

A line L passes through the points A(1,-1,3) and B(3,-4,4)

Point C (x,y,1) also lies on the line L. Find x and y.

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA}$$

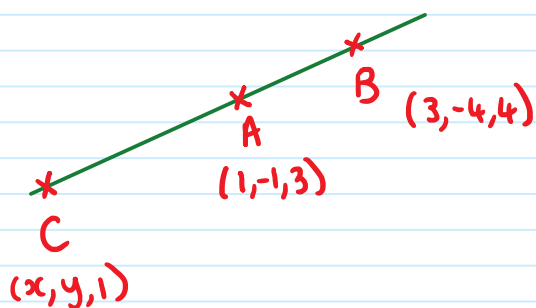
$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{r} = \underline{a} + \lambda \underline{b}$$

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Note that other answers are possible

$$\text{e.g. } \underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



A certain value of λ will define the position of \vec{OC}

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3 + \lambda = 1$$

$$\lambda = -2$$

$$1 + 2\lambda = x$$

$$1 - 4 = x$$

$$x = -3$$

$$-1 - 3\lambda = y$$

$$-1 + 6 = y$$

$$y = 5$$