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**VCE Mathematical Methods ½**  
**Linear & Coordinate Geometry [0.1]**  
**Workshop**

## Section A: Recap

### Linear equations



- **Definition:** Equations where the highest power of a variable is 1.

🔄 **Gradient-intercept form:**

$$y = mx + c$$

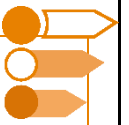
Where  $m = \text{gradient} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} =$

and  $c =$

- No singular solution for a linear equation in two variables.

🔄 All pairs of coordinates  $(x, y)$  that satisfy the equation lie on a **line**. (Hence, linear equations.)

### Sub-Section: Inequality



### Inequalities rule



$$x > \frac{b}{a}, \text{ where } a < 0$$

- Multiplying both sides by a negative number \_\_\_\_\_ the inequality sign.

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## Sub-Section: Midpoint



### Midpoint

$$(x_2, y_2)$$

$$\left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

$$(x_1, y_1)$$

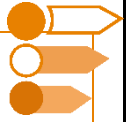
➤ **Definition:** The midpoint,  $M$ , of two points  $A$  and  $B$  is the point halfway between  $A$  and  $B$ .

$$M(x_m, y_m) = \left( \quad \quad \quad \right)$$

➤ The midpoint can be found by taking the \_\_\_\_\_ of the  $x$ -coordinate and  $y$ -coordinate of the two points.

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## Sub-Section: Distance Between Two Points



### Distance between two points

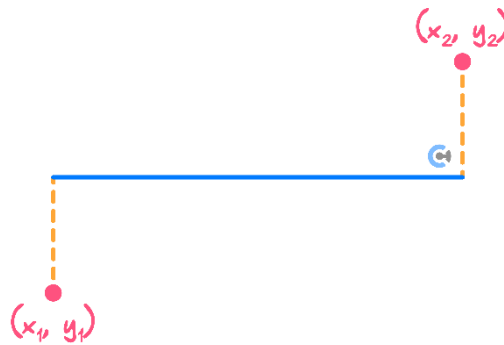
- **Definition:** The distance between two points  $(x_1, x_2)$  and  $(y_1, y_2)$  can be found using Pythagoras' theorem:

Distance = \_\_\_\_\_

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Sub-Section: Vertical Distance Vs Horizontal Distance

Horizontal distance

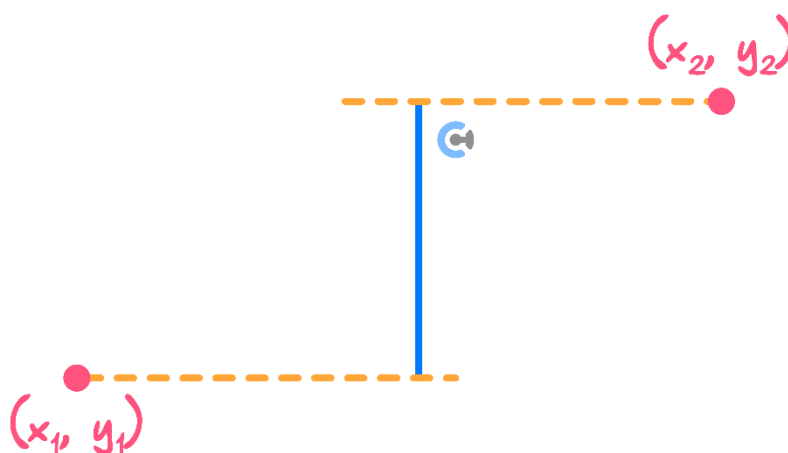


Horizontal Distance =  $x_2 - x_1$  where, \_\_\_\_\_.

- Find the difference between their  $x$ -values.

*What about vertical distance then?*

Vertical distance



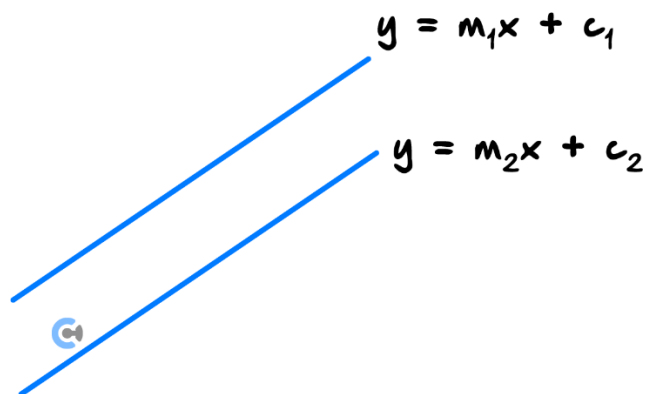
Vertical Distance =  $y_2 - y_1$  where,  $y_2 > y_1$ .

- Find the difference between their  $y$ -values.

## Sub-Section: Parallel and Perpendicular Lines



### Parallel lines

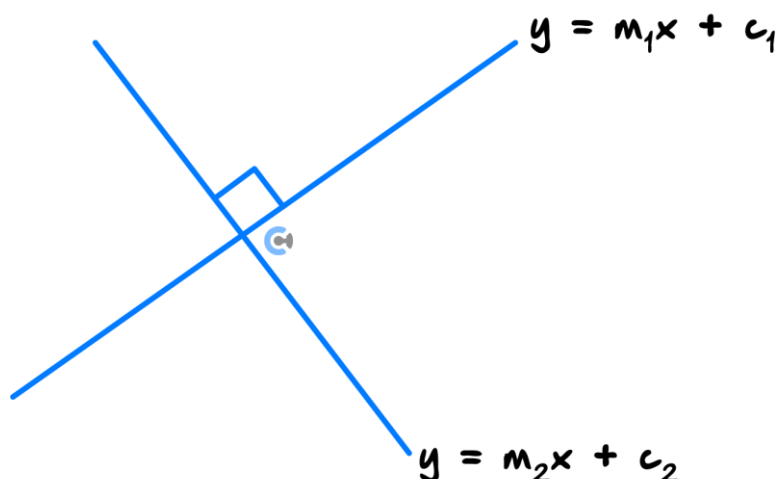


➤ Parallel lines have the \_\_\_\_\_ gradient.

