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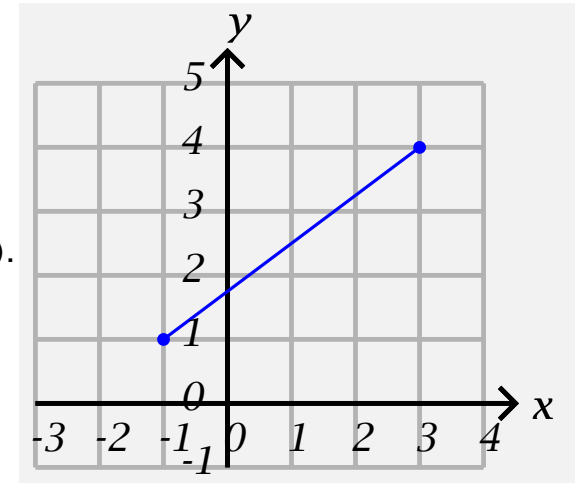
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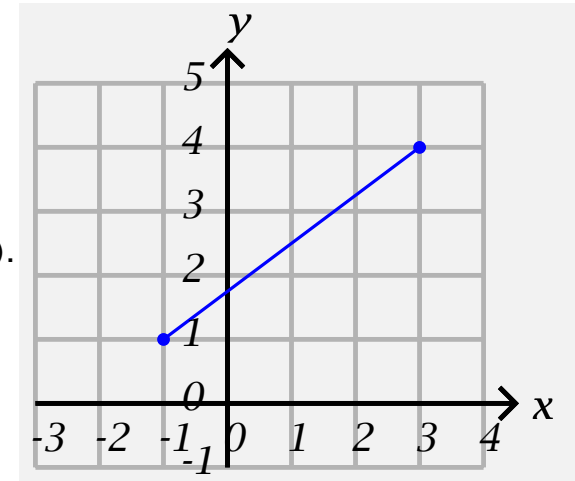
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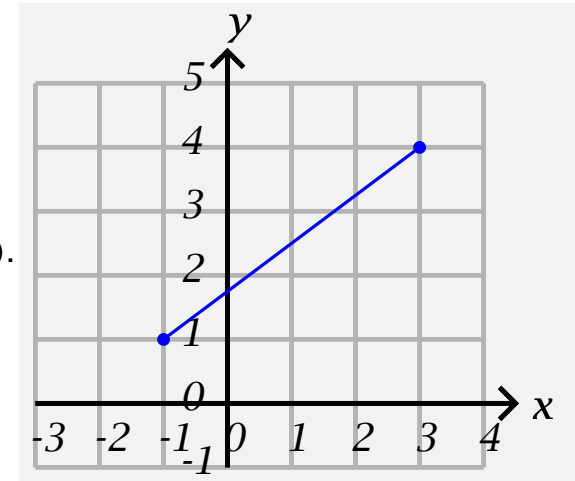
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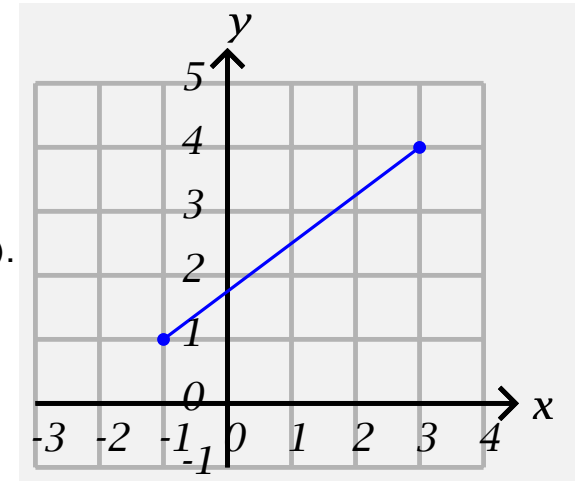
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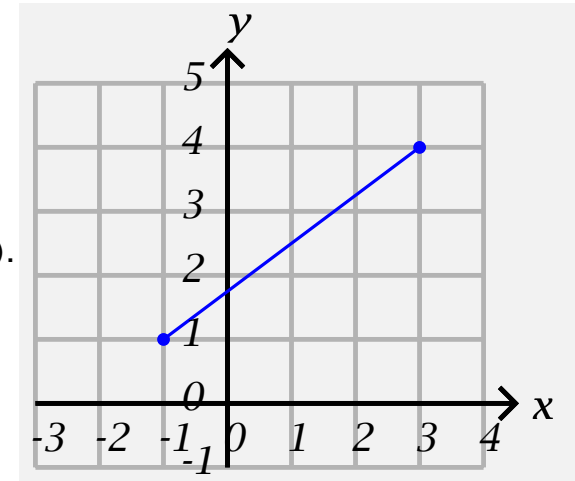
