

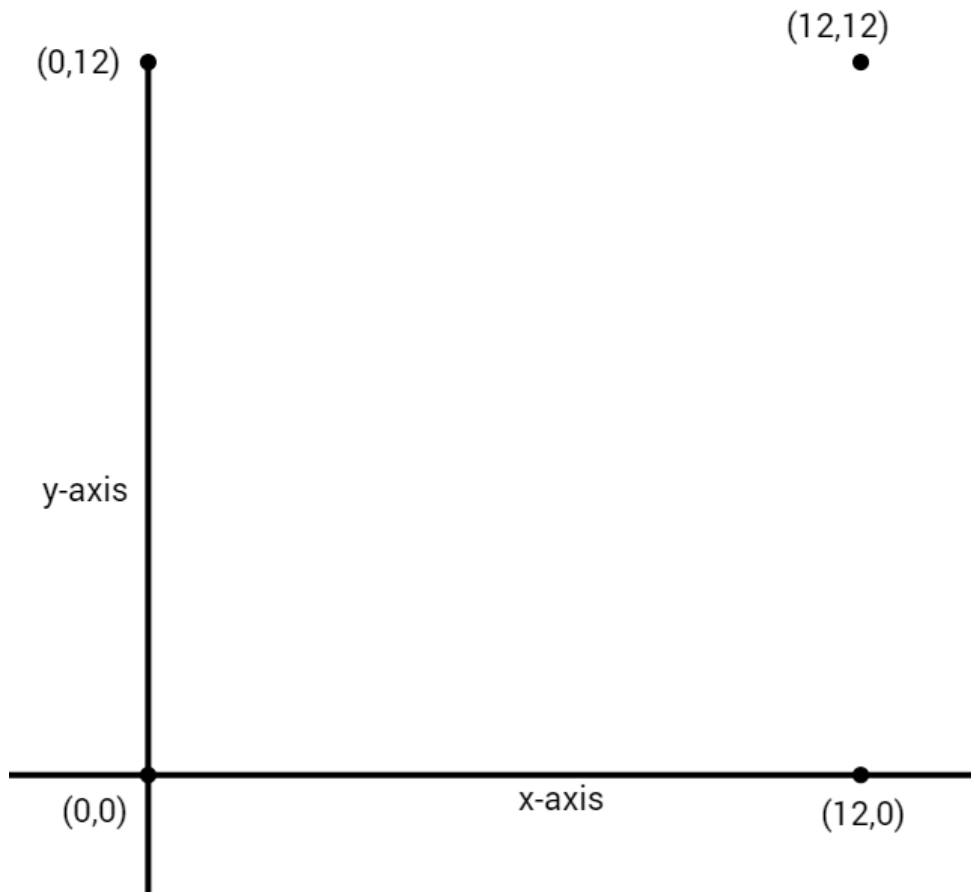
## Part 2: Use of two dimensional geometry

**Basic definitions:**

**Definition 1:**

There are two axes in the  $xy$ -plane, named the  $x$  – *axis* and the  $y$  – *axis*. In the figure below these axes are two lines crossing each other at  $90^\circ$ . The point of intersection is  $(0, 0)$ .

**Definition 2:** In the figure below we show some points using the notation  $P = (x, y)$  in the  $xy$ -plane where  $x$  is the  $x$ -coordinate and  $y$  is the  $y$ -coordinate of the point  $P$ .



**Quiz 1:**

Suppose that the point  $P = (a, b)$  where  $a = 2b$  and  $a + 2b = 40$ . What is  $(a, b)$ ?

