

## Past Exam Questions: The Line

## Week 20 revision

- (a)  $[AB]$  is a line segment.  
The point  $C(6, 11)$  divides the line segment  $[AB]$  internally in the ratio  $1:3$ .  
 $A$  is the point  $(1, 13)$ .  
Find the co-ordinates of the point  $B$ .

$$B = (x_2, y_2), m:n = 1:3$$

$$(6, 11) = \left( \frac{1(x_2) + 3(1)}{1+3}, \frac{1(y_2) + 3(13)}{1+3} \right)$$

$$6 = \frac{x_2 + 3}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad 11 = \frac{y_2 + 39}{4}$$

$$x_2 = 21 \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = 5$$

$$B = (21, 5)$$

- (b) Find the perpendicular distance from the point  $(5, -2)$  to the line:

$$y = \frac{4}{3}x - 11$$

$$\frac{4}{3}x - y - 11 = 0$$

Perpendicular distance:

$$= \frac{\left| \frac{4}{3}(5) + (-1)(-2) - 11 \right|}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 + (-1)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|-7|}{5}$$

$$= 1.4 \text{ [units]}$$

- (a) Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $(4, 6)$ ,  $(-3, -1)$ , and  $(0, 11)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ (4, 6), & (-3, -1), & (0, 11). \\ & & -11 \end{array}$$

$$(4, -5), (-3, -12), (0, 0)$$

$$\text{AREA} = \frac{1}{2} |4(-12) - (-3)(-5)|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |-63|$$

$$= 31.5$$

- (a) The points  $A(8, -4)$  and  $B(-1, 3)$  are the endpoints of the line segment  $[AB]$ .  
Find the coordinates of the point  $C$ , which divides  $[AB]$  internally in the ratio  $4:1$ .

$$C = \left( \frac{1(8) + 4(-1)}{4+1}, \frac{1(-4) + 4(3)}{4+1} \right)$$

$$C = \left( \frac{4}{5}, \frac{8}{5} \right)$$

(b)  $A(-1, k)$  and  $B(5, l)$  are two points, where  $k, l \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

(i) Show that the midpoint of  $[AB]$  is  $\left(2, \frac{k+l}{2}\right)$ .

$$\text{Mid-point} = \left(\frac{-1+5}{2}, \frac{k+l}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left(2, \frac{k+l}{2}\right)$$

OR

$$-1 \text{ to } 5 \text{ is } 6 \text{ steps, then } x = -1 + 3 = 2$$

$$k \text{ to } l \text{ is } (l-k) \text{ steps, then } y = k + \frac{l-k}{2} = \frac{k+l}{2}$$

$$\text{Mid-point} = \left(2, \frac{k+l}{2}\right)$$

(ii) The perpendicular bisector of  $[AB]$  is:

$$3x + 2y - 14 = 0$$

Find the value of  $l$  and the value of  $k$ .

$$\text{Slope } AB = \frac{l-k}{5-(-1)} = \frac{l-k}{6}$$

$$\text{Perpendicular slope} = -\frac{6}{l-k}$$

$$\text{Slope of } 3x + 2y - 14 = 0 \text{ is } -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$-\frac{6}{l-k} = -\frac{3}{2} \quad \text{so } l - k = 4 \dots \text{Eqn 1}$$

or

$$\text{Slope } AB = \frac{2}{3}, \text{ then } (-1, k) \text{ and } (5, l) \in$$

$$y = mx + c, \text{ also gives } l - k = 4 \dots \text{Eqn 1}$$

$$\left(2, \frac{k+l}{2}\right) \rightarrow 3(2) + 2\left(\frac{k+l}{2}\right) - 14 = 0$$

$$k + l = 8 \dots \text{Eqn 2}$$

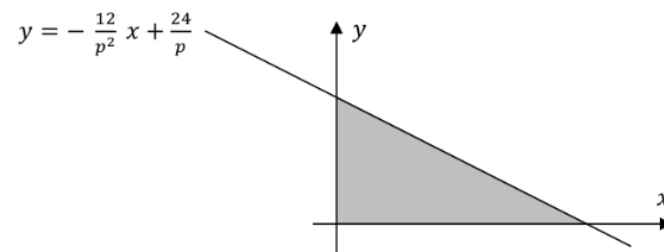
$$\begin{cases} l + k = 8 \\ l - k = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$l - k = 4$$

$$2l = 12 \dots l = 6, k = 2$$

(ii) The area of the triangle formed by the  $x$ -axis, the  $y$ -axis, and the tangent  $y = -\frac{12}{p^2}x + \frac{24}{p}$  is always  $k$  square units, where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  is a constant.

