



Handwritten Notes  
On  
The Straight Line

\* The general equation of the first degree, in  $x, y$ , i.e.  $ax + by + c = 0$  represents a straight line.

\* To completely determine the equation of a straight line, we require two conditions.

\* Slope of a line: If inclination is  $\theta$ , then  $\tan \theta$  is called the slope or gradient of the line.

If  $(x_1, y_1)$  &  $(x_2, y_2)$  are two points on a line, then the slope  $m$  is  $(y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$ . ( $x_1 \neq x_2$ )

• If three points  $A, B, C$  are collinear, then  $m(AB) = m(BC) = m(CA)$ .

\* Angle between two lines: The acute angle  $\theta$  between the lines having slopes  $m_1$  &  $m_2$  is given by

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

• If two lines are parallel,  $m_1 = m_2$  & if perpendicular  $m_1 m_2 = -1$ .

\* Lines parallel to co-ordinate axes:

i) to  $y$  axis:  $x = a$  (equ<sup>n</sup> of  $y$  axis  $x = 0$ )

ii) to  $x$  axis:  $y = b$  (equ<sup>n</sup> of  $x$  axis  $y = 0$ ).

\* Intercepts of a line on axes:  $x$  intercept  $a$   
 $y$  intercept  $b$

quad I -	$+a, +b$	quad III -	$-a, -b$
quad II -	$-a, +b$	quad IV -	$+a, -b$

\* Different forms of equ<sup>n</sup> of st. line:

1. Slope-intercept form: Equ<sup>n</sup> of st. line whose slope is  $m$  & which cuts an intercept  $c$  on  $y$ -axis, is

$$y = mx + c.$$

2. Point-slope form of line: Equ<sup>n</sup> of line that passes through  $(x_1, y_1)$  & has slope  $m$  is  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ .

3. Two-point form: Equ<sup>n</sup> of line passing through two given points

$$(x_1, y_1) \text{ \& } (x_2, y_2) \text{ is } y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} (x - x_1).$$

$$\text{or } \begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 \\ x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

4. The Intercept form: Equ<sup>n</sup> of line which cuts off intercepts of

length of  $a$  &  $b$  on  $x$  axis &  $y$  axis respectively, is  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$ . or  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ x & y & 1 \\ 0 & b & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$

5. Normal/Perpendicular form: Equ<sup>n</sup> of line upon which the length of perpendicular from origin is  $p$  & normal makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the direction of  $x$ -axis is

$$x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = p.$$

[ $p$  is always +ve]

$$\text{or } \begin{vmatrix} p \sec \alpha & 0 & 1 \\ x & y & 1 \\ 0 & p \csc \alpha & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

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6. Symmetric/Parametric Form: Eqn of st. line

passing through  $(x_1, y_1)$  &  $(x_2, y_2)$  & making an angle  $\theta$  with the +ve direction of x-axis is

$$\frac{x - x_1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{y - y_1}{\sin \theta} = r.$$

where  $r$  is the directed distance between the points  $(x, y)$  &  $(x_1, y_1)$ .

•  $\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x_1 + r \cos \theta \\ y &= y_1 + r \sin \theta \end{aligned} \right\}$  parametric eqn's of st. line

\* Reduction of general equation to standard form:

1. Slope-intercept form:  $y = \left(-\frac{A}{B}\right)x + \left(-\frac{C}{B}\right)$ . [B ≠ 0]

Slope,  $m = -\frac{A}{B}$ .

y intercept,  $c = -\frac{C}{B}$ .

• cor. Angle between  $A_1x + B_1y + C_1 = 0$  &  $A_2x + B_2y + C_2 = 0$ .

$$\tan \theta = \left| \frac{A_1B_2 - A_2B_1}{A_1A_2 + B_1B_2} \right|.$$

If lines are parallel  $\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{B_1}{B_2}$ .

If perpendicular  $A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 = 0$ .