1. (5, 10)
2. (10, 5)
3. (10, 20)
4. (20, 10)
5. (15, 15)

**Answer to Quiz 1:**

$$2b + 2b = 40, 4b = 40, b = 10, a = 2b = 20.$$

**Correct answer: (20, 10).**

**Examples of the use of  $xy$ -plane figures:**

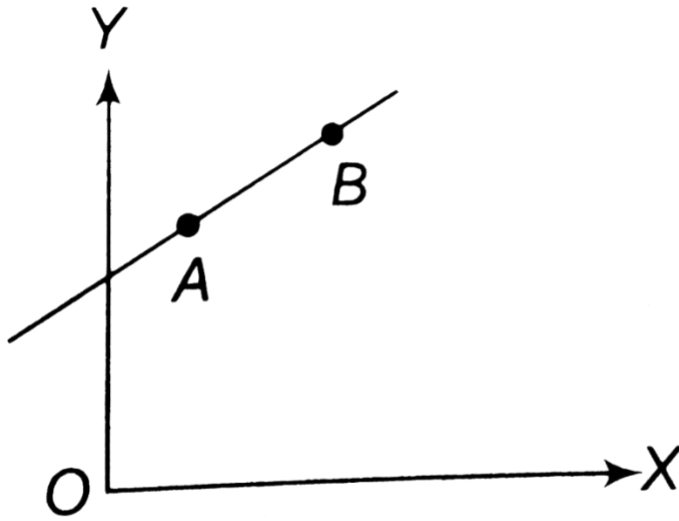
- a. Maps identifying the locations of places in a city where the  $x$ -coordinate indicates the West-East direction and the  $y$ -coordinate indicates the South-North direction.**
- b. Yearly prices of a specific product where the  $x$ -coordinate is the year and the  $y$ -coordinate is price in \$.**

**Definition 3: the slope of a line segment in the  $xy$ -plane is defined as the rate of change in the  $y$  direction divided by the rate of change in the  $x$  direction.**

**Example: if  $P = (u, v)$  and  $Q = (t, w)$  then the slope of the line segment from  $P$  to  $Q$  is:**

$$m = \frac{w-v}{t-u}.$$

In the figure below there is a line that goes through 2 points:  
 $A = (2, 7)$  and  $B = (7, 10)$ .



**Quiz 2:**

What is the slope of a line segment from the point  $A = (2, 7)$  to the point  $B = (7, 10)$ ?

1.  $\frac{2}{3}$
2.  $\frac{3}{4}$
3.  $\frac{3}{5}$
4.  $\frac{4}{5}$
5.  $\frac{5}{7}$

**Answer to Quiz 2:**

$$\frac{10-7}{7-2} = \frac{3}{5}.$$

**Quiz 3:**

**The slope of a line segment from the point (3, 5) to the point (7, y) is  $\frac{5}{2}$ . What is the value of y?**

- 1. 9**
- 2. 12**
- 3. 15**
- 4. 21**
- 5. 25**

**Answer to Quiz 3:**

The slope satisfies the following equation:  $\frac{y-5}{7-3} = \frac{5}{2}$ .

Thus,  $\frac{y-5}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$ ,  $y - 5 = \frac{4 \times 5}{2} = 10$ , so,  $y = 15$ .

**Quiz 4:**

The slope of a line segment from the point  $(3, 5)$  to the point  $(x, x + 8)$  is  $\frac{5}{2}$ . What is the value of  $x$ ?