Work out the value of  $k$ .



y-intercept:

$$y = -\frac{12}{p^2}(0) + \frac{24}{p}$$

$$y = \frac{24}{p}$$

$$\left(0, \frac{24}{p}\right)$$

$$\text{height} = \frac{24}{p}$$

x-intercept:

$$0 = -\frac{12}{p^2}x + \frac{24}{p}$$

$$\frac{12}{p^2}x = \frac{24}{p}$$

$$\frac{12}{p}x = 24$$

$$x = 2p$$

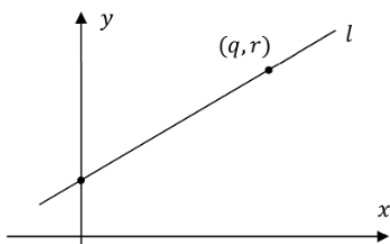
$$(2p, 0)$$

$$\text{base} = 2p$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(2p)\left(\frac{24}{p}\right)$$

$$= 24 \text{ units}^2$$

- (b) The line  $l$  has a slope of  $m$  and contains the point  $(q, r)$ , where  $m, q, r \in \mathbb{R}$  are all positive. Find the co-ordinates of the point where  $l$  cuts the  $y$ -axis, in terms of  $m, q$ , and  $r$ .



$$\begin{aligned} y - y_1 &= m(x - x_1) \\ y - r &= m(x - q) \\ y - r &= mx - mq \\ y &= mx - mq + r \\ x &= 0, \text{ so } y = -mq + r \\ \text{Answer: } (0, -mq + r) \end{aligned}$$

- (a) The line  $3x - 6y + 2 = 0$  contains the point  $\left(k, \frac{2k+2}{3}\right)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find the value of  $k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 3k - 6\left(\frac{2k+2}{3}\right) + 2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3k - 4k - 4 + 2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow k &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) The line  $k$  has a slope of  $-2$ . The line  $j$  makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with  $k$ .

Find **one** possible value of the slope of the line  $j$ .

Give your answer in the form  $d + e\sqrt{f}$ , where  $d, e, f \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{-2 - m_2}{1 + (-2)m_2}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-2 - m_2}{1 - 2m_2}$$

$$1 - 2m_2 = -2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3}m_2$$

$$m_2 = \frac{1 + 2\sqrt{3}}{2 - \sqrt{3}}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{1 + 2\sqrt{3}}{2 - \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2 + \sqrt{3}}$$

$$m_2 = 8 + 5\sqrt{3}$$

- (a) The coordinates of three points are  $A(2, -6)$ ,  $B(6, -12)$ , and  $C(-4, 3)$ . Find the perpendicular distance from  $A$  to  $BC$ .

Based on your answer, what can you conclude about the relationship between the points  $A, B$ , and  $C$ ?

$$\text{Slope of } BC \ m = \frac{3 + 12}{-4 - 6} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Equation } BC \quad 3x + 2y + 6 = 0.$$

Perp. Distance from  $A$  to line  $BC$

$$\frac{3(2) + 2(-6) + 6}{\sqrt{3^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{6 - 12 + 6}{\sqrt{13}} = \frac{0}{\sqrt{13}} = 0.$$

Therefore  $A, B$  and  $C$  are collinear.

