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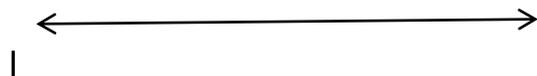
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## Straight line:

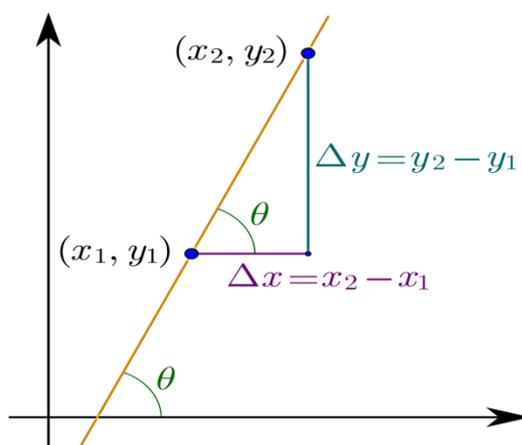
### **Definition:**

Let us start our discussion with the very beginning by defining line.

**A line is something which has no end points. It can be extended both the sides**



If a straight line in the coordinate plane makes an angle with OX, then  $m = \tan \theta$  is called the slope or gradient of the line which can be zero, positive or negative. The slope of the X-axis and of the straight lines parallel to the X-axis will be zero. The slope of the Y-axis or of a line parallel to the Y-axis is undefined. The slope of a straight line passing through two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is  $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$  and in particular slope of a line passing through the origin and the point  $(x, y)$  is  $y/x$ .



**Fig 1.0** – Diagram of a straight line

### STANDARD EQUATIONS:

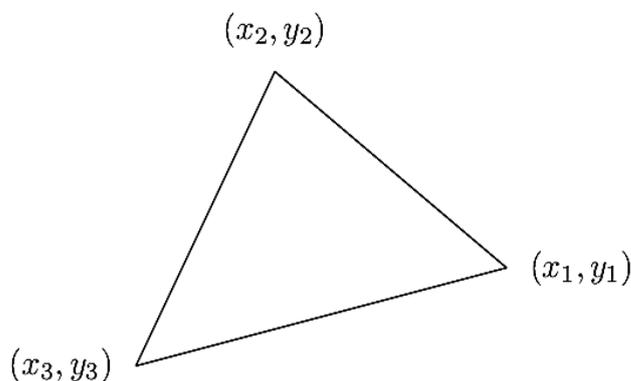
- ✓ Equation of the X-axis is  $y=0$ .
- ✓ Equation of the Y-axis is  $x=0$ .
- ✓ Equation of a straight line parallel to the X-axis is  $y=c$  which lies above or below the X-axis according as  $c > 0$  or  $c < 0$  respectively.

- ✓ Equation of a straight line parallel to the Y-axis is  $x=k$  which lies to the right or to the left of the Y-axis according as  $k > 0$  or  $k < 0$  respectively.
- ✓ Equation of a straight line in the slope is  $y= mx+c$  , where  $m$  is the slope and  $c$  is the Y-intercept of the line. This line cuts the positive or the negative Y-axis at the point  $(0, c)$  according as the Y-intercept  $c$  is  $> 0$  or  $< 0$  respectively.
- ✓ Equation of a straight line in the intercept form is  $x/a+y/b=1$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are called the X-intercept and the Y-intercept respectively. If  $a > 0$ , the line cuts the positive X-axis and if  $a < 0$  the line cuts the negative X-axis. Similarly the line cuts the positive or the negative Y-axis according as  $b > 0$  or  $b < 0$  respectively.
- ✓ Equation of a straight line in the normal form is  $x\cos\theta+y\sin\theta=p$ ,  $p > 0$ ;  $ON=p$  is the length of the normal (perpendicular from the origin on the line) which makes an angle with  $OX$ .
- ✓ Equation of a straight line in the two point form passing through the two given points  $(x_1,y_1)$  and  $(x_2,y_2)$  is  $\frac{y-y_1}{x-x_1}=\frac{y_2-y_1}{x_2-x_1}$
- ✓ Equation of a straight line in the point -slope form is  $y-y_1=m(x-x_1)$ , where  $m$  is the slope of the line passing through the point  $(x_1,y_1)$ .
- ✓ Equation of a straight line passing through the point of intersection of the straight lines  $a_1x+b_1y+c_1=0$  and  $a_2x+b_2y+c_2=0$  is  $(a_1x+b_1y+c_1)+k(a_2x+b_2y+c_2)= 0$

**TIP NOTE:**

- ✓ Area of the triangle whose vertices are  $(x_1,y_1)$ ,  $(x_2,y_2)$ , and  $(x_3,y_3)$  is -

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



### Fig 2.0 Area of triangle

- ✓ 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.



