

The sides of a rhombus $ABCD$ are parallel to the lines, $x - y + 2 = 0$ and $7x - y + 3 = 0$. If the diagonals of the rhombus intersect at $P(1, 2)$ and the vertex A (different from the origin) is on the y -axis, then the ordinate of A is

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- (a) 2
- (b) $\frac{7}{4}$
- (c) $\frac{7}{2}$
- (d) $\frac{5}{2}$

(d) Let the coordinate A be $(0, c)$

Equations of the given lines are

$$x - y + 2 = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$7x - y + 3 = 0$$

We know that the diagonals of the rhombus will be parallel to the angle bisectors of the two given lines; $y = x + 2$ and $y = 7x + 3$

\therefore equation of angle bisectors is given as:

$$\frac{x - y + 2}{\sqrt{2}} = \pm \frac{7x - y + 3}{5\sqrt{2}}$$

$$5x - 5y + 10 = \pm (7x - y + 3)$$

\therefore Parallel equations of the diagonals are $2x + 4y - 7 = 0$ and $12x - 6y + 13 = 0$

\therefore slopes of diagonals are $\frac{-1}{2}$ and 2.

Now, slope of the diagonal from $A(0, c)$ and passing through $P(1, 2)$ is $(2 - c)$

$\therefore 2 - c = 2 \Rightarrow c = 0$ (not possible)

$$\therefore 2 - c = \frac{-1}{2} \Rightarrow c = \frac{5}{2}$$

\therefore ordinate of A is $\frac{5}{2}$.