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Question 1.3.2

Find the equation of AD_1

Solution: Since AD_1 is a altitude, the normal vector to it will be

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} \tag{1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4\\6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3\\-5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1\\11 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

The normal equation of AD_1 will be

$$\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{A} \tag{4}$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{5}$$

Hence, we get the line

$$AD_1: (-1 \quad 11)\mathbf{x} = -12$$
 (6)

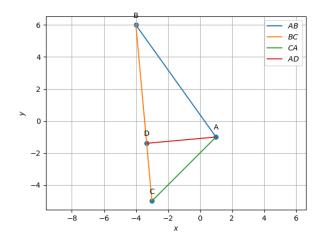


Fig. 1. Altitude plotted using python