$$m_1 = m_2$$



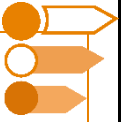
### Perpendicular lines



➤ A line that is perpendicular to another line has a gradient, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gradient of the first line.

$$m_{\perp} = -\frac{1}{m}$$

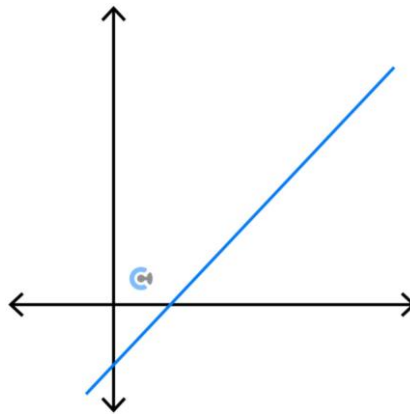
## Sub-Section: Angle Between a Line and the $x$ -axis



*How do we find the angle between a line and the  $x$ -axis?*



### The angle between a line and the $x$ -axis



➤ The angle between a line and the \_\_\_\_\_ direction of the  $x$ -axis (anticlockwise) is given by:

$$\tan(\theta) = m$$

**NOTE:** Angles from the  $x$ -axis measured anticlockwise = \_\_\_\_\_ angles.



➤ Don't worry about it too much, it's just convention! (More on this in circular functions.)

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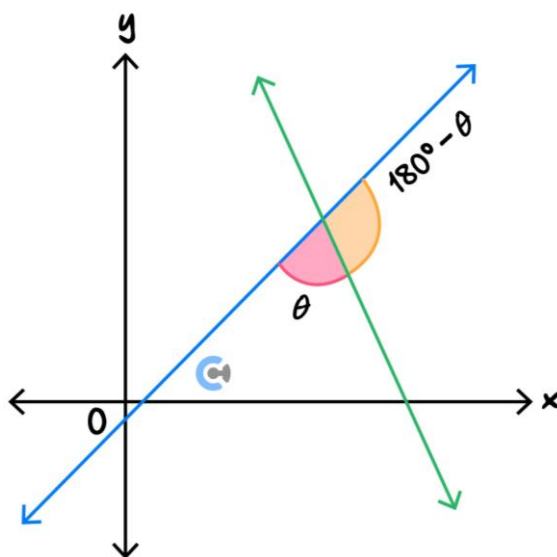
## Sub-Section: Angle Between the Two Lines



*Slightly more complicated now!  
How about an angle between two lines?*




The acute angle between two lines



$\theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Alternatively:

$\tan(\theta) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

 For your understanding, note that this formula is derived from the tan compound angle formula covered in SM12.

**NOTE:**  $|x|$  just takes the positive value of  $x$ .



**TIP:** Make sure your CAS is in degrees.





## Sub-Section: Finding Simultaneous Equations for Two Variables



### Simultaneous linear equations

➤ Elimination method:

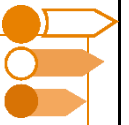
- Add or subtract one equation from the other in order to \_\_\_\_\_ one of the variables. Then have an equation in one variable that can be solved easily.

➤ Substitution method:

- Make one of the variables the subject (generally  $x$  or  $y$ ) and \_\_\_\_\_ that value into the other equation.

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Sub-Section: Number of Solutions for Two Variables



*What does the geometry look like for each number of solutions?*

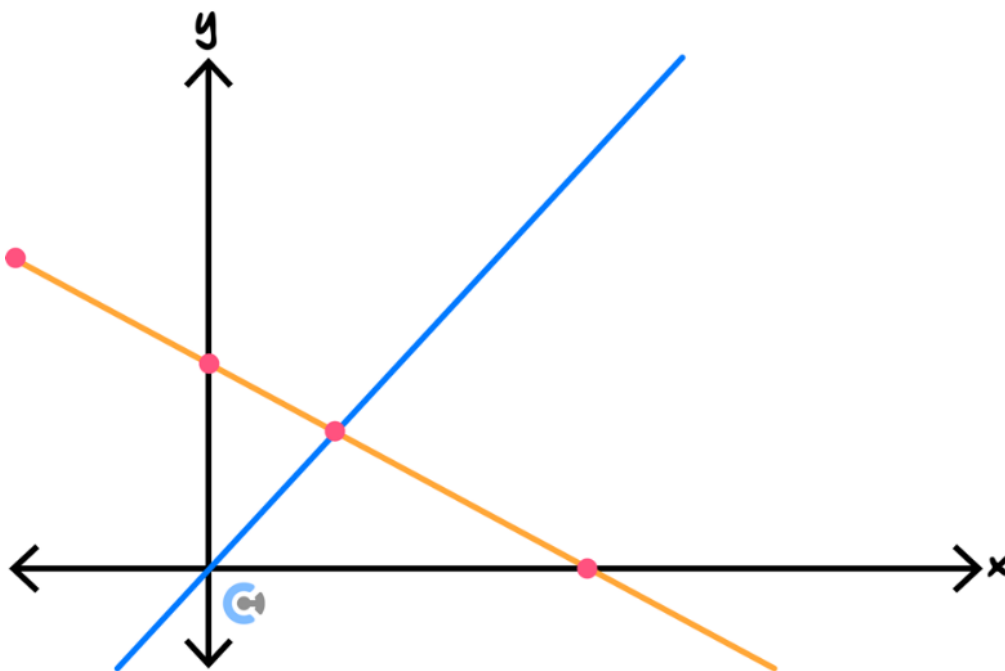


Exploration: Geometry of the number of solutions between linear graphs



➤ Unique solution:

