

5.3.6

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Question:

If the pair of equations $3x - y + 8 = 0$ and $6x - ry + 16 = 0$ represents coincident lines, then the value of r is

Solution:

Let :

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -8 \quad (0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -r \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -16 \quad (0.2)$$

For coincident lines:

$$\text{Rank}(\mathbf{r}_1 \quad \mathbf{r}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -r \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad (0.3)$$

solving using above equation :

$$R_2 = R_2 - 2R_1 \quad (0.4)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -r + 2 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad (0.5)$$

For the rank of above matrix to be one ,we need :

$$-r + 2 = 0 \quad (0.6)$$

$$r = 2 \quad (0.7)$$

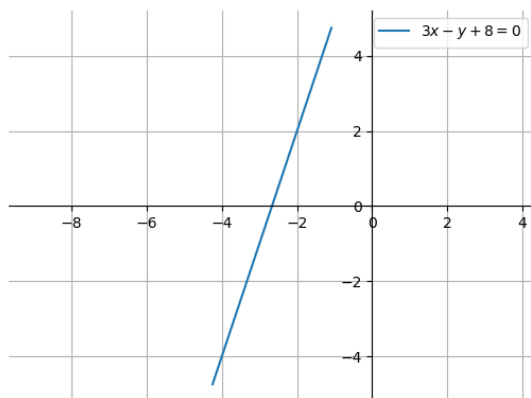


Fig. 0.1