

STRAIGHT LINES

- Distance between the points $P(x_1, y_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2)$ is
$$PQ = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$
 - 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
$$\left[\frac{mx_2 + nx_1}{m+n}, \frac{my_2 + ny_1}{m+n} \right]$$
 - In particular, If $m=n$, the coordinates of the mid point of the line segment joining the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) are
$$\left[\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right]$$
 - Area of triangle
$$\frac{1}{2} [x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)]$$
 vertices are $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$ and (x_3, y_3)
- Note:** If the area of the triangle ABC is zero, then three points A, B and C lie on a line, i.e., they are collinear.
- Slope of a line
$$m = \tan\theta \quad (\theta \neq 90^\circ)$$
 - Note:** The slope of x -axis is zero and slope of y -axis is not defined.
 - Slope of the line through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2)
$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$
 - If the line l_1 is parallel to l_2
$$m_1 = m_2$$

$$\tan\alpha = \tan\beta$$
 - If the line l_1 and l_2 are perpendicular
$$m_2 = -\frac{1}{m_1}$$
 OR
$$m_1 m_2 = -1$$

$$\tan\beta = \tan(\alpha + 90^\circ)$$

$$= -\cot\alpha = -\frac{1}{\tan\alpha}$$
- Acute angle θ between two lines with slopes m_1 and m_2
$$\tan\theta = \left| \frac{m_2 - m_1}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|, \quad 1 + m_1 m_2 \neq 0$$
 - Collinearity of three points Three points are collinear if and only if
$$\text{slope of } AB = \text{slope of } BC$$
 - Point-slope form
$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$
 - Two-point form
$$y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} (x - x_1)$$
 - Slope-intercept form Case I
$$y = mx + c$$
 slope m and y -intercept c Case II
$$y = m(x - d)$$
 slope m and x -intercept d
 - Intercept form
$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$$
 x -intercept a and y -intercept b
 - Normal form
$$x \cos\omega + y \sin\omega = p$$
 \rightarrow Normal distance from the origin.
 - Distance of a point from a line
$$d = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + C|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$

$$Ax + By + C = 0$$
 from a point (x_1, y_1)
 - Distance between two parallel lines
$$d = \frac{|C_1 - C_2|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$$
 two parallel lines $Ax + By + C_1 = 0$ and $Ax + By + C_2 = 0$