- (b) The point  $P(s, t)$  is on the line  $x - 2y - 8 = 0$ .  
The point  $P$  is also a distance of 1 unit from the line  $4x + 3y + 6 = 0$ .  
Find a value of  $s$  and the corresponding value of  $t$ .

$$s - 2t - 8 = 0 \text{ so } s = 2t + 8$$

$$\frac{|4s + 3t + 6|}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}} = 1$$

$$\frac{|8t + 32 + 3t + 6|}{5} = 1$$

$$|11t + 38| = 5$$

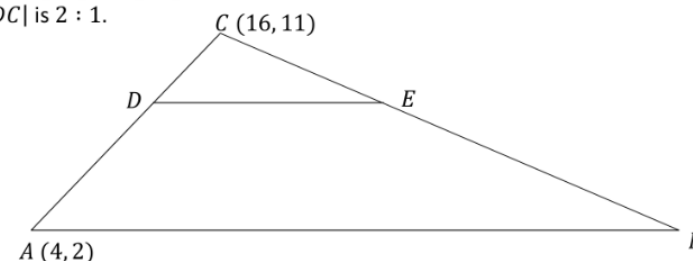
$$11t + 38 = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad 11t + 38 = -5$$

$$\therefore t = -3 \quad \text{or} \quad \therefore t = -\frac{43}{11}$$

$$\therefore s = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad \therefore s = \frac{2}{11}$$

- (c) The points  $A(4, 2)$  and  $C(16, 11)$  are vertices of the triangle  $ABC$  shown below.  
 $D$  and  $E$  are points on  $[CA]$  and  $[CB]$  respectively.  
The ratio  $|AD| : |DC|$  is  $2 : 1$ .

- (i) Find  $|AD|$ .



$$\left( \frac{2 \times 16 + 1 \times 4}{2 + 1}, \frac{2 \times 11 + 1 \times 2}{2 + 1} \right) = D(12, 8)$$

$$|AD| = \sqrt{(12 - 4)^2 + (8 - 2)^2} = 10$$

- (ii)  $[AB]$  and  $[DE]$  are **horizontal** line segments.  
 $|AB| = 33$  units.  
Find the coordinates of  $B$  and of  $E$ .

$$|AB| = 33 \Rightarrow B \text{ is } (37, 2).$$

The translation  $\overrightarrow{CB}$ :  $x$  increases by 21

$$x_E = 16 + \frac{1}{3}(21) = 23$$

The translation  $\overrightarrow{CB}$ :  $y$  decreases by 9

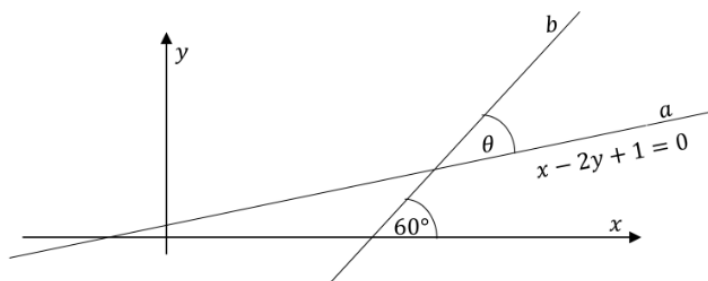
$$y_E = 11 - \frac{1}{3}(9) = 8$$

$$\text{So } E = (23, 8).$$

$B( \quad , \quad )$

$E( \quad , \quad )$

- (b) The diagram below shows two lines  $a$  and  $b$ . The equation of  $a$  is  $x - 2y + 1 = 0$ . The acute angle between  $a$  and  $b$  is  $\theta$ . Line  $b$  makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the positive sense of the  $x$ -axis, as shown in the diagram. Find the value of  $\theta$ , in degrees, correct to 3 decimal places.



$$\text{Slope of } a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Slope of } b = \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan \theta = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{2}}{1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{3} - 1}{2 + \sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \pm \frac{(2\sqrt{3} - 1)(2 - \sqrt{3})}{(2 + \sqrt{3})(2 - \sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \pm(-8 + 5\sqrt{3})$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(-8 + 5\sqrt{3})$$

$$\theta = 33.435^\circ$$

- (b) The line  $l$  has a slope  $m$ , and contains the point  $A(6, 0)$ .