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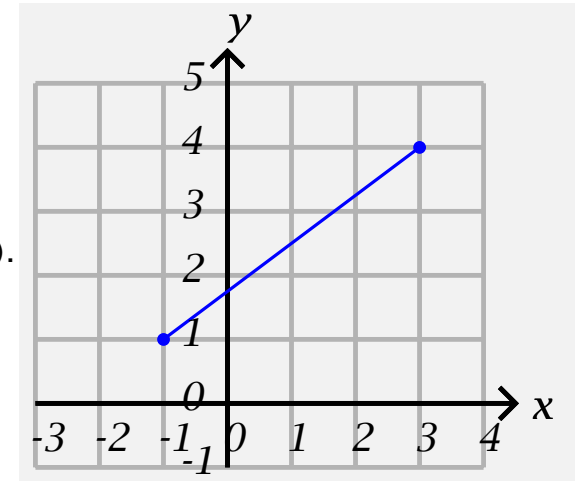
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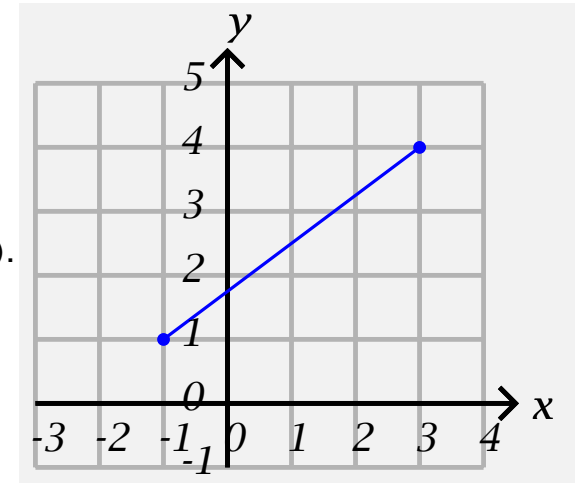
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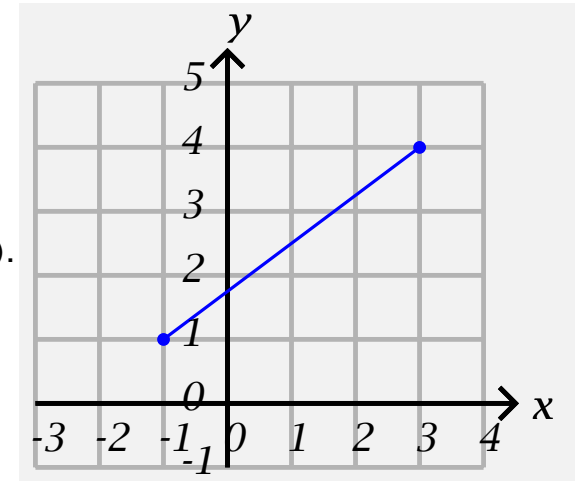
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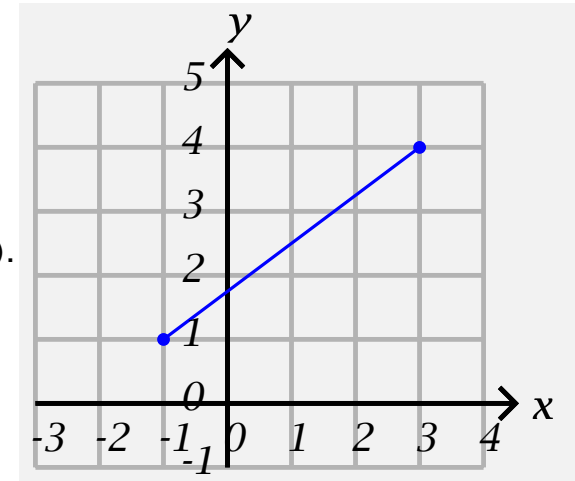