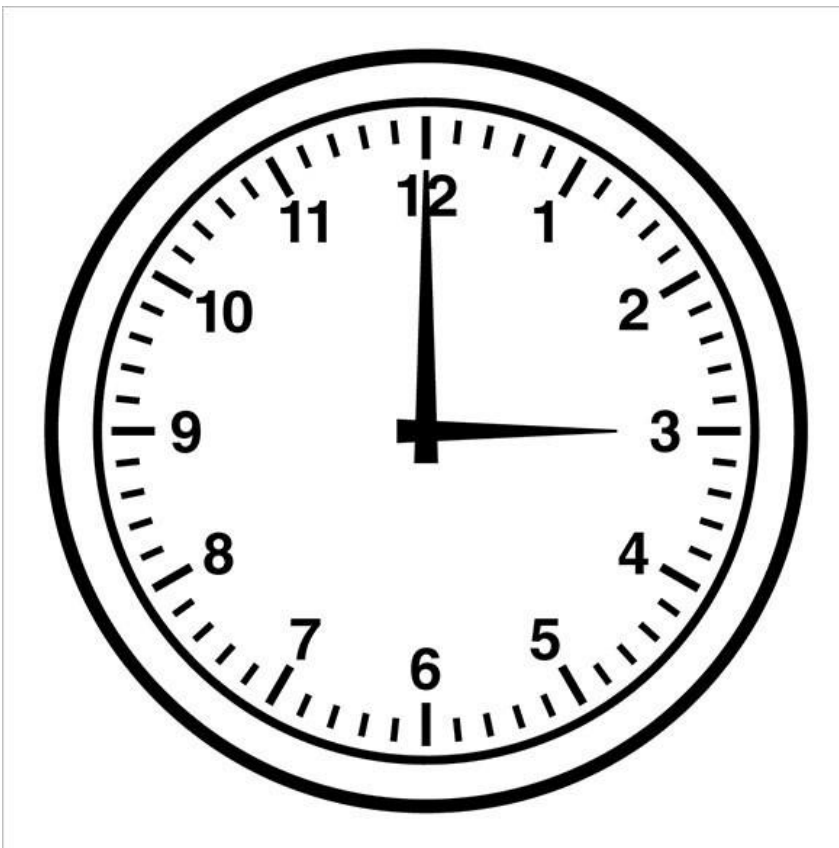
1. 3
2. 7
3. 10
4. 12
5. 15

**Answer to Quiz 4:**

The slope satisfies the following equation:  $\frac{x+8-5}{x-3} = \frac{5}{2}$ .

Thus,  $\frac{x+3}{x-3} = \frac{5}{2}$ ,  $2x + 6 = 5x - 15$ ,  $21 = 3x$ , so  $x = 7$ .

The clock below has two hands: an hour hand (H-hand) that completes one full circle ( $360^\circ$ ) every 12 hours, and a minute hand (M-hand) that completes one full circle every hour. The figure shows the time of 03:00 (3 hours and 00 minutes) when the H-hand points towards the number 3 and the M-hand points towards the number 12. At this time, the angle between the two hands of the clock is  $90^\circ$ .



**Quiz 5a:**

**How many degrees does the H-hand travel in 24 minutes?**

- 1. 2**
- 2. 6**
- 3. 9**
- 4. 12**
- 5. 15**

**Quiz 5b:**

**How many degrees does the M-hand travel in 24 minutes?**

- 1. 96**
- 2. 112**
- 3. 144**
- 4. 150**
- 5. 172**



**Answer to Quiz 5a:**

$\frac{360}{12} = 30$ , so the H-hand travels  $30^\circ$  every hour.

$30 \times \frac{24}{60} = \frac{24}{2} = 12$ , so in 24 minutes it travels  $12^\circ$ .

**Answer to Quiz 5b:**

The M-hand travels  $360^\circ$  every hour.

$360 \times \frac{24}{60} = 6 \times 24 = 144$ , so in 24 minutes it travels  $144^\circ$ .

**Definition of the time as a single number between 0 and 12:**

Define the time  $t$ , as a positive number,  $0 \leq t < 12$ . For example: the time  $t = 0$  corresponds to the time of 12:00 in the 4-digits notation.

**Examples:**

1) At time  $t = 0$  both hands point upwards in the direction of the number 12 in a clock figure similar to the previous figure.

2) at time  $t = 3$ , the H-hand points in the direction of the number 3, and the M-hand points in the direction of the number 12.

3) at time  $t = 3.5 = \frac{7}{2}$ , (or 03:30 in 4 digits notation), the H-hand points in a direction which is halfway between the numbers 3 and 4, and the M-hand points in the direction of the number 6.

As in example 3, in a fraction notation, in lowest terms, the fraction  $\frac{7}{2}$  is the time  $t = 3.5$  in decimal notation.

**Quiz 6:**

**What fraction, in lowest terms, represents the time 07:45?**

1.  $\frac{9}{7}$

2.  $\frac{52}{12}$

3. 7.9

4.  $\frac{31}{4}$

5.  $\frac{124}{12}$

**Answer to Quiz 6:**

The time of 07:45 is  $7 + \frac{45}{60} = 7 + \frac{3}{4}$  or  $\frac{7 \times 4 + 3}{4} = \frac{31}{4}$ .