• If two lines are coincident  $\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{B_1}{B_2} = \frac{C_1}{C_2}$

2. Intercept form:  $\frac{x}{-c/A} + \frac{y}{-c/B} = 1$ .  $[A, B \neq 0]$ .

x intercept =  $-c/A$ .

y intercept =  $-c/B$ .

3. Normal form:  $\left(-\frac{A}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}\right)x + \left(-\frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}\right)y = \frac{c}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}$ .

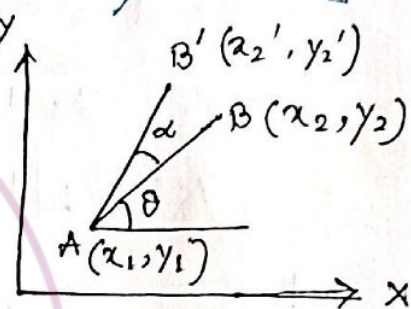
\* New Co-ordinates when rotated by an angle  $\alpha$ :

$$\frac{x_2 - x_1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{\sin \theta} = r = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$x_2 = x_1 + r \cos \theta$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + r \sin \theta.$$

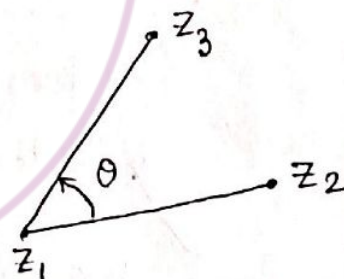
$$x_2' = x_1 + r \cos(\theta + \alpha) ; y_2' = y_1 + r \sin(\theta + \alpha).$$



\* Complex number as a rotating arrow in Argand Plane:

$$z_3 - z_1 = (z_2 - z_1) e^{i\theta}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{z_3 - z_1}{z_2 - z_1} = e^{i\theta}.$$



\* Position of a point relative to a line:

The point  $(x_1, y_1)$  is on one side or the other side of the line  $ax + by + c = 0$  ( $b > 0$ )

according as  $ax_1 + by_1 + c > 0$  or  $< 0$ .

\* Position of two points relative to a given line: The points  $P(x_1, y_1)$  &  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  lie on the same or opposite sides of the line

$ax+by+c=0$  according as,

$$\frac{ax_1+by_1+c}{ax_2+by_2+c} > 0 \text{ or } < 0.$$

• Cor. A point  $(\alpha, \beta)$  will lie on origin side of the line  $ax+by+c=0$ , if  $a\alpha+b\beta+c$  and  $c$  have same sign.

\* Equations of lines parallel and perpendicular to a given line: 1. Equ<sup>n</sup> of line parallel to  $ax+by+c=0$  is  $ax+by+\lambda=0$ , where  $\lambda$  is some constant. 2. Equ<sup>n</sup> of line perpendicular to  $ax+by+c=0$  is  $bx-ay+\lambda=0$ , where  $\lambda$  is some constant. Cor. Equ<sup>n</sup> of line parallel to  $ax+by+c=0$  & passing through  $(x_1, y_1)$  is  $a(x-x_1)+b(y-y_1)=0$ . Similarly, for perpendicular line  $b(x-x_1)-a(y-y_1)=0$ .

\* Distance of a point from a line:

Length of perpendicular from a point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax+by+c=0$  is  $\frac{|ax_1+by_1+c|}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$ .

\* Distance between two parallel lines:

Perpendicular distance between the lines  $ax+by_1+c=0$  &  $ax_1+by_1+c_1=0$  is  $\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$ .

- i)  $\lambda = |c_1 - c|$ , if both lines on same side of origin.  
 ii)  $\lambda = |c_1| + |c|$ , if they are on opposite sides, of origin.