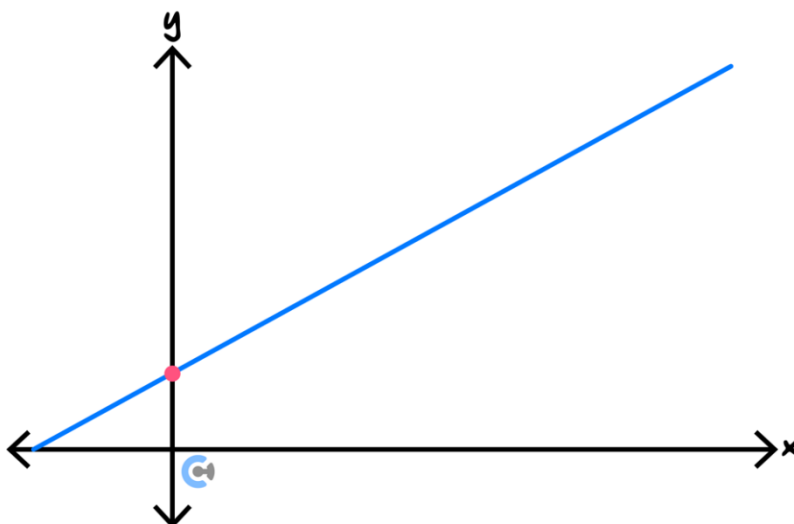
$$m_1 \neq m_2$$



They just need to have \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ Infinite solutions:

$$m_1 = m_2 \text{ and } c_1 = c_2$$

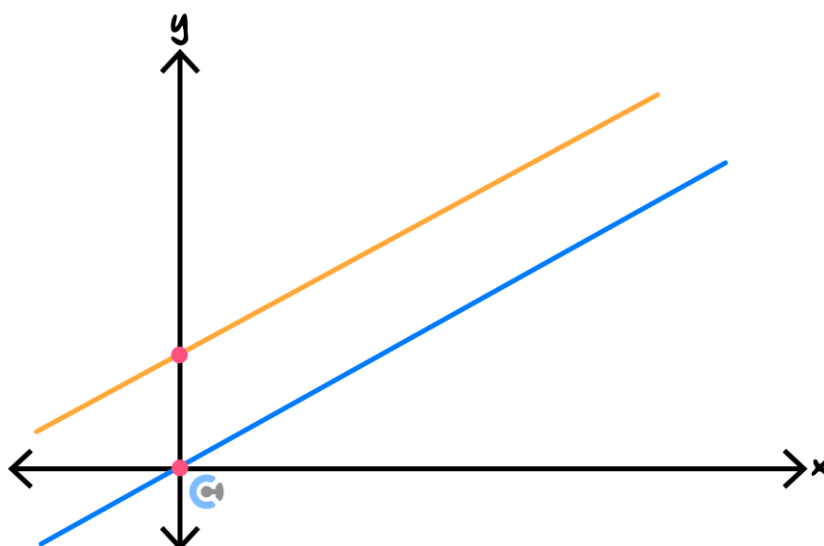


They just need to have the same \_\_\_\_\_ and the same \_\_\_\_\_.

In other words, they have to be the \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ No solutions:

$$m_1 = m_2 \text{ and } c_1 \neq c_2$$



They need to have the \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ +  $c$ .

They have to be two different \_\_\_\_\_ lines.



### General solutions of simultaneous linear equations

➤ Two linear equations are either:

- ⚙ The same line is expressed in a different form. In this case, they have \_\_\_\_\_ solutions.
- ⚙ Unique lines which are parallel. In this case, they have \_\_\_\_\_ solutions.
- ⚙ Unique lines which are not parallel. In this case, they have \_\_\_\_\_ solution.



**TIP:** It's a good idea to substitute your answer back into the equations to see if the criteria are met for each part.

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## Section B: Warmup

INSTRUCTION: 5 Minutes Writing.



### Question 1

- a. Find the horizontal distance between the points (2,6) and (5,6).

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- b. Find the equation of the line parallel to  $y = 2x - 5$  that goes through the midpoint of (1,2) and (5,4).

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- c. Find the distance between the points (1,3) and (5,7).

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- d. Determine the value of  $k$  for which the equations:

$$3kx - 2y = k$$

$$6x - 4y = 6$$

Have no solutions.

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## Section C: Exam 1 (23 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 23 Marks. 30 Minutes Writing.



### Question 2 (2 marks)

Solve the following simultaneous linear equations for  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 5x + 3y &= 41 \\ -2x - 3y &= -20 \\ 4x + 6y &= 40 \end{aligned}$$

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### Question 3 (4 mark)

a. Point  $B$  (2,1) is the midpoint of  $A$  (−1, −1) and point  $C$ . Find the coordinates of  $C$ . (2 marks)

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- b. Find in the form  $y = ax + b$  the equation of the line that makes an angle of  $45^\circ$  anticlockwise from the positive direction of the  $x$ -axis and passes through  $B$ . (Hint:  $\tan 45^\circ = 1$ ) (2 marks)

