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Question:

Find the equations of the diagonals of the parallelogram $PQRS$ whose vertices are $P(4, 2, -6)$, $Q(5, -3, 1)$, $R(12, 4, 5)$ and $S(11, 9, -2)$. Use these equations to find the point of intersection of diagonals.

Solution:

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

Variables Taken:

P	$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$
Q	$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
R	$\begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$
S	$\begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 9 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

The equation of the diagonal $\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P}$ is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} + \lambda_1 (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P}) \quad (1)$$

The equation of the diagonal $\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{Q}$ is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Q} + \lambda_2 (\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{Q}) \quad (2)$$

The centre of the parallelogram is the point of intersection of the diagonals. We solve the above two equations to find the centre using elementary transformations

From (1) & (2)

$$\mathbf{P} + \lambda_1 (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P}) = \mathbf{Q} + \lambda_2 (\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{Q}) \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_1 (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P}) - \lambda_2 (\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{Q}) = \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{P} & \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{S} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{P} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & -6 \\ 2 & -12 \\ 11 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

As there are only two variables, we consider the first two rows to compute λ_1, λ_2

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & -6 \\ 2 & -12 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Forming Augmented matrix from (7),

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 8 & -6 & 1 \\ 2 & -12 & -5 \end{array} \right) \quad (8)$$

Using Gaussian Elimination,

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 8 & -6 & 1 \\ 2 & -12 & -5 \end{array} \right) \xleftrightarrow[R_2 \rightarrow \frac{8}{21}R_2]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{4}R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & -3 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right) \quad (9)$$

From (9)

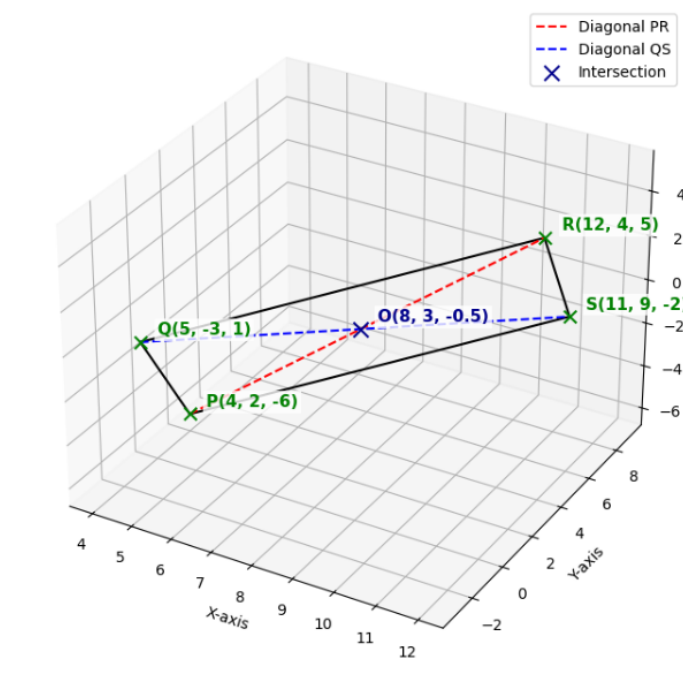
$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (10)$$

Substituting the value of λ_2 in (2)

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

\therefore The point of intersection of the diagonals is $\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

From the graph, theoretical solution matches with the computational solution.



Parallelogram PQRS with diagonals and intersection)