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EE24BTECH11019 - DWARAK A

Question: Find the values of x for which the distance between the points $\mathbf{A}(x, 2)$ and $\mathbf{B}(9, 8)$ is 10 units.

Solution: Distance formula :

Variable	Description	Value
A	First point	$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$
B	Second point	$\begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$
d	Distance between A and B	10

TABLE 0: Variables Used

$$d = \|A - B\| \quad (0.1)$$

$$d = \sqrt{\|A\|^2 - 2A^\top B + \|B\|^2} \quad (0.2)$$

$$d^2 = \|A\|^2 - 2A^\top B + \|B\|^2 \quad (0.3)$$

Substituting values,

$$10^2 = (x \ 2) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - 2(x \ 2) \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} + (9 \ 8) \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.4)$$

$$100 = (x^2 + 4) - 2(9x + 16) + (81 + 64) \quad (0.5)$$

Rearranging terms,

$$x^2 - 18x + 17 = 0 \quad (0.6)$$

$$(x - 17)(x - 1) = 0 \quad (0.7)$$

So,

$$x_1 = 17 \quad (0.8)$$

$$x_2 = 1 \quad (0.9)$$

Finally,

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.10)$$

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.11)$$

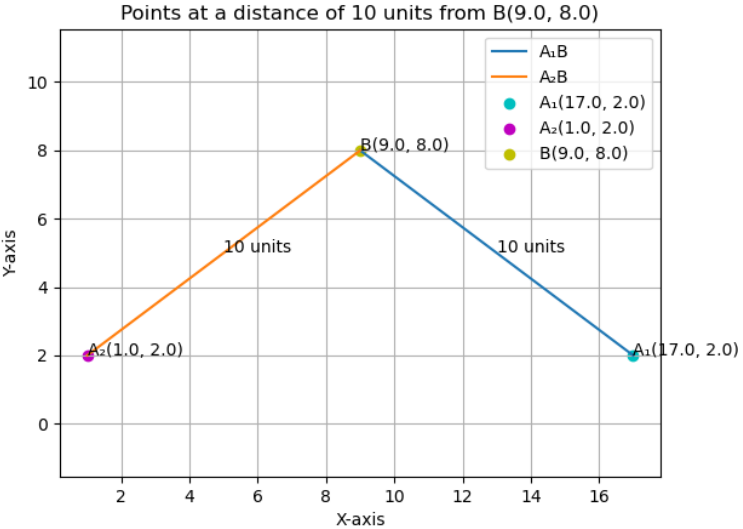


Fig. 0.1: Plot of points A_1 and A_2 at a distance of 10 units from B