\* Area of Parallelogram: Area of parallelogram ABCD whose sides AB, BC, CD, DA are represented by  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0$ .

$$\frac{P_1 P_2}{\sin \theta} \quad \text{or} \quad \left| \frac{|c_1 - d_1| |c_2 - d_2|}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}} \right| \quad \begin{cases} a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0 \\ a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0 \\ a_1x + b_1y + d_1 = 0 \\ a_2x + b_2y + d_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

where,  $P_1$  &  $P_2$  are the distances between parallel sides and  $\theta$  is the angle between two adjacent sides.

• Cor. If  $P_1 = P_2$  then the area of rhombus,

$$P_1^2 / \sin \theta = \frac{(c_1 - d_1)^2}{|a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1| \sqrt{\frac{a_1^2 + b_1^2}{a_2^2 + b_2^2}}}$$

Cor. If  $d_1$  &  $d_2$  are the lengths of two perpendicular diagonals of a rhombus then area of rhombus =  $\frac{1}{2} d_1 d_2$ .

Cor. Area of parallelogram whose sides are  $y = mx + a$ ,  $y = mx + b$ ,  $y = nx + c$  &  $y = nx + d$  is  $\left| \frac{(a-b)(c-d)}{(m-n)} \right|$ .

\* Concurrent lines: Three lines  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0$  are concurrent if  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ .

Condition for the lines  $P=0$ ,  $Q=0$ ,  $Z=0$  to be concurrent is that three constants  $l, m, n$  (not all zeroes at the same time) can be obtained such that  $lP + mQ + nZ = 0$ .

\* Family of lines: Any line through the point of intersection of the lines

$a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0$  &  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0$  can be represented by

$(a_1x + b_1y + c_1) + \lambda(a_2x + b_2y + c_2) = 0$ . where  $\lambda$  is a parameter which depends on the other property of line.

\* The equations of the straight lines which pass through a given point  $(x_1, y_1)$  & make an angle  $\alpha$  with the given straight line

$y = mx + c$  are

$$y - y_1 = \tan(\theta \pm \alpha)(x - x_1) \quad [m = \tan\theta]$$

\* A line equally inclined with two lines:

If two lines with slopes  $m_1$  &  $m_2$  be equally inclined to a line with slope  $m$ ,

then

$$\frac{m_1 - m}{1 + mm_1} = - \frac{m_2 - m}{1 + mm_2}$$

\* Equation of the bisectors: Equ<sup>n</sup> of the bisectors of the

angles between the lines  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0$  &  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0$  are given by,

$$\frac{a_1x + b_1y + c_1}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2}} = \pm \frac{a_2x + b_2y + c_2}{\sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2}}$$

Equ<sup>n</sup> of bisector containing origin  $\frac{a_1x + b_1y + c_1}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2}} = \frac{a_2x + b_2y + c_2}{\sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2}}$

Equ<sup>n</sup> of " not containing origin  $\frac{a_1x + b_1y + c_1}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2}} = - \frac{a_2x + b_2y + c_2}{\sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2}}$



\* Equation of bisector of the angle between the two lines containing points  $(h, k)$  will be,

$$\frac{a_1x + b_1y + c_1}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2}} = \pm \frac{a_2x + b_2y + c_2}{\sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2}}$$

according as  $a_1h + b_1k + c_1$  &  $a_2h + b_2k + c_2$  are of the same sign or opposite sign.

\* Distinguishing the acute & obtuse angle bisectors: Equ<sup>n</sup> of bisector

$$\frac{a_1x + b_1y + c_1}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2}} = \pm \frac{a_2x + b_2y + c_2}{\sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2}}$$

Condition

$$a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 > 0$$

$$a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 < 0$$

Acute angle  
bisector

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Obtuse angle  
bisector

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\* Foot of perpendicular drawn from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the line  $ax + by + c = 0$  :

