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Problem

Find the area of the parallelogram formed by the lines

$$y = mx$$
, $y = mx + 1$, $y = nx$, $y = nx + 1$.

Normal Form of Lines

The general equation of a line is

$$\mathbf{n}^{\top}\mathbf{x} = c \tag{1}$$

where \mathbf{n} is the normal vector.

$$y - mx = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{n}_1^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x} = 0, \tag{2}$$

$$y - mx - 1 = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{n}_2^\top \mathbf{x} = 1, \tag{3}$$

$$y - nx = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{n}_3^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x} = 0, \tag{4}$$

$$y - nx - 1 = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{n}_{4}^{\top} \mathbf{x} = 1. \tag{5}$$

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -m \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{n}_3 = \mathbf{n}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -n \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (6)

Intersection of Two Lines

For two lines $\mathbf{n}_1^{\top}\mathbf{x} = c_1$, $\mathbf{n}_2^{\top}\mathbf{x} = c_2$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_1^{\top} \\ \mathbf{n}_2^{\top} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{7}$$

Hence,

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_1^{\top} \\ \mathbf{n}_2^{\top} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{8}$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} -m & 1 \\ -n & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{N}^{-1} = \frac{1}{n-m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ n & -m \end{pmatrix}. \tag{9}$$

Vertices of Parallelogram

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{N}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{10}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{N}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{n-m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ n \end{pmatrix}, \tag{11}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{N}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{12}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{N}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{n-m} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -m \end{pmatrix}. \tag{13}$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{n-m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{n-m} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -m \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (14)

Area of Parallelogram

Two adjacent sides:

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{n - m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ n \end{pmatrix},\tag{15}$$

$$\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{n - m} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -m \end{pmatrix}. \tag{16}$$

Area:

$$Area = |(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) \times (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A})| \tag{17}$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{(n-m)^2} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ n & -m \end{pmatrix} \right| \tag{18}$$

$$=\frac{1}{|m-n|}. (19)$$

FINAL ANSWER

Area of the parallelogram
$$= \frac{1}{|m-n|}$$

C code

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import ctypes
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Load the compiled shared library
lib = ctypes.CDLL('./libpara.so')
lib.parallelogram area.argtypes = [ctypes.c double, ctypes.
    c double, ctypes.c double, ctypes.c double]
lib.parallelogram area.restype = ctypes.c double
# Slopes
m = 1
n = -1
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# Function to get intersection of two lines: y = m1 x + c1 and y
     = m2 x + c2
 def line_intersection(m1, c1, m2, c2):
     x = (c2 - c1) / (m1 - m2)
     v = m1 * x + c1
     return x, y
 # Calculate all four vertices (intersections)
 P1 = line_intersection(m, 0, n, 0) # y=mx and y=nx
 P2 = line_intersection(m, 0, n, 1) # y=mx and y=nx+1
 P3 = line intersection(m, 1, n, 1) # y=mx+1 and y=nx+1
 P4 = line intersection(m, 1, n, 0) # y=mx+1 and y=nx
 # Convert to numpy arrays for vector operations
P1 = np.array(P1)
 P2 = np.array(P2)
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P3 = np.array(P3)
P4 = np.array(P4)
# Compute side vectors for area calculation (two adjacent sides
    from P1)
vec1 = P2 - P1
vec2 = P4 - P1
# Call the C function for area
area = lib.parallelogram_area(vec1[0], vec1[1], vec2[0], vec2[1])
# ---- Plotting Section ----
# X range for lines plotting
x_{vals} = np.linspace(-2, 2, 400)
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# Lines y = mx and y = mx + 1
 | y m = m * x vals
y m1 = m * x vals + 1
 |# Lines y = nx and y = nx + 1
 y n = n * x vals
y_n1 = n * x_vals + 1
 plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
 |plt.plot(x_vals, y_m, label=r'$y = mx$', color='blue')
 plt.plot(x_vals, y_m1, label=r'$y = mx + 1$', linestyle='--',
     color='blue')
| plt.plot(x_vals, y_n, label=r'$y = nx$', color='red')
 |plt.plot(x_vals, y_n1, label=r'$y = nx + 1$', linestyle='--',
     color='red')
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# Parallelogram vertices for plotting (close the polygon by
     adding P1 again)
 vertices x = [P1[0], P2[0], P3[0], P4[0], P1[0]]
 vertices y = [P1[1], P2[1], P3[1], P4[1], P1[1]]
 # Plot parallelogram
 plt.plot(vertices_x, vertices_y, 'k-', linewidth=2, label='
     Parallelogram')
plt.fill(vertices_x, vertices_y, color='gray', alpha=0.3)
 # Label vertices
 for i, (xv, yv) in enumerate(zip(vertices_x[:-1], vertices_y
     [:-1]), 1):
    plt.text(xv, yv, f'P{i}', fontsize=12, ha='right', va='bottom
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# Show area on plot
plt.text(-1.5, 1.5, f'Area = {area:.4f}', fontsize=14, color='
    green',
        bbox=dict(facecolor='white', alpha=0.8))