### Fig 3.0 Area of triangle is zero

#### QUIZ: (Before checking the solution, first try it by yourself)

1. Find the equation of the line, which makes intercepts -3 and 2 on the x and y- axes respectively.
2. Equation a line is  $3x - 4y + 10 = 0$ . Find its
  - (i) slope,
  - (ii) X and y-intercepts.
3. Show that two lines  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0$  and  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0$ , where  $b_1, b_2$  is not equal to (i.e.  $\neq$ ) 0 are:
  - (i) Parallel if  $a_1/b_1 = a_2/b_2$ ,
  - (ii) Perpendicular if  $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 = 0$

#### Solutions:

1. Here,  $a = -3$  and  $b = 2$ . By intercept form, equation of the line is

$$x/(-3) + y/2 = 1 \text{ or } 2x - 3y + 6 = 0$$

2. (i) Given, equation  $3x - 4y + 10 = 0$  can be written as-

$$y = (3/4)x + (5/2)$$

If we compare this with  $y = mx + c$ , we have slope of the given line as  $m = 3/4$

- (ii) Equation  $3x - 4y + 10 = 0$  can be written as-

$$3x - 4y = -10 \text{ or } x/(-10/3) + y/(5/2) = 1$$

Here,  $a = -10/3$  and  $y$ -intercept as  $b = 5/2$ , if you compare it with the intercept equation.

3. Given, lines can be written as-

$$y = -(a_1/b_1)x - (c_1/b_1) \quad \dots (1)$$

$$y = -(a_2/b_2)x - (c_2/b_2) \quad \dots (2)$$

Slopes of the lines (1) and (2) are  $m_1 = -a_1/b_1$  and  $m_2 = -a_2/b_2$ , respectively. Now

(i) Lines are parallel, if  $m_1 = m_2$ , which gives-

$$-(a_1/b_1) = -(a_2/b_2) \text{ or } (a_1/b_1) = (a_2/b_2)$$

(ii) Lines are perpendicular, if  $m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$ , which gives-

$$(a_1/b_1) * (a_2/b_2) = -1 \text{ or } a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 = 0$$

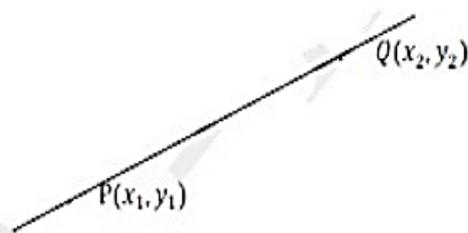
### Slope of a line:

If  $\theta$  is the inclination of a line  $l$ , then  $\tan \theta$  is called the slope or gradient of the

2. A line parallel to  $y$ -axis makes an angle of  $90^\circ$  with  $x$ -axis, so its slope is  $\tan \frac{\pi}{2} = \infty$ .

### Slope of Line when Passing from two given points:

If  $P(x_1, y_1)$  &  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  So,  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$



line  $l$ .

- The slope of a line whose inclination is  $90^\circ$  is not defined.
- The slope of a line is denoted by  $m$ .
- Thus,  $m = \tan \theta$ ,  $\theta \neq 90^\circ$
- It may be observed that the slope of  $x$ -axis is zero and slope of  $y$ -axis is not defined.

**Slope of a line when coordinates of any two points on the line are given:**

slope of line  $l = m = \tan \theta = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)}$

**Conditions for parallelism of lines in terms of their slopes:**

Two non vertical lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are parallel if and only if their slopes are equal.

$m_1 = m_2.$

$\tan \alpha = \tan \beta.$

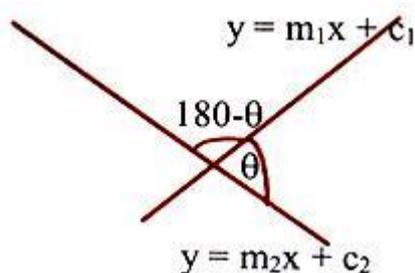
**Conditions for perpendicularity of lines in terms of their slopes:**

Two non-vertical lines are perpendicular to each other if and only if their slopes are negative reciprocals of each other

