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Question:

Find the equation of line passing through the point (5, 2) and perpendicular to the line joining the points (2, 3) and (3, -1)

Solution:

Given :

Symbol	Value	Description
A	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	Given Point
B	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$	Given Point
P	$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$	Given Point

Let , **X** be a vector on the Required Line

Direction Vector for the Line **AB** ,

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

Direction Vector for the Required Line in terms of **X** ,

$$\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{P} = \left(\mathbf{X} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (0.2)$$

Direction Vector for the Line **AB** is perpendicular to the required line

$$\therefore (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^\top \left(\mathbf{X} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (0.3)$$

$$(1 \quad -4) \left(\mathbf{X} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (0.4)$$

Hence, the desired equation is

$$(1 \quad -4) \mathbf{X} = -3 \quad (0.5)$$

Fig:4.7.24