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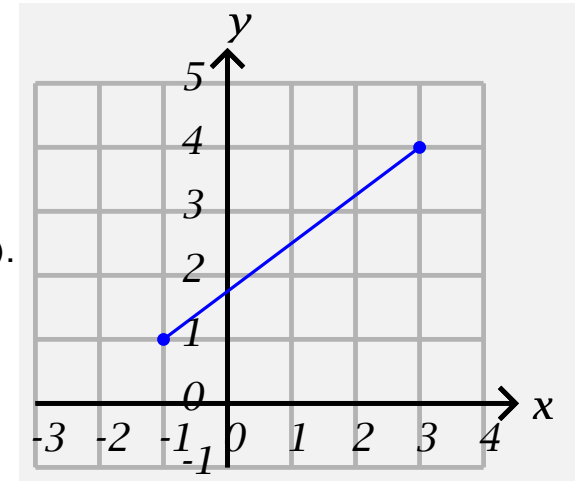
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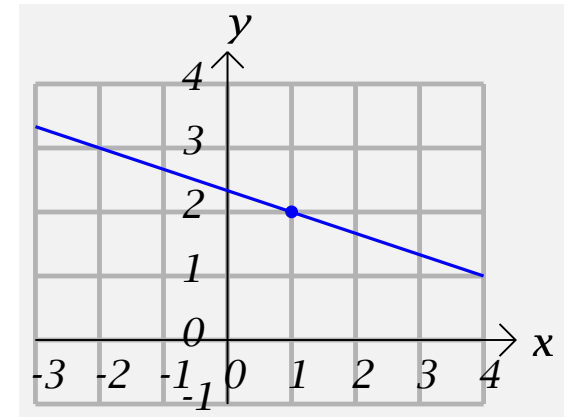
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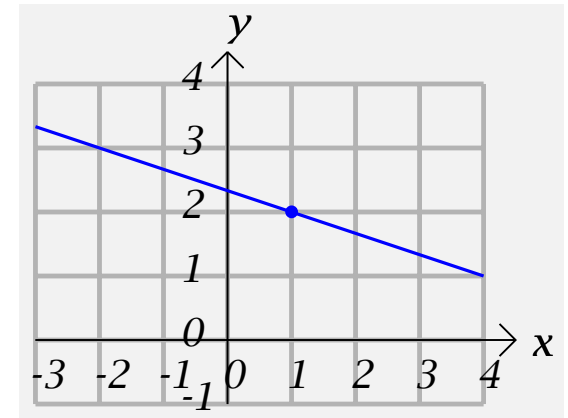
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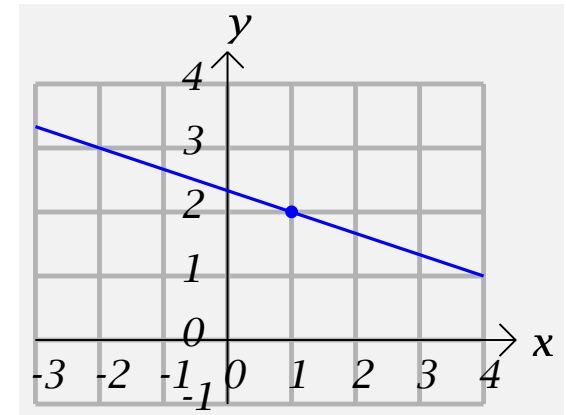
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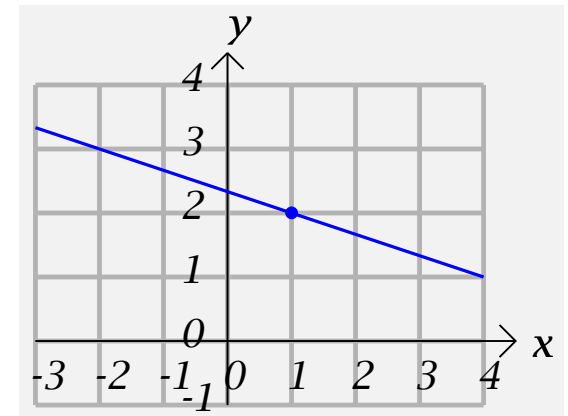