- (i) Write the equation of the line  $l$  in terms of  $m$ .

$$y - 0 = m(x - 6) \text{ or } y = m(x - 6)$$

Or

$$y = mx - 6m$$

Or

$$y = mx + c$$

$$\therefore 0 = 6m + c \Rightarrow c = -6m$$

- (ii) The line  $l$  cuts the line  $k: 4x + 3y = 25$  at  $P$ .

Find the co-ordinates of  $P$  in terms of  $m$ .

Give each co-ordinate as a fraction in its simplest form.

$$y = m(x - 6)$$

$$4x + 3y = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x + 3m(x - 6) = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{25 + 18m}{3m + 4}$$

Substitute this into  $y = m(x - 6)$

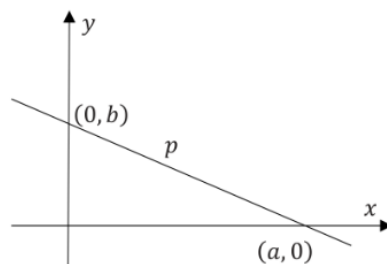
$$y = m\left(\frac{25 + 18m}{3m + 4}\right) - 6m$$

$$= \frac{25m + 18m^2 - 18m^2 - 24m}{3m + 4}$$

$$= \frac{m}{3m + 4}$$

- (a) The line  $p$  makes an intercept on the  $x$ -axis at  $(a, 0)$  and on the  $y$ -axis at  $(0, b)$ , where  $a, b \neq 0$ .

Show that the equation of  $p$  can be written as  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$ .



$$m = \frac{b-0}{0-a} = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$y - 0 = \frac{-b}{a}(x - a)$$

$$ay = -bx + ab$$

$$bx + ay = ab$$

Now divide across by  $ab$

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$$

The points  $A(6, -2)$ ,  $B(5, 3)$  and  $C(-3, 4)$  are shown on the diagram.

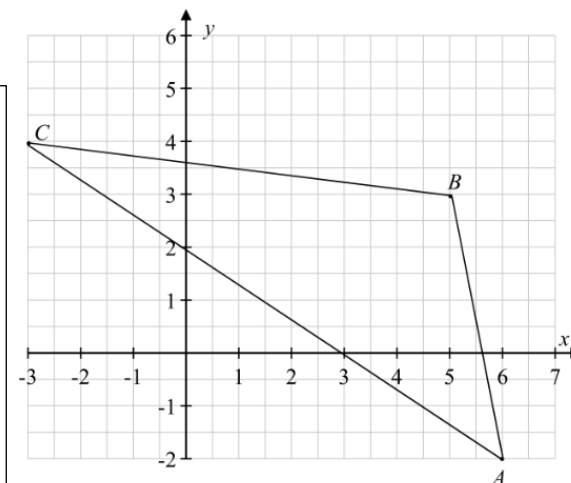
- (a) Find the equation of the line through  $B$  which is perpendicular to  $AC$ .

$$\text{Slope } AC = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{perp. slope} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$y - 3 = \frac{3}{2}(x - 5)$$

$$3x - 2y = 9$$



- (b) Use your answer to part (a) above to find the co-ordinates of the orthocentre of the triangle  $ABC$ .

Point of intersection of the altitudes

$$\text{Slope } AB = \frac{3+2}{5-6} = -\frac{5}{1}$$

$$\text{perp. slope} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$y - 4 = \frac{1}{5}(x + 3)$$

$$x - 5y + 23 = 0$$

Orthocentre:

$$3x - 2y = 9 \cap x - 5y = -23$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 6 \quad x = 7$$

$$(7, 6)$$

The line  $m: 2x + 3y + 1 = 0$  is parallel to the line  $n: 2x + 3y - 51 = 0$ .