**Quiz 7a:**

**What is the first time after 12:00 (4-digits notation), when both hands of the clock point in the same direction? Express your answer as a fraction in lowest terms.**

1.  $\frac{25}{24}$

2.  $\frac{13}{12}$

3.  $\frac{12}{11}$

4.  $\frac{11}{10}$

5.  $\frac{7}{6}$

**Quiz 7b:**

**How many times during a 12 hour period do both hands of the clock point in the same direction?**

1. 6

2. 11

3. 12

4. 22

5. 24

**Answer to Quiz 7a:**

**For each full circle of the M-hand, the H-hand travels  $\frac{1}{12}$  circle.**

**Thus, the circular speed of the M-hand is 12 times the circular speed of the H-hand. Obviously, the first time after 12: 00 where both hands point at the same direction is some time shortly after 01: 05.**

**Define that time as  $x$ .**

**a) The time that the H-hand traveled after 01: 00 is  $x - 1$ .**

**b) The time that the M-hand traveled after 01: 00 is  $x$ .**

**Since the M-hand travels 12 times faster than the H-hand,  $x$  satisfies the following equation:  $(x - 1) \times 12 = x$ .**

**So,  $12x - 12 = x$ ,  $11x = 12$ , so,  $x = \frac{12}{11}$ .**

**Answer to Quiz 7b:**

**Overlapping occurs at 12 and then once at some time after every hour except after the hour of 11. So, the total number is 11.**

**Define a different graphic representation of time.**

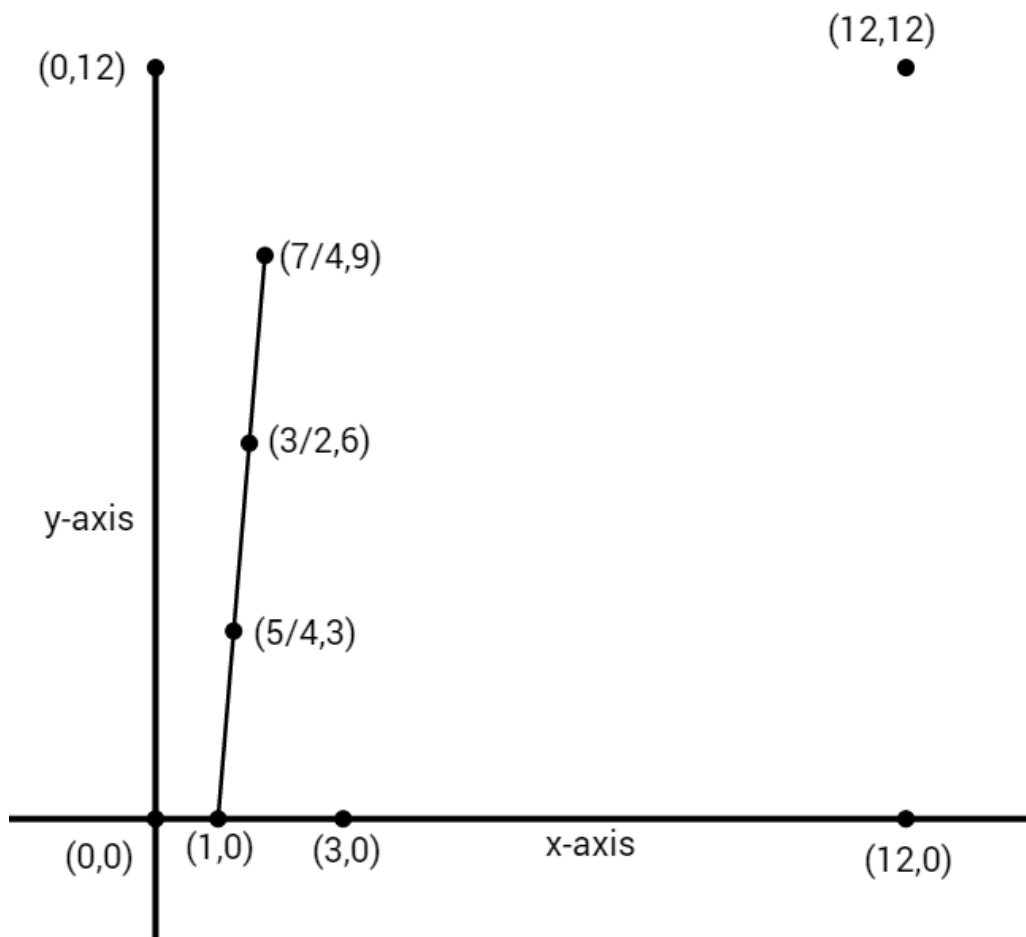
**The  $12 \times 12$  square (the figure below) where the  $x$  - *axis* is the location of the H-hand,  $0 \leq x < 12$ , and the  $y$  - *axis* is the location of the M-hand,  $0 \leq y < 12$ .**

