

Assignment 1

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1 Abstract

This document demonstrate to find the ratio of line segment if a line joining by two points and is divided by another line.

Problem Statement

In what ratio is the line joining $(-1, 1)$ and $(\frac{5}{7}, \frac{5}{7})$ divided by the line $[1 \ 1] x = 4$

2 Theory

We can solve these types of problems using following method :

Using basic coordinate geometary i.e division of a line by another line. We can find point of intersection of two line and the by using basic division formula we can find the ratio. Suppose a point $\mathbf{P} (x,y)$ is lies on line and divide the line in the ratio of m:n then,

$$x = \frac{x_2m + x_1n}{m + n} \quad (1)$$

$$y = \frac{y_2m + y_1n}{m + n} \quad (2)$$

We can find the equation of line using two point formula given as:

$$\frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad (3)$$

With above equations we can have two equation and two unknown and we can solve the quadratic equation and get the appropriate ration.

3 Solution

Using equation 3 :

$$\frac{y-1}{x+1} = \frac{7-5}{5+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y-1)6 = 6(x+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y - x = 2$$

Hence,

$$y - x = 2 \quad (4)$$

And,

$$y + x = 4 \quad (5)$$

Solving above these two equations, we get $x = 1$ and, $y = 3$

Now, applying section formula on line $y - x = 2$,

Let $\frac{m}{n} = k$, then,

$$\frac{kx_2 + x_1}{k + 1} = x \quad (6a)$$

$$\frac{5k - 1}{k + 1} = 1 \quad (6b)$$

$\Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{2}$, Similarly,

$$\frac{ky_2 + y_1}{k + 1} = y \quad (6c)$$

$$\frac{7k + 1}{k + 1} = 3 \quad (6d)$$

$\Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{2}$

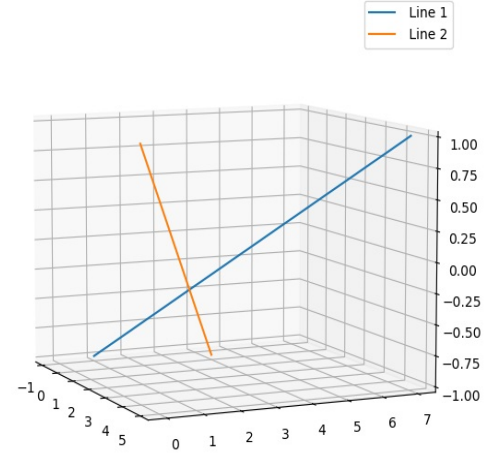


Figure 1: Intersection of two lines

Hence, the line joining $(-1, 1)$ and $(\frac{5}{7}, \frac{5}{7})$ will be divided by the line $[1 \ 1] x = 4$ in the ration of 1 : 2.