Assignment 1

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Find the points on the x-axis, whose distances from the line

$$(4 \ 3) \mathbf{x} = 12 \tag{1.0.1}$$

are 4 units.

2 EXPLANATION

First we can find the lines at a distance of 4 from the given line and then it's intersection with the xaxis.

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The parallel lines must have the same slope but different intercepts. Hence the lines must be of the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c_1} \tag{2.0.1}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c_2}$$
 (2.0.2)

These c1 and c2 can be easily found by evaluating the distance between the parallel lines:

$$\frac{|(c-12)|}{\sqrt{4^2+3^2}} = 4\tag{2.0.3}$$

$$c = \pm 30$$
 (2.0.4)

The two parallel lines at a distance of 4 thus obtaine d are:

$$(4 \ 3) \mathbf{x} = 32 \tag{2.0.5}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -8 \tag{2.0.6}$$

Finally the points on x-axis are:

$$\mathbf{x} = 8 \tag{2.0.7}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = -2 \tag{2.0.8}$$

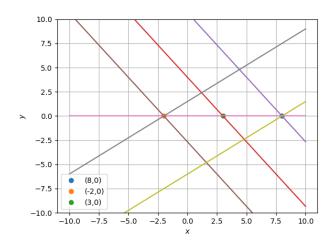


Fig. 0: Points on x-axis at a distance of 4 from the given line