

# Assignment 1

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**Abstract**—This document explains how to find a line perpendicular to 2 lines and passing through a point.

Download the python code from

<https://github.com/AddagallaSatyanarayana/AI5006/tree/master/Assignment1>

and latex-tikz codes from

<https://github.com/AddagallaSatyanarayana/AI5006/tree/master/Assignment1/Assignment1.tex>

## 1 PROBLEM

Find the vector equation of the line passing through the point  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$  and perpendicular to the two lines  $\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{y+19}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7}$  and  $\frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5}$

## 2 EXPLANATION

Equation of a line  $\mathbf{l}$  passing through the point  $\mathbf{a}$  and parallel to the line  $\mathbf{n}$  is given by:

$$\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{n} \quad (2.0.1)$$

where  $\lambda$  is some constant. Since the line passes through  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (1 \ 2 \ -4)$

$$\mathbf{l}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -19 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -16 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}; \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$\mathbf{l}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 29 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.3)$$

## 3 SOLUTION

Let  $\mathbf{n}$  be the normal vector to both lines. If  $\mathbf{m}_1$  and  $\mathbf{m}_2$  are the direction vectors of the lines, then

$$\mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (3.0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_2^T \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (3.0.2)$$

Let  $A$  be a point on line  $l_1$  and  $B$  be point on the line  $l_2$ .

The vector passing through the points  $A$  and  $B$  will be

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 + (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.3)$$

The vectors  $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2$  are both perpendicular to the line  $AB$ . So the dot product of  $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2$  with the line  $AB$  is zero.

The dot product of  $\mathbf{m}_1$  with the line  $AB$  is

$$\mathbf{m}_1^T (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (3.0.4)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_1^T (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) + \mathbf{m}_1^T (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (3.0.5)$$

The dot product of  $\mathbf{m}_2$  with the line  $AB$  is

$$\mathbf{m}_2^T (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = 0 \quad (3.0.6)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_2^T (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) + \mathbf{m}_2^T (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (3.0.7)$$

Let the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  be

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1^T \\ \mathbf{m}_2^T \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.8)$$

Combining the equations in matrix form, using equation we get

$$\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^T \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{M} (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = 0 \quad (3.0.9)$$

$$\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^T \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1) \quad (3.0.10)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{m}_1 & \mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_2^T \mathbf{m}_1 & \mathbf{m}_2^T \mathbf{m}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ -\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1^T (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1) \\ \mathbf{m}_2^T (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1) \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.11)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{m}_1 & \mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{m}_2 & \mathbf{m}_1^T (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1) \\ \mathbf{m}_2^T \mathbf{m}_1 & \mathbf{m}_2^T \mathbf{m}_2 & \mathbf{m}_2^T (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1) \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.12)$$

Given

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -19 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 29 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{m}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -16 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{m}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.13)$$

The augmented matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 314 & -154 & -782 \\ -154 & 98 & 430 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.14)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 314 & -154 & -782 \\ -154 & 98 & 430 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = \frac{R_1}{2}, R_2 = -\frac{R_2}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 157 & -77 & -391 \\ -77 & 49 & 215 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.15)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 157 & -77 & -391 \\ -77 & 49 & 215 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = R_2 + \frac{R_1}{0.49}} \begin{pmatrix} 157 & -77 & -391 \\ 0 & 11.24 & 23.24 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.16)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 157 & -77 & -391 \\ 0 & 11.24 & 23.24 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = \frac{R_1}{6.85} + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 22.92 & 0 & -33.84 \\ 0 & 11.24 & 23.24 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.17)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 22.92 & 0 & -33.84 \\ 0 & 11.24 & 23.24 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = \frac{R_1}{22.92}, R_2 = \frac{R_1}{11.24}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1.48 \\ 0 & 1 & 2.07 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.18)$$

$$\lambda_1 = -1.48, \lambda_2 = 2.07 \quad (3.0.19)$$

Using the equation (2.0.2) and (2.0.3), we get the

points as  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3.56 \\ 4.68 \\ -0.36 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 8.79 \\ 12.44 \\ 15.35 \end{pmatrix}$  on the line  $l_1, l_2$  respectively.

$$\text{Direction of line AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 5.22449 \\ 7.83673 \\ 15.6735 \end{pmatrix}$$

Unit vector along AB

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|} \quad (3.0.20)$$

$$\text{Unit vector of AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.285714 \\ 0.428571 \\ 0.857143 \end{pmatrix}$$

The equation of required line from equation (2.0.1)

$$\mathbf{l}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0.285714 \\ 0.428571 \\ 0.857143 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.21)$$

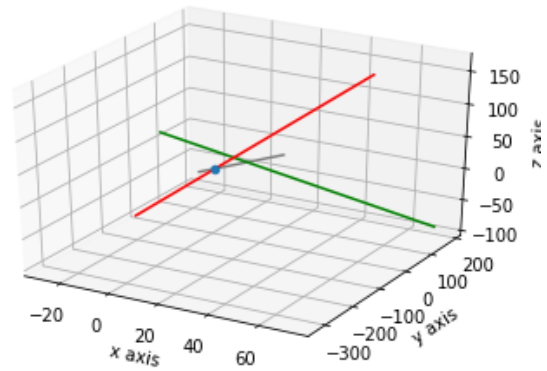


Fig. 0: Perpendicular Line