Coordinate Geometry Revisited

A Matrix approach

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Problem

The straight line $2x$ - $3y = 1$ divides the circular region $x^2 + y^2 \leqslant 6$ into two parts. If

$$S = \left\{ \left(2, \frac{3}{4}\right), \left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right), \left(\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4}\right), \left(\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}\right) \right\}$$

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- Find the points which satisfy our condition using the constraints found in above steps

Matrix Transformation

Consider a matrix S_o with all the points in the set S stacked as follows:

$$S_o = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \frac{5}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{8} \\ \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now the normal vector to the given line is as follows:

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Hence the number of points lying in the smaller region of the circle is 2.

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