$m_1 m_2 = -1.$

**Angle between two lines**

**ANGLE BETWEEN TWO STRAIGHT LINES:**



**Fig 4.0** Angle between two straight lines

(1) The angle between the straight lines  $y = m_1x + c_1$  and  $y = m_2x + c_2$  is given by-  
 $\tan = \frac{|m_2 - m_1|}{|1 + m_2m_1|}$  These lines are parallel if  $m_1 = m_2$  and perpendicular if  $m_1m_2 = -1$

(2) The angle between the straight lines  $a_1x+b_1y+c_1=0$  and  $a_2x+b_2y+c_2=0$  is given by

$$\tan\theta = \frac{|a_1b_2 - a_2b_1|}{|a_1a_2 + b_1b_2|}$$

**QUIZ: (Before checking the solution, first try to do it yourself)**

1. Line through the points (-2, 6) and (4, 8) is perpendicular to the line through the points (8, 12) and (x, 24). Find the value of x ?

**Solution:**

Slope of the line through the points (-2,6) and (4,8) is-

$$m_1 = \frac{(8-6)}{(4-(-2))} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Slope of the line through the points (8, 12) and (x, 24) is-

$$m_2 = \frac{(24-12)}{(x-8)} = \frac{12}{(x-8)}$$

Since two lines are perpendicular,  $m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$ , which gives-

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{12}{x-8}\right) = -1 \text{ or } x=4$$

Distance of a point from a straight line:

The distance of the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  from the line  $Ax+By+C=0$ , is  $\frac{|Ax_1+By_1+C|}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}$

**TIP NOTE:**

When the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  and the origin lie on the opposite sides of the straight line  $Ax+By+C=0$ , then  $d = \frac{Ax_1+By_1+C}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}$  gives a positive value and when the point and origin lie on the same side of the line then  $d$  gives a negative value and that is why modulus sign is used for  $d$ .

The obtuse angle (say  $\phi$ ) can be found by using  $\phi = 180^\circ - \theta$ .

**Collinearity of three points:**

three points are collinear if and only if slope of AB = slope of BC.

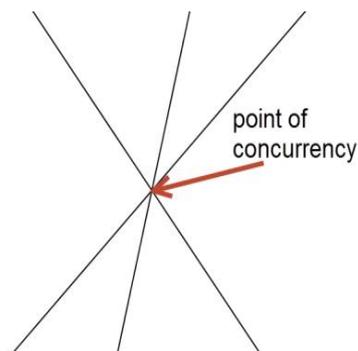
**ANGLE BISECTORS:**

If straight lines  $a_1x+b_1y+c_1=0$  and  $a_2x+b_2y+c_2=0$  intersect, then the equations of the bisectors of the angles between the lines are-

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

### **CONCURRENCE OF THREE STRAIGHT LINES:**

If the straight lines  $a_1x+b_1y+c_1=0$ ,  $a_2x+b_2y+c_2=0$  and  $a_3x+b_3y+c_3=0$  are concurrent; then  $a_1 (b_2c_3 - b_3c_2) + b_1 (c_2a_3 - c_3a_2) + c_1 (a_2b_3 - a_3b_2) = 0$



**Fig 5.0** Point of concurrency

The condition can be expressed in terms of determinant as-

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

### **POSITION OF TWO POINTS WITH RESPECT TO A STRAIGHT LINE:**

Let  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  be two given points and  $ax+by+c=0$  be the equation of a given straight line.

- ✓ If  $ax_1+by_1+c$  and  $ax_2+by_2+c$  have the same sign, then the given points lie on the same side of the given line.
- ✓ If  $ax_1+by_1+c$  and  $ax_2+by_2+c$  have opposite sign, then the given points lie on the opposite sides of the given line.

**Quiz: (Before checking the solution, try to solve it by yourself)**

1. Find the equation of a line perpendicular to the line  $x-2y+3=0$  and passing through the point  $(1,-2)$ .
2. Find the distance between the parallel line  $3x-4y+7=0$  and  $3x-4y+5=0$

**Solution:**

1. Given, line  $x-2y+3 = 0$  can be written as -

$$y = (1/2)x + (3/2)$$

Slope of the line (1) is  $m_1=1/2$ . Therefore, slope of the line perpendicular to line (1) is -

$$m_2 = - (1/m_1) = - 2$$

Equation of the line with slope  $-2$  and passing through the point  $(1,-2)$  is -  
 $Y - (-2) = -2 (x-1)$  or  $y = - 2x$ , which is the required equation.