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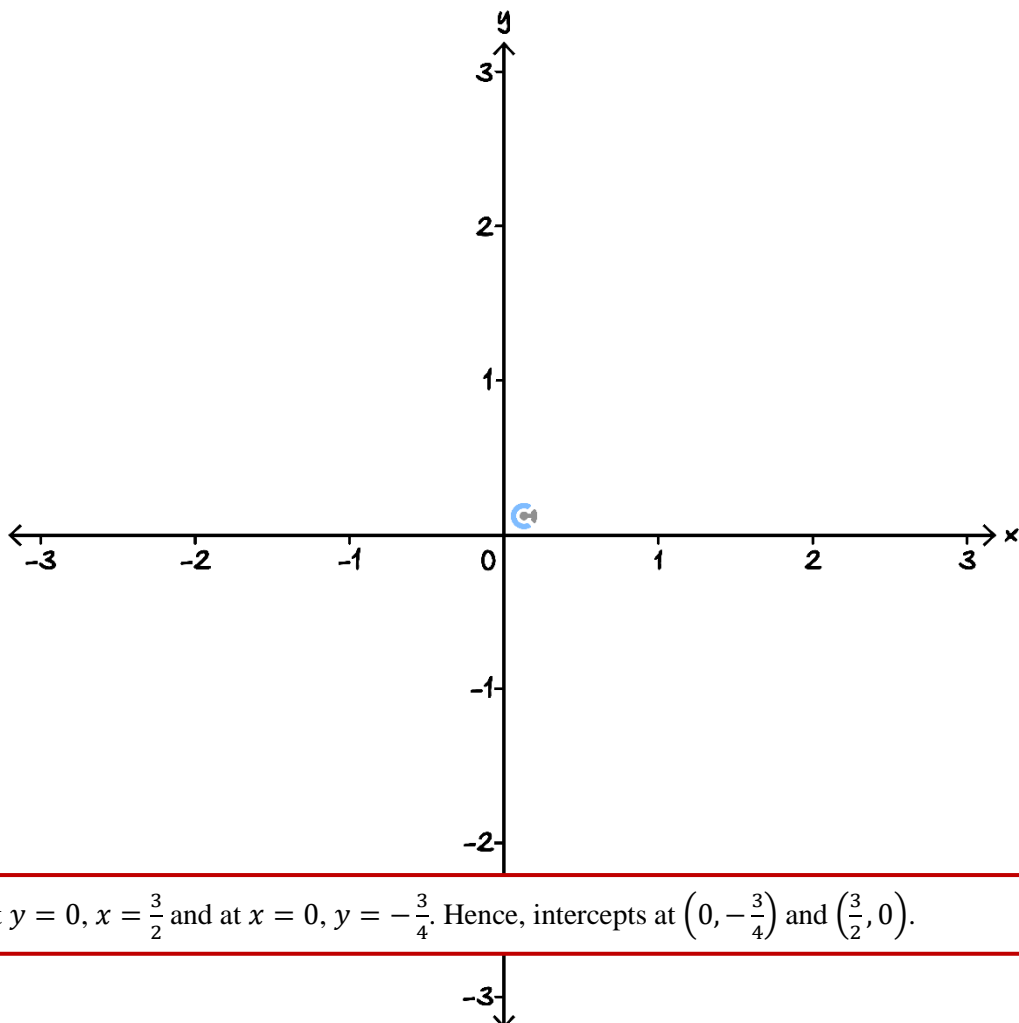
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#### Question 4 (3 marks)

Sketch the following inequality:  $2x > 4y + 3$





**Question 5** (6 marks)

Sam's home is at the point  $(-1, -2)$ . He wants to walk straight from his home to a river bank which is given by the linear line  $3x + 4y - 12 = 0$ . The units are kilometres.

- a.** Find the equation of the straight-line path taken by Sam if he walked the least distance. (2 marks)

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- b.** Find the coordinate of the point on the riverbank where Sam reaches. (2 marks)

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- c.** Calculate the distance travelled by Sam. It is given that  $\sqrt{69^2 + 92^2} = 115$ . (2 marks)

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**Question 6** (2 marks)

The distance between two stations is 320 km. Two trains start simultaneously from different stations and travel on parallel tracks towards each other.

If the speed of one of them is greater than the other by 10  $km/hr$  and the distance between the two trains after 2 hours of their start is 20  $km$ , find the speed of each train.

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**Question 7** (3 marks)

Jeff is creating two chemical solutions, Solution  $A$  and  $B$ , by mixing two key ingredients: Chemical  $X$  and Chemical  $Y$ . Each litre of Solution  $A$  requires 3 grams of Chemical  $X$  and 2 grams of Chemical  $Y$ , while each litre of Solution  $B$  requires 2 grams of Chemical  $X$  and 5 grams of Chemical  $Y$ .

Jeff has 38 grams of Chemical  $X$  and 49 grams of Chemical  $Y$  available. How many litres of each solution should the lab prepare to use up all the chemicals?

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**Question 8** (3 marks)

Determine the value of  $k$  so that the following linear equations have no solution.

$$(3k + 1)x + 3y - 5 = 0$$

$$(k^2 + 3)x + (k - 2)y - 5 = 0$$

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*Let's take a BREAK (standard stream)!*



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## Section D: Tech Active Exam Skills

INSTRUCTION: 5 Minutes Writing.

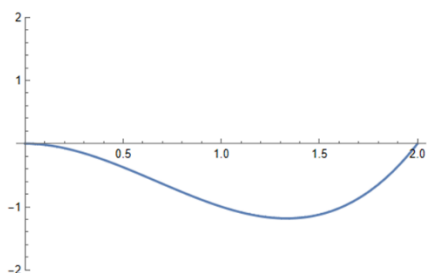


### Calculator Commands: Graphing

#### ➤ Mathematica

- Plot [function, {x, xmin, xmax}].  
Plot Range → {ymin, ymax}]
- Plot Range is optional but makes the scale appropriate for the question.

Plot[x^3 - 2x^2, {x, 0, 2}, PlotRange → {-2, 2}]

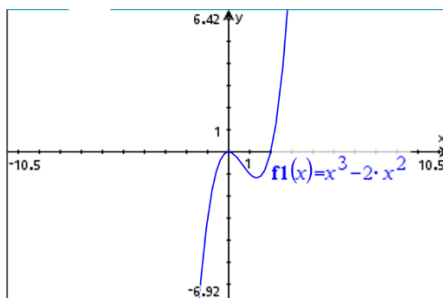


- Menu → 6 (Analyse) to find min/max x and y-intercepts.
- Restrict domain to  $0 < x < 2$  use the bar can get it from ctrl+ =  $\begin{matrix} > < = \\ \geq \leq | \end{matrix}$

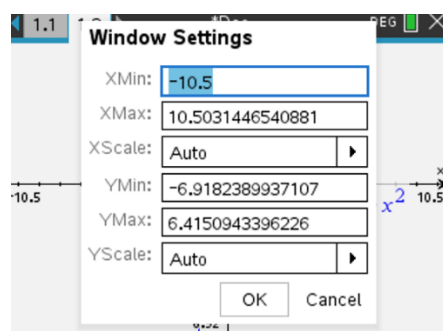
☒  $f1(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 | 0 < x < 2$

#### ➤ TI-Nspire

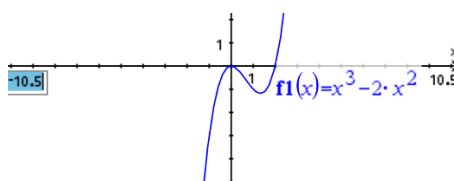
- Open a graph page and plot your function.