# Axis formatting
plt.axhline(0, color='black', linewidth=0.5)
plt.axvline(0, color='black', linewidth=0.5)
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plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.5)
plt.legend()
plt.title('Parallelogram formed by lines $y=mx$, $y=mx+1$, $y=nx$
    , $y=nx+1$\n(Area via C shared library)')
plt.xlabel('x-axis')
plt.ylabel('y-axis')
plt.axis('equal')
plt.xlim(-2, 2)
plt.ylim(-2, 2)
plt.show()
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```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def line_intersect(n1, c1, n2, c2):
   Find intersection point of two lines:
   n1.T * x = c1
   n2.T * x = c2
    Inputs:
       n1, n2: (2,) or (2,1) normal vectors to lines
       c1. c2: scalars
   Returns:
       p: (2,1) intersection point
    N = \text{np.column stack}((\text{n1.flatten}(), \text{n2.flatten}())) # 2x2
        matrix
   C = np.array([c1, c2])
    p = np.linalg.solve(N, C)
    return p.reshape(2.1)
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def line dir pt(direction, point, k1, k2, num=100):
   Generate points on a line given direction and a point.
   direction: (2,) array
   point: (2,) array
   k1, k2: scalar parameters along the line
   num: number of points
   Returns: 2 x num array of points
   k = np.linspace(k1, k2, num)
    line_pts = point.reshape(2,1) + direction.reshape(2,1) * k
    return line_pts
# Slopes
m = 1
n = -1
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# Normals (for line: y = m x + c \Rightarrow -m x + y = c)
n1 = np.array([-m, 1])
n2 = np.array([-m, 1])
n3 = np.array([-n, 1])
n4 = np.array([-n, 1])
 # Constants c
 c1 = 0
 c2 = 1
c3 = 0
 c4 = 1
# Find intersection points
P1 = line intersect(n1, c1, n3, c3)
P2 = line intersect(n1, c1, n4, c4)
P3 = line intersect(n2, c2, n4, c4)
P4 = line intersect(n2, c2, n3, c3)
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# Calculate area via cross product
vec1 = P2 - P1
vec2 = P4 - P1
area = abs(np.cross(vec1.flatten(), vec2.flatten()))
# Direction vectors for lines (x direction)
dir m = np.array([1, m])
dir_n = np.array([1, n])
# Generate line points for plotting
k1, k2 = -5, 5
line_m0 = line_dir_pt(dir_m, np.array([0,0]), k1, k2)
line_m1 = line_dir_pt(dir_m, np.array([0,1]), k1, k2)
line_n0 = line_dir_pt(dir_n, np.array([0,0]), k1, k2)
line_n1 = line_dir_pt(dir_n, np.array([0,1]), k1, k2)
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# Plotting
plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
s |plt.plot(line m0[0], line m0[1], label='y = m x', color='blue')
plt.plot(line m1[0], line m1[1], label='y = m x + 1', linestyle='
     --'. color='blue')
plt.plot(line_n0[0], line_n0[1], label='y = n x', color='red')
plt.plot(line n1[0], line n1[1], label='y = n x + 1', linestyle='
     --', color='red')
 plt.plot(parallelogram[0], parallelogram[1], 'k-', linewidth=2,
     label='Parallelogram')
plt.fill(parallelogram[0], parallelogram[1], 'grey', alpha=0.3)
 for i, P in enumerate([P1, P2, P3, P4], 1):
     plt.plot(P[0], P[1], 'ko')
     P[1] + 0.1, P[1] + 0.1, f'P[i]', fontsize=12
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plt.text(-4.5, 4, f'Area = {area:.3f}', fontsize=14, color='green
    ',
         bbox=dict(facecolor='white', alpha=0.8))

plt.axhline(0, color='black', lw=0.5)
plt.axvline(0, color='black', lw=0.5)
plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.6)
plt.axis('equal')
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```
plt.xlim(-5, 5)
plt.ylim(-5, 5)
plt.xlabel('x-axis')
plt.ylabel('y-axis')
plt.title('Parallelogram formed by lines y=mx, y=mx+1, y=nx, y=nx
+1')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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