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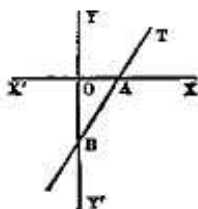
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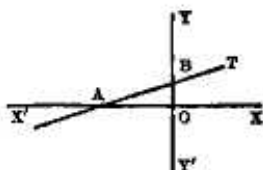


### EXERCISES [A].

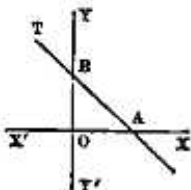
1.  $3x - 2y = 4$ . When  $y = 0$ , then  $x = 1\frac{1}{3}$ ; and when  $x = 0$ , then  $y = -2$ . Therefore, take  $OA = 1\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $OB = 2$ . Then  $AB$  is the line required.



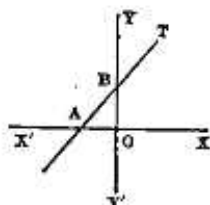
2.  $x + 3 = 4y$ . When  $y = 0$ , then  $x = -3$ ; and when  $x = 0$ , then  $y = \frac{3}{4}$ . Therefore, take  $OA = 3$ ,  $OB = \frac{3}{4}$ . Then  $AB$  is the line required.



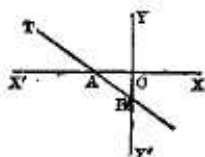
3.  $4x + 5y = 6$ . When  $y = 0$ , then  $x = 1\frac{1}{2}$ ; and when  $x = 0$ , then  $y = 1\frac{1}{5}$ . Therefore, take  $OA = 1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $OB = 1\frac{1}{5}$ . Then  $AB$  is the line required.



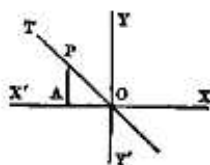
4.  $\frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{3}x = 5$ ; or  $3y - 4x = 60$ .  
 When  $y=0$ , then  $x=-15$ ; and  
 when  $x=0$ , then  $y=20$ . There-  
 fore, take  $OA=15$ ,  $OB=20$ . Then  
 $AB$  is the line required.



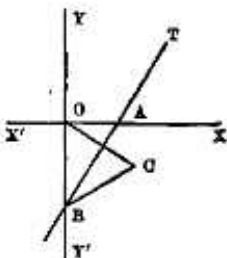
5.  $3x + 4y = -5$ . When  $y=0$ ,  
 then  $x=-1\frac{2}{3}$ ; and when  $x=0$ ,  
 then  $y=-1\frac{1}{4}$ . Therefore, take  
 $OA=1\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $OB=1\frac{1}{4}$ . Then  $AB$  is  
 the line required.



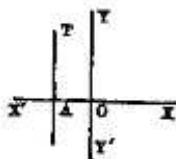
6.  $x + y = 0$ ; or  $y = -x$ . Here  
 the coefficient of  $x$  is  $-1$  which is  
 the tangent of  $135^\circ$ . Therefore,  
 make  $\text{TOX} = 135^\circ$ , and  $OT$  is the  
 line required. For any point  $P$   
 being taken in  $OT$  will make  $AP$   
 $= OA$ , or  $y = -x$ .



7.  $x\sqrt{3} - y = 8$ ; or  $y = \sqrt{3}x - 8$ .  
 Here the coefficient of  $x$  is  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  
 which is the tangent of  $60^\circ$ . There-  
 fore, take  $OB=8$ , and on it describe  
 the equilateral triangle  $OCB$ . The  
 straight line  $BAT$  passing through  
 the middle point of  $OC$  is the line  
 required. For  $\text{TAX} = \text{OAB} = 90^\circ$   
 $-\text{OBA} = 60^\circ$ .

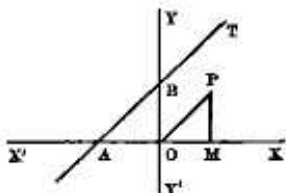


8.  $x = -2$ . This signifies that  
 the abscises of every point on the  
 required line is  $-2$ . There-  
 fore, take  $OA=2$ , and the required  
 line is  $AT$ , parallel to the axis  
 of  $y$ .

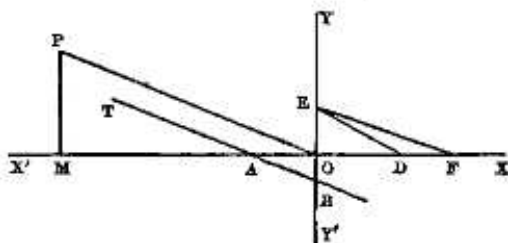




9.  $\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{2}y$ ; or  $y = \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{4}{3}$ . Here the tangent of the angle which the line makes with the axis of  $x$  is  $\frac{4}{3}$ ; therefore, take  $\frac{PM}{OM} = \frac{4}{3}$ , and join  $OP$ ; then take  $OB = 1\frac{1}{3}$ , and through  $B$  draw parallel to  $OP$  the required line  $AT$ .



10.  $6y + x\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{10} = 0$ ; or  $y = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{6}x - \frac{\sqrt{10}}{6}$ .



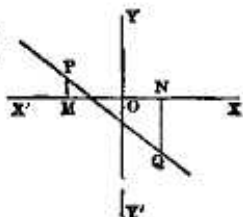
Here the tangent being  $-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{6}$ , take  $OM = 6$ ,  $PM = \sqrt{5}$ , and join  $OP$ ; then take  $OB = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{10}$ , and through  $B$  draw parallel to  $OP$  the required line  $AT$ .