- (a) Verify that  $A(-2, 1)$  is on  $m$ .

$$2(-2) + 3(1) + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or } -4 + 3 + 1 = 0$$

- (b) Find the coordinates of  $B$ , the point on the line  $n$  closest to  $A$ , as shown below.

$$\text{Slope of } m \text{ or } n = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Slope of } AB \text{ is } \frac{3}{2} \text{ and } (-2, 1) \text{ is on } AB$$

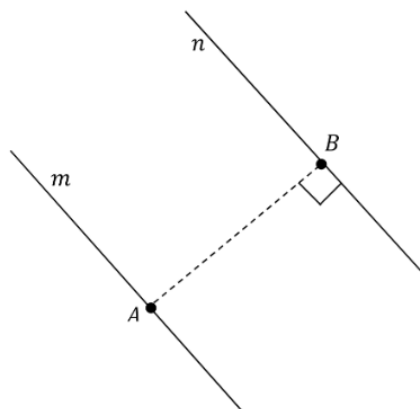
$$y - 1 = \frac{3}{2}(x - (-2))$$

$$\text{equation of } AB \text{ is } 3x - 2y + 8 = 0$$

Solve for  $(x, y)$  between

$$3x - 2y + 8 = 0 \text{ and } 2x + 3y - 51 = 0$$

$$n \cap AB = (6, 13) = B$$



The line  $RS$  cuts the  $x$ -axis at the point  $R$  and the  $y$ -axis at the point  $S(0, 10)$ , as shown. The area of the triangle  $ROS$ , where  $O$  is the origin, is  $\frac{125}{3}$ .

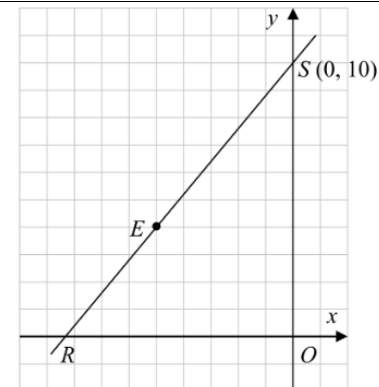
- (a) Find the co-ordinates of  $R$ .

$$\text{Area } ROS = \frac{1}{2} |RO| \cdot |OS| = \frac{125}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} |RO| (10) = \frac{125}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow |RO| = \frac{25}{3}$$

$$R\left(-\frac{25}{3}, 0\right)$$



- (b) Show that the point  $E(-5, 4)$  is on the line  $RS$ .

$$\text{Slope } RS = \frac{10-0}{0+\frac{25}{3}} = \frac{6}{5} \quad \text{Slope } ES = \frac{10-4}{0+5} = \frac{6}{5} \quad \text{Slope } ER = \frac{4-0}{-5+\frac{25}{3}} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\text{Any two slopes correct } \Rightarrow (-5, 4) \in RS$$

- (c) A second line  $y = mx + c$ , where  $m$  and  $c$  are positive constants, passes through the point  $E$  and again makes a triangle of area  $\frac{125}{3}$  with the axes. Find the value of  $m$  and the value of  $c$ .

$$y = mx + c \text{ cuts } x\text{-axis at } P\left(-\frac{c}{m}, 0\right) \text{ and cuts } y\text{-axis at } Q(0, c)$$

$$\text{Area } \triangle POQ = \frac{1}{2} \left| 0 - \left(-\frac{c}{m}\right)c \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{c^2}{m} \right| = \frac{125}{3} \Rightarrow m = \frac{3c^2}{250}$$

$$(-5, 4) \in y = mx + c \Rightarrow 4 = -5m + c \Rightarrow 4 = -5\left(\frac{3c^2}{250}\right) + c \Rightarrow 3c^2 - 50c + 200 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3c - 20)(c - 10) = 0 \Rightarrow c = \frac{20}{3} \text{ or } c = 10$$

$$c = \frac{20}{3}$$

$$\text{Hence, } m = \frac{3c^2}{250} = \frac{3\left(\frac{20}{3}\right)^2}{250} = \frac{400}{750} = \frac{8}{15}$$

- (a) The co-ordinates of two points are  $A(4, -1)$  and  $B(7, t)$ .

