

## 1. Co-ordinates of points

The **system of reference** is :

- a **fixed point** O, called the **origin**,
- a pair of perpendicular axes through O.

The horizontal line is called the **x-axis**, the vertical line is called the **y-axis**.

The **rectangular Cartesian coordinates** of a point M are given as an **ordered pair** of numbers ( $a ; b$ );

$a$  is the **abscissa**, or the **x-coordinate**

$b$  is the **ordinate**, or the **y-coordinate**

### Exercise 1

- a) Within the plan ( $\mathcal{P}$ ), draw a set of orthogonal axes, with origin O, and **scale** each of them using one square to one unit on each axis. **Plot** (or mark) the points A, B, C, D whose coordinates are given below :
- A(-3 ; 5)                      B(2; 3)                      C(-1; -4)                      D(3; -2)
- b) A is 3 squares to the left of O and 5 squares above the x-axis  
D is 3 squares to the right of O and 2 squares below the x-axis  
Write in the same way two sentences with B and C.

## 2. Coordinates of vectors

A **vector** is defined by its **Direction**, its **Sense** and its **Length** (also called **magnitude** or **modulus**) : D.S.L.

A **located** vector is one that can be described by an ordered pair of points in space :  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  from point A to B.

### Exercise 2

- a) As in exercise 1, plot                      A(1; 1)                      B(5; 4)                      C(-3; 2)                      D(-1; -2)
- b) As you go from A to B, you move 4 **across to the right** and 3 **up**, then  $\overrightarrow{AB}(4 ; 3)$   
As you go from A to D, you move 2 **across to the left** and 3 **down**, then  $\overrightarrow{AD}(-2 ; -3)$   
Make four other sentences expressing the coordinates of the vectors  $\overrightarrow{AC}$  and  $\overrightarrow{CD}$   
and their **opposite** vectors  $\overrightarrow{CA}$  and  $\overrightarrow{DC}$  .
- c) Check your answers with calculations.

### Exercise 3

- a) As in exercise 1, plot                      A(5; -2)                      B(2; 4)                      C(-3; 4)
- b) Using the coordinates of vectors, find D( $x ; y$ ) such as ABCD is a parallelogram.
- c) Check your answers working out the coordinates of the mid-points K and L of [AC] and [BD].

## 3. Length of a linear segment

Let A( $x_A ; y_A$ ) and B( $x_B ; y_B$ ) be two points.

Then the length of the linear segment AB is calculated by the formula :  $AB = \sqrt{(x_B - x_A)^2 + (y_B - y_A)^2}$

Use for the next two exercises an orthogonal system of axes, with origin O, with 1 cm to 1 unit.

Exercise 4 Plot A(1; 6), B(-1; 4) and C(2; 1)

- a) Calculate the lengths AB, BC and AC.
- b) Show that ABC is a right-angled triangle.
- c) Calculate its area  $\mathcal{A}$  and its perimeter  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Vocabulary    abscissa (*abscissae*) – across to the (*left / right*) – rectangular Cartesian coordinates – direction – DSL – fixed point – length – located – magnitude – ordered pair – ordinate – opposite – origin – to plot – to scale – sense – system of reference – vector – x-axis – y-axis

Exercise 5 Plot  $A(7; 3)$   $B(-4; 1)$   $C(-3; -2)$

- Show that  $\triangle ABC$  (triangle ABC) is isosceles.
- Give the coordinates of the foot K of the median [AK].
- Calculate the area  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $\triangle ABC$ .

## 4. Equations of straight lines

The **graph** of a **linear equation** of the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are not both zero, is a straight line. The slope-intercept form of the equation is  $y = mx + c$  where :

- $m$  is the **gradient**, which measures the **slope** of the line,
- $c$  is the **y-intercept**, which means that the line cuts the **y-axis** at the point of coordinates  $(0; c)$ , and corresponds to lines which are not parallel to the **y-axis**.

If  $m = 0$  then the line is parallel to the **x-axis**.

If  $c = 0$ , the line passes through the origin O, its equation is then  $y = mx$ .

If the gradient is positive, the line is **ascending** and makes an acute angle with the positive **x-axis**.

### Exercise 6

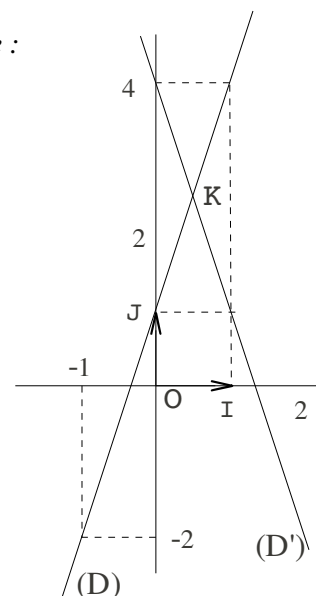
Make two sentences when the gradient is zero or negative, and draw three **sketches** illustrating these cases.

Exercise 7 – Copy this sketch on your exercise book, then use the graph and evaluate :

- the gradient, the y-intercept and the equation of (D)
- same question with (D')

Without any calculation, use the graph and evaluate :

- the ordinates of  $A(1; \quad)$  and  $B(-1; \quad)$  if  $A \in (D)$ ,  $B \in (D)$   
the ordinates of  $A'(1; \quad)$  and  $B'(0; \quad)$  if  $A' \in (D')$ ,  $B' \in (D')$
- the abscissae of  $E(\quad; 1)$  and  $F(\quad; -2)$  if  $E \in (D)$ ,  $F \in (D)$   
the abscissae of  $E'(\quad; 1)$  and  $F'(\quad; -2)$  if  $E' \in (D')$ ,  $F' \in (D')$
- the coordinates of the intersection point K of (D) and (D')



In all 3 exercises below, use an orthogonal system of axes with origin O, taking 1 cm to 1 unit, and draw figures in each case :

### Exercise 8

- Plot the points  $A(-3; 12)$  and  $B(-1; 4)$
- Calculate the gradient of (AB)
- Find the equation of the straight line through A and B
- Does  $C(4; -16)$  lie on (AB) ? Why ?
- Which particular point lies on (AB) ? Why ?
- Which point lies below or above (AB) :  $E(1; -4.1)$   $F(-2; 8.2)$

### Exercise 9

- Two lines are parallel if they have the same \_\_\_\_\_
- Find the equation of the straight line (D) which is parallel to (AB), where  $A(-1; 4)$  and  $B(3; 2)$  and which passes through  $C(4; 0)$
- Find the coordinates of the points K and L where the line (D) cuts the **x-axis** and the **y-axis** (use the graph)

### Exercise 10

(D) is the line with equation  $y = 4 - 3x$  and (D') is the line with equation  $y = 4x - 3$

Give the equation of the line ( $\Delta$ ) which is parallel to line (D) and cuts the **y-axis** in the same point as line (D')

Vocabulary ascending – gradient – graph – linear equation – sketch – slope – slope-intercept form – y-intercept