

**Task.** ABC are collinear points and A is at  $(4, -5)$  while B is at  $(-3, 2)$ . What is the location of C if AC is four times AB?

**Solution.** Let us write the parametric equation of the line  $AB$ . It is parallel to a vector  $AB = (-3 - 4, 2 - (-5)) = (-7, 7)$ , whence it has the following equation:

$$x = 4 - 7t, \quad y = -5 + 7t.$$

The point  $B$  corresponds to  $t_B = 1$ .

Let  $t_C$  be the parameter corresponding to  $C$  such that  $AC = 4AB$ . Then either

$$t_C = 4, \quad \Rightarrow \quad C = (4 - 7 * 4, -5 + 7 * 4) = (-24, 23)$$

or

$$t_C = -4, \quad \Rightarrow \quad C = (4 - 7 * (-4), -5 + 7 * (-4)) = (32, -33).$$

**Answer.**  $C = (-24, 23)$  or  $C = (32, -33)$ .