- Zoom settings: Menu → 4 (window/zoom) → 1 enter your x and y ranges.

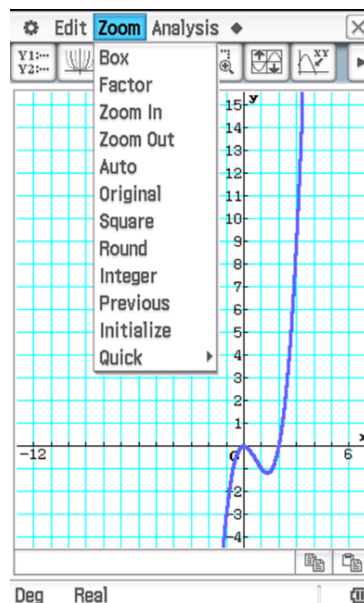


- Can also click the axis numbers on the graph and alter them directly.




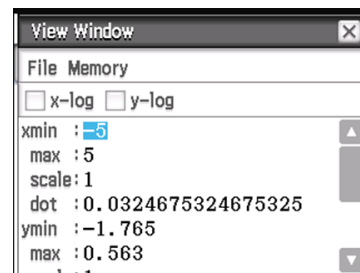
#### ➤ Casio Classpad

- Click Graph & Table, and enter the function.



Analysis → G- Solve to find intercepts.

Use this button  to set the view window.



Use | to restrict domain → Find it in Math 3.

$y1 = x^3 - 2 \cdot x^2 \mid 0 < x < 2$

## Calculator Commands: Solving Equations

### TI-Nspire

Menu → 3 → 1

$$\text{solve}(x^2 - 4 \cdot x - 9 = 0, x)$$

$$x = -(\sqrt{13} - 2) \text{ or } x = \sqrt{13} + 2$$

### Casio Classpad

Action → Advanced → Solve

$$\text{solve}(x^2 - 4x - 9 = 0, x)$$

$$\{x = -\sqrt{13} + 2, x = \sqrt{13} + 2\}$$

In[122]:= Solve[x^2 - 4 x - 9 == 0, x]

Out[122]= {{x → 2 - √13}, {x → 2 + √13}}

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## Calculator Commands: Simultaneous Equations

### ➤ Mathematica

Just do && between.

Solve[equation&&equation  
, {var1, var2}]

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In[128]:= Solve[2 x - 3 y == 16 && x + y == 3, {x, y}]
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Out[128]:= {{x -> 5, y -> -2}}
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### ➤ TI-Nspire

Menu 3 7 1

#### Solve a System of Equations

Number of equations:

Variables:

Enter variable names separated by commas

OK Cancel

$$\text{solve}\left(\begin{cases} 2 \cdot x - 3 \cdot y = 16 \\ x + y = 3 \end{cases}, \{x, y\}\right) \quad x=5 \text{ and } y=-2$$

### ➤ Casio Classpad

Math1 → Click highlighted box → Enter equations and variables you are solving for:

$$\begin{cases} 2x-3y=16 \\ x+y=3 \end{cases} \quad x, y$$

{x=5, y=-2}

Math1	Line	$\frac{\square}{\square}$	$\sqrt{\square}$	$\pi$	$\Rightarrow$
Math2	$\square^{\square}$	$e^{\square}$	ln	$\log_{\square}\square$	$\sqrt[\square]{\square}$
Math3	$ \square $	$x^2$	$x^{-1}$	$\log_{10}(\square)$	solve(
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### Question 9 Tech-Active.

Solve the equations  $2x + 7y = 16$  and  $5x + 3y = 20$  for  $x$  and  $y$ .

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### Calculator Commands: Finding the Angle between a Line and $x$ -axis

#### ➤ Mathematica


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In[124]:= ArcTan[2] / Degree // N
Out[124]= 63.4349
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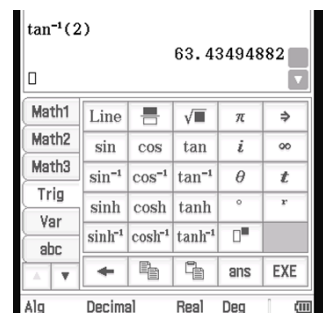
#### ➤ TI-Nspire

 Trig button. Check that you are in degrees.

$\tan^{-1}(2)$  63.4349

#### ➤ Casio Classpad

 Keyboard → Trig. Change to decimals and degrees.



### Calculator Commands: Finding the Angle between Two Lines




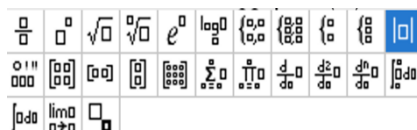
#### ➤ Mathematica

 Use the Abs[] function.

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In[126]:= Abs[ArcTan[2] - ArcTan[1]] / Degree // N
Out[126]= 18.4349
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#### ➤ TI-Nspire

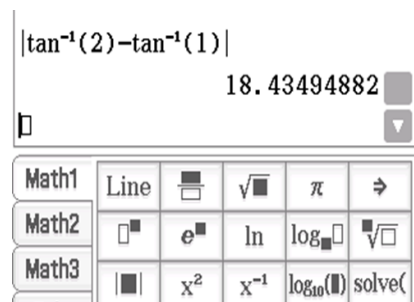
 Find the modulus sign.



$|\tan^{-1}(2) - \tan^{-1}(1)|$  18.4349

#### ➤ Casio Classpad

 Modulus sign under Math1.



