

Question: Find the value of x if the distance between points $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is 5 units.

Solution:

| Symbol | Value | Description |
|----------|---|---|
| A | $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ | Point A |
| B | $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ | Point B |
| d | 5 | Distance between points A and B |

TABLE 0: Given Values

Given,

$$\|AB\| = d \quad (0.1)$$

$$\|AB\|^2 = d^2 \quad (0.2)$$

$$AB^tAB = d^2 \quad (0.3)$$

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) \right)^T \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) \right) = d^2 \quad (0.4)$$

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) = d^2 \quad (0.5)$$

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^T \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_1^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) + (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})^T \mathbf{e}_2 \mathbf{e}_2^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) = d^2 \quad (0.6)$$

$$\|\mathbf{e}_1^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})\|^2 + \|\mathbf{e}_2^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})\|^2 = d^2 \quad (0.7)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{A} + \sqrt{d^2 - (\mathbf{e}_2^T (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}))} \quad (0.8)$$

Solving,

$$x = 3 \text{ (or) } x = -3 \quad (0.9)$$

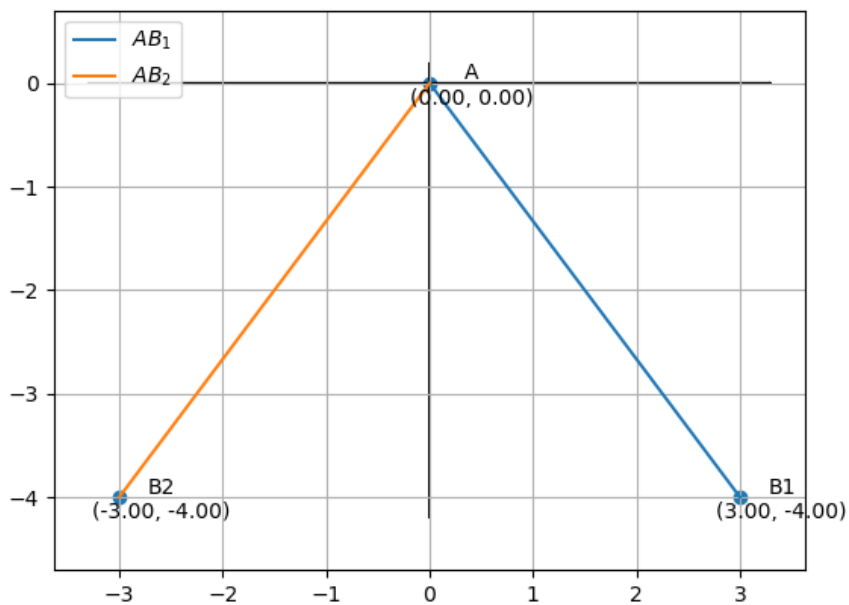


Fig. 0.1: Points **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**