned}$$

Q2 :

Find the distance between the points (0, 0) and (36, 15). Can you now find the distance between the two towns A and B discussed in Section 7.2.

Answer :

Distance between points (0,0) and (36,15)

$$x_1 = \frac{1 \times (-2) + 2 \times 4}{1+2}, \quad y_1 = \frac{1 \times (-3) + 2 \times (-1)}{1+2}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{-2+8}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2, \quad y_1 = \frac{-3-2}{3} = \frac{-5}{3}$$

Therefore, $P(x_1, y_1) = \left(2, -\frac{5}{3}\right)$

Point Q divides AB internally in the ratio 2:1.

$$x_2 = \frac{2 \times (-2) + 1 \times 4}{2+1}, \quad y_2 = \frac{2 \times (-3) + 1 \times (-1)}{2+1}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-4+4}{3} = 0, \quad y_2 = \frac{-6-1}{3} = \frac{-7}{3}$$

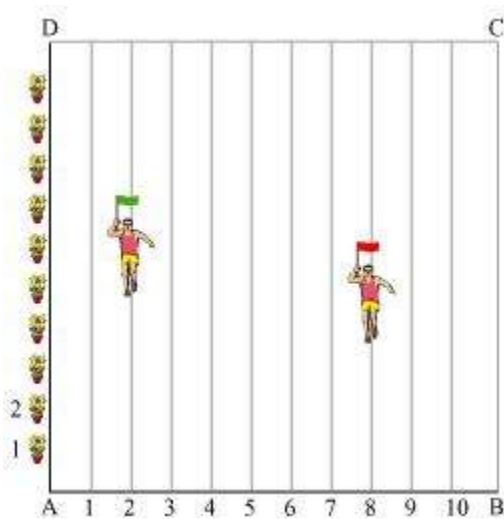
$Q(x_2, y_2) = \left(0, -\frac{7}{3}\right)$

Q5 :

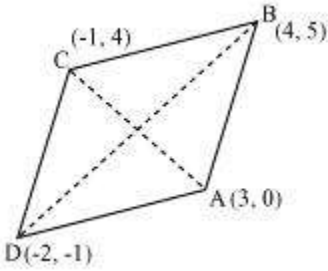
To conduct Sports Day activities, in your rectangular shaped school ground ABCD, lines have been drawn with chalk powder at a distance of 1 m each. 10 flower pots have been placed at a distance of 1 m from each

other along AD, as shown in the following figure. Nimri runs $\frac{1}{4}$ th the distance AD on the 2nd line and

posts a green flag. Preet runs $\frac{1}{5}$ th the distance AD on the eighth line and posts a red flag. What is the distance between both the flags? If Rashmi has to post a blue flag exactly halfway between the line segment joining the two flags, where should she post her flag?



Answer :



Let (3, 0), (4, 5), (-1, 4) and (-2, -1) are the vertices A, B, C, D of a rhombus ABCD.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Length of diagonal AC} &= \sqrt{[3 - (-1)]^2 + (0 - 4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16 + 16} = 4\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Length of diagonal BD} &= \sqrt{[4 - (-2)]^2 + [5 - (-1)]^2} \\ &= \sqrt{36 + 36} = 6\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

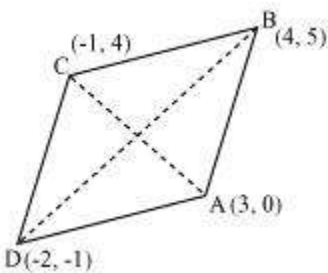
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Therefore, area of rhombus ABCD} &= \frac{1}{2} \times 4\sqrt{2} \times 6\sqrt{2} \\ &= 24 \text{ square units}\end{aligned}$$

Q20 :

Find the area of a rhombus if the vertices are (3, 0), (4, 5), (-1, 4) and (-2, -1) taken in order. [Hint: Area of a

rhombus = $\frac{1}{2}$ (product of its diagonals)]

Answer :



Let (3, 0), (4, 5), (-1, 4) and (-2, -1) are the vertices A, B, C, D of a rhombus ABCD.

(i) Area of a triangle is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of a triangle} &= \frac{1}{2} \{x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)\} \\ \text{Area of the given triangle} &= \frac{1}{2} [2\{0 - (-4)\} + (-1)\{(-4) - (3)\} + 2(3 - 0)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{8 + 7 + 6\} \\ &= \frac{21}{2} \text{ square units}\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of the given triangle} &= \frac{1}{2} [(-5)\{(-5) - (2)\} + 3(2 - (-1)) + 5\{-1 - (-5)\}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{35 + 9 + 20\} \\ &= 32 \text{ square units}\end{aligned}$$

Q3 :

In each of the following find the value of 'k', for which the points are collinear.

(i) (7, - 2), (5, 1), (3, - k) (ii) (8, 1), (k, - 4), (2, - 5)

Answer :

(i) For collinear points, area of triangle formed by them is zero.

Therefore, for points (7, - 2) (5, 1), and (3, k), area = 0

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} [7\{1 - k\} + 5\{k - (-2)\} + 3\{(-2) - 1\}] &= 0 \\ 7 - 7k + 5k + 10 - 9 &= 0 \\ -2k + 8 &= 0 \\ k &= 4\end{aligned}$$

(ii) For collinear points, area of triangle formed by them is zero.

