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Question:

Equations of the diagonals of the square formed by the lines $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $x = 1$ and $y = 1$ are _____.

Solution:

Let us solve the given equation theoretically and then verify the solution computationally.

According to the question,

The vertices of the square are ,

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

From the given data , we can interpret that the direction vectors of diagonals , say \mathbf{d}_1 and \mathbf{d}_2 , can be given by

$$\mathbf{d}_1 = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{d}_2 = \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{b}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{d}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To compute the equation of the diagonals from the direction vectors, we can use the normal form of the equation, which is given by

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{P}$$

where,

\mathbf{n} -vector orthogonal to the direction vector

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix}^T$$

\mathbf{P} =A point which lies along the vector

For diagonal $\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}$,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies y = x$$

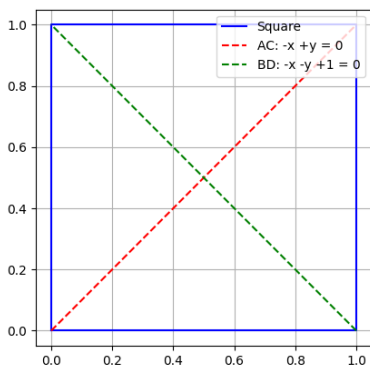
For diagonal $\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{b}$,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies x + y = 1$$

From the figure, it is clearly verified that the theoretical solution matches with the computational solution.



Plot of Square with diagonals