2. Here,  $A=3, B=-4, C_1=7$  and  $C_2=5$ ,

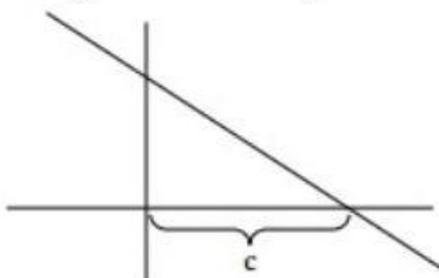
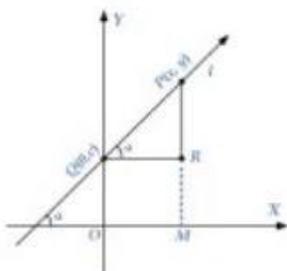
Therefore, the required distance is -

$$d = |7-5| / \sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2} = 2/5$$

## Different forms of the equation of a straight line:

### 1. Slope intercept form of a line:

The equation of a line with slope  $m$  and making an intercept  $c$  on  $y$  – axis is  $y = mx + c$



The equation of a line with slope  $m$  and making an intercept  $c$  on  $x$  – axis is  $y = m(x - c)$

### 2. Point - slope form of a line:

The equation of a line which passes through the point (given)  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and has the slope 'm' is

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1).$$

### 3. Two point form of a line:

The equation of a line passing through two points  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  is

$$y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} (x - x_1)$$

### 4. Intercept form of a line:

The equation of a line which cuts off intercepts 'a' and 'b' respectively from the  $x$  – axis and  $y$  – axis is  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$ .

### 5. Normal form or Perpendicular form of a line:

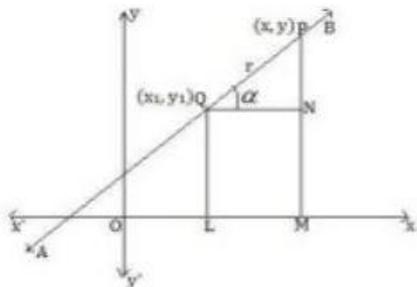
The equation of the straight line upon which the length of the perpendicular from the origin is  $p$  and this Perpendicular makes an angle  $\alpha$  with  $x$  – axis is

**6. Distance form of a line:**

The equation of the straight line passing through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and 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 distance of the point  $(x, y)$  on the line from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$



**Transformation of general equation in different standard forms:**

1. Transformation of  $Ax + By + C = 0$  in the slope intercept form  $y = m x + c$

$$y = \left(-\frac{A}{B}\right)x + \left(-\frac{C}{B}\right)$$

This is of the form  $y = m x + c$ , where

$$m = -\frac{A}{B} = -\frac{\text{coefficient of } x}{\text{coefficient of } y}, \text{ and intercept on } y\text{-axis} = -\frac{C}{B} = -\frac{\text{constant}}{\text{coefficient of } y}$$

2. Transformation of  $Ax + By + C = 0$  in intercept form  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$

$$\frac{x}{\left(-\frac{C}{A}\right)} + \frac{y}{\left(-\frac{C}{B}\right)} = 1$$

$$\text{Intercept on } x\text{-axis} = -\frac{C}{A} = -\frac{\text{constant term}}{\text{coefficient of } x}, \text{ Intercept on } y\text{-axis} = -\frac{C}{B} = -\frac{\text{constant term}}{\text{coefficient of } y}$$

3. Transformation of  $Ax + By + C = 0$  in intercept form  $x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha = p$

$$-\frac{A}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}x - \frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}y = \frac{C}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}$$

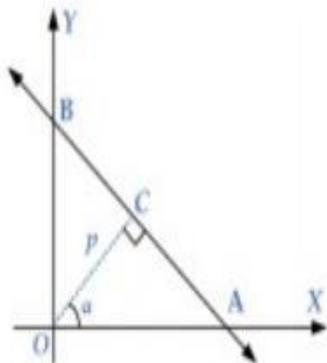
$$\text{Here } \cos \alpha = -\frac{A}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}} \text{ and } \sin \alpha = -\frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}; p = \pm \frac{C}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}$$

**Distance between two parallel lines:**

**Step (i):** Find the co-ordinates of any point on one of the given line, by putting  $x=0$  and  $y=0$

**Step(ii):** The perpendicular distance of this point from the other line is the required distance between the lines.

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



### Concurrent Lines:

Three or more than three straight lines are said to be concurrent if they pass through a common point i.e., they meet at a point.

