

Lines

Definitions, constructions and utilities of lines.

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Spray a Line!!!

What: Sprinkle points along a 2D line and play

Why: The equations and inequalities dealing with lines suddenly make better sense

How: Get your eyes trained on reading math and code, by simply copy-paste one or few lines of the ff scripts below into new ff programs and use show or different plots to study the internal structures of the program.

Time To Complete: 6 hours



pts2 is your friend the Line! In 2D, any equation of the form $a*x+b*y + c = 0$ has solutions namely the x and y coordinates that satisfy the identity, namely lhs = rhs, line up along a fixed line specified by the three constants a, b and c.

Pay attention to the function-call `color [{red, black,green}]`; that sets a list of colors for three plots of points from pts1, pts2 and pts3. As you can see the black color corresponds to the second plot which is obtained from the pts2.

The single line of function-call below:

```
pts2 = instance[linear == 0 and -5<x<5 and -5<y<5 , 50];
```

`linear == 0` sets up an equation for $3*x+2*y-3$ to be always 0.

`50` is the number of requested randomly generated solutions to the Line Equation $3*x+2*y-3 = 0$.

`-5<x<5 and -5<y<5` indicates a rectangular region of the 2D plane to solve the Line Equation $3*x+2*y-3 = 0$ for.

As you will learn in future we can alter that rectangular shape for much more intricate and exciting ones.

