



CREST Mathematics Olympiad (CMO) Worksheet *for* Class 10



Topic

Coordinate Geometry



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Worksheet on Coordinate Geometry

1. Which type of triangle is formed using the vertices A (1, 2), B (-3, 12) and C (-5, -6)?
 - a. Isosceles triangle
 - b. Equilateral triangle
 - c. Scalene triangle
 - d. Right-angled triangle
2. The point which divides the line segment joining the points (5, -9) and (-2, 5) in ratio 2 : 3 internally lies in which quadrant?
 - a. First quadrant
 - b. Second quadrant
 - c. Third quadrant
 - d. Fourth quadrant
3. If the point P (5, 4) lies on the line segment joining points A (3, 2) and B (9, 8), then which of the following is true?
 - a. $BP = AB/3$
 - b. $AP = BP/2$
 - c. $AP = BP/3$
 - d. $BP = AB/2$
4. Out of the following points, which three points satisfy the condition of collinearity?
 - a. (5, -3), (4, 1) and (-2, 7)
 - b. (1, 2), (3, -2) and (0, 5)
 - c. (-4, -1), (2, 3) and (-3, 6)
 - d. (-6, 10), (-4, 6) and (3, -8)
5. In what ratio does the point (-2, 3) divide the line segment joining the points A (-8, 6) and B (5, -9)?
 - a. 7 : 5
 - b. 7 : 6
 - c. 5 : 7
 - d. 6 : 7

Answer Key

1. c - Scalene triangle

Explanation: We know that:

- An equilateral triangle has all sides equal.
- An isosceles triangle has two sides equal.

→ A scalene triangle has no sides equal.

→ A right-angled triangle satisfies the Pythagoras Theorem.

We can find the lengths of the sides of a triangle using the distance formula.

Distance between any two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is given by:

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

We are given $\triangle ABC$ with vertices A (1, 2), B (-3, 12) and C (-5, -6).

Now, using the distance formula, find the length of AB, BC and CA.

$$\rightarrow AB = \sqrt{((-3) - 1)^2 + (12 - 2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (10)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 100}$$

$$= \sqrt{116}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{29} \text{ units}$$

$$\rightarrow BC = \sqrt{((-5) - (-3))^2 + ((-6) - 12)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-5 + 3)^2 + (-6 - 12)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-18)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 324}$$

$$= \sqrt{328}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{82} \text{ units}$$

$$\rightarrow CA = \sqrt{((-5) - 1)^2 + ((-6) - 2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-8)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{36 + 64}$$

$$= \sqrt{100}$$

$$= 10 \text{ units}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } AB^2 &= (\sqrt{116})^2 \\ &= 116 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= (\sqrt{328})^2 \\ &= 328 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CA^2 &= (10)^2 \\ &= 100 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } AB^2 + CA^2 \neq BC^2$$

Thus, it does not satisfy the Pythagoras theorem.

Since the length of all three sides is different and it doesn't satisfy the Pythagoras theorem, thus $\triangle ABC$ is a scalene triangle.



2. d - Fourth quadrant

Explanation: Here,

$$x_1 = 5$$

$$x_2 = -2$$

$$y_1 = -9$$

$$y_2 = 5$$

$$m = 2$$

$$n = 3$$

Let P (x, y) divide the line segment joining the points (5, -2) and (-9, 5) in the ratio 2 : 3 internally. Thus the coordinates of P are

$$\rightarrow P(x, y) = \left(\frac{mx_2 + nx_1}{m+n}, \frac{my_2 + ny_1}{m+n} \right)$$

$$P(x, y) = \left(\frac{2(-2) + 3(5)}{(5)2 + 3}, \frac{2(5) + 3(-9)}{2 + 3} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{-4 + 15}{5}, \frac{10 - 27}{5} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{11}{5}, -\frac{17}{5} \right)$$

Thus $P(x, y) = \left(\frac{11}{5}, -\frac{17}{5} \right)$ divides the line segment internally.

We know that x is positive and y is negative in the fourth quadrant.

Thus, $P \left(\frac{11}{5}, -\frac{17}{5} \right)$ lies in the fourth quadrant.

3. b - $AP = BP/2$

Explanation: We are given that point P (5, 4) lies on the line segment joining points A (3, 2) and B (9, 8).

Thus,

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

$$= \sqrt{(5 - 3)^2 + (4 - 2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{8}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2}$$

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

$$= \sqrt{(5 - 9)^2 + (4 - 8)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-4)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{16 + 16} \\
&= \sqrt{32} \\
&= 4\sqrt{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
AB &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{(9 - 3)^2 + (8 - 2)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{(6)^2 + (6)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{36 + 36} \\
&= \sqrt{72} \\
&= 6\sqrt{2}
\end{aligned}$$

We know that: $AP = 2\sqrt{2}$ and $BP = 4\sqrt{2}$

$$\therefore AP = BP/2$$

4. d - $(-6, 10)$, $(-4, 6)$ and $(3, -8)$

Explanation: We know that the area of a triangle formed by three collinear points is zero.

