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Question:

If we add 1 to the numerator and subtract 1 from the denominator, a fraction reduces to 1. It becomes $1/2$ if we only add 1 to the denominator. What is the fraction?

Solution: Given Let the unknown fraction be represented as:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

so that the fraction equals:

$$\frac{x}{y}. \quad (2)$$

case 1 :Adding 1 to the numerator and subtracting 1 from the denominator:

$$\mathbf{T}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{T}_1 \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x+1 \\ y-1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

case 2 :Adding 1 to the denominator:

$$\mathbf{T}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{T}_2 \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y+1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Condition for a fraction $\frac{a}{b} = k$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (7)$$

Applying the first condition ($\mathbf{T}_1 * \mathbf{v} = 1$):

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}_1 \quad (8)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (10)$$

Applying the second condition ($\mathbf{T}_2 * \mathbf{v} = 1/2$):

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}_2 \quad (11)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (13)$$

System of equations in matrix form:

$$\mathbf{M} \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

Partitioning \mathbf{M} into \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{c} , and vector \mathbf{v} into \mathbf{u} :

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{c} \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{c} = 0 \implies \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{c} \quad (19)$$

Form the augmented matrix:

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \middle| \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \quad (20)$$

Eliminate below the pivot using $r_2 \leftarrow r_2 - 2r_1$:

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \middle| \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right] \quad (21)$$

Eliminate above the pivot using $r_1 \leftarrow r_1 + r_2$:

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \middle| \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right] \quad (22)$$

Reading off the solution for \mathbf{u} :

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (23)$$

Hence the homogeneous vector and fraction:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{3}{5} \quad (25)$$

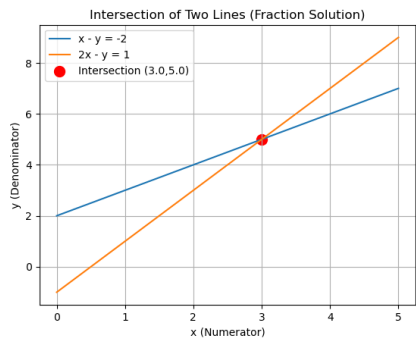


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