Exercise 4.3

1. Find the area of the triangle with vertices at the points given in each of the following:

Sol. (i) Area of the triangle having vertices at (1, 0), (6, 0), (4, 3)

$$= \text{Modulus of } \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along first row,

$$= \frac{1}{2} [1(0-3) - 0(6-4) + 1(18-0)]$$

i.e., Area of triangle = modulus of $\frac{1}{2}(-3 + 18)$

$$= \left| \frac{15}{2} \right| = \frac{15}{2}$$
 sq. units

(:. Modulus of a positive number is number itself) (*ii*) Area of the triangle having vertices at (2, 7), (1, 1), (10, 8).

= Modulus of
$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 10 & 8 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along first row

$$= \frac{1}{2} [2(1-8) - 7(1-10) + 1(8-10)]$$

= $\frac{1}{2} [2(-7) - 7(-9) - 2] = \frac{1}{2} (-14 + 63 - 2)$
= $\frac{1}{2} (63 - 16)$

i.e., Area of triangle = $\left|\frac{47}{2}\right| = \frac{47}{2}$ sq. units.

(:: Modulus of a positive real number is number itself) (*iii*) Area of the triangle having vertices at

$$(-2, -3), (3, 2), (-1, -8) \text{ is}$$

Modulus of $\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -8 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$
$$= \frac{1}{2} [-2(2+8) - (-3) (3+1) + 1(-24+2)]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} [-2(10) + 3(4) - 22] = \frac{1}{2} (-20 + 12 - 22)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(-42 + 12) = \frac{1}{2}(-30) = -15$$

∴ Area of triangle = Modulus of - 15 *i.e.*, = |-15|
= 15 sq. units

- (∴ Modulus of a negative real number is negative of itself)
 2. Show that the points A(a, b + c), B(b, c + a), C(c, a + b) are collinear.
- **Sol.** The given points are A(a, b + c), B(b, c + a), C(c, a + b).
 - $\therefore \text{ Area of triangle ABC is modulus of } \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} a & b+c & 1 \\ b & c+a & 1 \\ c & a+b & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along first row,

$$= \frac{1}{2} [a(c + a - a - b) - (b + c)(b - c) + 1(b(a + b) - c(c + a))]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [a(c - b) - (b^2 - c^2) + (ab + b^2 - c^2 - ac)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (ac - ab - b^2 + c^2 + ab + b^2 - c^2 - ac) = \frac{1}{2} (0) = 0$$

i.e., Area of $\triangle ABC = 0$

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: Points A, B, C are collinear (See above figure).

3. Find values of k if area of triangle is 4 sq. units and vertices are:

(i) (k, 0), (4, 0), (0, 2) (ii) (-2, 0), (0, 4), (0, k).

Sol. (i) Given: Area of the triangle whose vertices are (k, 0), (4, 0), (0, 2) is 4 sq. units.

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Modulus of } \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$
$$\Rightarrow \text{ Modulus of } \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} k & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

Expanding along first row, $\left| \frac{1}{2} \{k(0-2) - 0 + 1(8-0)\} \right| = 4$

 $\Rightarrow \quad \left| \frac{1}{2} \left(-2k+8 \right) \right| = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |-k+4| = 4$

$$\Rightarrow -k + 4 = \pm 4$$

[:. If $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and |x| = a where $a \ge 0$, then $x = \pm a$] Taking positive sign, -k + 4 = 4

$$\Rightarrow -k = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow k = 0$$

Taking negative sign, -k + 4 = -4

 $\Rightarrow -k = -8 \Rightarrow k = 8 \quad \text{Hence} \quad k = 0, k = 8.$ (*ii*) **Given:** Area of the triangle whose vertices are (-2, 0), (0, 4), (0, k) is 4 sq. units.

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Modulus of } \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$
$$\Rightarrow \text{ Modulus of } \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & k & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

Expanding along first row, $\left| \frac{1}{2} \{ -2(4-k) - 0 + 1(0-0) \} \right| = 4$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{2} (-8 + 2k) \right| = 4 \Rightarrow |-4 + k| = 4$$
$$\Rightarrow 4 + k = +4$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \Rightarrow & -4+k=\pm 4\\ (\because & \text{If } \mid x \mid = a \text{ where } a \geq 0, \text{ then } x=\pm a)\\ \text{Taking positive sign, } -4+k=4 \Rightarrow k=4+4=8\\ \text{Taking negative sign, } -4+k=-4 \Rightarrow k=0\\ \text{Hence,} & k=0, k=8. \end{array}$

- 4. (i) Find the equation of the line joining (1, 2) and (3, 6) using determinants.
 - (*ii*) Find the equation of the line joining (3, 1) and (9, 3) using determinants.
- Sol. (i) Let P(x, y) be any point on the line joining the points (1, 2) and (3, 6).
 - ... Three points are collinear.

$$P(x, y)$$
 (1, 2) $P(x, y)$ (3, 6) $P(x, y)$

 \therefore Area of triangle that could be formed by them is zero.

Multiplying both sides by 2, and expanding the determinant on left hand side along first row,

x(2-6) - y(1-3) + 1(6-6) = 0

 \Rightarrow - 4x + 2y = 0. Dividing by - 2, 2x - y = 0

or -y = -2x *i.e.*, y = 2x which is the required equation of the line.

- (ii) Let P(x, y) be any point on the line joining the points (3, 1) and (9, 3).
 - \therefore Three points are collinear.

P(x, y) (3, 1) P(x, y) (9, 3) P(x, y)

 \therefore Area of triangle that could be formed by them is zero.

 $\Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Multiplying both sides by 2 and expanding the determinant on left hand side along first row,

$$x(1-3) - y(3-9) + 1(9-9) = 0$$

- 2x + 6y = 0

Dividing by -2, x - 3y = 0 which is the required equation of the line.

- 5. If area of triangle is 35 sq. units with vertices (2, -6), (5, 4) and (k, 4). Then k is
- (A) 12 (B) 2 (C) 12, -2
 (D) 12, -2.
 Sol. Given: Area of triangle having vertices (2, -6), (5, 4) and (k, 4) is 35 sq. units.

$$\therefore \text{ Modulus of} \left(\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -6 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 \\ k & 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 35 \quad \text{(Given)}$$

Expanding along first row,

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$$\left|\frac{1}{2}\left\{2(4-4) - (-6)(5-k) + 1(20-4k)\right\}\right| = 35$$
$$\left|\frac{1}{2}\left\{0 + 30 - 6k + 20 - 4k\right\}\right| = 35$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{2} (50 - 10k) \right| = 35 \Rightarrow |25 - 5k| = 35$$
$$\Rightarrow 25 - 5k = \pm 35$$

[:. If |x| = a where $a \ge 0$, then $x = \pm a$] Taking positive sign, $25 - 5k = 35 \implies -5k = 10$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad k = \frac{-10}{5} = -2$$

Taking negative sign, 25 - 5k = -35 $\Rightarrow -5k = -60 \Rightarrow k = 12$ Thus, k = 12, -2 \therefore Option (D) is the correct answer.