

Matrix theory Assignment 1

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Abstract—This document explains the equation of the line passing through the point of intersection of the lines that has equal intercepts on the axes

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1 PROBLEM

Find the equation of the line passing through the point of intersection of the lines

$$\begin{aligned}(4 \ 7)\mathbf{x} &= 3 \\ (2 \ -3)\mathbf{x} &= -1\end{aligned}$$

that has equal intercepts on the axes

2 SOLUTION

The above two line equations can be expressed as the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.1)$$

Constructing the augmented matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Transforming the matrix into row-echelon form

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R2 \leftarrow 2R2 - R1} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 & 3 \\ 0 & -13 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R2 \leftarrow -R2/13, R1 \leftarrow R1/4} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7/4 & 3/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/13 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R1 \leftarrow R1 - 7/4 R2/4} \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2/26 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/13 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (2.0.2)$$

The solution for \mathbf{x} can be written as

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/26 \\ 5/13 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.3)$$

Thus, The point of intersection is at point $(2/26, 5/13)$ i.e. $(0.07, 0.38)$

Let the equation of the line be

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = c \implies \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{n} = c \quad (2.0.4)$$

Let the intercepts be a, b on the x and y axis respectively. Then,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = c \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = c \quad (2.0.6)$$

resulting in the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.7)$$

As the intercepts are equal, Let $a=b$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{c}{a} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.9)$$

As the line passes through point of intersection, We can use the equation (2.0.3) in equation (2.0.4) to find the value of c

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2/26 \\ 5/13 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$\implies c = \frac{2}{26} + \frac{5}{13} \implies c = \frac{6}{13} \quad (2.0.11)$$

So, the equation of line can be written as

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \frac{6}{13} \quad (2.0.12)$$

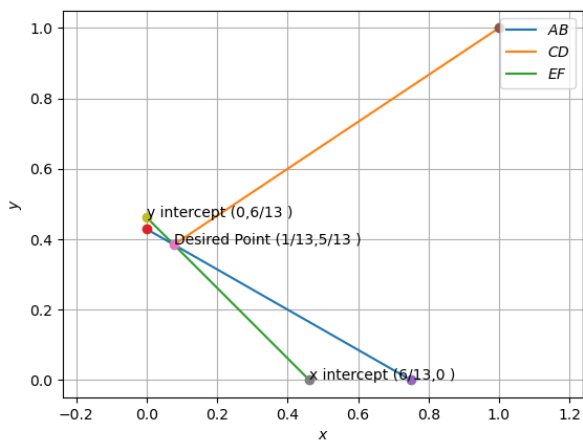


Fig. 0: The intercepts of the required line are equal