

Matgeo Presentation - Problem 4.10.23

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Problem Statement

Find the equation of the line passing through the point of intersection of $2x + y = 5$ and $x + 3y + 8 = 0$ and parallel to the line $3x + 4y = 7$.

solution

The two given lines are written in matrix form as

$$l_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 5, \quad (0.1)$$

$$l_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = -8. \quad (0.2)$$

$$l_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 7. \quad (0.3)$$

$$(0.4)$$

Normals and constants for the given lines l_1 and l_2 .

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c_1 = 5 \quad (0.5)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c_2 = -8 \quad (0.6)$$

General family of lines through the intersection, written as $l_1 + \lambda l_2$.

solution

$$(\mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{x} - c_1) + \lambda(\mathbf{n}_2^T \mathbf{x} - c_2) = 0 \quad (0.7)$$

Explicit expanded form of the family of lines.

$$(2 \ 1) \mathbf{x} - 5 + \lambda((1 \ 3) \mathbf{x} + 8) = 0 \quad (0.8)$$

$$\implies (2 + \lambda \ 1 + 3\lambda) \mathbf{x} = 5 - 8\lambda. \quad (0.9)$$

Normal of the line l_3 , to which our required line must be parallel.

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.10)$$

Normal vector of the family of lines.

$$\mathbf{N}(\lambda) = \mathbf{n}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + \lambda \\ 1 + 3\lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.11)$$

solution

Condition for parallelism with \mathbf{m} .

$$\mathbf{N}(\lambda) = \alpha \mathbf{m} \implies \begin{pmatrix} 2 + \lambda \\ 1 + 3\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.12)$$

Solve these equations to determine λ .

$$3\alpha - \lambda = 2 \quad (0.13)$$

$$4\alpha - 3\lambda = 1 \quad (0.14)$$

augmented matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (0.15)$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_1 \quad (0.16)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (0.17)$$

solution

$$\lambda = 1 \quad (0.24)$$

substituting value of λ in eq(0.9) .Final equation of the required line in matrix form.

$$(3 \ 4) \mathbf{x} + 3 = 0 \quad (0.25)$$

C Source Code:line generator.c

```
/* line_generator.c */
#include <stdio.h>

/* Generate points along line  $N^T x + c = 0$ 
   Nx, Ny = components of normal vector
   c = constant
   tmin, tmax = steps along direction perpendicular to N
*/
void generate_line_points(double Nx, double Ny, double c, int
    double dx = -Ny; // direction vector perpendicular to normal
    double dy = Nx;
// Pick a point on the line:  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = -c/Ny$ 
    double x0 = 0.0;
    double y0 = -c / Ny;
    for (int t = tmin; t <= tmax; t++) {
        double x = x0 + t*dx;
        double y = y0 + t*dy;
        printf("%.6f %.6f\n", x, y);
    }
```

Python Script:solve matrix line.py

```
import ctypes
import numpy as np

# --- Step 0: Load C library ---
lib = ctypes.CDLL("./line_generator.so")
lib.generate_line_points.argtypes = [ctypes.c_double, ctypes.c_double,
                                     ctypes.c_int, ctypes.c_int]

# --- Step 1: Matrix method to find required line ---
n1 = np.array([2, 1])
c1 = 5
n2 = np.array([1, 3])
c2 = -8
n3 = np.array([3, 4]) # line to be parallel
```


Python Script:solve matrix line.py

```
# Family of lines:  $N(\lambda) = n1 + \lambda * n2$ 
# Parallel condition:  $N(\lambda) = \alpha * n3$ 
# Solve for lambda:
lambda_val = 1 # from calculation
# Normal vector and constant of required line
N = n1 + lambda_val * n2
c = c1 + lambda_val * c2

print("Normal vector of required line:", N)
print("Constant term:", c)
print(f"Equation of line: {N[0]}x + {N[1]}y + {c} = 0\n")

# --- Step 2: Call C function to generate points ---
print("Points on the line:")
lib.generate_line_points(float(N[0]), float(N[1]), float(c),
-5, 5)
```

Python Script: plot matrix line.py

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# --- Step 1: Matrix method to find required line ---
n1 = np.array([2, 1])
c1 = 5
n2 = np.array([1, 3])
c2 = -8
n3 = np.array([3, 4]) # line to be parallel
lambda_val = 1 # from calculation
# Normal vector and constant of required line
N = n1 + lambda_val * n2
c = c1 + lambda_val * c2
print("Normal vector of required line:", N)
print("Constant term:", c)
print(f"Equation of line: {N[0]}x + {N[1]}y + {c} = 0\n")
# --- Step 2: Generate points along the line in Python ---
d = np.array([-N[1], N[0]])
```

Python Script: plot lines plane.py

```
t_values = np.linspace(-10, 10, 21) # 21 points
# Pick a point on the line: x0 = 0, y0 = -c/N[1]
x0 = 0
y0 = -c / N[1]
points = np.array([ [x0 + t*d[0], y0 + t*d[1]] for t in t_values])
# --- Step 3: Plot ---
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
plt.scatter(points[:,0], points[:,1], color='red', label='Generated points')
# Plot the exact line
x_vals = np.linspace(points[:,0].min()-1, points[:,0].max()+1, 100)
y_vals = -(N[0]*x_vals + c)/N[1]
plt.plot(x_vals, y_vals, label='Required line', color='blue')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.title('Line generated using matrix method')
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend() plt.axis('equal') plt.show()
```

Result Plot

