

AI1110 ASSIGNMENT 1

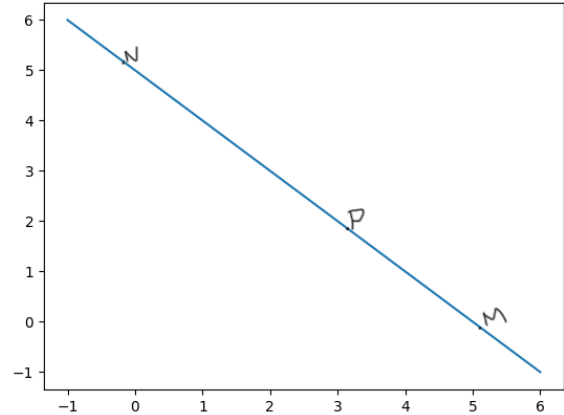
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Q3 (b): M and N are two points on the X axis and Y axis respectively. P(3, 2) divides the line segment MN in the ratio 2:3.

Find:

- (i) the coordinates of M and N
- (ii) the slope of MN.



Solution:

Given,

M and N are two points on X and Y axes respectively.

Define:

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.1) \implies \frac{3a}{5} = 3 \text{ and } \frac{2b}{5} = 2$$

$$\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.2) \implies a = 5 \text{ and } b = 5$$

Let

$$\mathbf{M} = a\mathbf{e}_1 \quad (0.0.3) \quad (i) \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{N} = b\mathbf{e}_2 \quad (0.0.4) \quad (ii) \text{ Slope of MN} = \frac{5-0}{0-5} = -1$$

P divides MN in the ratio 2:3.

According to Section formula,

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{2(\mathbf{N}) + 3(\mathbf{M})}{2+3} \quad (0.0.5)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{2b\mathbf{e}_2 + 3a\mathbf{e}_1}{5} \quad (0.0.6)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \left(\frac{3a}{5}\right)\mathbf{e}_1 + \left(\frac{2b}{5}\right)\mathbf{e}_2 \quad (0.0.7)$$

But we have,

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\left(\frac{3a}{5}\right)\mathbf{e}_1 + \left(\frac{2b}{5}\right)\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.8)$$

$$\left(\frac{3a}{5}\right)\mathbf{e}_1 + \left(\frac{2b}{5}\right)\mathbf{e}_2 = 3\mathbf{e}_1 + 2\mathbf{e}_2 \quad (0.0.9)$$