ASSIGNMENT-2

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Fig. 2.1: Plot of Line AB (Part-1)

1 QUESTION NO-2.14 (LINEAR FORMS)

Find the equation of the line satisfying the following conditions

1) Intersecting the x-axis at a distance of 3 units to the let of the origin with slope -2.
2) Intersecting the y-axis at a distance of 2 units above the origin and making an angle of 30° with the positive direction of the x-axis.

2 SOLUTION

1) Given point $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and slope $m = -2$.

The direction vector is $\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$. Hence, the normal vector

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} \qquad (2.0.1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.2)$$

The equation of the line in terms of the normal vector is then obtained as

$$\mathbf{n}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \qquad (2.0.3)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = -6 \qquad (2.0.4)$$

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2) Given point $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$. From the given information we have, $\tan 30° = m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$.
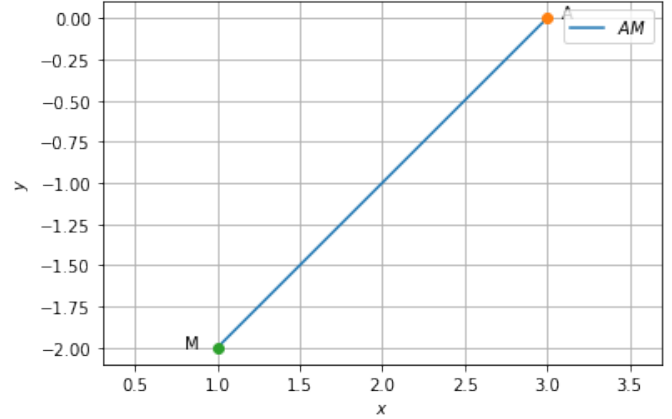
The direction vector is $\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \tan 30° \end{pmatrix}$. Hence, the normal vector

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{m} \qquad (2.0.5)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\tan 30° \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2.0.6)$$

The equation of the line in terms of the normal vector is then obtained as

$$\mathbf{n}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \qquad (2.0.7)$$

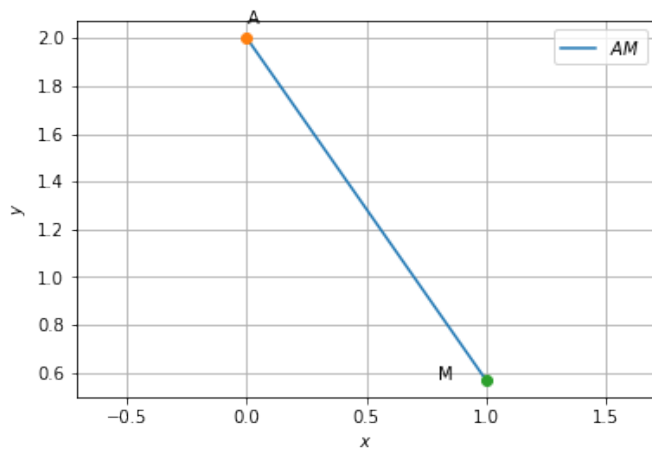$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 2\sqrt{3} \qquad (2.0.8)$$

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Fig. 2.2: Plot of Line AB (Part-2)