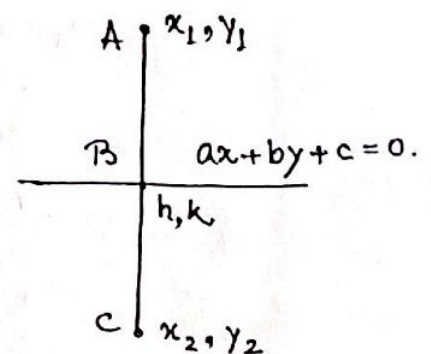
$$x = \frac{ac - b(bx_1 - ay_1)}{b^2 - a^2}$$

$$y = \frac{bc - a(bx_1 - ay_1)}{b^2 - a^2}$$

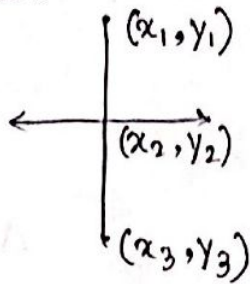
\* Image or reflection of a point  $(x_1, y_1)$  about a line mirror:

If B:  $h, k$  then

$$h = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \quad k = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$$



\* Short-cut:



$$\frac{x_2 - x_1}{a} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{b} = - \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + c}{(a^2 + b^2)}$$

$$\frac{x_3 - x_1}{a} = \frac{y_3 - y_1}{b} = - \frac{2(ax_1 + by_1 + c)}{a^2 + b^2}$$

\* Position of a point which lies inside a triangle: first draw the exact diagram of the problem. If the point

$P(x_1, y_1)$  move on the line  $y = ax + b$

for all  $x_1, y_1$ , then  $P \equiv (x_1, ax_1 + b)$  &

a portion DE of the line  $y = ax + b$  (excluding D & E) lies within the triangle.

Now,  $y = ax + b$  cuts any two sides out of three sides, then find co-ordinates of D & E.

$$D \equiv (\alpha, \beta), \quad E \equiv (\gamma, \delta)$$

then  $\alpha < x_1 < \gamma$  &  $\beta < ax_1 + b < \delta$ .

\* If  $A \equiv (x_1, y_1)$ ,  $B \equiv (x_2, y_2)$  &  $C \equiv (x_3, y_3)$  are the vertices of  $\triangle ABC$ , then  $\angle A$  is acute or obtuse according as,

$$(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3) + (y_1 - y_2)(y_1 - y_3) > 0 \text{ or } < 0.$$

for  $\angle B$ ,

$$(x_2 - x_3)(x_2 - x_1) + (y_2 - y_3)(y_2 - y_1) > 0 \text{ or } < 0.$$

for  $\angle C$ ,

$$(x_3 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2) + (y_3 - y_1)(y_3 - y_2) > 0 \text{ or } < 0.$$

\* If the origin lies in the acute or obtuse angle between the lines  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0$  &  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0$  according as.

$$(a_1a_2 + b_1b_2) c_1c_2 < 0 \text{ or } > 0.$$

\* If  $(x_i, y_i)$  are the vertices of  $\Delta ABC$  then equations of right bisectors of side BC, CA, AB are

$$y(y_2 - y_3) + x(x_2 - x_3) = \left( \frac{x_2^2 - x_3^2}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{y_2^2 - y_3^2}{2} \right).$$

$$y(y_3 - y_1) + x(x_3 - x_1) = \left( \frac{x_3^2 - x_1^2}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{y_3^2 - y_1^2}{2} \right).$$

$$y(y_1 - y_2) + x(x_1 - x_2) = \left( \frac{x_1^2 - x_2^2}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{y_1^2 - y_2^2}{2} \right).$$

• equ<sup>n</sup>s of medians AD, BE, CF are

$$y(x_2 + x_3 - 2x_1) - x(y_2 + y_3 - 2y_1) = y_1(x_2 + x_3) - x_1(y_2 + y_3).$$

$$y(x_3 + x_1 - 2x_2) - x(y_3 + y_1 - 2y_2) = y_2(x_3 + x_1) - x_2(y_3 + y_1).$$

$$y(x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3) - x(y_1 + y_2 - 2y_3) = y_3(x_1 + x_2) - x_3(y_1 + y_2).$$