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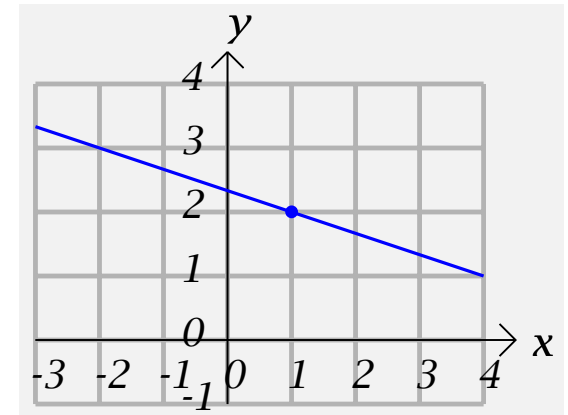
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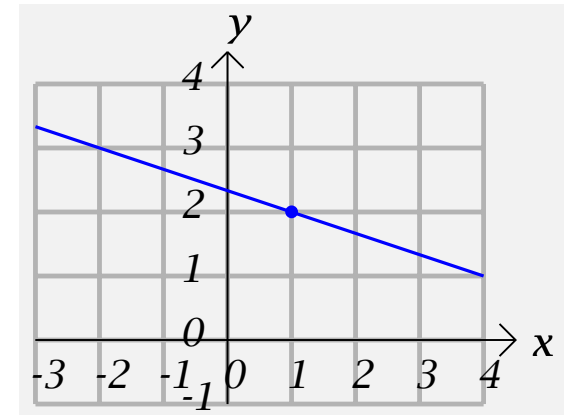
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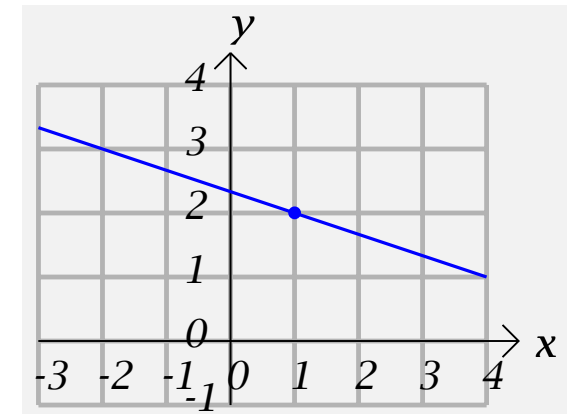
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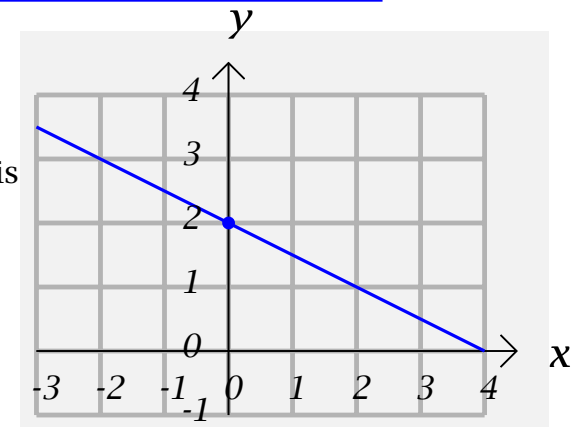
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General Form

