

Homework 2.2 – Big Questions using Midpoint and Distance

Date: Today.

1. Equation of the Median:

Plot the points $A(-3, -1)$, $B(3, 5)$, $C(7, -3)$. Draw the triangle. Find the equation of the medians from vertex A, vertex B, and vertex C. (note: this is three separate equations).

From vertex A:

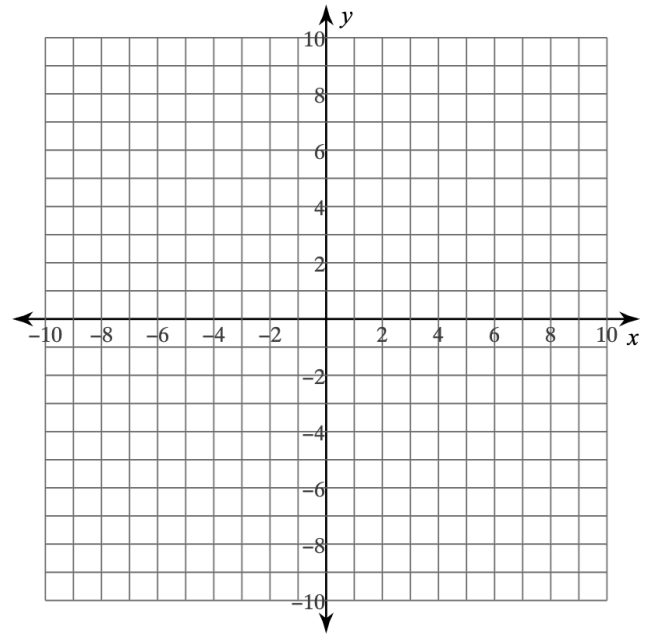
$$y = \frac{1}{4}x - 0.25$$

From vertex B:

$$y = 7x - 16$$

From vertex C:

$$y = -\frac{5}{7}x + 2$$



2. Determine the Equation of the Perpendicular Bisector:

a) $A(1,8)$ and $B(5,2)$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x + 3$$

b) $C(4,6)$ and $B(12,-4)$

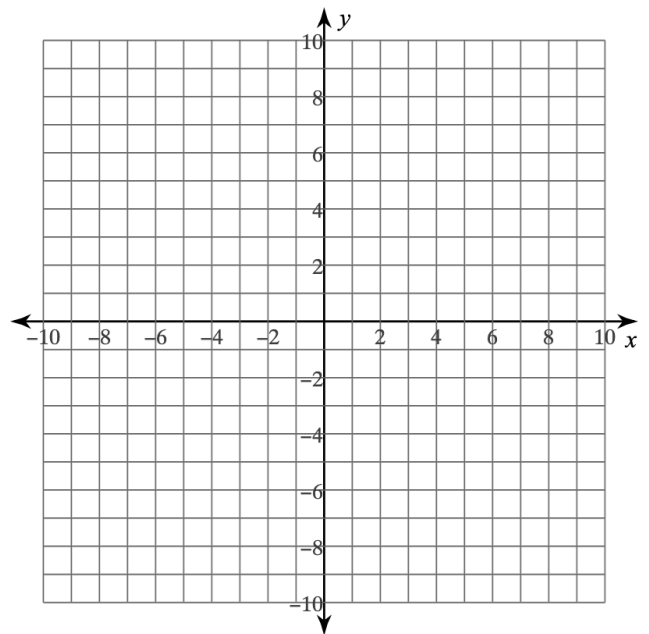
$$y = \frac{4}{5}x - 5.4$$

3. Midsegments

Plot the triangle $P(7,7)$, $Q(-3,-5)$, $R(5,-3)$. Draw the midsegment from line PQ to line PR. Calculate the slope of that midsegment, then the slope of line QR. What do you notice?

Slope of midsegment: $m = \frac{1}{4}$

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4. Calculate the length of the shortest distance from the point to the line:

a) $y = \frac{-2}{3}x + 4$ and $A(7,8)$

Equation of perpendicular line:

$$y = \frac{3}{2}x - 2.5$$

PoI is $(3, 2)$

Distance is 7.21 units

b) The point $D(-2, 10)$ to the line formed by $A(-4, -6)$ and $B(12, -2)$. (Note: Need $y=mx+b$).

Line of AB: $y = \frac{1}{4}x - 5$

Line \perp to AB: $y = -4x + 2$

PoI: $(1.6, -4.6)$

Distance: 15ish units