

Proof. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^2$ where $a = (x_1, y_1)$, $b = (x_2, y_2)$, and $x_1 \neq x_2$. So,

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

$$y = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}(x - x_1) + y_1 \quad (\text{combining equations})$$

$$= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}x - \frac{x_1 y_2 - x_1 y_1}{x_2 - x_1} + y_1$$

$$= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}x - \frac{x_1 y_2 - x_1 y_1}{x_2 - x_1} + \frac{x_2 - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}y_1$$

$$= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}x - \frac{x_1 y_2 - x_1 y_1}{x_2 - x_1} + \frac{x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}x + \frac{-x_1 y_2 + x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}x + \frac{x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_2}{x_2 - x_1}$$

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