

Math Document Template

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Abstract—This is a simple document explaining how to get equation of line that passes through a particular point in a particular direction.

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svn co <https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/ncert/geometry/figs>

1 PROBLEM

Find the equation of the line that passes through $(2 -1 4)^T$ and is in the direction $(1 2 -1)^T$

2 SOLUTION

2.1. The figure for the straight lines obtained in the question looks like Fig. 2.2. The line at the direction of $(1 2 -1)^T$ is represented by \mathbf{b} and the line that passes through $(2 -1 4)^T$ is represented by \mathbf{a} .

2.2. Generating the points and the straight lines using python.

Solution: The following Python code generates Fig. 2.2

codes/line_Eqn1.py

As the line at the direction of $(1 2 -1)^T$ is represented by \mathbf{b} , so \mathbf{b} is the direction vector and the point is $\mathbf{a} = (2 -1 4)^T$ through which the line passes through.

From the problem statement, we got:

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

So, let us consider another point P with $\mathbf{r} = (x \ y \ z)^T$ on the line that passes through \mathbf{a} .

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{b} \quad (2.2)$$

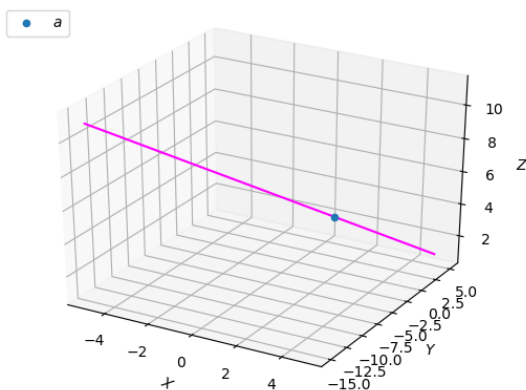


Fig. 2.2: The Straight line passing through a point at a particular direction