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Question:

Find the direction and normal vectors of the given line $x + y = 0$

Variable	Description
m	Direction vector
n	Normal vector
h	Intercept vector
x	Vector which represents points on the line

TABLE I: Variables Used

Solution: The normal vector can be found out as

$$x + y = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (2)$$

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

$$\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

The direction vector can be found out as

$$x = x \quad (6)$$

$$y = -x \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = k\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{h} \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Direction vector: $\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Normal vector: $\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

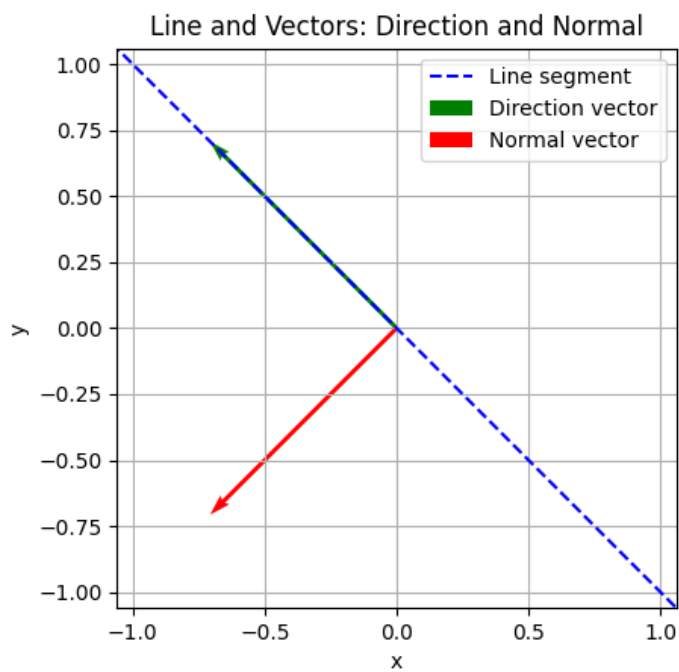


Fig. 1: Plot of the line, Direction Vector and Normal Vector