Every line has infinitely many equations of the form

$$Ax + By + C = 0.$$

For any fixed line, they are non-zero multiples of each other.

Parallel & Perpendicular Lines

Two lines with slopes m_1 and m_2 are **parallel** if $m_1 = m_2$.

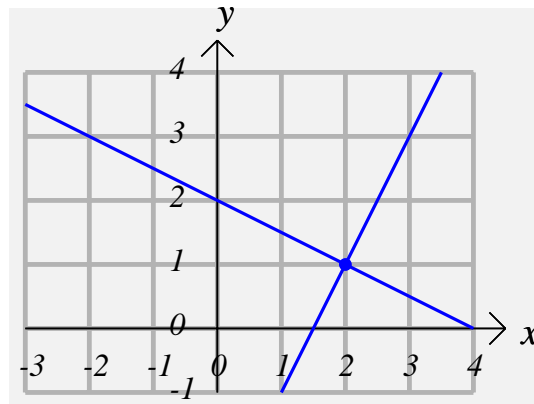
perpendicular if $m_1 m_2 = -1$.

Example: Find the equation of the line through the point $(2, 1)$ which is perpendicular to the line

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 2.$$

Solution: The slope of the perpendicular line is $-\frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2}} = 2$, so the equation of the perpendicular line is,

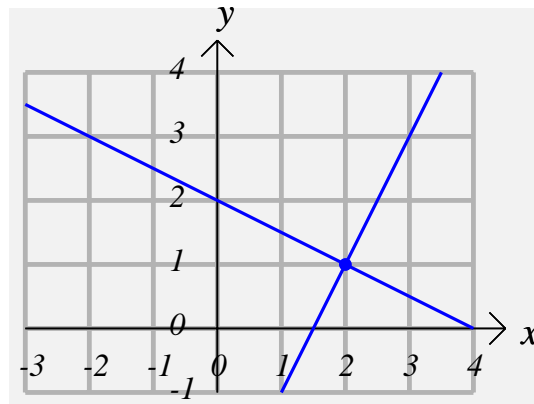
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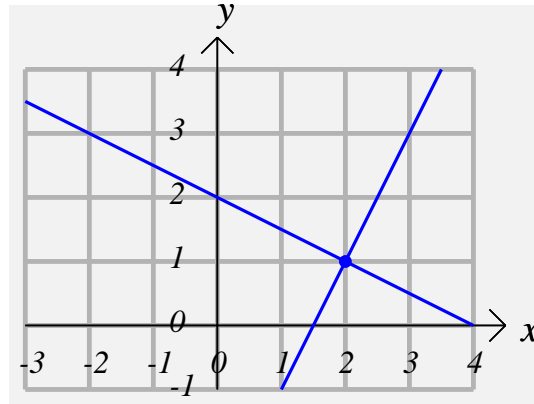
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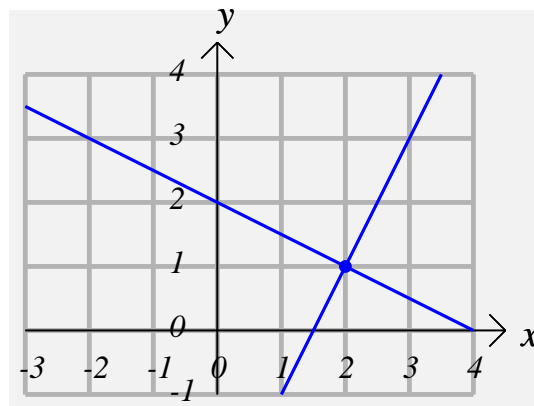