The line  $l_1 : 3x - 4y - 12 = 0$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ . Find the value of  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Slope } AB &= \frac{t+1}{7-4} = \frac{t+1}{3} & \text{Slope } l_1 &= \frac{3}{4} \\ AB \perp l_1 &\Rightarrow \frac{t+1}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} = -1 \Rightarrow t+1 = -4 \Rightarrow t = -5 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find, in terms of  $k$ , the distance between the point  $P(10, k)$  and  $l_1$ .

$$d = \left| \frac{3(10) - 4k - 12}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{18 - 4k}{5} \right|$$

- (c)  $P(10, k)$  is on a bisector of the angles between the lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2 : 5x + 12y - 20 = 0$ .

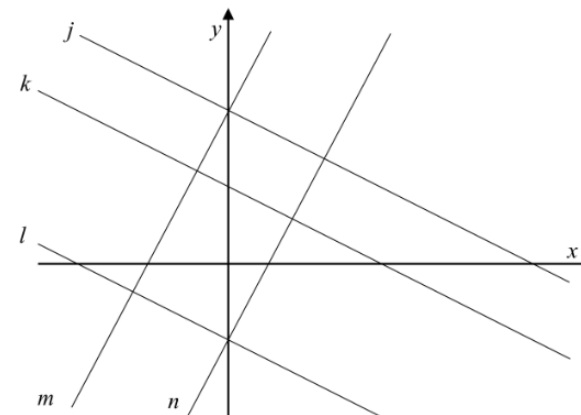
- (i) Find the possible values of  $k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{18 - 4k}{5} \right| &= \left| \frac{50 + 12k - 20}{\sqrt{5^2 + 12^2}} \right| \\ \Rightarrow \left| \frac{18 - 4k}{5} \right| &= \left| \frac{30 + 12k}{13} \right| \\ \Rightarrow 13(18 - 4k) &= \pm 5(30 + 12k) \\ \Rightarrow -112k &= -84 \quad \text{or} \quad 8k = -384 \\ \Rightarrow k &= \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad k = -48 \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) If  $k > 0$ , find the distance from  $P$  to  $l_1$ .

$$k = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow d = \left| \frac{18 - 4\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}{5} \right| = 3$$

In the co-ordinate diagram shown, the lines  $j$ ,  $k$ , and  $l$  are parallel, and so are the lines  $m$  and  $n$ . The equations of four of the five lines are given in the table below.



Equation	Line
$x + 2y = -4$	
$2x - y = -4$	
$x + 2y = 8$	
$2x - y = 2$	

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y = -4 &\Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 2 \rightarrow l \\ 2x - y = -4 &\Rightarrow y = 2x + 4 \rightarrow m \\ x + 2y = 8 &\Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4 \rightarrow j \\ 2x - y = 2 &\Rightarrow y = 2x - 2 \rightarrow n \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Complete the table, by matching four of the lines to their equations.

- (b) Hence, insert scales on the  $x$ -axis and  $y$ -axis.

- (c) Hence, find the equation of the remaining line, given that its  $x$ -intercept and  $y$ -intercept are both integers.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Equation of } k: & \quad y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 2 \\ & \quad \text{or} \\ & \quad x + 2y = 4 \end{aligned}$$



The equations of six lines are given:

Line	Equation
$h$	$x = 3 - y$
$i$	$2x - 4y = 3$
$k$	$y = -\frac{1}{4}(2x - 7)$
$l$	$4x - 2y - 5 = 0$
$m$	$x + \sqrt{3}y - 10 = 0$
$n$	$\sqrt{3}x + y - 10 = 0$

Description	Line(s)
A line with a slope of 2.	$l$
A line which intersects the $y$ -axis at $(0, -2\frac{1}{2})$ .	$l$
A line which makes equal intercepts on the axes.	$h$
A line which makes an angle of $150^\circ$ with the positive sense of the $x$ -axis.	$m$
Two lines which are perpendicular to each other.	$l$ and $k$

(b) Find the acute angle between the lines  $m$  and  $n$ .

$$\text{Slope of } m: m_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Slope of } n: m_2 = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan \theta = \pm \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} = \pm \frac{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(-\sqrt{3})} = \pm \frac{\frac{-1+3}{\sqrt{3}}}{1+1} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \theta = 30^\circ$$