

**RD SHARMA**  
**Solutions**  
**Class 10 Maths**  
**Chapter 14**

**Ex 14.4**

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- Find the centroid of the triangle whose vertices are:

(i)  $(1, 4), (-1, -1)$  and  $(3, -2)$

**Sol:**

We know that the coordinates of the centroid of a triangle whose vertices are

$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$  are

$$\left( \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3} \right)$$

So, the coordinates of the centroid of a triangle whose vertices are

$(1, 4), (-1, -1)$  and  $(3, -2)$  are  $\left( \frac{1-1+3}{3}, \frac{4-1-2}{3} \right)$

$$= \left( 1, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

- Two vertices of a triangle are  $(1, 2), (3, 5)$  and its centroid is at the origin. Find the coordinates of the third vertex.

**Sol:**

Let the coordinates of the third vertex be  $(x, y)$ , Then

Coordinates of centroid of triangle are

$$\left( \frac{x+1+3}{3}, \frac{y+2+5}{3} \right)$$

We have centroid is at origin  $(0, 0)$

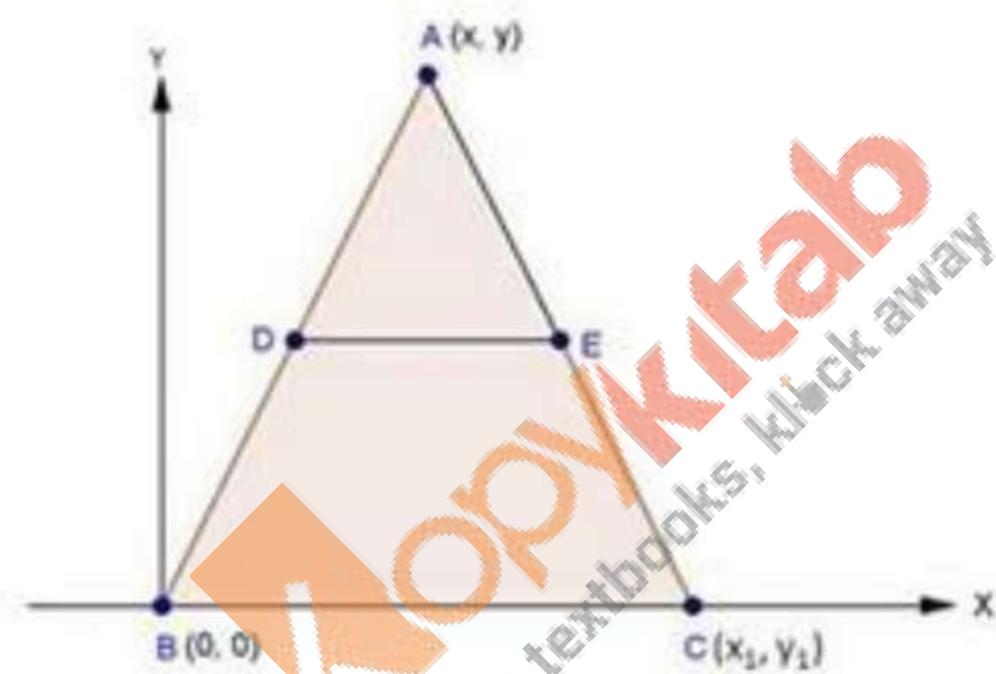
$$\therefore \frac{x+1+3}{3} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{y+2+5}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x+4=0 \quad \Rightarrow y+7=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x=-4 \quad \Rightarrow y=-7$$

- i. Prove analytically that the line segment joining the middle points of two sides of a triangle is equal to half of the third side.

Sol:



Let  $ABC$  be a triangle such that  $BC$  is along  $x$ -axis

Coordinates of A, B and C are  $(x, y), (0, 0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$

D and E are the mid-points of AB and AC respectively

$$\text{Coordinates of D are } \left( \frac{x+0}{2}, \frac{y+0}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2} \right)$$

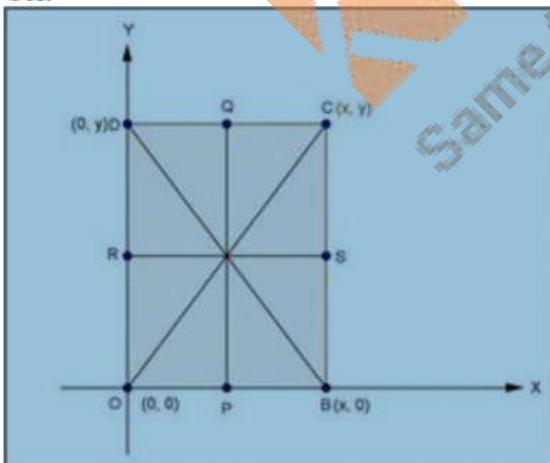
$$\text{Coordinates of E are } \left( \frac{x+x_1}{2}, \frac{y+y_1}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Length of } BC = \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Length of DE} &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{x+x_1}{2} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y+y_1}{2} - \frac{y}{2}\right)^2} \\&= \sqrt{\left(\frac{x_1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y_1}{2}\right)^2} \\&= \sqrt{\frac{x_1^2}{4} + \frac{y_1^2}{4}} \\&= \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}(x_1^2 + y_1^2)} \\&= \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \\&= \frac{1}{2}BC\end{aligned}$$

4. Prove that the lines joining the middle points of the opposite sides of a quadrilateral and the join of the middle points of its diagonals meet in a point and bisect one another.