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**Question 10 Tech-Active.**

Find the obtuse angle, correct to 3 decimal places, between the lines  $y = -2x - 9$  and  $y = x + 5$ .

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## Section E: Exam 2 (27 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 27 Marks. 34 Minutes Writing.



### Question 11 (1 mark)

The linear function  $f(x) = 3x - 2$  has a maximum value of 3 and minimum value of  $-5$ .

The function can only take  $x$  values in the range:

- A.  $1 \leq x \leq 7$
- B.  $1 < x \leq 7$
- C.  $-1 \leq x \leq \frac{5}{3}$
- D.  $1 \leq x \leq \frac{4}{3}$

### Question 12 (1 mark)

The gradient of the line that is the perpendicular bisector of the points  $\left(\frac{7}{2}, -4\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{5}{2}, 3\right)$ :

- A.  $-7$
- B.  $7$
- C.  $\frac{1}{7}$
- D.  $\frac{7}{2}$

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**Question 13** (1 mark)

The simultaneous linear equations:

$$mx + 12y = 24$$

$$3x + my = m$$

Have no solution for:

- A.  $m = 6$  or  $m = -6$
- B.  $m = 12$  or  $m = 3$
- C.  $m \neq -6$  and  $m \neq 6$
- D.  $m = 2$  or  $m = 1$

**Question 14** (1 mark)

In a cinema, adult tickets cost \$10 each while child tickets cost \$6. For a certain film, there were 125 people in the cinema, having paid in total \$878.

Find how many adults and how many children were watching this film:

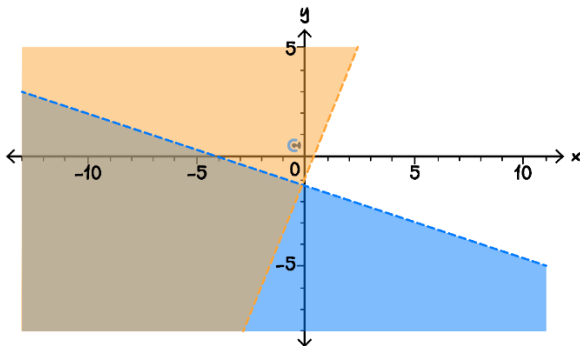
- A. 15 children and 67 adults.
- B. 32 children and 90 adults.
- C. 45 children and 16 adults.
- D. 93 children and 32 adults.

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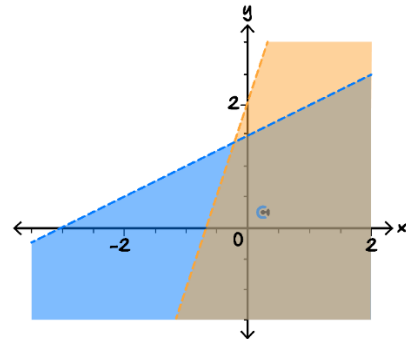
**Question 15** (1 mark)

Find the graph that represents the 2 inequalities  $3y + x < -4$  and  $2.5x - 1 < y$ .

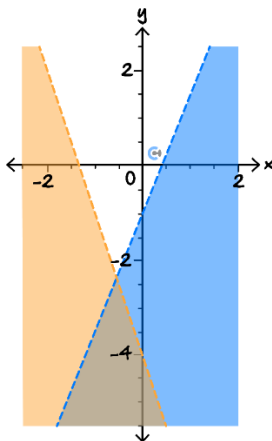
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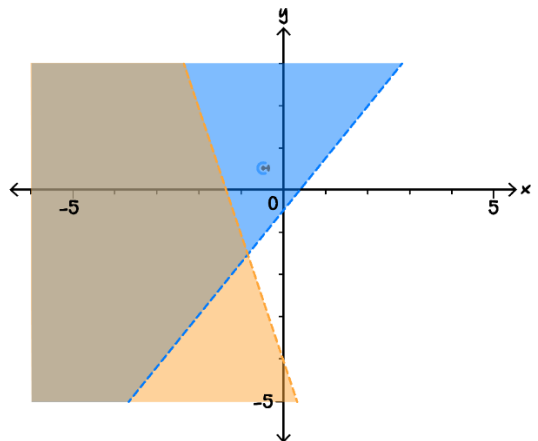
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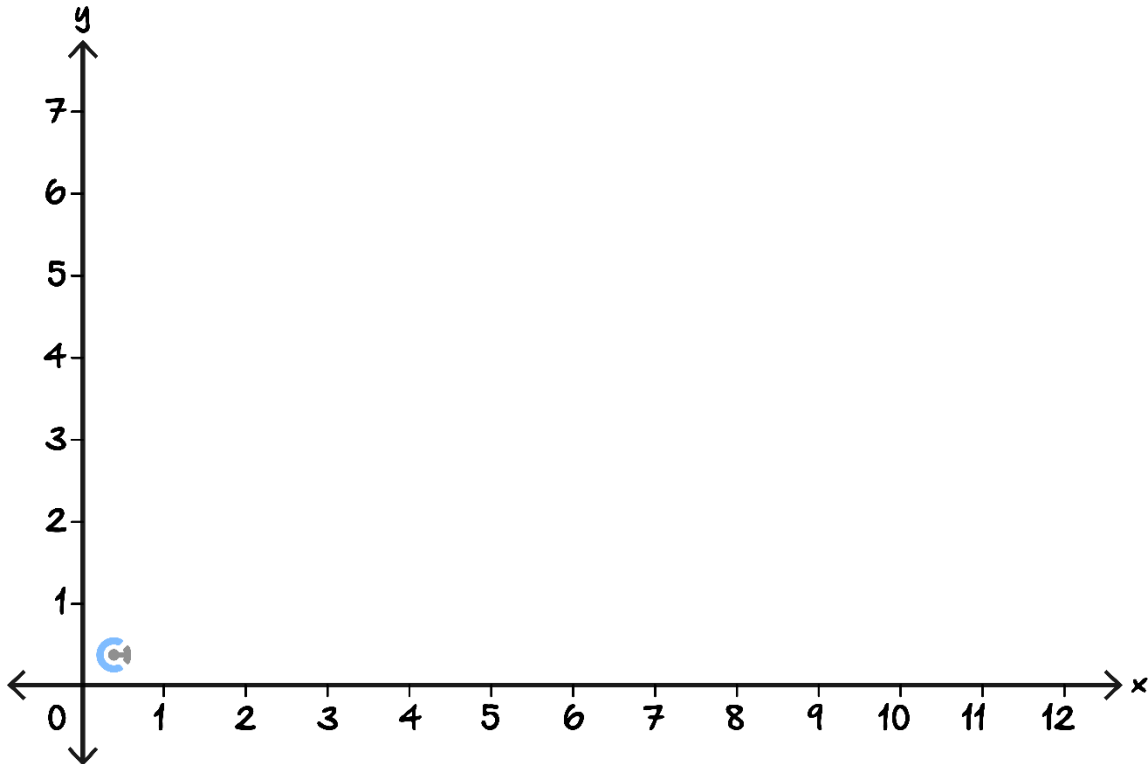
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**Question 16** (10 marks)