• equ<sup>n</sup>s of altitudes AE, BM, CN are

$$y(y_2 - y_3) + x(x_2 - x_3) = y_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_1(x_2 - x_3).$$

$$y(y_3 - y_1) + x(x_3 - x_1) = y_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_2(x_3 - x_1).$$

$$y(y_1 - y_2) + x(x_1 - x_2) = y_3(y_1 - y_2) + x_3(x_1 - x_2).$$

\* If of  $\Delta ABC$ , BC:  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0$ , CA:  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0$ , AB:  $a_3x + b_3y + c_3 = 0$ , then

$$|BC| : |CA| : |AB| =$$

$$\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2} \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{array} \right| : \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2} \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_3 & b_3 \\ a_1 & b_1 \end{array} \right| : \sqrt{a_3^2 + b_3^2} \left| \begin{array}{cc} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{array} \right|$$

\* Area of Triangle having corner points  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ ,  $(x_3, y_3)$

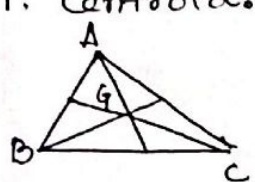
$$= \frac{1}{2} [x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

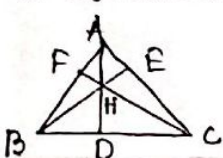
\* In case of polygon with vertices  $(x_i, y_i)$ , then

$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} | (x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2) + (x_2 y_3 - y_2 x_3) + \dots + (x_{n-1} y_n - y_{n-1} x_n) + (x_n y_1 - y_n x_1) |$$

\* Centres connected with a triangle:

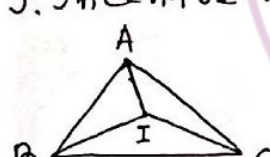
1. Centroid: Point of concurrency of the medians.	$\begin{cases} A \equiv (x_1, y_1) \\ B \equiv (x_2, y_2) \\ C \equiv (x_3, y_3) \\ BC = a, CA = b \\ AB = c \end{cases}$
 $G \equiv \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3} \right)$	

2. Orthocentre: Point of concurrency of the altitudes.

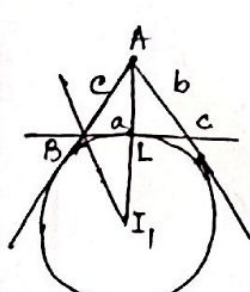
	$H \equiv \left( \frac{x_1 \tan A + x_2 \tan B + x_3 \tan C}{-\tan A + \tan B + \tan C}, \frac{y_1 \tan A + y_2 \tan B + y_3 \tan C}{\tan A + \tan B + \tan C} \right)$
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(NB -  $\triangle DEF$  is orthic or pedal triangle).

3. Incentre: Point of concurrency of the internal bisectors of angles.

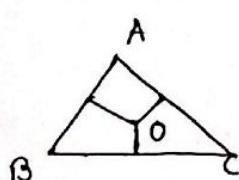
	$I \equiv \left( \frac{ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3}{a + b + c}, \frac{ay_1 + by_2 + cy_3}{a + b + c} \right)$
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4. Excentre: Point of concurrency of two external bisectors of angle.

	$\frac{BL}{LC} = \frac{c}{b} \quad \frac{AI_1}{I_1L} = -\frac{b+c}{a}$ $I_1 = \left( \frac{-ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3}{-a + b + c}, \frac{-ay_1 + by_2 + cy_3}{-a + b + c} \right)$
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Similarly,  $I_2, I_3$ .

5. Circumcentre: Point of concurrency of perpendicular bisectors of sides.

	$O \equiv \left( \frac{x_1 \sin 2A + x_2 \sin 2B + x_3 \sin 2C}{\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C}, \frac{y_1 \sin 2A + y_2 \sin 2B + y_3 \sin 2C}{\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C} \right)$
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