`and` indicates both inequalities $-5<x<5$ and $-5<y<5$ to hold or be satisfied by the choice of x and y.

```
//do not use the reserved word line, alter e.g. linear;  
  
linear = 3*x+2*y-3;  
  
//points residing on one side of the line;  
pts1 = instance [linear < 0 and -5<x<5 and -5<y<5 , 50];
```

```
//points residing on the line;
pts2 = instance [linear == 0 and -5<x<5 and -5<y<5 , 50];

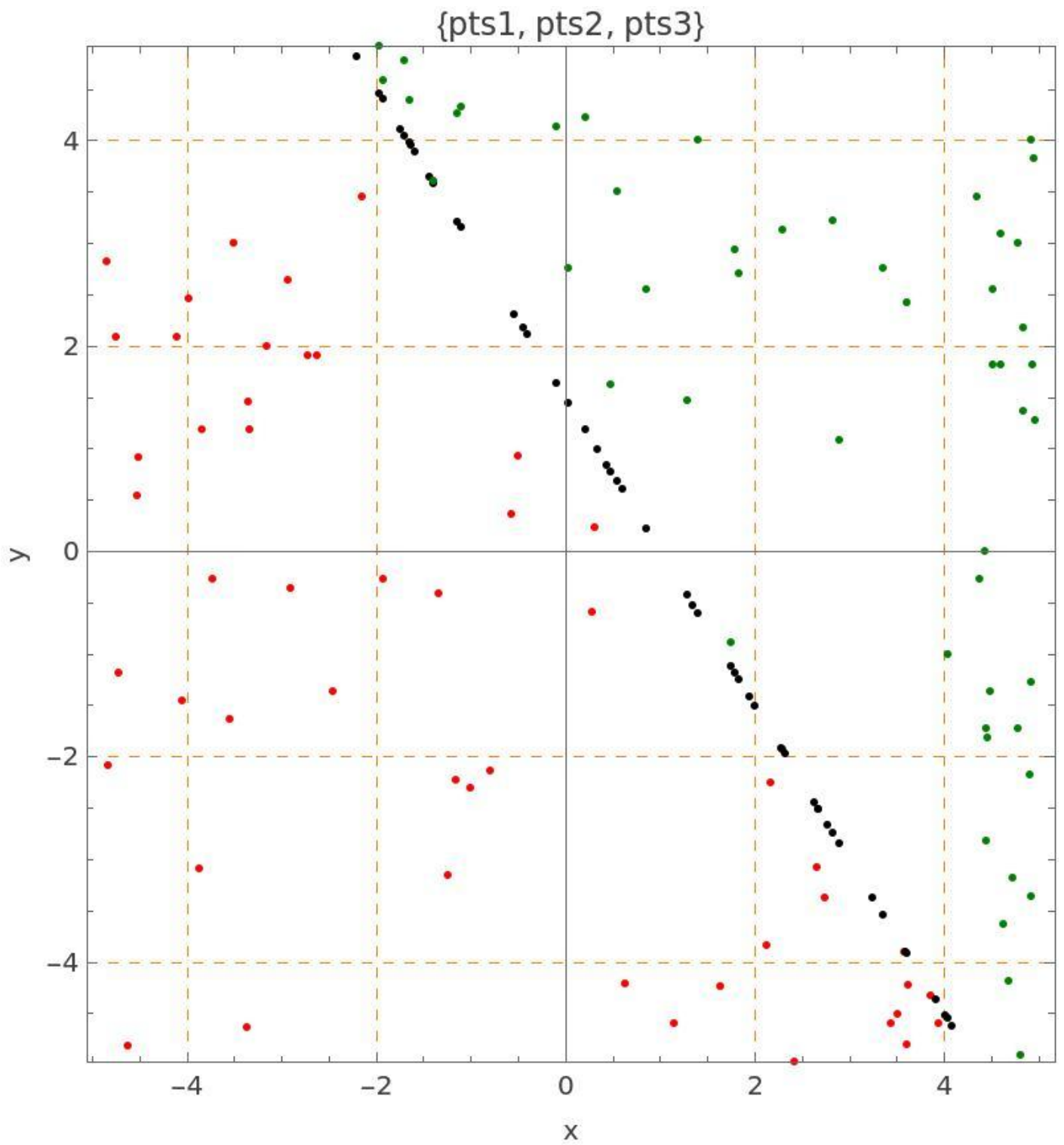
//points residing on the other side of the line;
pts3 = instance [linear > 0 and -5<x<5 and -5<y<5 , 50];

//make a list of colors corresponding to the points in each region;
color[red, black,green];

//show all points;
pointplot pts1 also pts2 also pts3;

save as line;
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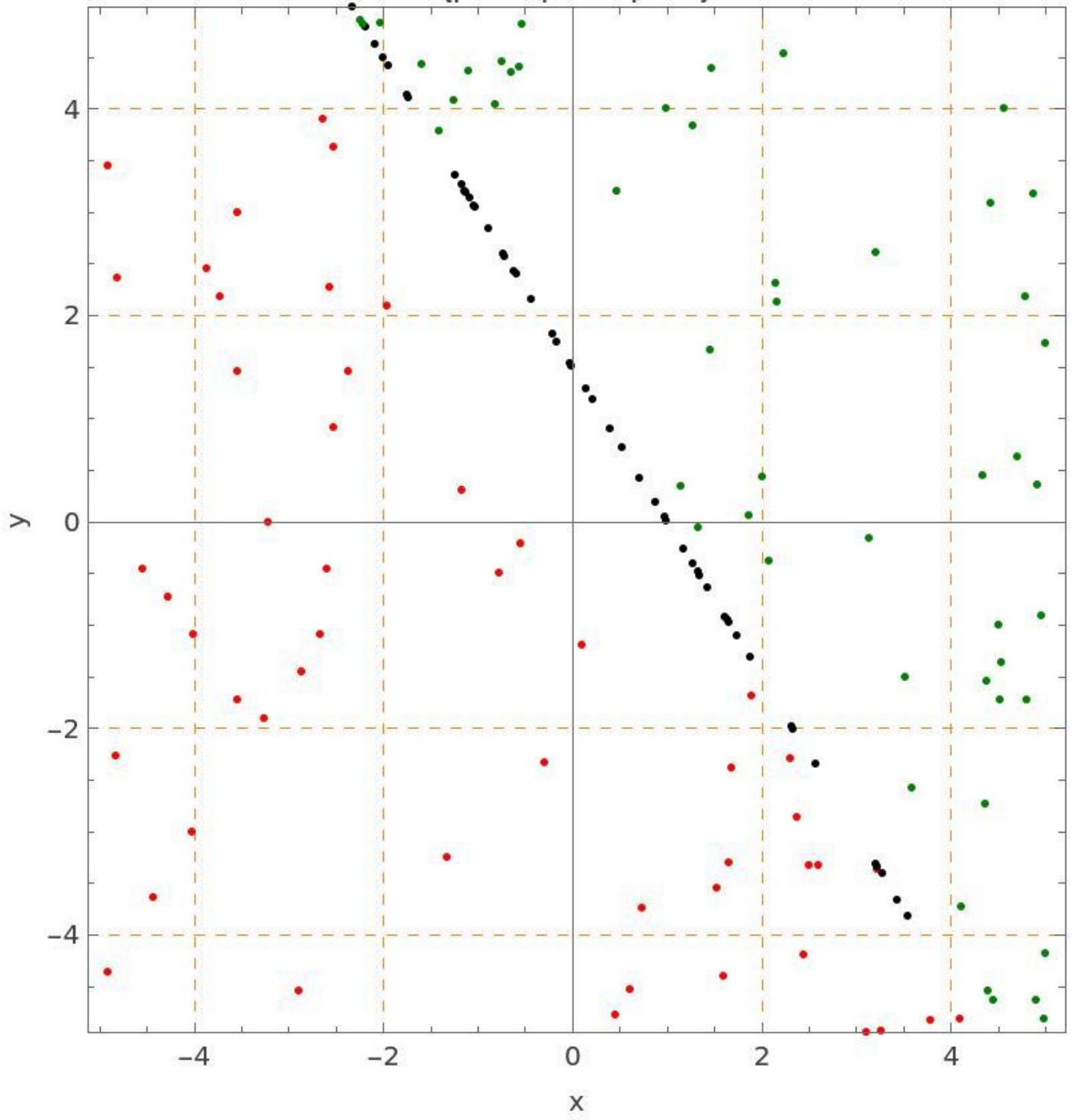
Output



Run the Free Form code again and you should each time get a different distribution of the scattered points.

Output

{pts1, pts2, pts3}



Implicit Line Equation

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