Alex, Jacob and Sam are playing a game on the beach. The play zone is in the shape of a triangle and each player starts by standing at a vertex. These vertices are  $A(6, 6)$ ,  $J(10, 2)$  and  $S(2, 3)$ .

Measurements are in metres.

- a. Sketch the play zone border on the axes below. Label all vertices with their coordinates. (1 mark)



- b. Find the equation of the line segment  $SJ$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ . (2 marks)

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- c. Find the equation of the line perpendicular to  $SJ$  that goes through  $A$ . (2 marks)

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- d. Hence, find the area of the play zone. (2 marks)

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- e. Find the angles  $\angle ASJ$ ,  $\angle AJS$  and angle  $\angle JAS$  of the triangle. Give all angles in degrees correct to two decimal places. (3 marks)

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**Question 17** (12 marks)

The coordinates of three points on the Cartesian plane are given by  $P(-19, 24)$ ,  $Q(-23, -37)$  and  $R(38, -41)$ .

- a. Find the coordinates of  $A$  the midpoint of  $PQ$ . (1 mark)

$$A\left(-21, -\frac{13}{2}\right)$$

- b. Show that  $\angle PQR = 90^\circ$ . (2 marks)

■ Gradient of PQ

$$\text{In}[127]:= \frac{-37 - 24}{-23 + 19}$$

$$\text{Out}[127]= \frac{61}{4}$$

■ Gradient of QR

$$\text{In}[128]:= \frac{-41 + 37}{38 + 23}$$

$$\text{Out}[128]= -\frac{4}{61}$$

- c. Given that  $PQRS$  is a rectangle, find the coordinates of the point  $S$ . (3 marks)

■ Let  $S$  be the point  $(a, b)$

■ Gradient for SR


$$\frac{b + 41}{a - 38}$$

■ Gradient of SP

$$\frac{b - 24}{a + 19}$$

■ Using side lengths PQ is the same as RS

$$\text{Solve}\left[\left\{\frac{b + 41}{a - 38} == \frac{-1}{\frac{b - 24}{a + 19}}, \text{EuclideanDistance}[p, q] == \text{EuclideanDistance}[\{a, b\}, r]\right\}, \{a, b\}\right]$$

\*\*\* Solve: Inverse functions are being used by Solve, so some solutions may not be found; use Reduce for complete solution information. 

$$\text{Solve}\left[\{ \{a \rightarrow -23, b \rightarrow -37\}, \{a \rightarrow 42, b \rightarrow 20\} \right]$$

■  $S: (42, 20)$  as  $(-23, -37)$  is point Q

- d. Find the coordinates of  $B$ , the midpoint of the diagonal  $PR$ . (1 mark)

$$\left(\frac{19}{2}, -\frac{17}{2}\right)$$

- e. Find the equation of the line that connects  $AB$ . (2 marks)

$$y = -\frac{961}{122} - \frac{4x}{61}$$

- f. Find the perimeter of the rectangle  $PQRS$ . (2 marks)

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In[155]:= EuclideanDistance[s, r]
Out[155]=  $\sqrt{3737}$ 

In[156]:= EuclideanDistance[p, q]
Out[156]=  $\sqrt{3737}$ 

4 *  $\sqrt{3737}$ 
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- g. Find the area of the rectangle  $PQRS$ . (1 mark)

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In[157]:=  $\sqrt{3737} * \sqrt{3737}$ 
Out[157]= 3737
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## Section F: Extension Exam 1 (16 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 16 Marks. 20 Minutes Writing.



### Question 18 (4 marks)

Consider the system of linear equations:

$$(k + 1)x + 5y = 0$$

$$3x + (k - 1)y = k$$

- a. Find the value(s) of  $k$  for which the system of equations will have no solution. (3 marks)

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- b. Find the value(s) of  $k$  for which the system of equations will have a unique solution. (1 mark)

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**Question 19** (5 marks)

Consider the line  $L$  with equation  $y = 2x - 1$  and the point  $A(6, 1)$ .

- a.** Find the equation of the line perpendicular to  $L$  passing through the point  $A$ . (2 marks)

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- b.** Use this perpendicular line to find the coordinates of the point  $B$ , which is the reflection of  $A$  in the line  $L$ . (2 marks)

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- c.** Point  $A$  can also be mapped to point  $B$  if it is reflected in the line  $x = p$  and then reflected in the line  $y = q$ . Find the values of  $p$  and  $q$ . (1 mark)

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**Question 20** (4 marks)

Consider the quadratic function  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 5$ .

- a. The point  $P$  has a horizontal distance of 2 units from two different points on  $f(x)$  and a vertical distance of 0 units from the same two points. Find the coordinates of the point  $P$ . (2 marks)

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- b. Find the possible value(s) of  $c$  such that the vertical distance between  $f$  and  $(c, 2)$  when  $x = c$  is 4. (2 marks)

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**Question 21** (3 marks)

The point  $P(a, b)$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive real numbers, lies on the line  $y + 2x - 6 = 0$ .