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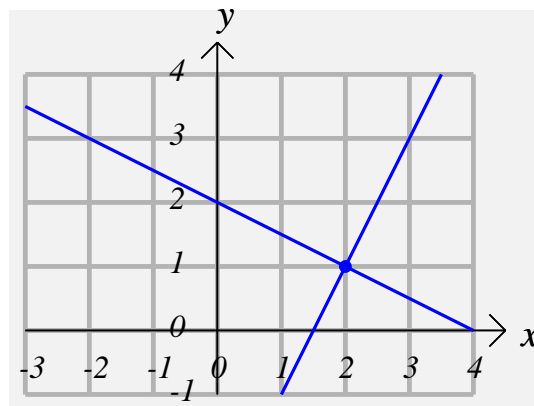
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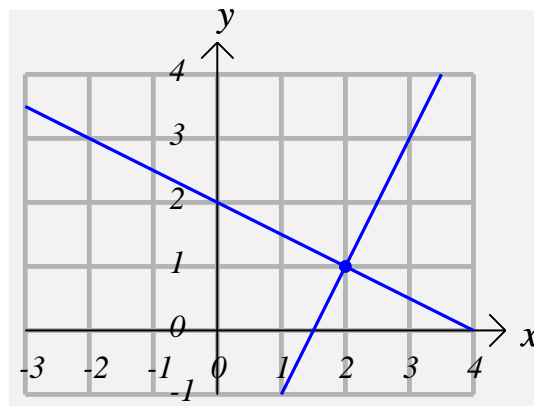
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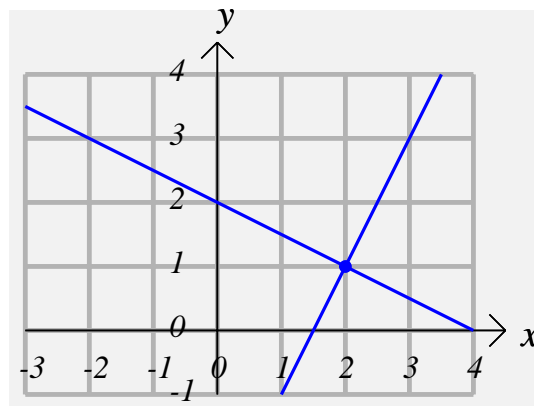
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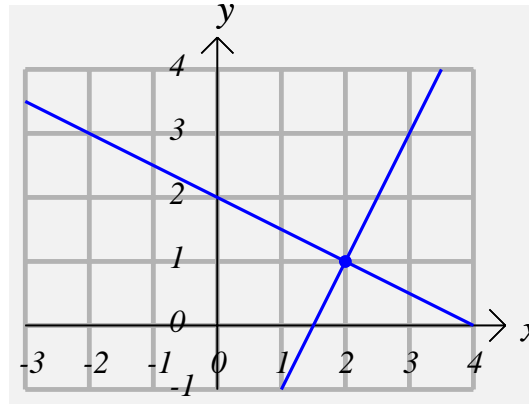
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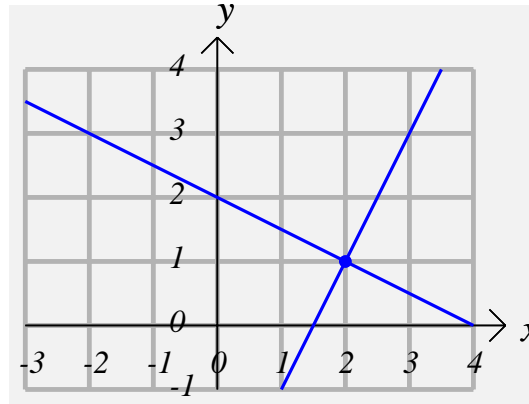
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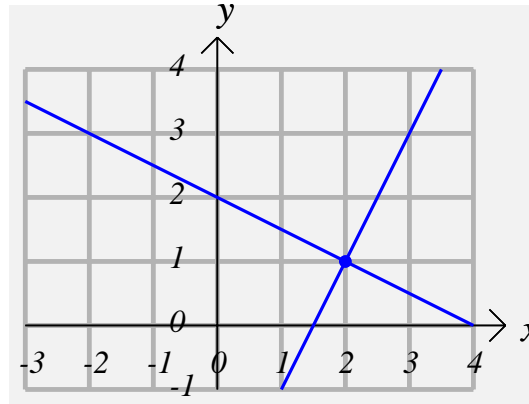
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