To find lines corresponding to  $\sqrt{5}$  and  $\sqrt{10}$ , we may take  $OE = 1$ ,  $OD = 2$ , and  $ED$  will be  $= \sqrt{5}$ ; and if  $OF$  be taken  $= 3$ , the line  $EF$  will be  $= \sqrt{10}$ .

EXERCISES [B].

1. Take  $ON, QN, = 3, 5$ ;  $OM, PM, = 5, 2$ ; the line  $PQ$  is that required.

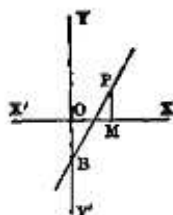
From art. 15 we have  
 $y + 5 = \frac{2 + 5}{-5 - 3}(x - 3)$ ; whence  
 $7x + 8y = 19$ .



2. Take  $OB=12$ ;  $OM, PM, =11$ ,  
7;  $PB$  is the required line. Its  
equation (by art. 15) is

$$y+12=\frac{7+12}{11+0}(x-0);$$

$$\text{or } 19x-11y=132.$$



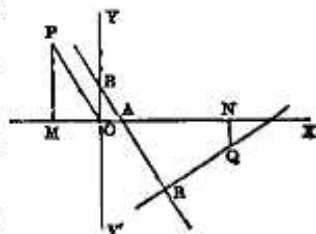
3. The given line is  $y=7x-36$ . And, by art. 16, the  
equation to a line passing through the point  $(0, 0)$  parallel  
to the given line is  $y-0=7(x-0)$ , or  $3x=7y$ .

Also the equation to a line passing through the point  
 $(13, 4)$  parallel to the given line is

$$y-4=7(x-13); \text{ or } 3x-7y=11.$$

4. The given line is  
 $y=-\frac{4}{3}x+\frac{1}{3}$ . Take therefore  
 $OB=\frac{1}{3}$ , and  $\frac{PM}{OM}=\frac{4}{3}$ ; join  $OP$ ,  
and through  $B$ , parallel to  $OP$ ,  
draw  $AB$ , which represents  
the given line.

Then take  $AN=5$ ,  $QN=1$ ,  
and the perpendicular  $QR$  on  
 $AB$  is the required line.



Now, by art. 18,  $y+1=\frac{3}{7}(x-5)$ ; or  $3x-5y=20$ .

5. The given line is  $y=-\frac{7}{13}x+14$ . And by art. 19 we  
have

$$y-30=\frac{-\frac{7}{13}+1+\sqrt{3}}{1+\frac{7}{13}+\sqrt{3}}(x-5);$$

or, rationalising the denominators,

$$y-30=\frac{305\sqrt{3}+448}{+109}(x-5);$$

which gives for the required equations

$$109y+(448\pm 305\sqrt{3})x-5(1102\pm 305\sqrt{3})=0.$$

6. By art. 20,  $PQ^2 = (5+7)^2 + (-4-12)^2 = 12^2 + 16^2$   
 $= 400$ ;  $\therefore PQ = 20$ .

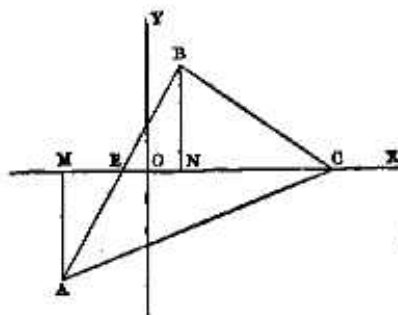
7. By art. 20,  $PQ^2 = (-12-16)^2 + (15-36)^2 = 28^2 + 21^2$   
 $= 1225$ ;  $\therefore PQ = 35$ .

8. Here  $y$  may be taken as the common ordinate of the point of intersection. From the 1st and 2nd equations therefore we obtain  $x = -16$ ,  $y = -15$ ; which values being put for  $x$  and  $y$  in the 3rd equation form the identity  $-45 = -32 - 13$ . Therefore the three lines meet at one point.

9. Taking  $y$  to denote the common ordinate of the point of intersection, we have  $\frac{1}{2}x + 3 = 6x - 12$ ; whence we obtain  $x = \frac{30}{11}$ ,  $y = \frac{15}{11}$ ; and, by substitution,  $\frac{4}{11}x = -\frac{2}{11}m + 8$ ; which gives  $m = \frac{4}{3}$ .

10. From the given equations we obtain  $x = -5$ ,  $y = 4$ , which values being made the coordinates of a point to which a line is drawn from the origin, the equation to that line will be  $4x = -5y$ , or  $4x + 5y = 0$ .

11. Take  $OM, AM, = 21, 25$ ;  $ON, BN, = 5, 26$ ;  $OC = 46$ ;



and join  $AB, BC, CA$ , to form the proposed triangle.

By similar triangles we have

$$\frac{ME}{EN} = \frac{AM}{BN}; \text{ or } \frac{ME}{MN} = \frac{AM}{AM+BN}, \text{ that is, } \frac{ME}{26} = \frac{25}{51};$$

$$\text{hence } ME = \frac{650}{51}, \text{ and } EC = 67 - ME = 21\frac{1}{51}.$$

The required area is  $= \frac{1}{2}EC(AM+BN) = 2767 \div 2 = 1383\frac{1}{2}$