Find the minimum distance between the point  $P$  and the origin, without using calculus.

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## Section G: Extension Exam 2 (20 Marks)

**INSTRUCTION:** 20 Marks. 24 Minutes Writing.



### Question 22 (1 mark)

George and Lucy are preparing for a Mathematics exam by doing the same set of practice papers. They both have one practice paper left to do and their mean scores are identical.

Lucy scores 47% on her last paper and her mean score drops to 69%. George scored 83% on his last paper and his mean score rises to 72%. Determine the number of practice papers in the set.

- A. 36
- B. 10
- C. 42
- D. 12

### Question 23 (1 mark)

The two lines  $px + qy + r = 0$  and  $p^2x + q^2y + r^2 = 0$  are perpendicular when:

- A.  $p = \pm q$
- B.  $p^2 + q^2 = r^2$
- C.  $p + q + r = 0$
- D.  $p^3 + q^3 = 0$

### Question 24 (1 mark)

Two simultaneous linear equations are  $4x - 6y = 2k$  and  $mx + 6y = 10$ . Which of the following statements is false?

- A. If  $m \neq -4$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , there is a unique solution.
- B. If  $m = -4$  and  $k = -5$ , then there is an infinite number of solutions.
- C. If  $m = -4$  and  $k \neq -5$ , then there is more than one solution.
- D. If  $m = -4$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , there is no unique solution.

**Question 25** (1 mark)

The minimum distance between the origin and a point on the line  $y = 4 - x$  is:

- A. 2
- B.  $2\sqrt{2}$
- C.  $\sqrt{6}$
- D.  $\sqrt{10}$

**Question 26** (1 mark)

The obtuse angle formed by the lines  $y = 3x + 5$  and  $y = mx + 3$  is  $135^\circ$ . The possible value(s) of  $m$  are:

- A. 2
- B.  $-2, \frac{1}{2}$
- C.  $1, -1$
- D.  $-1$

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**Question 27** (15 marks)

Suppose that Amy is standing at the point  $A(2,6)$  and Sachin is standing at the point  $B(-3,2)$ .

- a. Show that the distance between Amy and Sachin is  $\sqrt{41}$ . (1 mark)

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- b. Find the equation of the line segment  $AB$  in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ , for integers  $a, b, c$ . (1 mark)

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$4x - 5y + 22 = 0$

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- c. Find the perpendicular bisector of the points  $A$  and  $B$ . (2 marks)

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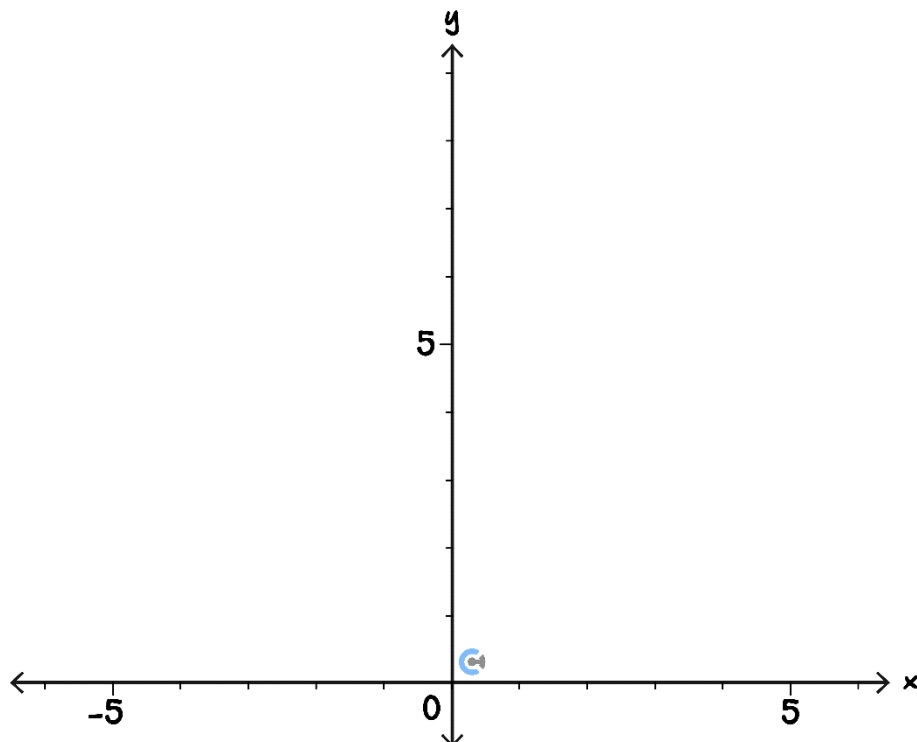


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- d. Sketch this perpendicular bisector along with the points  $A$  and  $B$ . (2 marks)



- e. Give an example of a point that is equidistant to both  $A$  and  $B$ . (1 mark)

Any point on the line that is a perpendicular bisector of  $A$  and  $B$ .

- f. Explain why there are infinitely many points with this property from **part e**. (1 mark)

Because there are infinitely many points on the perpendicular bisector of  $A$  and  $B$ .

Also, suppose that strict social distancing measures have been enforced so that no person is allowed within a  $\frac{41}{8}$  radius of any other person.

- g.** Michael stands at a point  $P$  to talk to Amy and Stuart stands at a point  $Q$  to talk to Sachin. Point  $Q$  has only positive coordinates.
- i.** Find the coordinates of  $P$  and  $Q$  such everyone is as close as possible to each other while still meeting social distancing requirements. (4 marks)

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ii. Find the angle  $\angle BQA$  in degrees correct to two decimal places. (2 marks)

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iii. Hence, find the angles  $\angle QBA$  and  $\angle QAB$  in degrees correct to two decimal places. (1 mark)

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