Therefore, for points (8, 1), (k, - 4), and (2, - 5), area = 0

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} [8\{-4 - (-5)\} + k\{(-5) - (1)\} + 2\{1 - (-4)\}] &= 0 \\ 8 - 6k + 10 &= 0 \\ 6k &= 18 \\ k &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Area of a triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \{x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of } \triangle ABD &= \frac{1}{2} [(4)\{(-2) - (0)\} + (3)\{(0) - (-6)\} + (4)\{(-6) - (-2)\}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-8 + 18 - 16) = -3 \text{ square units}\end{aligned}$$

However, area cannot be negative. Therefore, area of $\triangle ABD$ is 3 square units.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of } \triangle ADC &= \frac{1}{2} [(4)\{0 - (2)\} + (4)\{(2) - (-6)\} + (5)\{(-6) - (0)\}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-8 + 32 - 30) = -3 \text{ square units}\end{aligned}$$

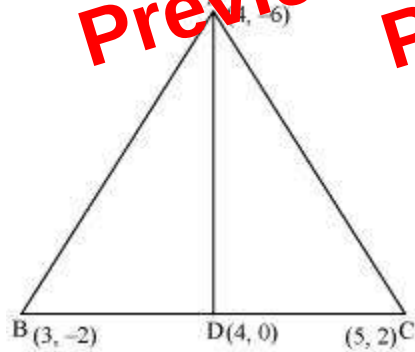
However, area cannot be negative. Therefore, area of $\triangle ADC$ is 3 square units.

Clearly, median AD has divided $\triangle ABC$ in two triangles of equal areas.

Q10 :

You have studied in Class IX that a median of a triangle divides it into two triangles of equal areas. Verify this result for $\triangle ABC$ whose vertices are A (4, - 6), B (3, - 2) and C (5, 2).

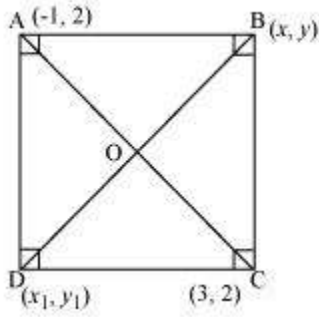
Answer :



Let the vertices of the triangle be A (4, - 6), B (3, - 2), and C (5, 2).

Let D be the mid-point of side BC of $\triangle ABC$. Therefore, AD is the median in $\triangle ABC$.

$$\text{Coordinates of point D} = \left(\frac{3+5}{2}, \frac{-2+2}{2} \right) = (4, 0)$$



Let ABCD be a square having $(-1, 2)$ and $(3, 2)$ as vertices A and C respectively. Let (x, y) , (x_1, y_1) be the coordinate of vertex B and D respectively.

We know that the sides of a square are equal to each other.

$$\therefore AB = BC$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sqrt{(x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2} &= \sqrt{(x-3)^2 + (y-2)^2} \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + 1 + y^2 - 4y + 4 &= x^2 + 9 - 6x + y^2 + 4 - 4y \\ \Rightarrow 8x &= 8 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

We know that in a square, all interior angles are of 90° .

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 4 + y^2 + 4 - 4y + 4 + y^2 - 4y + 4 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y^2 + 16 - 8y = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y^2 - 8y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y(y - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ or } 4$$

We know that in a square, the diagonals are of equal length and bisect each other at 90° . Let O be the mid-point of AC. Therefore, it will also be the mid-point of BD.

Alternatively,

We know that if a line segment in a triangle divides its two sides in the same ratio, then the line segment is parallel to the third side of the triangle. These two triangles so formed (here $\triangle ADE$ and $\triangle ABC$) will be similar to each other.

Hence, the ratio between the areas of these two triangles will be the square of the ratio between the sides of these two triangles.

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{16}$$

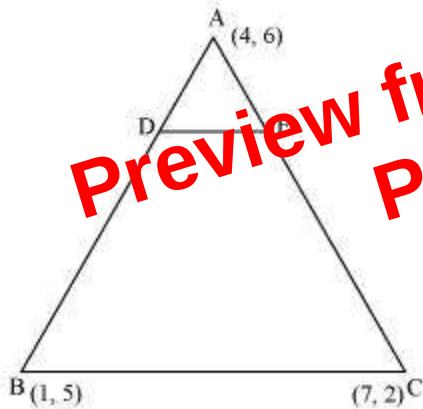
Therefore, ratio between the areas of $\triangle ADE$ and $\triangle ABC =$

Q11 :

The vertices of a $\triangle ABC$ are A (4, 6), B (1, 5) and C (7, 2). A line is drawn to intersect sides AB and AC at D and

E respectively, such that $\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{1}{4}$. Calculate the area of the $\triangle ADE$ and compare it with the area of $\triangle ABC$. (Recall Converse of basic proportionality theorem and Theorem 6.6 related to ratio of areas of two similar triangles)

Answer :



Given that, $\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{1}{4}$

$$\frac{AD}{AD + DB} = \frac{AE}{AE + EC} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Therefore, D and E are two points on side AB and AC respectively such that they divide side AB and AC in a ratio of 1:3.