**Not every point in this figure represents a valid time. The following valid times are shown on this graph using 3 different notations each:  $t_1 = 01:00 = 1 = (1, 0)$ ,**

$$t_2 = 01:15 = \frac{5}{4} = \left(\frac{5}{4}, 3\right), t_3 = 01:30 = \frac{3}{2} = \left(\frac{3}{2}, 6\right),$$

$$t_4 = 01:45 = \frac{7}{4} = \left(\frac{7}{4}, 9\right), \text{ and } t_5 = 03:00 = 3 = (3, 0).$$

**All points of valid times are located on the straight line segments. (So the line from  $t_1$  to  $t_4$  represent valid times).**



**Quiz 8:**

**What is the slope of the line segment from  $t_1$  to  $t_4$  ?**

**1. 1**

**2. 6**

**3. 12**

**4. 24**

**5. 60**

**Answer to Quiz 8:**

Using the two end points  $(1, 0)$  and  $(\frac{7}{4}, 9)$  of the line segment, we get:  $\frac{9-0}{\frac{7}{4}-1} = \frac{36}{7-4} = \frac{36}{3} = 12$ .

**Quiz 9:**

Extend the line in the diagram until  $y = 12$ . What is the length of the extended line?

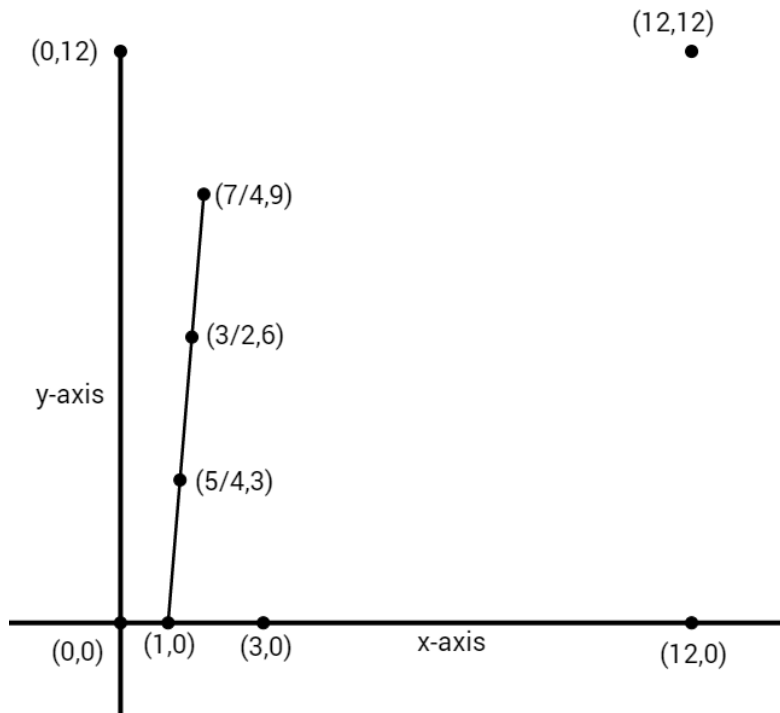
1.  $\sqrt{13}$

2. 13

3.  $\sqrt{72}$

4.  $\sqrt{145}$

5. 145



**Answer to Quiz 9:**

**A triangle (not shown in the figure) with vertices at  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ , and  $(2, 12)$  is a right triangle. Use the Pythagorean Theorem,  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  for a right triangle, with  $a = 1$ , and  $b = 12$ . Thus,  $c^2 = 1^2 + 12^2 = 1 + 144 = 145$ . So,  $c = \sqrt{145}$ .**

