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## Question

Find the equation of the lines which makes intercepts -3 and 2 on the x and y axes respectively.

## Solution

Let  $(-3, 0)$  and  $(0, 2)$  be the intercept points

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Equation of line is given by  $\mathbf{n}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{h}) = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 2 \quad (5)$$

Refer fig