Also, If A (x_1, y_1) , B (x_2, y_2) and C (x_3, y_3) are the vertices of an $\triangle ABC$, then its area is given by:

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

Option a)

We are given three points $(5, -3)$, $(4, 1)$ and $(-2, 7)$

Here,

$$x_1 = 5$$

$$x_2 = 4$$

$$x_3 = -2$$

$$y_1 = -3$$

$$y_2 = 1$$

$$y_3 = 7$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Thus, Area of triangle} &= \frac{1}{2} [x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} [5(1 - 7) + 4(7 - (-3)) + (-2)((-3) - 1)] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} [(5)(-6) + 4(10) + (-2)(-4)] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} [-30 + 40 + 8] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} [18] \\
&= 9 \\
&\neq 0
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the points are not collinear.

Option b)

We are given three points $(1, 2)$, $(3, -2)$ and $(0, 5)$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= 1 \\x_2 &= 3 \\x_3 &= 0 \\y_1 &= 2 \\y_2 &= -2 \\y_3 &= 5\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Thus, Area of triangle} &= \frac{1}{2}[x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)] \\&= \frac{1}{2}[1(-2 - 5) + 3(5 - 2) + 0(2 - (-2))] \\&= \frac{1}{2}[1(-7) + 3(3) + 0(2 + 2)] \\&= \frac{1}{2}[-7 + 9 + 0] \\&= \frac{1}{2}[2] \\&= 1 \\&\neq 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the points are not collinear.

Option c)

We are given three points $(-4, -1)$, $(2, 3)$ and $(-3, 6)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Here,} \\x_1 &= -4 \\x_2 &= 2 \\x_3 &= -3 \\y_1 &= -1 \\y_2 &= 3 \\y_3 &= 6\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Thus, Area of triangle} &= \frac{1}{2}[x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)] \\&= \frac{1}{2}[(-4)(3 - 6) + 2(6 - (-1)) + (-3)((-1) - 3)] \\&= \frac{1}{2}[(-4)(-3) + 2(7) + (-3)(-4)] \\&= \frac{1}{2}[12 + 14 + 12] \\&= \frac{1}{2}[38] \\&= 19 \\&\neq 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the points are not collinear.

Option d)

We are given three points $(-6, 10)$, $(-4, 6)$ and $(3, -8)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Here,} \\x_1 &= -6 \\x_2 &= -4 \\x_3 &= 3 \\y_1 &= 10 \\y_2 &= 6 \\y_3 &= -8\end{aligned}$$


$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Thus, Area of triangle} &= \frac{1}{2}[x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)] \\
&= \frac{1}{2}[(-6)(6 - (-8)) + (-4)(-8 - 10) + 3(10 - 6)] \\
&= \frac{1}{2}[(-6)(14) + (-4)(-18) + 3(4)] \\
&= \frac{1}{2}[-84 + 72 + 12] \\
&= \frac{1}{2}[-84 + 84] \\
&= \frac{1}{2}[0] \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

So, the area of the triangle is zero. Thus, the points are collinear.

5. $d - 6 : 7$

Explanation: Let point $(-2, 3)$ divide the line segment joining the points $A(-8, 6)$ and $B(5, -9)$ in $k : 1$ ratio.

We know that if the point $M(x, y)$ divides the line segment joining $P(x_1, y_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2)$ internally in the ratio $m : n$, then the coordinates of M are given by the section formula as



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

$$(-2, 3) = (5k - 8/k + 1, -9k + 6/k + 1)$$

We know that if $(x, y) = (a, b)$ then $x = a$ and $y = b$

$$-2 = (5k - 8/k + 1) \text{ and } 3 = (-9k + 6/k + 1)$$

Using $-2 = 5k - 8/k + 1$ to find the ratio.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow -2 &= (5k - 8/k + 1) \\
\Rightarrow -2(k + 1) &= 5k - 8 \\
\Rightarrow -2k - 2 &= 5k - 8 \\
\Rightarrow -2k - 5k &= -8 + 2 \\
\Rightarrow -7k &= -6 \\
\Rightarrow 7k &= 6 \\
\Rightarrow k &= 6/7
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ratio} = k : 1 = 6/7 : 1 = 6 : 7$$

Thus, point $(-2, 3)$ divides the line segment joining the points $A(-8, 6)$ and $B(5, -9)$ in the ratio $6 : 7$.

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