**In conclusion: all valid times are located on straight lines, each with slope of 12, and each starting at one of the following points:  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $(11, 0)$ , or a total of 12 parallel straight lines (each with slope of 12).**



**Quiz 10:**

**In the figure below, what is the largest  $x$ -coordinate of a valid time whose  $y$ -coordinate is 8? Express the answer as a fraction in lowest terms.**

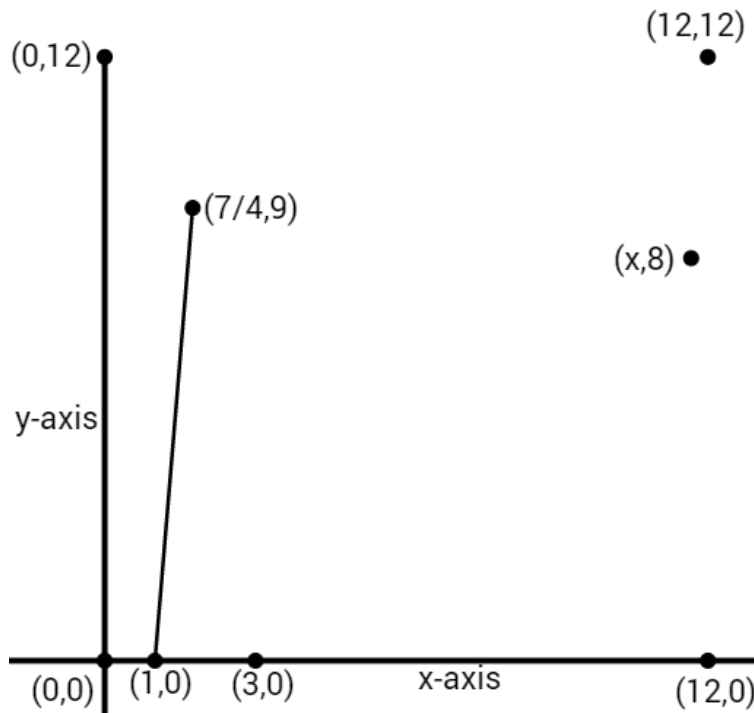
1.  $\frac{8}{11}$

2.  $\frac{40}{11}$

3.  $\frac{47}{12}$

4.  $\frac{35}{3}$

5.  $\frac{63}{5}$



**Answer to Quiz 10:**

In the notation that we use, any valid time  $0 \leq x < 12$ , can be rewritten as  $x = h + \frac{r}{5}$ , where  $h = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 11$ .  $h$  is the hour (integer value), and the minute value (not necessarily integer) is  $r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 60$ . Thus, the  $y$ -coordinate of this time is  $y = \frac{r}{5}$ .

So, given that  $8 = \frac{r}{5}$ ,  $r = 5 \times 8 = 40$ . Thus, the  $x$ -coordinate, satisfies the equation  $x = h + \frac{r}{60} = h + \frac{40}{60} = h + \frac{2}{3}$ . The largest possible  $h$  is  $h = 11$ , so  $x = 11 + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{35}{3}$ .

As mentioned before, there are 12 lines with slope of  $m = 12$  that represent all the valid times of the clock, namely