**Condition of concurrency of three lines:**

$$a_1(b_2c_3 - b_3c_2) + b_1(c_2a_3 - c_3a_2) + c_1(a_2b_3 - a_3b_2) = 0$$

### EQUATIONS OF FAMILY OF LINES THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF TWO LINES

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1 + k(A_2x + B_2y + C_2) = 0$$

where  $k$  is a constant and also called parameter.

This equation is of first degree of  $x$  and  $y$ , therefore, it represents a family of lines.

### DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO PARALLEL LINES

Working Rule to find the distance between two parallel lines:

- (i) Find the co-ordinates of any point on one of the given lines, preferably by putting  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ .
- (ii) The perpendicular distance of this point from the other line is the required distance between the lines.

## Questions and Answers

### 1 Mark Each:

**1. Find the value of x for which the points (x, - 1), (2, 1) and (4, 5) are collinear.**

**Solution:**

Here we have,

Points (x, - 1), (2, 1) and (4, 5) are collinear,

Slope of AB = Slope of BC

Then,  $(1+1)/(2-x) = (5-1)/(4-2)$

$$2/(2-x) = 4/2$$

$$2/(2-x) = 2$$

$$2 = 2(2-x)$$

$$2 = 4 - 2x$$

$$2x = 4 - 2$$

$$2x = 2$$

$$x = 2/2$$

$$= 1$$

Thus, The required value of x is 1.

**2. Find the slope of a line, which passes through the origin, and the mid-point of the line segment joining the points P (0, - 4) and B (8, 0).**

**Solution:**

Here we have,

The co-ordinates of mid-point of the line segment joining the points P (0, - 4) and B (8, 0) are  $(0+8)/2, (-4+0)/2 = (4, -2)$

The slope 'm' of the line non-vertical line passing through the point (x<sub>1</sub>, y<sub>1</sub>) and (x<sub>2</sub>, y<sub>2</sub>) is given by  $m = (y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1)$  where,  $x \neq x_1$

The slope of the line passing through (0, 0) and (4, -2) is  $(-2-0)/(4-0) = -1/2$

Thus, The required slope is  $-1/2$ .

**3. Without using the Pythagoras theorem, show that the points (4, 4), (3, 5) and (-1, -1) are the vertices of a right-angled triangle.**

**Solution:**

Given,

The vertices of the given triangle are (4, 4), (3, 5) and (-1, -1).

The slope (m) of the line non-vertical line passing through the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by  $m = (y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1)$  where,  $x \neq x_1$

So, the slope of the line AB ( $m_1$ ) =  $(5-4)/(3-4) = 1/-1 = -1$

the slope of the line BC ( $m_2$ ) =  $(-1-5)/(-1-3) = -6/-4 = 3/2$

the slope of the line CA ( $m_3$ ) =  $(4+1)/(4+1) = 5/5 = 1$

It is observed that,  $m_1 \cdot m_3 = -1 \cdot 1 = -1$

Hence, the lines AB and CA are perpendicular to each other

So, given triangle is right-angled at A (4, 4)

And the vertices of the right-angled  $\Delta$  are (4, 4), (3, 5) and (-1, -1)

**4. Find the equation of the line passing through the point (5, 2) and perpendicular to the line joining the points (2, 3) and (3, -1).**

**Solution:**

Here we have points A (5, 2), B (2, 3) and C (3, -1)

Firstly, we find the slope of the line joining the points (2, 3) and (3, -1)

Slope of the line joining two points =  $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

$$\therefore m_{BC} = \frac{-1 - 3}{3 - 2} = -\frac{4}{1} = -4$$

It is given that line passing through the point (5, 2) is perpendicular to BC

$$\therefore m_1 m_2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow -4 \times m_2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow m_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Therefore slope of the required line =  $\frac{1}{4}$

Now, we have to find the equation of line passing through point (5, 2)

Equation of line:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$\Rightarrow y - 2 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4y - 8 = x - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 5 - 4y + 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 4y + 3 = 0$$

Hence, the equation of line passing through the point (5, 2) is  $x - 4y + 3 = 0$

### 5. Find the Slope of a line which cuts off intercepts of equal lengths on the axes.

**Solution:**

We know that the equation of line in intercept form is

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

Where a and b are the intercepts on the axis.

Given that  $a = b$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x + y = a$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -x + a$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (-1)x + a$$

Since, the above equation is in  $y = mx + b$  form

So, the slope of the line is  $-1$ .

### 6. Find the distance between P ( $x_1, y_1$ ) and Q ( $x_2, y_2$ ) when PQ is parallel to the y-axis,

**Solution:**

Here we have,