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The set of vectors of the form $\begin{bmatrix} 3x_4 \\ 8+x_4 \\ 2-5x_4 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$ with x_4 free

can also be represented in parametric vector form

by $\vec{v} = t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

That set is a line through $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ parallel

to the line through $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

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In this case we want to describe the line through

$\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Let's call our line M .

We can calculate the slope

of our line by considering

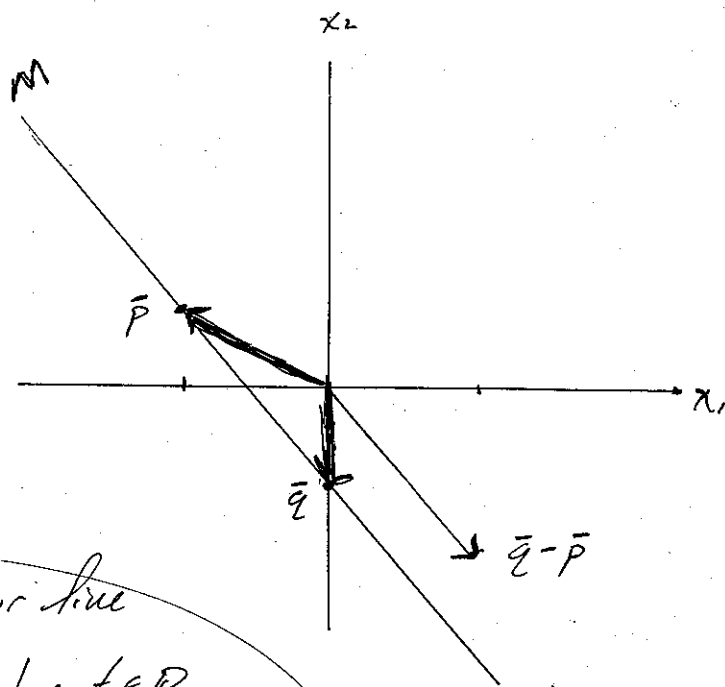
$\vec{q} - \vec{p}$ (or $\vec{p} - \vec{q}$).

$\vec{q} - \vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$. So, the

slope of M is $-\frac{7}{6}$.

A parametric equation for our line

becomes $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ where $t \in \mathbb{R}$.



This line is parallel to the line through the origin and $\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$. That is the line defined by $\vec{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.