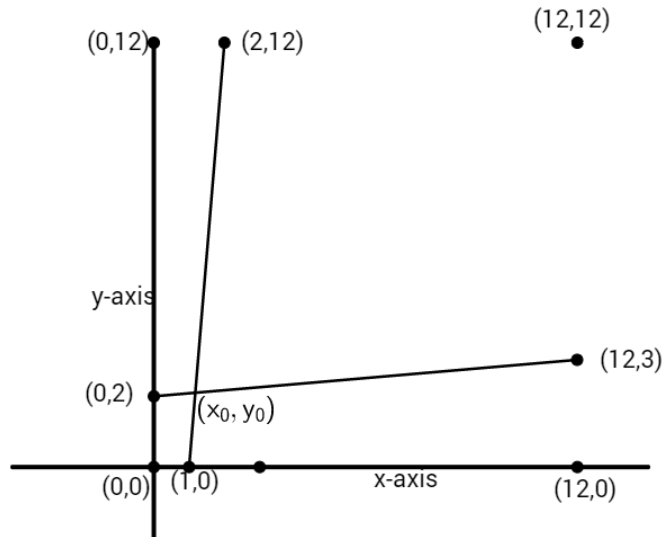
$$t = x = h + \frac{y}{12}, h = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 11, 0 \leq y < 12.$$

If we reflect the axes, (i.e. the  $x$  - *axis* is the location of the M-hand and the  $y$  - *axis* is the location of the H-hand), then all valid times will be the coordinates  $(x, y)$  that satisfy the equation  $t = y = h + \frac{x}{12}$ ,  $h = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 11, 0 \leq x < 12$ .

The figure below shows two lines: one of the 12 lines without reflecting the axes, and one of the 12 lines when the axes are reflected. Also shown is the intersection point,  $(x_0, y_0)$ , of these two lines. In general, the intersection point,  $(x_0, y_0)$ , where  $0 \leq x_0, y_0 < 12$ , of any such two lines satisfies two equations:

- 1)  $y_0 = h_1 + \frac{x_0}{12}$ ,  $h_1 = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 11$ ,
- 2)  $x_0 = h_2 + \frac{y_0}{12}$ ,  $h_2 = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 11$ ,

and this figure is for the specific case:  $h_1 = 2$ , and  $h_2 = 1$ .



So, the point  $(x_0, y_0)$  of the previous figure simultaneously satisfies the following 2 equations:

$$1) x = 1 + \frac{y}{12}, 0 \leq y < 12$$

$$2) y = 2 + \frac{x}{12}, 0 \leq x < 12$$

**Quiz 11:**

What is the value of the  $x$ -coordinate,  $x_0$ , of the point  $(x_0, y_0)$  that simultaneously satisfies the following equations:

$$1) x_0 = 1 + \frac{y_0}{12},$$

$$2) y_0 = 2 + \frac{x_0}{12},$$

1.  $\frac{13}{11}$

2.  $\frac{150}{141}$

3.  $\frac{168}{143}$

4.  $\frac{169}{144}$

5.  $\frac{18}{13}$

**Answer to Quiz 11:**

**Multiply both equations by 12:**

$$12x_0 = 12 + y_0,$$

$$12y_0 = 24 + x_0,$$

**Group the equations in order of  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ , and the free terms:**

$$y_0 - 12x_0 + 12 = 0,$$

$$12y_0 - x_0 - 24 = 0,$$

**Multiply each of the terms of the first equation by 12:**

$$12y_0 - 144x_0 + 144 = 0,$$

$$12y_0 - x_0 - 24 = 0,$$

**Subtract the second equation from the first equation:**

$$-143x_0 + 168 = 0,$$

**Thus,**

$$x_0 = \frac{168}{143},$$

**From here one can calculate the value of  $y_0$ :**

$$y_0 = 12x_0 - 12 = 12 \times \frac{168}{143} - 12 = 12 \times \left( \frac{168}{143} - 1 \right) =$$

$$y_0 = 12 \times \frac{168 - 143}{143} = \frac{12 \times 25}{143} = \frac{300}{143}$$

**Based on the discussion before, the point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a valid time before and after swapping the axes, which simply means swapping the H-hand and the M-hand of a clock. The same is true for all intersection points  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $0 \leq x_0, y_0 < 12$ , of the lines that simultaneously satisfy two equations:**

1)  $y_0 = h_1 + \frac{x_0}{12}$ ,  $h_1 = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 11$ ,

2)  $x_0 = h_2 + \frac{y_0}{12}$ ,  $h_2 = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 11$ ,

**How many such intersection points are there?**

**There are 144 intersection points of the lines. But one of the intersection points is (12, 12) which is outside the defined range. So there are a total of 143 such valid times.**