**Sol:**



Let  $OBCD$  be the quadrilateral  $P, Q, R, S$  be the midpoint off  $OB, CD, OD$  and  $BC$ .

Let the coordinates of  $O, B, C, D$  are  $(0,0), (x,0), (x,y)$  and  $(0,y)$

Coordinates of  $P$  are  $\left(\frac{x}{2}, 0\right)$

Coordinates of Q are  $\left(\frac{x}{2}, y\right)$

Coordinates of R are  $\left(0, \frac{y}{2}\right)$

Coordinates of S are  $\left(x, \frac{y}{2}\right)$

Coordinates of midpoint of  $PQ$  are

$$\left[\frac{\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{2}}{2}, \frac{0+y}{2}\right] = \left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right)$$

Coordinates of midpoint of  $RS$  are  $\left[\frac{(0+x)}{2}, \frac{\frac{y}{2} + \frac{y}{2}}{2}\right] = \left[\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right]$

Since, the coordinates of the mid-point of  $PQ$  = coordinates of mid-point of RS

$\therefore PQ$  and  $RS$  bisect each other

5. If G be the centroid of a triangle ABC and P be any other point in the plane, prove that  $PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2 = GA^2 + GB^2 + GC^2 + 3GP^2$ .

Sol:

Let  $A(0,0), B(a,0)$ , and  $C(c,d)$  are the o-ordinates of triangle ABC

Hence,  $G\left[\frac{c+0+a}{3}, \frac{d}{3}\right]$

i.e.,  $G\left[\frac{a+c}{3}, \frac{d}{3}\right]$

let  $P(x,y)$

To prove:

$$PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2 = GA^2 + GB^2 + GC^2 + 3GP^2$$

$$\text{Or, } PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2 = GA^2 + GB^2 + GC^2 + GP^2 + GP^2 + GP^2$$

$$\text{Or, } PA^2 - GP^2 + PB^2 - GP^2 + PC^2 + GP^2 = GA^2 + GB^2 + GC^2$$

Proof:

$$PA^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$GP^2 = \left(x - \frac{a+c}{3}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{d}{3}\right)^2$$

$$PB^2 = (x-a)^2 + y^2$$

$$PC^2 = (x-c)^2 + (y-d)^2$$

L.H.S

$$\begin{aligned}
&= x^2 + y^2 - \left[ x^2 + \left( \frac{a+c}{3} \right)^2 + 2x \frac{(a+c)}{3} + y^2 + \frac{d^2}{9} - \frac{2yd}{3} \right] + (x-a)^2 + y^2 \\
&\quad - \left[ x^2 + \left( \frac{a+c}{3} \right)^2 - 2x \left( \frac{a+c}{3} \right) + y^2 + \frac{d^2}{9} - \frac{2yd}{3} \right] + (x-c)^2 + (y-d)^2 \\
&\quad - \left[ x^2 + \left( \frac{a+c}{3} \right)^2 - 2x \left( \frac{a+c}{3} \right) + y^2 + \frac{d^2}{9} - \frac{2yd}{3} \right] \\
&= x^2 + y^2 + x^2 + a^2 - 2ax + y^2 + x^2 + c^2 - 2xc + y^2 + d^2 - 2yd - 3 \\
&\quad \left[ x^2 + \left( \frac{a+c}{3} \right)^2 - 2x \left( \frac{a+c}{3} \right) + y^2 + \frac{d^2}{9} - \frac{2yd}{3} \right] \\
&= 3x^2 + 3y^2 + a^2 + c^2 + d^2 - 2ax - 2xc - 2yd - \frac{(a+c)^2}{3} + 2x(a+c) - 3x^2 - \frac{d^2}{3} + 2yd \\
&= a^2 + c^2 + d^2 - 2ax - 2xc - 2yd - \frac{a^2 + c^2 + 2ac}{3} + 2ax + 2cx - \frac{d^2}{3} + 2yd \\
&= \frac{3a^2 + 3c^2 + 3d^2 - a^2 - c^2 - 2ac - d^2}{3} = \frac{2a^2 + 2c^2 + 2d^2 - 2ac}{3} = L.H.S
\end{aligned}$$

Solving R.H.S

$$GA^2 + GB^2 + GC^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
GA^2 &= \left( \frac{a+c}{3} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{d}{3} \right)^2 = \frac{a^2 + c^2 + 2ac}{9} + \frac{d^2}{9} \\
GC^2 &= \left( \frac{a+c}{3} - a \right)^2 + \left( \frac{d}{3} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{c-2a}{3} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{d}{3} \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{a^2 + 4c^2 - 4ca}{9} + \frac{4d^2}{9} \\
GB^2 &= \left( \frac{a+c}{3} - a \right)^2 + \left( \frac{d}{3} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{c-2a}{3} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{d}{3} \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{c^2 + 4a^2 - 4ac}{9} + \frac{d^2}{9} \\
GA^2 + GB^2 + GC^2 &= \frac{a^2 + c^2 + 2ac}{9} + \frac{d^2}{9} + \frac{a^2 + 4c^2 - 4ac}{9} + \frac{4d^2}{9} + \frac{c^2 + 4a^2 - 4ac}{9} + \frac{d^2}{9} \\
&= \frac{a^2 + c^2 + 2ac + d^2 + a^2 + 4c^2 - 4ac + 4d^2 + c^2 + 4a^2 - 4ac + d^2}{9} \\
&= \frac{6a^2 + 6c^2 + 6d^2 + 6ac}{9} = \frac{2a^2 + 2c^2 + 2d^2 + 2ac}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore L.H.S = R.H.S$$