

Question :

If the foot of perpendicular from the origin to a straight line is at the point (3,-4). Then the equation of the line is

1) $3x - 4y - 25 = 0$

2) $3x - 4y = 25$

3) $4x + 3y + 25 = 0$

4) $4x + 3y - 25 = 0$

Solution:

Let P be the foot of the perpendicular from origin to a straight line.

The slope of OP is $= -4/3$

As we know that $m_1 m_2 = -1$ for perpendicular line

Hence the slope of the straight line is $3/4$.

It passes through the point (3, -4)

So required equation is $(y - y_1) = m(x - x_1)$

$$\Rightarrow (y + 4) = (3/4)(x - 3)$$

$$4y + 16 - 3x + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - 4y - 25 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - 4y = 25$$

Hence option (2) is correct.